

Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

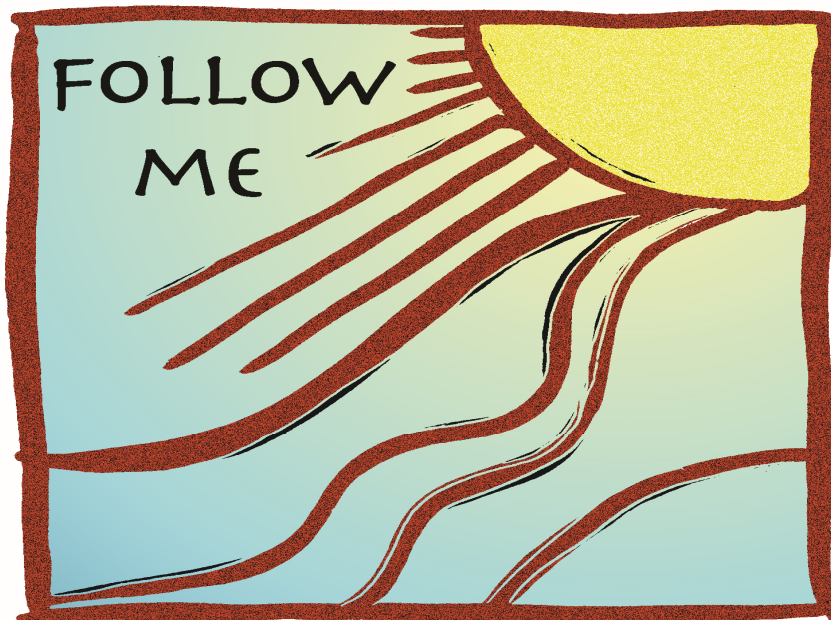
June 26, 2016

Holy Family Catholic Church

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

Parish Mission Statement

Holy Family is a Catholic community that unites for prayer and communion so that we may grow in our baptismal discipleship and share the good news of the Gospel.



© Annika Nelson

Mailing Address: P O Box 482

Van Alstyne TX, 75495

Parish Office: 903-482-6322

For a Priest: 972-542-4667

Emergency After Hours: 469-667-7324

Website: 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

McKinney, Texas 75069

General Email: stmichael@stmichaelmckinney.org

Fr. Father Sal: frguzman@stmichaelmckinney.org

Main Phone: 972.542.4667

Fax: 972.542.4641

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
 TBA for 2017
 First Friday Adoration

Confirmation/
 Confirmacion
 TBA for 2017
 6:00—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

Jack Tyler	Chris Hayes	Pam Delao
Catherine Casterline	Arnie Clark	Stella West
Heather McEnroe		

Weekly Attendance/Offerings

Attendance:	June 19, 2016	502
Offerings:	June 19, 2016	\$ 2,496.96
Building Fund:	June 19, 2016	\$ 972.36

Bodas Comunitarias

Si esta usted viviendo en unión libre o casado por el civil solamente y quisiera regularizar su matrimonio por la iglesia, lo invitamos a que se comuniquen con el Padre Salvador al 972.542.4667 1 para obtener una cita y recibir mas información de la preparación para las Bodas Comunitarias. *Un matrimonio feliz y duradero siempre es de tres: Dios; Tu Pareja y Tú.*

Help! Volunteers Needed / Inquires

- Install carpet? 1 room
- Electrician?
- Painter? Touch up
- Catechist? 1
- Aides? 1
- Monitors? 1
- Librarian Organizer? 2
- Rosary Leaders for Sunday's?
- Sew Baptismal Bibs/ Sashes? 2
- Move Dirt to fill in low places?

Prayer

Lord, help us to become a listening people who treasure every moment in our hearts so we may see them in the light of your love and mercy. Loyola Press

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, June 26

8:30 am Rosary
 9:00 am Mass
 12:00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, June 27

Tuesday, June 28

Wednesday, June 29

7:30 pm Bible Class

Thursday June 30

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

Friday July 1

Saturday, July 2

Special Collections for July

The Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa provides grants to finance pastoral projects that support the maintenance and growth of the Church in Africa, including outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers.

