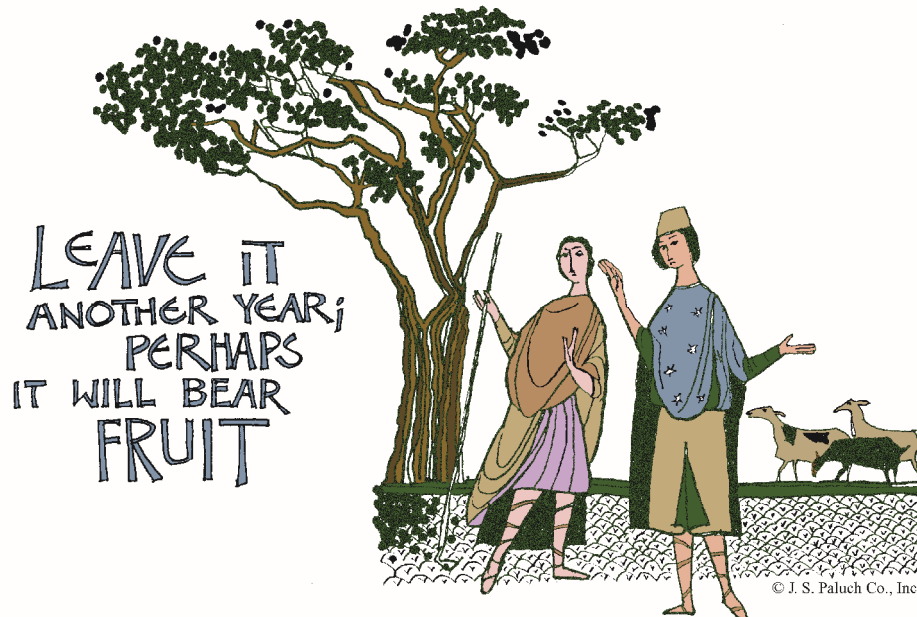


Third Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2016

# Holy Family Catholic Church

ESTABLISHED IN 1980 \* 919 SPENCE RD., VAN ALSTYNE, TX. 75495



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Van Alstyne TX, 75495

Parish Office: 903-482-6322

For a Priest: 972-542-4667

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

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

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church

Mailing Address: 411 Paula Road

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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 Edwin A Leonard, Vocations Director, at 214-379-2860.

*Believe in the Power of Prayer*

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| Shirley Adams     | Karen Conner    | Anonymous        |
| Arnie Clark       | Elaine Clark    | Karen Elliott    |
| Angie Hermsillo   | Jennifer Bryant | Mary Pereyra     |
| Jose Garcia       | M. McGuire      | Reynaldo Chaviva |
| Andy Karl         | Richard Lynch   | Bill Powell      |
| Ken Durbin        | Bud Rietman     | Theresa Powell   |
| Armandina Alvarez | Cheryl Hayes    |                  |

**Weekly Attendance/Offerings**

Attendance:	February 21, 2016	530
Offerings:	February 21, 2016	\$ 2,814.83
Building Fund:	February 21, 2016	\$ 1,358.89

**Lenten Schedule at St. Michael's**

Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm every Friday  
**MASS** every Friday at 7:00 pm followed by the a  
 Crucis (Stations of the Cross) at 7:30 pm

**Fish Fry's During Lent will be:**

Friday March 11th

All Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

*Take time during Lent to discern God's dream for you.*

**Bodas Comunitarias**

Si esta usted viviendo en unió n libre o casado por el civil solamente y quisiera regularizar su matrimonio por la iglesia, lo invitamos a que se comuniqu e con el Padre Salvador al 972.542.4667 x 1 para obtener una cita y recibir mas informaci3n de la preparaci3n para las Bodas Comunitarias.

