

First Sunday of Lent

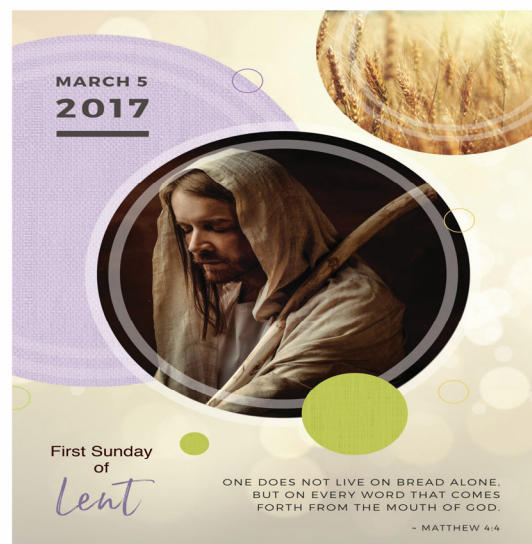
March 5, 2017

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. Eugene Azorji, 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

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| Delores Lopez | Barbara Heath | Ann Lageose |
| Tony Grisolia | Georgia Grisolia | |
| Natalie Clemens | Kimberly Coggeshall | Holley Tiemann |
| Mary Lou Raupach | Jesus Lara | Alberto Romero |
| Noel Rietman | Don Giebel | Clifford Lamb |
| Charlsye Estridge | Helen Buche | |

Weekly Attendance/Offerings		
Attendance:	February 26, 2017	682
Offerings:	February 26, 2017	\$ 2,480.27
Building Fund:	February 26, 2017	\$ 1,231.48

Announcements: Today in reference to the Lenten Schedule: Friday March 3rd Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm, followed by a Lenten message by a Deacon. **Adoration!**

soup & salad will be available and you may go into one of three class rooms where tables are available. Come join us!!

The remainder weeks of March will be Stations, talk by a Deacon followed by soup, salad, cheese, Crackers, perhaps cookies or brownies. We need volunteers to bring any of the above, Contact Zeb, Grand Knight of Council 16047. gennx5verizon.net Soup must be meatless feed about 30+. Salads by another person, crackers, or deserts by different individuals. Great opportunity to meet other members of the Parish. Thanks

Weekly Calendar

- Sunday, March 5**
 8:30 am Rosary
 9:00 am Mass English
 10:15-11:15 am Faith Formation
 12:00 pm Spanish Mass
 1:30-2:45 pm Faith Formation
- Monday, March 6**
- Tuesday, March 7**
 7:30 pm RCIA Class
- Wednesday, March 8**
 7:30 pm Evening Bible Class
- Thursday March 9**
 9:00am Mass - Bible Classes following Mass
 7:00 pm Youth Choir Practice
- Friday March 10**
 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross followed by Soup & Salad
- Saturday March 11**

It's time to collect CRS Rice Bowls!

PLEASE TAKE A RICE BOWL

This year, CRS Rice Bowl provides a path for Catholics in the United States to build, what Pope Francis calls "a culture of encounter".

According to Joan Rosenhauer, Executive Vice President of U.S. Operations for CRS "At a time when there is so much conflict in the world, this Lenten program gives people of all ages a way to respond to human suffering with compassion and action." **TAKE ONE HOME, Return by Palm Sunday**

RCIA

Phil Hunter our RCIA instructor has three people who will be receiving Baptism and / or Holy Communion and / or Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. As they are preparing for this let our Parish members remember them in their prayers as we welcome them as Catholics. Bless each of you.



5th Spring Fest scheduled for April 30, 2017. Time will be 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Money maker for our Building Fund. We always need “YOU” to volunteer! Our immediate need are items for the Raffle, Live Auction, and gift cards. We must complete the Raffle by March 12th. To date we have a 55” Vizio Television, a Vizio Sound Stand 2.1, a hand made Bead woven tapestry by Georgia Grisolia (36 colors with 54,740 beads), a HP Printer, a Tablet, and a Xbox One with extra controller. More items will make for a great Raffle Ticket Sale. If you have business contacts that would be willing to donate an item for the Raffle or Live Auction please take letters off the vestibule table to indicate the purpose of your request. Once again we will have the Grocery Wheel and boxes will be provided early April for you to fill for this popular game. Can drinks and 2 liter pop will be needed. However Your Help is “MOST” important. Remember all Funds earned go toward Building Funds. HELP