Solidaridad con la Iglesia en África

El Fondo de Solidaridad Pastoral para la Iglesia de África proporciona contribuciones para financiar proyectos pastorales que apoyan el mantenimiento y crecimiento de la Iglesia en África, cluyendo programas de extensión, escuelas, evangelización y educación del clero y ministros laicos.

Farewell/Bon Voyage for Father James Yamauchi

Father James has been assigned as Pastoral Administrator of St. Martin of Tours Parish in Forney effective July 6th.

There will be an Ice Cream Social at St. Michal's

Wednesday July 29th at 7:00pm "Come"

Miscellaneous

Volunteer registration now open for upcoming Dallas Ministry Conference!

Parishes are encouraged to register now for the 10th Annual Dallas Ministry Conference will be held from September 29th – October 1st at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center Dallas.

For more information please visit: www.udallas.edu/dmc.

Volunteering at the conference: <http://www.udallas.edu/dmc/dmc2016/volunteer.php>

Volunteer registration form: <http://bit.ly/1TyCYfa>

Volunteering at the conference: <http://www.udallas.edu/dmc/dmc2016/volunteer.php>

The Birth of American Independence

When the initial battles in the Revolutionary War broke out in April 1775, few colonists desired complete independence from Great Britain, and those who did were considered radical. By the middle of the following year, however, many more colonists had come to favor independence, thanks to growing hostility against Britain and the spread of revolutionary sentiments such as those expressed in Thomas Paine's bestselling pamphlet "Common Sense," published in early 1776. On June 7, when the Continental Congress met at the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall) in Philadelphia, the Virginia delegate Richard Henry Lee introduced a motion calling for the colonies' independence. Amid heated debate, Congress postponed the vote on Lee's resolution, but appointed a five-man committee—including Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania and Robert R. Livingston of New York—to draft a formal statement justifying the break with Great Britain.

On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of Lee's resolution for independence in a near-unanimous vote (the New York delegation abstained, but later voted affirmatively). On that day, John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail that July 2 "will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival" and that the celebration should include "Pomp and Parade...Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other." On July 4th, the Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, which had been written largely by Jefferson. Though the vote for actual independence took place on July 2nd, from then on the 4th became the day that was celebrated as the birth of American independence.

July 4th Becomes A National Holiday

The tradition of patriotic celebration became even more widespread after the War of 1812, in which the United States again faced Great Britain. In 1870, the U.S. Congress made July 4th a federal holiday; in 1941, the provision was expanded to grant a paid holiday to all federal employees. Over the years, the political importance of the holiday would decline, but Independence Day remained an important national holiday and a symbol of patriotism.

Be Thankful for our Freedom of Independence and Celebrate with Joy, Mercy and Hope for our Faith and our Country.

Have a safe and Blessed Holiday celebration.

Are you receiving Envelopes?

If not and you would like too, please stop by the office so we can have them sent to you.

Are you receiving envelopes and not using them please stop by and let us know.

Remember the use of envelopes keeps records for your Taxes. **Thanks**

Did you know Holy Family has Mass every Thursday Morning at 9:00 am ?

Pope Francis

"We would do well to ask ourselves: 'With the things that happen in life, I ask myself the question: what is the Lord saying to me with His Word, right now?' This is called keeping the Word of God, because the Word of God is precisely the message that the Lord gives us in every moment. Let us safeguard it with this: safeguard it with our memory. And safeguard it with our hope."

Homily, 8 June 2013

Loyola Press A Jesuit Ministry

AR-15: The Common Denominator

Let's start with an astounding paragraph from Karen Tumulty's story in Monday's Washington Post on the killing of 50 people and wounding of 53 others at a nightclub in Orlando early Sunday morning.