*Un matrimonio feliz y duradero siempre es de tres: Dios; Tu Pareja y T ú.*

**Weekly Calendar**

**Sunday, February 28**

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, February 29**

**Tuesday, March 1**

7:30 pm RCIA Class

**Wednesday March 2**

7:30 pm Bible Class  
 6:00 pm Confirmation Practice for Confirmation Student & Sponsor

**Thursday, March 3**

9:00 am Mass, Bible Class after Mass

7:00 pm Youth Choir Practice

**Friday, March 4**

6:00 pm Deacon John Rapier to Speak followed by Adoration  
 No soup and salad today.

**Saturday, March 5**

**Holy Family**

**Viacruzis Durante la Cuaresma  
 Viernes 11de Marzo a las 6:00pm  
 Sacerdote/diácono guiarán el viacruzis**

**Tema:**

**"Sé misericordioso como tu padre celestial es misericordioso"**

**26de Febrero a escuchar un mensaje espiritual de pascua.**

**Holy Family**

**Stations of the Cross During Lent  
 Friday March 11th**

**A Deacon to Lead the Stations**

**Theme:**

**"Be Merciful as Your Heavenly Father is Merciful."**

**Come for a Lenten Spiritual Message**

**Soup & Salad available from the Knights of Columbus Council 16047, after the Stations.**

*Pray for the repose of the Soul of Larry Dordalson son of Margaret Norris*

## Miscellaneous

### Family Idea for the Year of Mercy:

Treat your loved ones and friends to an extraordinary event! **St. Luke Productions Presents:**

**"Therese: The Story of a Soul" |**

Be inspired by this amazing live drama about one of the world's most beloved saints **at the Eisemann Center in Richardson, Texas** Saturday, March 5, 2016

A Fundraiser Benefiting Birth Choice Deepen your spirituality while supporting a Catholic pregnancy center that works to save babies from abortion **3 Options: 2:00pm Matinee, 5:30pm Dinner & Show, or 8:00pm Show Only**

Purchase your tickets while they last at:

[www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com)

### "Come and See!"

You are invited to a LAY CARMELITE INFORMATION SESSION sponsored by Our Lady of Mt Carmel Community, First Saturday March 5, 2016, immediately following the 9 am Mass at St Joseph's Catholic Church, 600 S. Jupiter Rd, Richardson TX, room 123. Come discover: What is the OCarm Third Order Carmel? What is a rule of life, and why follow one? What is the Carmelite charism, heritage, way of life? Why become a Lay Carmelite, and is God perhaps calling you? For information, or to visit a community meeting, call Celine Powers at 903-962-0351.

### Pope Francis

Jesus asks his disciples who they think the Son of Man is. Speaking for all the disciples Simon Peter answers, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." (Matthew 16:16). Jesus blesses Simon Peter for his response, naming him "Cephas," the word for "rock," and telling him that upon this rock he would build his Church. The gates of hell would not prevail against it.

"Peter is the rock, the visible foundation of the Church's unity; but every baptized person is called to offer Jesus his or her lowly but sincere faith."

Prayer

Lord Jesus, let us love you with a sincere heart so we may dwell in your house our whole life long.

**Mark your Calendar May 1st  
4th Annual Spring Fest  
Proceeds for Building Fund  
Volunteers are Valued**



**Join Young Catholic Professionals at:**

### All Saints Catholic Church

at 5231 Meadowcreek Dr. Dallas, TX 75248 from 7-9pm on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 for our executive speaker event, featuring Brent D. McDaniel, Director at: Price Waterhouse Coopers. YCP was founded in 2010 to help young professionals connect with one another and maintain their Catholic faith while pursuing demanding careers.

Our mission is to encourage young adult professionals to "Work in Witness for Christ."

YCP brings young adults together for speaker events, panel discussions, and networking in order to foster Catholic identity, to encourage community, and to inspire a call to action.

<http://www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org/chapters/dallas/>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1105240159510196/>

### St. Andrew Dinner

The Office of Vocations is hosting a St. Andrew Dinner for high school age men on Monday, March 14, 2016 at St. Cecilia in Dallas. High School men grades 9-12 who are considering a vocation to the diocesan priesthood are invited to attend this Saint Andrew Dinner. This event is a great opportunity for discerners to hear from Bishop Deshotel, priests and seminarians of our diocese. If interested please contact your Pastor or Youth Minister to sign up for the dinner. You can also RSVP at [www.dallasvocations.org](http://www.dallasvocations.org).

