

Holy Family Catholic Church



Pope Francis's Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,
in you we contemplate
the splendor of true love,
to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel,
and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again
experience violence, rejection, and division:
may all who have been hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
may the approaching Synod of Bishops
make us once more mindful
of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,
and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,
graciously hear our prayer. Amen

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Fr. Salvador Guzmán, Pastor
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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

Elaine Clark	Tommie Rosenthal	Arnie Clark
Ann Lageose	Brooklyn Schulze	Corinne Lageose
Bernadine Dill	Steve Sanchez	Toby Mills
Karen Elliot	Andy Karl	Zachary Ferjeran
Susie Powell	Bob Jungman	Julia Baker
Anonymous	Theresa Powell	Jim Colvin
John E. Deibel		

Offering

Attendance:	January 11, 2015	392
Offerings:	January 11 2015	\$ 2,211.26
Building Fund:	January 11 2015	\$ 984.00



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Meeting Today—January 18, 2015 after the 12:00 pm Mass. Please be on time. YOUTH LEADERS: Alma & Julio Salas

LENT

Ash Wednesday is one month from today!

Do you have a request for a Spiritual Program that would inspire the members of our Parish to prepare for the Lenten season? If you would kindly submit a request by dropping it in the collection basket the next two weekends and/or you willing to lead a group please indicate it on your suggestion. Example: Stations of the Cross/ Group to discuss Lent in depth. He gave His life for all of us, to reopen the gates of Heaven. He ask us to love one another. You can give up something, or better yet do something for one of the least of our brethren. **PRAY**

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 18

8:30 am Rosary
 9:00 am Mass
 10:15-11:30 am Faith Formation Pre K-5th
 12:00 pm Spanish Mass
 1:30-2:45 pm Faith Formation 6th-Confirmation

Monday, January 19

9:00 am Rosary

Tuesday, January 20

7:00 pm RCIA Classes

Wednesday, January 21

Thursday, January 22

9:00 am Mass Morning Bible Class Immediately Following
 7:00 pm Youth Choir Practice
 7:30 pm Adult Bible Class

Friday, January 23

Saturday, January 24

2015 Spirit of Love Scholarships

Attention Students: College Graduate Students, High School Seniors, 8th Grade Students. Spirit of Love Scholarships. Rebekah Leah Rivera Foundation will be accepting applications postmarked January 2 thru February 25, 2015.

See www.rebekahleahrivera.org or call 972-480-5273 for details.

Sunday Morning Rosary Leaders Needed

Come lead the Rosary at 8:30 am before the 9:00 am Mass. Pleases see Rick Hoenigman if available.

Slavery ended with the Emancipation Proclamation, right!

Wrong.

Slavery still exists in Dallas, in our country and in the world, and Pope Francis used his New Year's Message to remind us that there are many still bound by the chains of slavery.

In his letter entitled No Longer Slaves but Brothers and Sisters, the Holy Father explains that, "even though the international community has adopted numerous agreements aimed at ending slavery in all its forms, and has launched various strategies to combat this phenomenon, millions of people today – children, women and men of all ages – are deprived of freedom and are forced to live in conditions akin to slavery."

Numbered among those enslaved by force or circumstance the Pope includes: Laborers bound by indebtedness in domestic, agricultural, manufacturing and mining workplaces; migrants who are deprived of freedom, robbed or subjected to physical and sexual abuse; persons forced into prostitution, many of them minors, male and female sex slaves and those sold or forced into marriage; those kidnapped and held captive by terrorist groups; people kidnapped in order to be sold, enlisted as combatants or sexually exploited; those forced to emigrate, leaving everything behind.

Many of these assaults on human freedom and dignity occur in our own communities and in our own state. The next time you hear or read the term "human trafficking," understand that it means a type of slavery. In Texas there have been 346 cases of human trafficking reported this year and that may be only the tip of the iceberg.

Slavery is rooted, Pope Francis observes, "in a notion of the human person which allows him or her to be treated as an object. Whenever sin corrupts the human heart and distances us from our Creator and our neighbors, the latter are no longer regarded as beings of equal dignity, as brothers or sisters sharing a common humanity, but rather as objects.... slavery is corruption on the part of people willing to do anything for financial gain.

Calling for a threefold commitment on the institutional level to prevention of exploitation, to protection of victims and the vulnerable and to prosecution of the persecutors, the Holy Father also calls on each of us to reach out to our brothers and sisters who might be victims of human trafficking and exploitation and not to purchase items that may well have been produced by exploiting others. If nothing more, a kind word, a greeting, a smile can offer hope.

We cannot close our eyes to this out of indifference, financial reasons or simply because we "don't want to be involved." We must act in a manner worthy of our, and their, human dignity.

Pope Francis concludes: "We know that God will ask each of us: What did you do for your brother? (cf. Gen 4:9-10). The globalization of indifference, which today burdens the lives of so many of our brothers and sisters, requires all of us to forge a new worldwide solidarity and fraternity capable of giving them new hope and helping them to advance with courage amid the problems of our time and the new horizons which they disclose and which God places in our hands."

We are our brothers and sisters keepers. I pray we may all begin 2015 with mercy, compassion and concern in our hearts. May God bless all in the Diocese of Dallas in the new year!

La esclavitud terminó con la proclamación de la emancipación, ¡cierto!

Falso.

La esclavitud sigue existiendo en Dallas, en nuestro país y en el mundo, y el Papa Francisco utilizó su Mensaje de Año Nuevo para recordarnos que aún hay muchas personas atadas a las cadenas de la esclavitud.

En su carta titulada No Esclavos, Sino Hermanos, el Santo Padre explica que, “a pesar que la comunidad internacional ha adoptado diversos acuerdos para poner fin a la esclavitud en todas sus formas, y ha dispuesto varias estrategias para combatir este fenómeno, todavía hay millones de personas –niños, hombres y mujeres de todas las edades– privados de su libertad y obligados a vivir en condiciones similares a la esclavitud.”

