

# Holy Family Catholic Church

Whatever you did

for these  
least ones,  
you did  
for me



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**Website:** [www.holyfamily-vanalstyne.org](http://www.holyfamily-vanalstyne.org)

**Clergy**  
Fr. Salvador Guzmán, Pastor  
Fr. Eugene Azorji, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Patrick A. Hayes

**Mass Schedule**  
Sunday: 9:00 am - English Mass  
12:00 pm - Spanish Mass  
Thursday: 9:00 am - Daily Mass

**Baptism**

Baptisms in English: 2nd Sunday of each month  
 Baptisms in Spanish: 1st Sunday of each month

**Pre Baptismal Class Registration:** Registration required by the Sunday before class begins. Classes are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. **Parents:** Bring copy of child's birth certificate. Both parents must attend class. **Godparents:** Must be practicing Catholics. Copy of marriage certificate through the Catholic church. Both godparents must attend class. **As a courtesy, please do not bring children to class.**

**First Communion**

April 11, 2015 Saturday 10:00 am

**Confirmation:**

March 24, 2015 Tuesday 7:00 pm

**Sacraments**

**Anointing of the Sick**

Please call the Parish.

**Reconciliation/Confession**

Immediately following the 1st Mass

**Marriage/Wedding**

Both must be free to marry in the Catholic Church. Arrangements should be made at least 6 months prior to planned Wedding date.

**Holy Orders/Priesthood**

Talk to your Parish priest or call Father James Swift, C.M., Rector of Vocations of the Diocese of Dallas at 214-379-2860.

*Prayer Request*

Holly Basterling	Elaine Clark	Helen Volgelsong
Arnie Clark	Connie Miller	Debra Hooper
Ann Lageose	Stella West	Tommie Rosenthal
Brooklyn Schulze	Anonymous	Carlene Ewing
Corinne Lageose	Blake Knowles	Maryl Ellis
Susie Powell	Louis Lesmes	Bernadine Dill
Steve Sanchez	Karen Elliot	Toby Mills
Andy Karl		

**Names will be removed by December 6th. Should a name need to remain please call the Church 903-482-6322. Thank You**

**First Week of Advent  
 November 30th**

**One of the best and the simplest ways to tune our spiritual lives to Advent is reading and praying with the Scripture readings for Sunday and daily Mass.**

**The readings for the First Sunday of Advent emphasize waiting. A world lost in sin and darkness waits, hopes, and yearns. We trust in God, for he has promised light—but when will it come? How?**

**Every one of us has some part of our lives that yearns for light, that is in deep need of reconciliation, or that feels lost. A glance at newspaper headlines tells us how great is the need of this broken world. Come, Lord Jesus! Will probably be an easy prayer for this week.**

**Prayer: In hope, I wait for the fullness of Your presence, Lord. Come, Lord Jesus!**

**Offering**

Attendance:	November 16, 2014	426
Offerings:	November 16, 2014	\$ 3,035.57
Building Fund:	November 16, 2014	\$ 2,131.71
Christmas Flowers	November 16, 2014	\$ 202.00

**Weekly Calendar**

**Sunday, November 23**

8:30 am Rosary  
 9:00 am Mass  
 10:15-11:30 am NO Faith Formation Pre K-5th  
 12:00 pm Spanish Mass  
 1:30-2:45 pm NO Faith Formation 6th-Confirmation

**Monday, November 24**

9:00 am Rosary

**Tuesday, November 25**

7:00 pm NO RCIA Classes

**Wednesday, November 26**

**Thursday, November 27**

*"Happy Thanksgiving Day"*

9:00 am NO Mass NO Bible Class  
 7:30 pm NO Adult Bible Class  
 7:00 pm NO Spanish Youth Choir

**Friday, November 28**

**Saturday, November 29**

11:00 pm Quince  
 1:00 pm Quince

*Thanksgiving Prayer*

*Gracious and generous God,  
 We come before you today*

*With grateful hearts.*

*In the beauty and bounty of creation*

*we see the work of your hand;*

*in the loving faces around us.*

*We know your own love for us*

*May this meal nourish us and strengthen us*

*so others may know your plenty*

*in our kindness,*

*And see your care and concern*

*in our witness.*

*Let us live true lives of gratitude,*

*As we pray in thanks to you, our God*

*Who lives forever and ever. Amen*

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus teaches that when the Son of Man comes in glory, he will judge the nations, separating the sheep from the goats.

