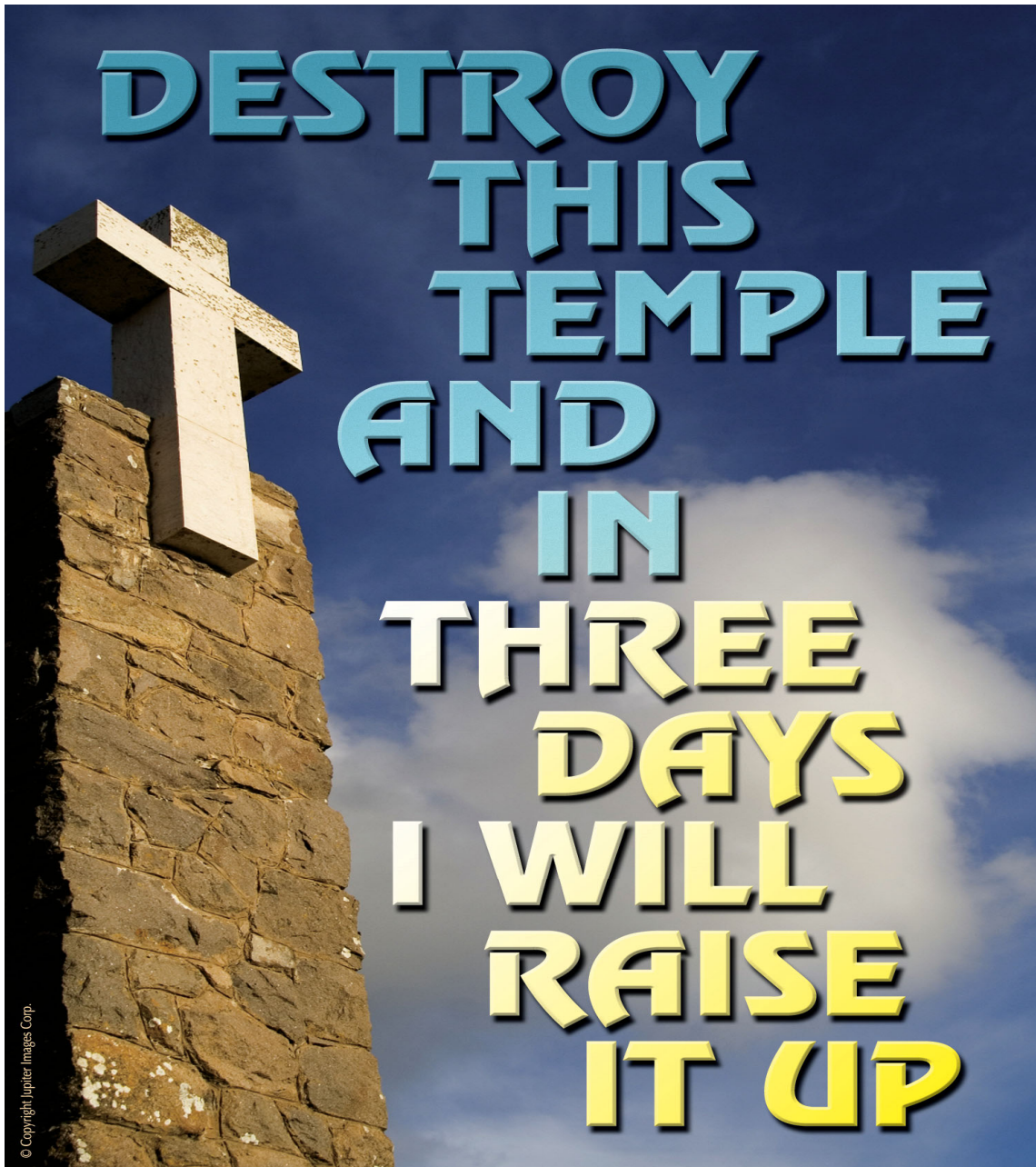


Holy Family Catholic Church



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Fr. Salvador Guzman, 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

