

Sixth Sunday of Easter

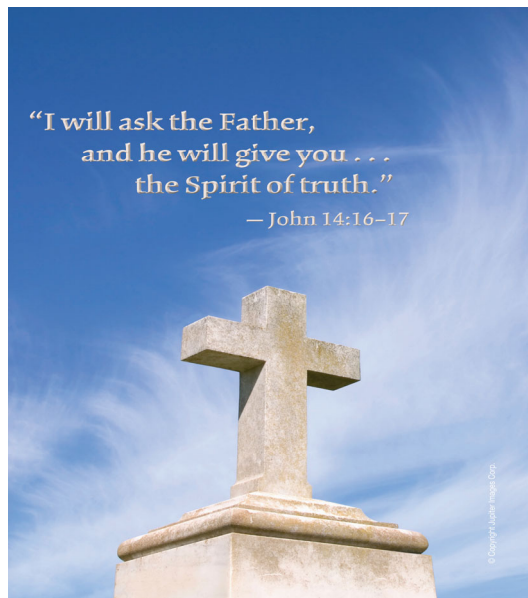
May 21, 2017

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.



“I will ask the Father,
and he will give you . . .
the Spirit of truth.”
— John 14:16-17

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Van Alstyne TX, 75495

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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

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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 2018
 First Friday Adoration**

**Confirmation/
 Confirmacion
 TBA 2018
 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 (5/21/17)

Tony Grisolia	Georgia Grisolia	Barbara Heath
Ann Lageose Thomas	Andrea Thomas	Sara Carrieri
Chris Hayes	Mary Casterline	

Pray for the Repose of the Souls of deceased members of Holy Family and their Relatives:

Weekly Attendance/Offerings

Attendance:	May 14, 2017	574
Offerings:	May 14, 2017	\$ 2,826.40
Building Fund:	May 14, 2017	\$ 1,054.52
Trinity Dome	May 14, 2017	\$ 129.00

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 21

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

Monday May 22

Tuesday, May 23

Wednesday, May 24

7:30 pm Bible Class

Thursday May 25

9:00 am Mass Bible Class Immediately Following

7:00 pm Youth Choir Practice

Friday May 26

7:00pm Adult Spanish Choir

Saturday May 27

2017 Festival Success

Building Fund Increase: \$ 14,149.50

Thanks to Zeb Genn and Company

Thanks to All Volunteers

Thanks to All Food Vendors

Thanks to all Game Leaders

Thanks to the Youth Helpers

Thanks to Drink Suppliers

Thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Parent for the Candy

Thanks to Ken Matuszak for stage

Thanks to all Top Raffle ticket sales

Thanks to all who donated Raffle Items

Thanks to all guest who came

THANKS -THANKS - THANKS

Welcome to all Visitors and New Members

In your previous Parish you may have had a Group that you enjoyed being a part of or perhaps, other programs that you may miss. If so take the time to stop by the suggestion box located on the vestibule table and leave a note, name & phone #. Our Parish is always open for growth. Do you want to be a Catechist, an Aide, join in being an usher, Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Sacristan, an Altar Server, Choir member, or mower. Please stop by the office and the leader of any of the above will be pointed out to you. Safe Environment is required and you are encouraged to go to our Web Site, fill out an application. If you are attending regularly and want to become a Registered Member there is a legal Envelope with an application in it. Hope to meet you soon at THE SOCIAL.

Holy Family Mother's were Blessed by the MFCC Spanish Marriage Group. They treated each Mother like a Queen by giving each lady a Gift of a Beautiful Rose on Mother's Day.

God Bless Each of You for your thoughtfulness.

Brief History of Our Lady of Fatima

This year, the Catholic Church celebrates the 100-year anniversary of the events at the Cova da Iria area of Fatima, Portugal, witnessed by three shepherd children who reported that they saw visions of Mary beginning on May 13, 1917, and then again on the 13th day of five subsequent months.