Today's Gospel passage is the conclusion of Jesus' discourse with his disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. We hear this description of the final judgment at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. In the context of Matthew's Gospel, this passage might also be read as a conclusion of Matthew's report on Jesus' life and ministry; the remaining chapters report the events of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection.

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the least ones.

Recall that last week's parable of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself.

When we read today's Gospel in the context of the chapters that follow in Matthew's Gospel, we learn the extent to which Jesus identifies with the least ones. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones.



## Forming Families through Adoption



**Catholic Charities of Dallas is committed to building families...one child at a time. Every child needs and deserves a home with the love and support of a mother and a father. As we observe National Adoption Awareness Month, we celebrate all of those wonderful families that have been formed through adoption.**

**Due to a variety of circumstances, there are birth parents who recognize they are unable to provide for their child. Some are birth mothers who were courageous enough to choose adoption not abortion for their baby but are unable to provide the home and family the child needs. It is a blessing for birth parents to have Catholic Charities to turn to for assistance in making an adoption plan.**

**For couples wishing to parent a child from infant to six months, Catholic Charities' Infant Adoption program offers the assistance needed to make the right choice for the birth parents, adoptive parents, and, most importantly, the child.**

**There are other children who are in the foster care system, who live day-to-day, never knowing when or where they will move next. They long to be a permanent part of a "forever family." Catholic Charities Finally Home program places children three or older currently in foster care for adoption by a family who will provide the love, care and security that only a "forever home" can give them.**

**If you or someone you know is experiencing an unplanned pregnancy and needs to find such a home for a baby, please call Catholic Charities hotline at 1-800-222-9383 (1-800-BABY-DUE) to get more information.**

**If you are a couple that has love to share and are considering forming your family through adoption, please call (214) 526-2772 to schedule an appointment. It will be the first step in experiencing the unconditional love and excitement that children bring.**

**By Bishop Kevin J. Farrell**

# Formando Familias Mediante la Adopción



**Caridades Católicas de Dallas se ha comprometido en formar familias...un niño a la vez. Cada niño necesita un hogar y merece contar con el amor y apoyo de una madre y un padre. Al conmemorar el Mes Nacional de Concientización para la Adopción, celebramos a todas esas maravillosas familias que han sido formadas mediante la adopción.**

**Debido a una variedad de circunstancias, hay padres que se reconocen incapaces de brindar lo necesario a sus hijos. Algunos de ellos son madres biológicas que fueron lo suficientemente valientes para elegir la adopción para su bebé por encima del aborto, pero que no pueden brindar el hogar y la familia que el niño necesita. Para los padres biológicos, es una bendición poder acudir a Caridades Católicas en busca de ayuda durante el proceso de adopción.**

**Para parejas que deseen ser padres de un infante hasta la edad de seis meses, el programa de Adopción de Infantes de Caridades Católicas ofrece la asistencia necesaria para que se tome la mejor decisión para los padres biológicos, los padres adoptivos y, lo más importante, para el bebé.**

**Hay otros niños que están en el sistema del cuidado de crianza, y que viven día-tras-día, sin saber cuándo o dónde será su próximo hogar. Ellos desean ser parte de una “familia para siempre.” El programa Finalmente en Casa de Caridades Católicas coloca a niños de tres años o más, que actualmente se encuentran en cuidado de crianza, en adopción con una familia que les ofrecerá el amor, cuidado y seguridad que sólo “finalmente en casa” puede ofrecerles.**

**Si usted, o alguien que usted conoce, está experimentando un embarazo no planeado y necesita encontrar un hogar para un bebé, por favor comuníquese a la línea directa de Caridades Católicas al 1-800-222-9383 (1-800-BABY-DUE) para obtener más información.**

**Si son una pareja que desea compartir su amor y está considerando formar una familia mediante la adopción, le pedimos que llame al (214) 526-2772 para programar una cita. Será su primer paso para experimentar el amor incondicional y la alegría que traen los niños.**

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Holy Family Quasi-Parish

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Special Instructions