Elaine Clark	Tommie Rosenthal	Arnie Clark
Ann Lageose	Brooklyn Schulze	Corinne Lageose
Bernadine Dill	Steve Sanchez	Toby Mills
Karen Elliot	Jack Tyler	Zachary Fejeran
Bob Jungman	Julia Baker	Catherine Casterline
Anonymous	Theresa Powell	Jim Colvin
John E. Deibel	Pam Deleo	Kevin Brown
Alicia Chavez		Wyatt Ruben Bailey

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 8

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

Monday, March 9

6:30 pm English Update for Safe Environment
 9:00 am Rosary

Tuesday, March 10

Wednesday March 11

7:00 pm Spring Festival Meeting

Thursday, March 12

9:00 am Mass
 7:00 pm Youth Choir Practice
 7:30 pm Adult Bible Class Spring Break NO Classes

Friday, March 13

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 14

9:00 am Brunch Prior to Diocesan Lector & Eucharistic Classes
 9:30 am-11:30 am ENGLISH & SPANISH

Prayer for Comfort

Almighty God, you are the unfailing refuge of those who suffer. Please bring peace and comfort to the sick and the infirm. Give all those who look after them knowledge, patience, and compassion. Inspire them with actions which will bring relief; words which will enlighten; and love which will bring comfort. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ. Amen. —

Adapted from A Time to Heal:

50 Prayer Services for the Sick and Homebound
 by John McQuiggen

Names on the Current Prayer Request List will be removed as of the BULLETIN printed on March 16th. If you wish this name to remain you need to contact 903-482-6322 no later than Sunday March 15th. Thank You

Offering

Attendance:	February 18, 2015	456
Eastern Europe:	February 18, 2015	\$ 581.55
Attendance:	February 22, 2015	454
Offerings:	February 22, 2015	\$ 2,326.62
Building Fund:	February 22, 2015	\$ 1,183.47
Black & Indian:	February 22, 2015	\$ 240.00
Attendance:	March 1, 2015	455
Offerings:	March 1, 2015	\$ 2,603.00
Building Fund:	March 1, 2015	\$ 3,767.26

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

Baby Banks/

Holy Father's, March 2015 prayer intentions:

Universal Papal Intention: that those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.

Evangelization Intention: that the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.

The Knights of Columbus is raising money to support our local Crisis Pregnancy Centers by passing out 'Baby Banks' for your loose change or any other donations you can raise. Please be sure and pick one up after mass today. We will also be passing them out next weekend.

MINISTERIO LITURGICO

Alguna vez haz sentido el deseo de proclamar la palabra de Dios, de distribuir su Preciosa Sangre, de servir en el Altar o de ser parte del equipo que prepara los elementos mas delicados de la Misa?

La Iglesia de la Sagrada Familia en Van Alstyne extiende un a invitacion a todo lector y ministro de eucaristia que estan actualmente sirviendo y tambien a los que desean integrarse en estos ministerios. La presentacion sera:

Fecha: sabado, 14 de marzo 2015

Horario: 9:00 am-11:30am

Presentadora: Sylvia Garcia, MPM-Associate Director of Worship

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Have you ever felt the desire to proclaim God's Word, to distribute His Precious Blood, to serve at the Altar or to be a part of the team that prepares the elements of the Mass?

Holy Family of Van Alstyne extends an invitation to all current and new Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for a special training session.

Date: Saturday March 14, 2015

Time: 9:00 am- 11:30 am

Presenter: Dr. Patricia Hughes

Director of Worship

Diocese of Dallas

Becoming an Instrument of God's Peace

The Peace Prayer of St. Francis begins with a plea that God use us as his instrument. An instrument is something that is used to accomplish a greater purpose than is inherently possible in and of itself. A flute is a device that must be used to be an instrument, such as when it is used by James Galway to make magical music. Mary became the instrument used by God to accomplish the Incarnation.