### Merciful Like the Father

#### Entering the Desert

#### "Year of Mercy Lenten Reflections"

Presenter by

*Fr. Edwin Leonard*

*Diocesan Office of Vocations*

**Monday, March 7th Mission: 7:00 pm-8:30 pm**

**Tuesday, March 8th Mass at 5:30 pm**

**Confessions & Adoration 6:00 pm-7:00 pm**

**Mission: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

**Wednesday, March 9th Mission at 7:00 pm-8:30 pm**

*During Lent, let us fast from the things that fill the heart with bitterness.*

# Mourning our Barrenness

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Several years ago, while teaching a summer course at Seattle University, I had as one of my students, a woman who, while happily married, was unable to conceive a child. She had no illusions about what this meant for her. It bothered her a great deal. She found Mother's Day very difficult. Among other things, she wrote a well-researched thesis on the concept of barrenness in scripture and developed a retreat on that same theme which she offered at various renewal centers.

Being a celibate whose vows also conscript a certain biological barrenness, I went on one of her weekend retreats, the only male there. It was a powerful group experience, but it took most of the weekend for that to happen. Initially most everyone on the retreat was tentative and shy, not wanting to admit to themselves or others the kind of pain the loss of biological parenthood was creating in their lives. But things broke open on the Saturday night, after the group watched a video of a 1990s British film, *Secrets and Lies*, a subtle but powerful drama about the pain of not having children. The tears in the movie catalyzed tears within our group and the floodgates opened. Tears began to flow freely and one by one the women began to tell their stories. Then, after the tears and stories had stopped, the atmosphere changed, as if a fog had lifted and a weight had been removed. Lightness set in. Each person in the group had mourned her loss and now each felt a lightness in knowing that one might never have a child and still be a happy person, without denying the pain in that.

Barrenness is not just a term that describes a biological incapacity to have children or a life-choice to not have them. It's wider. Barrenness describes the universal human condition in its incapacity to be generative in the way it would like and the vacuum and frustration that leaves inside lives. Karl Rahner summarizes that in these words: In the torment of the insufficiency of everything attainable we ultimately learn that here, in this life, all symphonies must remain unfinished. No matter if we have biological children of our own or not, we still all find ourselves barren in that for none of us is there a finished symphony here on earth. There's always some barrenness left in our lives and biological barrenness is simply one analogate of that, though arguably the prime one. None of us die having given birth to all we wanted to in this world.

What do we do in the face of this? Is there an answer? Is there a response that can take us beyond simply gritting our teeth and stoically getting on with it? There is. The answer is tears. In mid-life and beyond, we need, as Alice Miller normatively suggests in her classic essay, *The Drama of the Gifted Child*, to mourn so that our very foundations are shaken. Many of our wounds are irreversible and many of our shortcomings are permanent. We will go to our deaths with this incompleteness. Our loss cannot be reversed. But it can be mourned, both what we lost and what we failed to achieve. In that mourning there is freedom.

I have always been struck by the powerful metaphor inside the story of Jephthah's daughter in the biblical story in the Book of Judges, chapter 11. It captures in an archetypal image the only answer there is, this side of eternity, to barrenness. Condemned to death in the prime of her youth by a foolish vow her father made, she tells her father that she is willing to die on the altar of sacrifice, but only on one condition. She will now die without experiencing either the consummation of marriage or the birthing of children. So she asks her father to give her two months before her death to "mourn her virginity". Properly mourned, an incomplete life can be both lived in peace and left in peace.

Tears are the answer to barrenness, to all loss and inadequacy. Marilyn Chandler McEntyre, in her book, *A Faithful Farewell*, has this to say about tears: "Tears release me into honest sorrow. They release me from the strenuous business of finding words. They release me into a childlike place where I need to be held and find comfort in embrace – in the arms of others and in the arms of God. Tears release me from the treadmill of anxious thoughts, and even from fear. They release me from the strain of holding them back. Tears are a consent to what is. They wash away, at least for a time, denial and resistance. They allow me to relinquish the self-deceptive notion that I'm in control. Tears dilute resentment and wash away the flotsam left by waves of anger."