He did it with a handgun and an AR-15 — the same semiautomatic rifle that was part of the arsenals used to kill 12 people in an Aurora, Colorado movie theater in 2012; 20 first-graders and six adults later that year in Newtown, Connecticut.; and 14 others at a holiday party in San Bernardino, California last December.

We are talking about a killing machine, but here is what the National Rifle Association wrote about this weapon in its blog: Today, the AR-15 has soared in popularity amongst gun owners, due to a wide-range of factors. It is customizable, adaptable, reliable and accurate that can be used in sport shooting, hunting and self-defense situations.

This rifle is a semi-automatic spin off of the US Army's M16 fully automatic rifle. Semi-automatic means that it will fire bullets as fast as a person can pull the trigger. It is meant to kill — fast — and in great numbers — just like it did in Aurora and Newtown and San Bernardino — and Orlando.

Here is another quote from Monday's Washington Post Wonkblog:

America is absolutely awash with easily obtainable firearms," American-born al-Qaeda spokesman Adam Gadahn said in a video. "You can go down to a gun show at the local convention center and come away with a fully automatic assault rifle without a background check and most likely without having to show an identification card. So what are you waiting for?

Our gun laws are an invitation to kill. They would be ludicrous if the situation were not so tragic. By their fruits you know them (Matt 7:16) and the fruits of our gun control laws are bitter indeed — no, they are fatal.

The second amendment rightly protects our right to bear arms for hunting, sport, self-defense and other legitimate purposes. There is no legitimate purpose for making this kind of weapon available to the general public.

The issue is one of common sense and self-defense ... the defense of our culture and our way of life.

AR-15 – El Común Denominador

Comencemos con un excelente párrafo de la historia de Karen Tumulty en el Washington Post del lunes acerca del asesinato de 50 personas, y otras 53 heridas, en un club nocturno en Orlando la mañana del domingo.

"Lo hizo con una pistola y un — el mismo rifle semiautomático que formaba parte de los arsenales que fueron utilizados para matar 12 personas en un cine de Aurora, Colorado en 2012, 20 estudiantes de primer grado, seis adultos en Newtown, Connecticut y otros 14 en una fiesta en San Bernardino, California el pasado mes de diciembre".

Estamos hablando de una máquina de matar, pero esto es lo que la Asociación Nacional del Rifle escribió acerca de esta arma en su blog:

"En la actualidad, el AR-15 ha ganado gran popularidad entre los propietarios de armas, debido a una amplia gama de factores. Es personalizable, adaptable, confiable y precisa que puede ser utilizada en tiro deportivo, cacería y situaciones de defensa personal.

Este rifle es un semiautomático creado a partir del rifle automático M16 del ejército de los Estados Unidos. Semiautomático significa que disparará balas tan rápido como una persona puede apretar el gatillo. Está destinado a matar — rápido — y en gran número — exactamente como lo hizo en Aurora, Newtown, San Bernardino — y Orlando.

En otra cita del Wonkblog del Washington Post del lunes leemos:

"América está totalmente inundada de armas de fuego que pueden obtenerse fácilmente", el portavoz americano de al-Qaeda Adam Gadahn expresó en un video. "Puedes ir a una exhibición de armas en el centro de convenciones local y salir con un rifle de asalto totalmente automático sin una verificación de antecedentes y probablemente sin tener que mostrar una tarjeta de identificación. Así que, ¿qué esperas?"

Nuestras leyes de armas son una invitación a matar. Serían ridículas si la situación no fuera tan trágica. Por sus frutos los reconocerán (Mt 7,16), y los frutos de nuestras leyes de control de armas son amargos — no, no son amagos... son fatales. La segunda enmienda protege justamente nuestro derecho a portar armas de caza, deporte y otros fines legítimos. No existe ningún propósito legítimo para que este tipo de armas estén disponibles al público general.

Es una cuestión de sentido común y defensa personal... la defensa de nuestra cultura y nuestro estilo de vida.

Keep your eyes upon Jesus

Keeping our eyes on the road and keeping our eyes upon Jesus have a lot in common.

