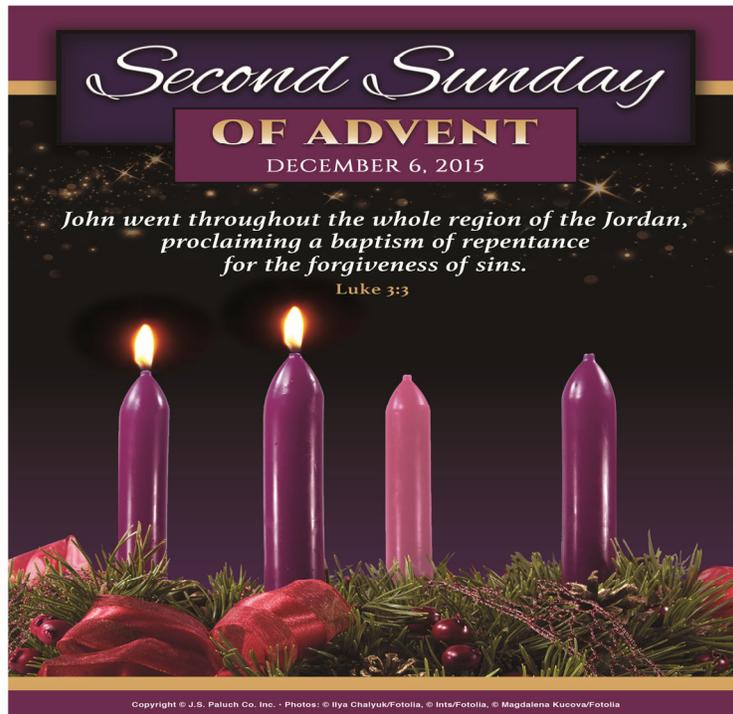


Holy Family Catholic Church

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Fr. Salvador Guzman, Pastor
 Fr. James Yamauchi, Parochial Vicar
 Deacon Patrick A. Hayes

Mass Schedule/Misa Dominical
 Sunday: 9:00 am - English Mass
 12:00 pm - Spanish Misa
 Thursday: 9:00 am - Daily Mass

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St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church
 Weekend Masses
 Vigil Mass Saturday - 5pm (English)
 Sunday Masses / Misa Dominical
 Sunday 8:00am & 11:30am)
 Domingo 9:30am & 1:30pm
 Weekday Masses
 Mon., Wed, & Fri 8:00am
 Tues. & Thurs. 5:30pm

Confessions Thursday
 6:00pm - 7:00pm
 Saturday 3:00 - 4:00pm
 Blessed Sacrament
 Thursday's at 6:00pm

Baptisms/Bautizos

Baptisms: 2nd Sunday of each month
 Bautizos: 1er Domingo del mes

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/
 Primera Comunion**
 April 23, 2016 10:00 am
First Friday Adoration

**Confirmation/
 Confirmacion**
 March 12, 2016 10:00 am
6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Sacraments/Sacramentos

Anointing of the Sick/Uncion de los Enfermos

Please call the Parish.

Confessions/Confesiones

Immediately following the 1st Mass-30 mins. Antes de la misa

Marriage/Matrimonio

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/Vocaciones

Talk to your Parish priest or call Father Edward Leonard, Vocations Director, at 214-379-2860.

Believe in the Power of Prayer

Eddie Pryor	Karen Conner	Anonymous
Arnie Clark	Elaine Clark	Karen Elliott
Angie Hermosillo	Jennifer Bryant	Karen Connor
Jose Garcia	M. McGuire	Molly Roberts
Jean Westmoreland		

Advent Mission

Theme: 'And the word was made flesh'

Dec. 7-9 at Holy Family 6:30-8:30pm

Fr. Edwin Leonard, Vocation Director

Feast of the Immaculate Conception a Holy Day of Obligation will be Celebrated at 6:30 pm by Fr. Leonard, on Dec. 8th.

Plan to attend the 3 day Mission at Holy Family.