While tending sheep in a field, Lucia dos Santos and her two younger cousins, Blesses Francisco and Jacinta Marto, reported seeing a woman dressed in all white, "more brilliant than the sun, shedding rays of light clearer and stronger than a crystal glass filled with the most sparkling water and pierced by the burning rays of the sun." Calling herself "Our Lady of the Rosary," Mary asked the children to pray the Rosary daily for the conversion of sinners. She asked for prayer, penance, and the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart.

On October 13, 1930, Bishop Jose Alves Correia da Silva of the Diocese of Leiria-Fatima announced the results of the investigative commission and formally approved the apparitions. Every pope thereafter has recognized these events and has emphasized the importance of Our Lady of Fatima and the devotion to her Immaculate Heart.

The most spectacular of the apparitions was the sixth and final one on October 13, 1917, when Mary appeared with St. Joseph. A crowd of 70,000 witnessed the sun dance, spin, display in various colors and descend on them, drying their rain-soaked clothes and the land. The sun miracle was reported by people as far as 40 miles away.

Due to the 1918 influenza epidemic, the two younger children did not live long beyond the apparition events. Francisco, ten, requested his first Communion on his deathbed and passed away the following day, April 4, 1919. Jacinta died on February 20, 1920, at age nine after an unsuccessful operation for an abscess in her chest.

Lucia became a postulant at the convent of the Institute of the Sisters of St. Dorothy at Pontevedra, Spain, but later entered the Carmelite convent in Coimbra, Portugal, where she remained until her death in 2005.

Mary had given the children a secret in three parts. The first was a vision of hell. She also spoke of impending war and the need for the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart; otherwise, communist Russia would "spread her errors throughout the world."

On May 13, 2000, St. John Paul II, at the end of Mass in Fatima with Sister Lucia in attendance, authorized Cardinal Angelo Sodano, Vatican secretary of state, to make a statement regarding the third secret of Fatima, where he related the image of a "bishop clothed in white" getting shot.

After the assassination attempt by Mehmet Ali Agca of Turkey on St. John Paul II in St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981 (feast of Our Lady of Fatima), the pope believed that the secret applied to that event.

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The next year, he took a bullet fragment that had entered his body and had it placed in the crown of the famed statue of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal. Sister Lucia herself indicated that she agreed with this interpretation as a prophetic vision of the struggle of atheistic communism against Christianity and the sufferings of those persecuted for their faith.

That day, St. John Paul II made the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima universal by including it in the Roman Missal and beatified the two deceased seers, Jacinta and Francisco. When canonized, they will become the youngest non-martyred saints in church history.

In 2008, Pope Benedict XVI lifted the normal five-year waiting period to begin the canonization process of Sister Lucia dos Santos who died at age 97 in 2005.

Fatima has become an important place of pilgrimage with five million people per year coming to the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary, the construction of which began in 1928.

This 100th year of the Fatima apparitions is cause for great joy and celebration, as are anniversaries of any of the very rare, highly approved, and celebrated examples of the miracles found in the Catholic Church. Lourdes, Guadalupe, Divine Mercy, and the Sacred Heart of Jesus visions of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque are examples with papal recognition, canonized visionaries, basilicas, and feast days on the Roman calendar.

It must be remembered by the faithful, however, that these events belong to private revelation as opposed to public revelation, which is meant for all people for all time and has been completed by Christ.

When giving approval to such spectacular supernatural events, the competent authority—normally the local bishop—is declaring that they are “worthy of belief.”

Catholics are under no obligation to place their belief in such occurrences and may choose to incorporate them into their lives of faith as they wish.

Whatever the significance of the Fatima apparitions for each us personally, the 100-year anniversary of these apparitions is a reminder of the central message of the Gospels, calling us to conversion and bringing us closer to Christ.

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O’Neill is the author of “Exploring the Miraculous,” creator of the website [Miracle Hunter.com](http://MiracleHunter.com) and producer of the new EWTN series “They Might Be Saints,” available on TheyMightBeSaints.com.