In praying the Peace Prayer we are asking God to change us, to “make us” which implies we are asking to be changed, to move in a new direction; to experience what the early Church called metanoia, a Greek word meaning changing one’s mind. Our Christian ancestors used it to refer to conversion.

Conversion is always the work of the Holy Spirit, even the grace, the nudge to consider the idea, is from the Spirit. When we ask Jesus to change us into his instrument, what are we asking for? The answer is provided in an old hymn written in 1926 by David Iverson called Spirit of the Living God. Here are the lyrics that describe what we are requesting when we ask to be made into Jesus’ instrument.

**Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.**

If I may borrow from the 12 Steps Program, it means to “let go and let God.” Conversion is at the heart of Christian Faith. On Ash Wednesday we were charged to “repent and believe in the Gospel.” (Mark 1:15)

The Holy Spirit calls us in many voices. One of those voices we are hearing a lot lately is that of Our Holy Father Pope Francis, who in his Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* wrote, “The new evangelization calls on every baptized person to be a peacemaker and a credible witness to a reconciled life.” (EG 239)

What habit, what opinion contrary to the Gospel, what withheld forgiveness must we surrender to the cauldron of conversion this Lent to allow ourselves to be melted, molded, and filled? What must we change to become an instrument of God’s peace?

Volvemos Instrumentos de la paz de Dios

La Oración por la Paz de San Francisco comienza con una súplica a Dios en la que le pedimos nos haga sus instrumentos. Un instrumento es algo utilizado para lograr un propósito mayor de lo que es intrínsecamente posible por sí mismo. La flauta es un dispositivo que debe utilizarse como instrumento, como cuando es utilizada por James Galway para producir música mágica. María se convirtió en el instrumento utilizado por Dios para llevar a cabo la Encarnación.

Al rezar la Oración por la Paz le pedimos a Dios que nos cambie, que “nos haga” lo que implica que le estamos pidiendo ser cambiados, avanzar en una nueva dirección; experimentar lo que la Iglesia primitiva llamó metanoia, una palabra griega que significa cambiar de idea. Nuestros antepasados Cristianos la utilizaron para referirse a la conversión.

La conversión es siempre obra del Espíritu Santo, aun la gracia, el llamado a considerar la idea, nos llega del Espíritu. Cuando le pedimos a Jesús que nos cambie en su instrumento, ¿qué le estamos pidiendo? La respuesta nos la da un himno escrito en 1926 por David Iverson titulado Espíritu del Dios Trino, cuya letra describe lo que pedimos al querer convertirnos en instrumentos de Jesús.

Espíritu del Dios Trino,
ven sobre mí
quebrántame, consúmeme, transfórmame, y lléname.
Espíritu del Dios trino,
ven sobre mí.

Si pudiera tomar prestada una frase del Programa de 12 Pasos, sería “deja que Dios actúe.” La conversión está al centro de la Fe Cristiana. El Miércoles de Ceniza se nos pidió “convertirnos y creer en la Buena Noticia” (Mc 1,15).

El Espíritu Santo nos llama con múltiples voces. Una de esas voces la escuchamos últimamente de labios de nuestro Santo Padre Papa Francisco, quien en su Exhortación Apostólica Evangelii Gaudium escribió, “la nueva evangelización anima a todo bautizado a ser instrumento de pacificación y testimonio creíble de una vida reconciliada” (EG. 239).

¿Qué hábito, qué opinión contraria al Evangelio, qué perdón retenido debemos traer al caldero de la conversión esta Cuaresma para permitirnos ser quebrantados, consumidos, transformados, y llenos? ¿Qué debemos cambiar para convertirnos en instrumentos de la paz de Dios?

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Janis Hicks 903-744-7999

Transmission Date / Time Tuesday 12:00pm

Special Instructions