**Donate a car and support programs at
 Catholic Charities of Dallas**

Have you ever considered donating your old car? The average value of a car that gets donated is worth \$1,600. Look at the huge impact it will make for programs at Catholic Charities of Dallas:

- \$1,600 sponsors after school care for one child for an academic year at Santa Clara Community Center
- \$1,600 funds a senior for three months at our Brady Senior Center
- \$1,600 sponsors three people with employment training through our Financial Stability & Career Services Program

You can find out more about donating your car by visiting <https://give.idonate.com/catholic-charities-of-dallas/vehicles>. You may also email rtarangoli@ccdallas.org

You may enable JavaScript to see this email address. or call 214-520-6590 ext. 1103.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 6

8:30 am Rosary
 9:00 am Mass
 10:15-11:15am Faith Formation PreK-4th
 12:00 pm Spanish Mass
 1:30-2:45 pm Faith Formation 5th-Confirmation

Monday, December 7

7:00 pm Sunday Choir Practice

Tuesday, December 8

7:30 pm RCIA Class

Wednesday, December 9

7:30 pm Bible Class

Thursday, December 10

9:00 am Mass Bible Class after Mass

7:00 pm Youth Choir Practice

Friday, December 11

Saturday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day Celebration
 6:00 am Mariachi
 7:00 am Mass
 8:00 am Celebration at the Van Alstyne Community Center

Amonestaciones

David Huerta Guapo y Fátima Rodríguez Cervantes se quieren casar en la Parroquia de San José de Cortázar en la Diócesis de Celaya (Guanajuato, México). La boda será el 15 de diciembre, 2015. Si conoce de algún impedimento, háganlos saber.

Offering

Attendance	November 22, 2015	540
Offerings:	November 22, 2015	\$ 3,468.50
Building Fund	November 22, 2015	\$ 1,513.90
Human Development	November 22, 2015	\$ 235.00
Attendance:	November 29, 2015	396
Offerings:	November 29, 2015	\$ 2,244.00
Building Fund:	November 29, 2015	\$ 979.29

ADVENT/ Miscellaneous



SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT: HOPE

We light a second purple candle on the second Sunday of Advent to represent the hope of Christ coming to the world.

The word "**hope**" has two meanings in the Bible. The first, *tiqvah*, contains the sense of eager anticipation or waiting. The second, *elpis*, depicts a sense of confident expectation based on certainty. Biblical hope is secured by God's faithfulness to His promises. For the Old Testament leaders, their hope was in the Messiah's arrival. For us, it is the hope of the Messiah's return. God's plan for humanity unfolded in the town of Bethlehem, the birthplace of the Messiah, joyously fulfilling a long-awaited promise. Today we confidently wait for the Messiah's triumphant return.

Monthly Mass for Catholics in Recovery – Dec 12th

This month's Diocesan Calix Mass will be offered at 8:30 am on Dec 12th in the St. Jude Parish chapel (1515 N Greenville Ave, Allen). The Mass, and meeting that follows, is open to members of all parishes who are recovering alcoholics, addicts, and their families and friends. Calix meetings provide for sharing our experience, strength and hope found in Catholicism and 12-Step recovery. For more information on the Calix Society, call your parish or 214-906-0605, or see www.calixsociety.org and, for the Dallas Diocese Unit see calix.stjudeparish.com.

This Calix unit serves the Dallas Diocese and holds its Mass and meetings on the second Saturday of every month at 8:30 AM in the St. Jude Church Chapel

ROSARY

Please consider leading the Rosary before Sunday Mass next year. Just once every few weeks and the schedule covers all year. You can easily swap the duty with other leaders if you have a schedule conflict. Contact Rick at 214-213-7398 or see any of the Rosary leaders on Sundays.



Second Sunday of Advent, Cycle C

Review the readings for December 6, 2015.

Luke 3:1-6

John preaches repentance and baptizes in the region of the Jordan.

This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation. In this week's Gospel reading, as elsewhere, John the Baptist is presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for Christ's own ministry.

In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.

"Sunday Connection"

Knights of Columbus

Carl Vogel
Chapter #16047

Will have available after Mass:

Christmas Magnets. 1/ \$5 or 2/ \$8

Yard Signs: \$15

Proceeds go to Christians in Crisis.org

To relieve the suffering of Middle East Christians being terrorized by ISIS.