Contados entre los esclavizados por la fuerza o circunstancias el Papa incluye: Obreros obligados por endeudamiento en el trabajo doméstico, la agricultura, la industria manufacturera y la minería; los emigrantes que, en su dramático viaje, sufren el hambre, se ven privados de la libertad, despojados de sus bienes o de los que se abusa física y sexualmente; personas obligadas a ejercer la prostitución, entre las que hay muchos menores de edad, esclavos sexuales masculinos y femeninos y quienes son vendidos o forzados a casarse; los secuestrados y mantenidos cautivos por grupos terroristas; gente secuestrada para ser vendida, enlistados como combatientes o explotados sexualmente; forzados a emigrar, dejando todo atrás.

Muchos de estos asaltos a la libertad y dignidad humana ocurren en nuestras comunidades y en nuestro propio estado. La próxima vez que escuche o lea el término “tráfico humano,” tome en cuenta que se trata de una clase de esclavitud. Este año, en Texas ha habido 346 casos registrados de tráfico humano, lo cual puede ser solamente la punta del iceberg.

La esclavitud se encuentra enraizada, observó el Papa Francisco, “en una noción de la persona humana que admite que sea tratada como un objeto. Cuando el pecado corrompe el corazón humano y lo aleja de su Creador y sus semejantes, éstos ya no se ven como seres de la misma dignidad, como hermanos y hermanas en la humanidad, sino como objetos... la esclavitud es la corrupción de parte de gente dispuesta a hacer cualquier cosa para obtener beneficio económico.”

Pidiendo un triple compromiso a nivel institucional para prevenir la explotación, la protección de las víctimas y las personas vulnerables y el enjuiciamiento de los perseguidores, el Santo Padre también hace un llamado a cada uno de nosotros para que lleguemos hasta nuestros hermanos y hermanas que puedan estar siendo víctimas de tráfico humano y explotación y a no comprar artículos que puedan haberse producido mediante la explotación de otros. Cuando menos, una palabra amable, un saludo, una sonrisa pueden ofrecer esperanza.

No podemos cerrar los ojos y hacernos indiferentes por motivos financieros o simplemente porque “no queremos involucrarnos.” Debemos actuar de acuerdo a nuestra, y a su, dignidad humana.

El Papa Francisco concluyó: “Sabemos que Dios nos preguntará a cada uno de nosotros: ¿Qué has hecho con tu hermano? (cf. Gn 4,9-10). La globalización de la indiferencia, que ahora afecta la vida de tantos hermanos y hermanas, nos pide que seamos artífices de una globalización de solidaridad y fraternidad, que les dé esperanza y los haga reanudar con ánimo el camino, a través de los problemas de nuestro tiempo y las nuevas perspectivas que trae consigo, y que Dios pone en nuestras manos.”

The future is ours, but we must forge it together By Bishop Kevin J. Farrell

There is something magic about the word “new.” It conveys the idea of a fresh start; in life; in a job; in a relationship...a new beginning with a blank slate...like the clean-scrubbed feeling after we’ve made a good confession. It is not just the thought of beginning again, but also of leaving the old behind; hail and farewell.

The farewell part is important. We must learn from the past, but we cannot live there. We have to embrace the future. There is no choice. I like to repeat the old maxim that you cannot hold back the sunrise. The dawning of 2015 will offer each of us a new slate begging to be written upon.

What will you write on your slate? Will it recognize not only your hopes and dreams, but those of our brothers and sisters who are suffering persecution, hunger, despair, homelessness and hopelessness; who bear the burdens of war and fear?

New Year’s Day is also World Day of Peace. In his letter marking the occasion Pope Francis calls on us to “forge a new worldwide solidarity and fraternity capable of giving (our burdened brothers and sisters) new hope and helping them advance with courage amid the problems of our time and the new horizons which they disclose and which God places in our hands.”

The future is ours, but we must forge it together.

I pray that God blesses us all with hope and compassion in the New Year.

El futuro es nuestro, pero debemos forjarlo juntos By Bishop Kevin J. Farrell

Hay algo mágico en la palabra “nuevo.” Transmite la idea de un nuevo comienzo en la vida; en un trabajo; en una relación... un nuevo comienzo con un pizarrón en blanco, como sentirnos completamente limpios después de haber hecho una buena confesión. No es sólo la idea de comenzar de nuevo, sino también de dejar atrás lo viejo; es un saludo y una despedida.

La parte de la despedida es importante. Debemos aprender del pasado, pero no podemos quedarnos viviendo ahí. Debemos abrazar el futuro. No tenemos alternativa. Me gusta repetir la vieja máxima que nos dice que no podemos detener el amanecer. El comienzo del 2015 nos ofrecerá, a cada uno de nosotros, una nueva pizarra rogándonos que escribamos en ella.

¿Qué escribirás en tu pizarrón? ¿Conocerá no solo tus sueños y esperanzas, sino las de nuestros hermanos y hermanas que sufren persecución, hambre, desesperación, desamparo y desesperanza; soportando la carga de la guerra y el miedo?

El Día de Año Nuevo es también el Día Mundial de la Paz. En su carta con motivo de esa ocasión, el Papa Francisco “nos pide que seamos artífices de una globalización de solidaridad y fraternidad capaz de dar esperanza (a nuestros agobiados hermanos y hermanas) y de ayudarles a reanudar con valentía en medio de los problemas de nuestro tiempo y los nuevos horizontes que traen consigo y que Dios pone en nuestras manos.”

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Le pido a Dios que nos bendiga con esperanza y compasión en este Año Nuevo.

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