Not insignificantly, tears are salt water. Human life originated in the oceans. Tears connect us to the source of all life on this earth, within which prodigal fecundity trumps all barrenness.

## Pope appoints Bishop Deshotel to lead Lafayette

Please join me in congratulating Bishop Doug Deshotel on his appointment by Pope Francis as the new Bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette in Louisiana. The appointment was announced this morning in Washington, D.C. by the papal nuncio to the United States, Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò. A news conference will be held at 11 a.m. in the Diocese of Lafayette.

The Holy Father has made an excellent decision in appointing Bishop Deshotel to lead the Catholic faithful in Lafayette. His knowledge of the diocese and the wonderful Cajun culture there will be a tremendous asset as he returns as the chief shepherd. His pastoral manner and deep devotion to our Church will certainly be missed by all in our diocese.

With the appointment, Bishop Deshotel will return to lead the diocese where he was born and raised and where his large extended family still lives today. Since entering Holy Trinity Seminary in 1972, Dallas has been his home. Bishop Doug told me that he will certainly miss the many good friends who have blessed his life for the last 43 years. I am certain, and I know you will agree, that he will be a tremendous blessing to the people of the Diocese of Lafayette.

Please pray for our friend, Bishop Doug, that God our Heavenly Father will bless him with wisdom, strength, peace and happiness as he begins this new chapter in his faithful ministry. You may read the news release that includes a more detailed history of Bishop Deshotel's life and ministry, as well as find a link to the live stream of the news conference that begins at 11 a.m. at [www.cathdal.org](http://www.cathdal.org). By Bishop Kevin J Farrell

## El Papa nombra al Obispo Douglas Deshotel Pastor de Lafayette

Felicitemos al Obispo Doug Deshotel en ocasión de su nombramiento por el Papa Francisco como nuevo Obispo de la Diócesis de Lafayette en Louisiana. El nombramiento fue anunciado esta mañana en Washington, D.C. por el nuncio apostólico en los Estados Unidos, el Arzobispo Carlo Maria Viganò. Una conferencia de prensa tendrá lugar a las 11 a.m. en la Diócesis de Lafayette.

El Santo Padre ha tomado una excelente decisión al nombrar al Obispo Deshotel como guía de los fieles Católicos en Lafayette. Su conocimiento de la diócesis y de la maravillosa cultura Cajun será de gran beneficio a su regreso como pastor principal. Su trato pastoral y profunda devoción a nuestra Iglesia será, sin duda, extrañada por todos en nuestra diócesis.

Con el nombramiento, el Obispo Deshotel regresará a dirigir la diócesis que lo vio nacer y crecer y en la que radican sus familiares en la actualidad. Desde su ingreso al Seminario Holy Trinity en 1972, Dallas ha sido su hogar. El Obispo Deshotel me ha dicho que extrañará los tantos queridos amigos que han bendecido su vida durante los últimos 43 años. Estoy seguro, y estoy seguro que ustedes compartirán mi opinión, que será una gran bendición para las personas de la Diócesis de Lafayette.

Les pido que recuerden en sus oraciones a nuestro amigo, el Obispo Doug, que Dios nuestro Padre Celestial le conceda sabiduría, fortaleza, paz y felicidad al iniciar este nuevo capítulo en su fiel ministerio. En la conferencia de prensa podrá leer una historia más detallada de la vida y ministerio del Obispo Deshotel, así como un enlace a la transmisión en vivo de la conferencia de prensa que dará inicio a las 11:00 en [www.cathdal.org](http://www.cathdal.org).

By Bishop Kevin J Farrell

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Holy Family Quasi-Parish

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Date: Sept 18, 2011

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Transmission Date / Time Tuesday 12:00pm

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