Los Caballeros de Colon

Concilio #16047
Carl Vogel

Estaran vendiendo despues de misa:

Imanes de la navidad: 1/\$5 o 2/\$8

anuncios para la yarda \$15

Las ganancias apoyaran a los cristianos en las Crisis.org para aliviar el sufrimiento de los cristianos de Oriente siendo aterrizados por ISIS.

Feast Day Celebration's/Special Collection/Reconciliation

Immaculate Conception



December 8, 2015

This Feast Day is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Q: What happens on holy days of obligation?

A: Holy days of obligation upheld by Latin Catholics require parishioners to attend mass to celebrate the festivities unless they sick or are under the age of reason. The tradition for the holy days of obligation is detailed in the Canon 1246

Retirement Fund for Religious

December 13, 2015

Please give to those who have given a lifetime. "My life is tied to the liturgy and the Eucharist," says Precious Blood Sister Ann Hipp, 95, who entered religious life in 1937. "It's part of who we are as a community." As a teacher for 50 years, she shared this love of the Eucharist with her students. At age 70, Sister Ann traded in her chalk for a sewing needle and today still helps craft altar cloths and vestments.

Like Sister Ann, tens of thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated their lives to sharing their faith. Generations of Catholics recall with gratitude their work in Catholic schools, hospitals, and social service agencies. Yet years of ministering for little or no pay came at a price, and now their religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

Reconciliation

The Diocesan-wide evening for Reconciliation will be on Wednesday, December 16, 2015. 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Father Fred Caldwell our Priest at Holy Family

Monday of the First Week of Advent November 30th

Feast of St. Andrew

We enter Advent with the opportunity to have a personal encounter with Jesus like St. Andrew did.

Scripture

"And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him." Matthew 4:19-20

Reflection

Today is the feast of St. Andrew, the brother of St. Peter and one of the first disciples. While little is said about Andrew in the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke), the Gospel of John tells more of his story.

John tells us that Andrew was one of the first to follow Jesus. After being called to "come and see" himself and spending a day with Jesus, Andrew invited Peter to "come and see." He was also the first to recognize that Jesus was the Messiah. And in John's retelling of the loaves and fishes story, it was Andrew who asked Jesus how they would feed the multitude of people. Andrew also found the boy with five loaves and two fishes and brought him to Jesus' attention (John 6:1-10).

At what biblical scholars believe is a pivotal point in Jesus' life, Andrew and Philip bring some Greek men who want to meet the Messiah to Jesus. Jesus recognizes this as a sign that his evangelization strictly to Jews is over, and he then begins his evangelization to the Gentiles (John 12:20-34). Andrew's acceptance of Jesus' invitation to "come and see" stayed with him for the day. His was a personal encounter with Jesus, an encounter that transformed his life. Following Andrew's example, we also have the opportunity this Advent to enter into a personal encounter with Jesus, the one who loves us and wants to save us.

Pope Francis

"Andrew and Peter heard this promise; they received this gift. They were blood brothers, yet their encounter with Christ transformed them into brothers in faith and charity." Divine Liturgy on the Solemnity of St. Andrew, patron of the Church of Constantinople, 30 November 2014

Prayer

Lord Jesus, through the intercession of St. Andrew we pray that we may be open to how the Holy Spirit calls us to recognize and love the diverse expressions of your presence in your Church.

Loyola Press



Our Lady of Guadalupe - Guadalupe, Mexico (1531) Patroness of the Americas Feast Day in the USA - December 12th

The opening of the New World brought with it both fortune-seekers and religious preachers desiring to convert the native populations to the Christian faith. One of the converts was a poor Aztec indian named Juan Diego. On one of his trips to the chapel, Juan was walking through the Tepayac hill country in central Mexico. Near Tepayac Hill he encountered a beautiful woman surrounded by a ball of light as bright as the sun. Speaking in his native tongue, the beautiful lady identified herself:

"My dear little son, I love you. I desire you to know who I am. I am the ever-virgin Mary, Mother of the true God who gives life and maintains its existence. He created all things. He is in all places. He is Lord of Heaven and Earth. I desire a church in this place where your people may experience my compassion. All those who sincerely ask my help in their work and in their sorrows will know my Mother's Heart in this place. Here I will see their tears; I will console them and they will be at peace. So run now to Tenochtitlan and tell the Bishop all that you have seen and heard."

