

Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 21, 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.



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Fr. Salvador Guzman, Pastor

Fr. Dominic Colangelo, 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

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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 29, 2017 10:00am
 First Friday Adoration

**Confirmation/
 Confirmacion**
March 31, 2017 Friday 7:00pm
 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	Rick O'Brien
Catherine Casterline	Stella West	Donald Tullier
Kevin Johns	Ruben Flores	Mary Pereyra
Rana-Gee Lum	Georgia Grisolia	Tony Grisolia
Theresa Powell	Dennis Pereyra	Steven Macias
Daniela Billalobas	Patrick O'Briant	Mark Brown

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 21

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

Monday, August 22

Tuesday, August 23

Wednesday, August 24

Thursday August 25

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

Friday August 26

Saturday August 27

***Bodas Comunitarias, si usted está viviendo en unión libre o casado por el civil solamente y quisiera regularizar su atrimonio por la iglesia, el Padre Salvador los invita a una junta el lunes, 29 de agosto a las 7pm en la iglesia. No se lo pierda ¡Los Esperamos!**

Weekly Attendance/Offerings

Attendance:	August 14, 2016	508
Offerings:	August 14, 2016	\$ 2,232.35
Building Fund:	August 14, 2016	\$ 1,387.75

Faith Formation Parents

Classes for K-4th: 10:15-11:15am
5th-8th: 1:30-2:45pm

In order to make your First Communion at 2nd grade your child must attend 1st grade.

In order to be Confirmed at 8th grade your child must have attended 7th grade.

Two years are required to receive these Sacraments per the Diocese.

It is of utmost importance to attend each year ,so your child is instructed in their Faith. Please stop by the office and register:

TODAY

If you are a first time in Holy Family's Program, please bring your child's Baptismal Certificate so we can make a copy for our files.

Fees: will be + \$5.00 for April 21st & 28th and late registration after that will be + \$10.00.

Prayer

Lord, lead me to proclaim your justice and join with all to see your glory.

Important Dates

RCIA: Tuesday September 13th at 7:30 pm.

Evening Bible Class: Wednesday September 14th at 7:30 pm.

Morning Bible Classes: Thursdays after 9:00 am Mass.

Adoration: First Fridays 6:00-8:00 pm.

Faith Formation Parents Meeting: Wednesday 14th at 6:00 pm **Mandatory** to pick up calendar and car tag.

Faith Formation classes start Sunday 18th:

K-4th grade 10:15-11:15 am

5th-8th grade 1:30-2:45 pm.

"SIS" Ladies Group: Day and time to be announced.

LIVE TODAY WELL

Today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and tomorrow a vision of hope.

—Kalidasa

NEW Hymnals on the Horizon!

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This is an exciting time for Holy Family. After weeks of careful research, our liturgy team has selected a new worship resource for our parish. In the near future, we will be using the OCP Glory & Praise Hymnals for Sunday Masses and other liturgies. Offering new songs as well as old favorites, it will be a very good fit for our community.

You don't have to be a great singer or musician to contribute to our worship program. You can "sponsor" one of our new hymnals for just \$16.00. Each sponsored hymnal will contain a bookplate that reads, "Given as a gift by _____ in the name of _____" or simply "Given as a gift by _____". Take this opportunity to honor loved ones or commemorate a special event by sponsoring a hymnal. The Hymnal is under consideration. Fr. Salvador Guzman our Pastor will be here on August 28th, at which time he wants to discuss the purchase of the Hymnals. He wants us to have an opportunity to consider the purchase, by reviewing this announcement in our Bulletin. Special donation envelopes will be available once the purchase has been approved by Fr. Salvador Guzman and our Parishioners. Additional money raised will go toward other resources for our music program.



HOLY DAY'S of OBLIGATION:

All Saint's Day November 1, 2016 is a Holy Day of Obligation it falls on a Tuesday this Year. Mass time for Holy Family has not been determined by our Pastor, it will be in the bulletin and announced from the Ambo.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception December 8, 2016 is a Holy Day of Obligation it falls on a Thursday this Year. When a Mass time for Holy Family has been determined by our Pastor it will be in the bulletin and announced from the Ambo.

Christmas, December 25, 2016 and the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary January 1, 2017 both fall on Sundays therefore our normal obligation will be fulfilled by our Sunday Mass attendance. Should a Vigil Mass be made available for either of these days you will also receive notice of the times.

This past week the Feast of the Assumption a day of obligation fell on a Monday. Our Diocese permits certain Holy Days of obligations that fall on Mondays or Fridays be fulfilled by your attendance on the Sunday after the Friday or before the Monday.