La Cena Pro-Vida del Obispo 24a Anual, 1 de abril: Obispo Edwards J. Burns le invita a la Cena Pro-Vida del Obispo anual el 1 de abril en el Hotel Omni Dallas. Este evento espectacular beneficia al Comité Católico Pro-Vida con Eric Metaxas, el autor popular, locutor de radio, y orador nacional. La tarde incluye una rifa, sorteos de vino y joyería, y una recepción privada a las 5:00 p.m., seguido por una cena sentada, una subasta en vivo y programa a las 6:30 p.m. Este evento recauda fondos críticos para salvar bebés, apoyar familias, proveer educación y facilitar sanación post-aborto. Reservaciones están a \$125 por un asiento individual, \$1,250 por una mesa de diez. Mesas de primera calidad con asientos de prioridad están disponibles desde \$2,500 y más. Boletos de la rifa para tener la oportunidad de ganar \$15,000 en tarjetas de regalo de MasterCard® ya están disponibles por \$30 cada uno, 4 por \$80 o 8 por \$125. Reservaciones de la cena se piden antes del 21 de marzo, 2017, después de esta fecha el precio aumentara a \$150. El cupo es limitado. Reservaciones se pueden hacer en prolifedallas.org/dinner o llámé al 972-237-5433. Auriculares en español estarán disponibles.

24th Annual Bishop's Pro-Life Dinner, April 1: Bishop Edward J. Burns invites you to the annual Bishop's Pro-Life Dinner on April 1st at the Omni Hotel Dallas. This spectacular event benefiting the Catholic Pro-Life Committee will feature best-selling author, radio host and national speaker Eric Metaxas. The evening will include a raffle, wine and jewelry pulls, and private reception at 5:00 p.m., followed by a seated banquet, live auction and program at 6:30 p.m. This event raises critical funds to save babies, support families, provide education and facilitate post-abortion healing. Reservations are \$125 for an individual seat, \$1,250 for a table of ten. Premium tables with priority seating start at \$2,500. Raffle tickets for a chance to win \$15,000 in MasterCard® gift cards are available now for \$30 each, 4 for \$80 and 8 for \$125. Dinner reservations are requested by March 21, 2017, after which the price increases to \$150. Seating is limited. Reservations may be made at prolifedallas.org/dinner or call 972-267-LIFE (5433). Spanish translation headsets available.

There's an axiom which says: Nothing feels better than virtue. There's a deep truth here, but it has an underside. When we do good things we feel good about ourselves. Virtue is indeed its own reward, and that's good. However, feeling righteous can soon enough turn into feeling self-righteous. Nothing feels better than virtue; but self-righteousness feels pretty good too.

We see this famously expressed in Jesus' parable of the Pharisee and the Publican. The Pharisee is practicing virtue, his actions are exactly what they should be, but what this produces in him is not humility, nor a sense of his need for God and mercy, but self-righteousness and a critical judgment of others. So too for all of us, we easily become the Pharisee: Whenever we look at another person who's struggling and say, There but for the grace of God go I, our seeming humble gratitude can indicate two very different things. It can be expressing a sincere thanks for having been undeservedly blessed or can just as easily be expressing a smug self-righteousness about our own sense of superiority.

Classical spiritual writers like John of the Cross, when talking about the challenges we face as walk the way of discipleship, speak about something they call: The faults of those who are beyond initial conversion. What they highlight is this: We are never free from struggle with sin. As we mature, sin simply takes on ever more subtle modalities inside us. For example, before initial maturity, what we've classically called the seven deadly sins (pride, greed, envy, lust, anger, gluttony, and sloth) express themselves in us in ways that are normally pretty crass and overt. We see this in children, in adolescents, and in the immature. For them, pride is plainly pride, jealousy is jealousy, selfishness is selfishness, lust is lust, and anger is anger. There's nothing subtle or hidden here, the fault is out in the open.

But as we overcome these sins in their crasser forms they invariably take on more subtle forms in our lives. So that now, for instance, when we're humble, we become proud and self-righteous in our humility. Witness: Nobody can be more smug and judgmental than a new convert or someone in first fervor.