Juan, age 57, and who had never been to Tenochtitlan, nonetheless immediately responded to Mary's request. He went to the palace of the Bishop-elect Fray Juan de Zumarraga and requested to meet immediately with the bishop. The bishop's servants, who were suspicious of the rural peasant, kept him waiting for hours. The bishop-elect told Juan that he would consider the request of the Lady and told him he could visit him again if he so desired. Juan was disappointed by the bishop's response and felt himself unworthy to persuade someone as important as a bishop. He returned to the hill where he had first met Mary and found her there waiting for him. Imploring her to send someone else, she responded:

"My little son, there are many I could send. But you are the one I have chosen."

She then told him to return the next day to the bishop and repeat the request. On Sunday, after again waiting for hours, Juan met with the bishop who, on re-hearing his story, asked him to ask the Lady to provide a sign as a proof of who she was. Juan dutifully returned to the hill and told Mary, who was again waiting for him there, of the bishop's request. Mary responded:

"My little son, am I not your Mother? Do not fear. The Bishop shall have his sign. Come back to this place tomorrow. Only peace, my little son."

Unfortunately, Juan was not able to return to the hill the next day. His uncle had become mortally ill and Juan stayed with him to care for him. After two days, with his uncle near death, Juan left his side to find a priest. Juan had to pass Tepayac Hill to get to the priest. As he was passing, he found Mary waiting for him. She spoke:

"Do not be distressed, my littlest son. Am I not here with you who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Your uncle will not die at this time. There is no reason for you to engage a priest, for his health is restored at this moment. He is quite well. Go to the top of the hill and cut the flowers that are growing there. Bring them then to me."

While it was freezing on the hillside, Juan obeyed Mary's instructions and went to the top of the hill where he found a full bloom of Castilian roses. Removing his tilma, a poncho-like cape made of cactus fiber, he cut the roses and carried them back to Mary. She rearranged the roses and told him:

"My little son, this is the sign I am sending to the Bishop. Tell him that with this sign I request his greatest efforts to complete the church I desire in this place. Show these flowers to no one else but the Bishop. You are my trusted ambassador. This time the Bishop will believe all you tell him."

At the palace, Juan once again came before the bishop and several of his advisors. He told the bishop his story and opened the tilma letting the flowers fall out. But it wasn't the beautiful roses that caused the bishop and his advisors to fall to their knees; for there, on the tilma, was a picture of the Blessed Virgin Mary precisely as Juan had described her. The next day, after

showing the Tilma at the Cathedral, Juan took the bishop to the spot where he first met Mary. He then returned to his village where he met his uncle who was completely cured. His uncle told him he had met a young woman, surrounded by a soft light, who told him that she had just sent his nephew to Tenochtitlan with a picture of herself. She told his uncle:

"Call me and call my image Santa Maria de Guadalupe".

It's believed that the word Guadalupe was actually a Spanish mis-translation of the local Aztec dialect. The word that Mary probably used was Coatlicalope which means "one who treads on snakes"! Within six years of this apparition, six million Aztecs had converted to Catholicism. The tilma shows Mary as the God-bearer - she is pregnant with her Divine Son. Since the time the tilma was first impressed with a picture of the Mother of God, it has been subject to a variety of environmental hazards including smoke from fires and candles, water from floods and torrential downpours and, in 1921, a bomb which was planted by anti-clerical forces on an altar under it. There was also a cast-iron cross next to the tilma and when the bomb exploded, the cross was twisted out of shape, the marble altar rail was heavily damaged and the tilma was...untouched! Indeed, no one was injured in the Church despite the damage that occurred to a large part of the altar structure.

In 1977, the tilma was examined using infrared photography and digital enhancement techniques. Unlike any painting, the tilma shows no sketching or any sign of outline drawn to permit an artist to produce a painting. Further, the very method used to create the image is still unknown. The image is inexplicable in its longevity and method of production. It can be seen today in a large cathedral built to house up to ten thousand worshippers. It is, by far, the most popular religious pilgrimage site in the Western Hemisphere.

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Holy Family Quasi-Parish

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Date: Sept 18, 2011

Janis Hicks 903-744-7999

Transmission Date / Time Tuesday 12:00pm

Special Instructions