Most accidents are caused by distractions to the driver inside, not outside, of the car. According to a study released by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute (VTTI), "80 percent of automobile accidents and 65 percent of near-accidents involve at least some form of driver distraction within three seconds of the crash or near-miss."

Some of the most common distractions are: talking on a cell phone, texting, reaching for a moving object or a child inside the car, applying makeup, eating or drinking, reading a map or the navigation screen. All drive our attention away from what is essential ... keeping our eyes on the road to arrive safely.

As Christians, keeping our eyes upon Jesus is what is essential, for he is "the way, the truth and the life." (John 14:6) Like the driver, our eyes are easily drawn away from Jesus by internal distractions, such as greed, addictions to drugs, alcohol, pornography, gambling and other amoral behavior. But excessive attention to those things that are, in themselves, good or morally neutral can also distract our eyes from Jesus. If our work, our hobby, a good cause or even our devotion to sports, or to another activity or person becomes the most important thing in our life, we have made it our god and our eyes are no longer on Jesus.

We are easily driven by self-gratification believing it will bring the happiness that we crave. Philosopher Blaise Pascal addressed this in his classic book, *Pensees*. "What else does this craving and this helplessness proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace? This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself" (148/428).

Keep your eyes upon Jesus, the only true road to the Father.

No apartes la mirada de Jesús

No quitar la vista del camino y no apartarla de Jesús tienen mucho en común.

La mayoría de los accidentes son causados por distracciones del conductor, dentro del automóvil, no fuera de él. De acuerdo a los estudios publicado por la Administración de Seguridad Nacional de Tráfico en las Carreteras (NTHSA) y el Instituto de Transporte de Virginia (VTTI), "el 60 por ciento de los accidentes automovilísticos y el 65 por ciento de los casi accidentes tienen que ver con, por lo menos, alguna forma de distracción de los conductores tres segundos antes de que el accidente o el casi accidente ocurra".

Algunas de las distracciones más comunes son: hablar por teléfono, enviar mensajes de texto, tratar de alcanzar un objeto en movimiento o un niño dentro del automóvil, aplicar maquillaje, comer o beber, leer un mapa o ver la pantalla del sistema de navegación. Todos desvían nuestra atención de lo esencial... mantener nuestros ojos en el camino para llegar sanos y salvos.

Como Cristianos, es esencial que tengamos nuestra mirada puesta en Jesús, "el camino, la verdad y la vida" (Jn 14,6). Al igual que el conductor, es muy fácil que distracciones internas, tales como avaricia, drogadicción, alcohol, pornografía, juegos de azar y otras conductas inmorales, aparten nuestra mirada de Jesús. Sin embargo, la excesiva atención a cosas que son buenas, en sí mismas, o moralmente neutrales puede, también, desviar nuestra mirada de Jesús. ¿Si nuestro trabajo, nuestra afición, incluso nuestra devoción al deporte o a otra actividad, una buena causa o persona se convierte en lo más importante en nuestra vida, lo hemos convertido en nuestro Dios y nuestros ojos ya no están en Jesús?

Nos dejamos llevar fácilmente por la auto gratificación creyendo que nos traerá la felicidad que tanto anhelamos. El filósofo Blaise Pascal abordó esto en su libro clásico, *Pensamientos*. "¿Qué es, pues, lo que proclama esta avidez y esta impotencia, sino el que ha habido antaño en el hombre una verdadera felicidad, de la que no le queda ahora sino la señal y la huella vacía y que trata inútilmente de rellenar con todo lo que le rodea, buscando en las cosas ausentes el socorro que no obtiene en las presentes, pero que son, sin embargo, también incapaces, porque la sima infinita no puede llenarse más que por un objeto infinito e inmutable, es decir, por Dios mismo?"

Tengamos la mirada puesta en Jesús, el único y verdadero camino al Padre.

Information Page

Holy Family Quasi-Parish

020915

Date: Sept 18, 2011

Janis Hicks 903-744-7999

Transmission Date / Time Tuesday 12:00pm

Special Instructions