If you have any further questions referencing Holy Days of Obligation please see Janis Hicks. Blessings for 2016-2017

Fear

Unless you are already a full saint or a mystic, you will always live in some fear of death and the afterlife. That's simply part of being human. But we can, and must, move beyond our fear of God.

As a child, I lived with a lot of fear. I had a very active imagination and too-frequently imagined murderers under my bed, poisonous snakes slithering up my leg, deadly germs in my food, playground bullies looking for a victim, a hundred ways in which I could meet an accidental death, and threats of every kind lurking in the dark. As a child, I was often afraid: afraid of the dark, afraid of death, afraid of the afterlife, and afraid of God.

As I matured, so too did my imagination; it no longer pictured snakes hiding everywhere or murderers under my bed. I began to feel strong, in control, imagining the unknown, with its dark corners, more as opportunity for growth than as threat to life. But it was one thing to block out fear of snakes, murderers, and the dark. Not so easily did I overcome my fear of death, fear of the afterlife, and fear of God. These fears are the last demons to be exorcised, and that exorcism is never final, never completely done with. Jesus, himself, trembled in fear before death, before the unknown that faces us in death. But he didn't tremble in fear before God, the opposite in fact. As he faced death and the unknown, he was able give himself over to God, in childlike trust, like a child clinging to a loving parent, and that gave him the strength and courage to undergo an anonymous, lonely, and misunderstood death with dignity, grace, and forgiveness.

We need never be afraid of God. God can be trusted. But trust in God does include a healthy fear of God because one particular fear is part of the anatomy of love itself. Scripture says: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. But that fear, healthy fear, must be understood as a reverence, a loving awe, a love that fears disappointing. Healthy fear is love's fear, a fear of betraying, of not being faithful to what love asks of us in return for its gratuity. We aren't afraid of someone we trust, fearing that he or she will suddenly turn arbitrary, unfair, cruel, incomprehensible, vicious, unloving. Rather we are afraid about our own being worthy of the trust that's given us, not least from God.

But we must trust that God understands our humanity: God doesn't demand that we give him our conscious attention all of the time. God accepts the natural wanderings of our hearts. God accepts our tiredness and fatigue. God accepts our need for distraction and escape. God accepts that we usually find it easier to immerse ourselves in entertainment than to pray. And God even accepts our resistances to him and our need to assert, with pride, our own independence. Like a loving mother embracing a child that's kicking and screaming but needs to be picked up and held, God can handle our anger, self-pity, and resistance. God understands our humanity, but we struggle to understand what it means to be human before God. For many years, I feared that I was too immersed in the things of this world to consider myself a spiritual person, always fearing that God wanted more from me. I felt that I should be spending more time in prayer, but, too often, I'd end up too tired to pray, more interested in watching a sports event on television or more interested in sitting around with family, colleagues, or friends, talking about everything except spiritual things. For years, I feared that God wanted me to be more explicitly spiritual. He probably did! But, as I've aged, I've come to realize that being with God in prayer and being with God in heart is like being with a trusted friend. In an easeful friendship, friends don't spend most of their time talking about their mutual friendship. Rather they talk about everything: local gossip, the weather, their work, their children, their headaches, their heartaches, their tiredness, what they saw on television the night before, their favorite sports teams, what's happening in politics, and the jokes they've heard recently – though they occasionally lament that they should ideally be talking more about deeper things. Should they?

John of the Cross teaches that, in any longer-term friendship, eventually the important things begin to happen under the surface, and surface conversation becomes secondary. Togetherness, ease with each other, comfort, and the sense of being at home, is what we give each other then.

That's also true for our relationship with God. God made us to be human and God wants us, with all of our wandering weaknesses, to be in his presence, with ease, with comfort, and with the feeling that we are at home. Our fear of God can be reverence or timidity; the former is healthy, the latter is neurotic.

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

El infierno no es la desagradable sorpresa que le espera a una persona básicamente feliz. El infierno solo puede ser el fruto maduro del orgullo y la autosuficiencia que, a lo largo del tiempo, ha retorcido el corazón tan hasta el fondo hasta llegar a considerar la felicidad como infelicidad, y mantiene un arrogante desdén por la gente feliz. Si eres esencialmente una persona de buen corazón a este lado de la eternidad, no debes tener miedo a que una desagradable sorpresa te espere en el otro lado porque en algún lugar a lo largo del camino, sin saberlo, perdiste el rumbo y tu vida se volvió terriblemente equivocada.