But sin too has its complexities. Some of our naïve ideas about sin and humility also needed to be critically examined. For example, we sometimes nurse the romantic notion that sinners are humble, aware of their need for forgiveness, and open to God. In fact, as a generalization, this is true for the gospels. As Jesus was preaching, it was the Pharisees that struggled more with his person and message, whereas the sinners, the tax collectors and prostitutes, were more open to him. So this can pose a question: Does sin, more than virtue, make us aware of our need for God?

Yes, when the sin is honest, humble, admitted, and contrite or when our wrong actions are the result of being wounded, taken advantage of, or exploited. Not all sin is born morally equal: There's honest sin and dishonest sin.

As human beings, we're weak and lack the moral strength to always act according to what's best in us. Sometimes we just succumb to temptation, to weakness. Sin needs no explanation beyond this: We're human! Sometimes too, people are caught in sinful situations which are really not of their own making. They've been abused, made to live in sinful circumstances not of their own choosing, are victims of trafficking, are victims of unjust familial or social situations, or are too-deeply wounded to actualize their own moral faculties. In situations like this, wrong action is a question of survival not of free choice. As one woman described it to me: "I was simply a dog, biting in order not to be bitten." In these cases, generally, beneath an understandably hardened, calloused surface lies a still innocent heart that clearly knows its need for God's mercy. There's such a thing as honest sin.

But there's also sin that's not honest, that's rationalized, that's forever buffered by a pride that cannot admit its own sinfulness. The result then, most often, is a hardened, bitter, judgmental soul. When sin is rationalized, bitterness will invariably follow, accompanied by a hatred towards the kind of virtue from which it has fallen. When we rationalize, our moral DNA will not let itself be fooled. It reacts and punishes us by having us hate ourselves. And, when someone hates himself, that hatred will issue forth in a hatred of others and, more particularly, in a hatred of the exact virtue from which he has fallen. For example, it's no accident that a lot of people having adulterous affairs have a particular cynicism towards chastity.

Finding ourselves as weak and sinful can soften our hearts, make us humble, and open us to receive God's mercy. It can also harden our souls and make us bitter and judgmental. Not every sinner prays like the Publican.

Virtue makes us grateful. Sin makes us humble.

That's true. Sometimes.

5th de Marzo

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Luego de una larga peregrinación, una imagen de Cristo llegó al pueblo de Esquipulas, Guatemala, el 9 de marzo de 1595. Dicha imagen negra de Cristo crucificado fue esculpida por Quirio Cataño a pedido de los habitantes del pueblo recién evangelizado.

En 1595, la recién esculpida estatua de Cristo iba rumbo a su destino, pero por cada pueblo que pasaba la gente pedía que lo dejaran una noche para que los fieles pudieran admirarla y rendirle culto a Cristo. Por tanto, la imagen tardó varios meses en llegar a su destino final.

Recientemente, una réplica del Cristo Negro de Esquipulas también tuvo problemas en llegar a su destino. Dicha copia, hecha en Guatemala para la comunidad guatemalteca de Los Ángeles, California, tuvo problemas al cruzar la frontera entre México y Estados Unidos, ya que las autoridades de inmigración no permitieron pasarla por falta de documentos. Los fieles no tuvieron otra opción que pasarla, a precio de “mordidas” y a escondidas, por lo cual se le llama el Cristo “Mojado” de Esquipulas. Cristo tuvo que entrar en este país como muchos inmigrantes latinos, a escondidas.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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Cosieron, pues, unas hojas de higuera, y se hicieron unos taparrabos. (Génesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Sal 19 (18):8-10, 15;

Mt 25:31-46

Martes: Is 55:10-11; Sal 34 (33):4-7, 16-19;

Mt 6:7-15

Miércoles: Jon 3:1-10; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 12-13, 18-19;

Lc 11:29-32

Jueves: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Sal 138 (137):1-3,

7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Viernes: Ez 18:21-28; Sal 130 (129):1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Sábado: Dt 26:16-19; Sal 119 (118):1-2, 4-5, 7-8;

Mt 5:43-48

Domingo: Gn 12:1-4a; Sal 33 (32):4-5, 18-20, 22;

2 Tim 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

EL AMOR Y LAS OBRAS

Dios no quiere nuestras obras, sino el amor que las inspira.

—Sta Teresa de Ávila

Information Page

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