Desafortunadamente, para muchos de nosotros, la predicación y la catequesis de nuestra juventud nos inculcó la idea de que uno podría perderse trágicamente sin saberlo y sin posibilidad de retorno. Podrías vivir tu vida sinceramente, con una esencial honestidad, relacionándote justamente con los demás, intentando dar lo mejor en la debilidad, teniendo algunas rachas de felicidad, y al final morir y descubrir que algún pecado o error que hubieras cometido, quizás sin saberlo, te podría condenar al infierno y sin ninguna posibilidad de arrepentimiento. El último segundo antes de tu muerte era la última oportunidad para cambiar las cosas, sin segundas oportunidades después de la muerte, sin imRonRolheiser,OMI portar cuanto podrías querer entonces el arrepentimiento. ¡Como un árbol cae así caerá! Fuimos instruidos para temer la muerte y el después.

Pero, sea cual fuere la efectividad práctica de tal concepto, porque pudiera hacerle a uno vacilar ante la tentación por el miedo al infierno, es algo esencialmente erróneo y no debería ser enseñado en nombre del cristianismo. ¿Por qué? Porque esta idea desmiente a Dios y las profundas verdades que Jesús reveló. Jesús enseñó que hay un infierno y que éste es una posibilidad para cada uno. Pero el infierno del que Jesús habla no es un lugar o estado donde uno implora por una última oportunidad, un sólo minuto más de vida para hacer un acto de contrición, y Dios lo rechaza. El Dios a quien Jesús encarna y revela es un Dios que está siempre abierto al arrepentimiento, siempre abierto a la contrición, y siempre esperando por nuestro retorno de nuestros pródigos vagabundos.

Con Dios nunca gastamos nuestras oportunidades. ¿Podrías imaginar a Dios mirando a un hombre o una mujer arrepentidos y diciendo: “¡Lo siento, por tí, pero es demasiado tarde! ¡Tuviste tu oportunidad! ¡No vengas pidiendo otra! Este no sería el Padre de Jesús.

E incluso, los evangelios pueden darnos esa impresión. Tenemos, por ejemplo, la famosa parábola del hombre rico que ignora al mendigo de su puerta, muere y acaba en el infierno, mientras que el mendigo, Lázaro, a quien ignoró, está ahora en el cielo, confortado en el seno de Abraham. Desde su tormento en el infierno, el hombre rico pide a Abraham que le envíe a Lázaro con algo de agua, pero Abraham responde que hay un abismo entre el cielo y el infierno y nadie puede cruzar de un lado al otro. Este texto, junto con las advertencias de Jesús sobre las puertas del banquete de bodas que se cierran de manera irrevocable, han dejado la comúnmente equivocada idea de que hay un punto de no retorno, que una vez en el infierno, es demasiado tarde para el arrepentimiento.

Pero esto no es lo que ni el texto ni Jesús enseña “al alertarnos sobre la urgencia del arrepentimiento”. El “inalcanzable abismo” aquí se refiere, entre otras cosas, a un abismo que permanece inalcanzable aquí en este mundo entre los ricos y los pobres. Y permanece inalcanzable por nuestra intransigencia, nuestros fallos en cambiar el corazón, nuestra falta de contrición, y no porque Dios pierda la paciencia y diga; “¡Suficiente! ¡No más oportunidades!”. Permanece inalcanzable porque habitualmente estamos tan estancados en nuestros caminos que somos incapaces de un cambio y un genuino arrepentimiento.

En la parábola de Jesús del hombre rico y Lázaro se dibuja un antiguo cuento judío que ilustra esta incapacidad: en paralelo a la parábola, Dios oye al rico pedir desde el infierno por una segunda oportunidad y se la otorga. El rico, ahora lleno de nuevos propósitos, vuelve a la vida, va inmediatamente al mercado, llena su carro de comida, y mientras va hacia su casa se encuentra con Lázaro en el camino. Lázaro pide un poco de pan. El rico salta de su carro para dárselo, pero, según saca una enorme hogaza de pan de su carro, su vieja manera de ser comienza a reafirmarse de nuevo. Y comienza a pensar: “¡Este hombre no necesita toda la hogaza! ¡Porqué no le doy simplemente una parte! ¡Y porque habría darle pan tierno, le daré algo de pan duro!” ¡Inmediatamente se encuentra a si mismo de vuelta en el infierno! No puede aún llenar el vacío.

Kathleen Dowling Singh admite que haciendo una serie de contracciones mentales creamos nuestro propio miedo a la muerte.



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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

Special Instructions