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Se afirma que Dorothy Day indicó una vez: No me llaméis santa. ¡No quiero ser desechada tan fácilmente! Una nueva biografía sobre ella escrita por su nieta Kate Hennessy (Dorothy Day – El mundo será salvado por la belleza: Un retrato íntimo de mi abuela), andará -creo yo- un largo camino previniendo a alguien de convertir a Dorothy Day -que pronto será canonizada por la iglesia- en lo que ella se temía, una santa de escayola que puede ser piadosamente idolatrada y luego no ser tomada en serio.

A todos nosotros -estoy seguro- nos es familiar la persona de Dorothy Day y aquello sobre lo que fue el trabajo de su vida. Por cierto que el papa Francisco, dirigiéndose al Congreso de Estados Unidos, escogió a cuatro americanos que -sugiere él- conectaron la espiritualidad a la vida de servicio de una manera extraordinaria: Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton y Dorothy Day. Esta nueva biografía nos da un fiel retrato de quién fue, de hecho, esta maravillosa mujer.

Este libro es extraordinario por varias razones: Kate Hennessy es una escritora muy buena, el libro es el producto de años de investigación, ella es nieta de Dorothy y tuvo una relación muy estrecha y especial con su abuela, y consigue, al contar la historia de Dorothy, mantener una distancia sanamente crítica y a la vez estética. Su visión es privilegiada y también rara; privilegiada por su íntima relación con Dorothy, y rara porque la mayoría de los autores que están tan íntimamente atados a su asunto no pueden mantener una distancia crítica equilibrada. Hennessy admite que hacer esto no fue un atarea fácil: "Ese es el peligro de a santidad en el peldaño de tu propia puerta, en tu propia familia. Tanto si no puedes verlo porque la vista es demasiado cercana, como si lo haces, sientes que no tienes una ocasión de ser la persona que ella fue. Sientes que es una lástima que estés emparentada".

Y esa combinación contribuye a un extraordinario libro que nos permite ver un lado de Dorothy Day que nunca veríamos de otro modo. Más allá de esta cercanía de Dorothy Day, Hennessy cuenta historias sobre algunas de las personas claves que rodearon a Dorothy: Su relación con el hombre que fue el padre de su hija, Forster Buttermann, con el que mantuvo una amistad de por vida. La biografía de Hennessy deshace el mito de que, con su conversión, Dorothy dio fríamente y para siempre la espalda a este hombre. No es cierto. Ellos siempre mantuvieron cercanas sus vidas; y Forster, hasta la muerte de ella, continuó siendo compañero íntimo y fiel sostén.

Central también a esta biografía es la historia de la hija de Dorothy, Tamar, la cual, aun cuando es vitalmente importante en la vida de Dorothy, está injustamente ausente en todo que de hecho se conoce sobre Dorothy en la opinión popular. La historia de Tamar, que guarda su propia riqueza y no es ajena a la historia del Catholic Worker (El Obrero Católico), es decisiva para entender a Dorothy Day. No hay comprensión de Dorothy sin la comprensión de la historia de su hija y la de sus nietos. Para entender a Dorothy Day también se tiene que verla como madre y abuela.

Hennessy cuenta cómo, cuando fueron abiertos sus diarios algunos años después de la muerte de Dorothy, Tamar estaba al principio amargamente resistente a tener que desprenderse de ellos para su publicación y cómo esa resistencia sólo fue superada gracias al hombre que los transcribió, Robert Ellsberg. La familia y la misma Tamar se dieron cuenta de que su resistencia estaba basada en el hecho de que los diarios mismos de Dorothy eran injustos en su omisión de la historia de Tamar y el papel de su historia en un relato más extenso de la vida, trabajo y legado de Dorothy.

El libro es una historia también de algunas de las personas que jugaron un papel clave en fundar el Catholic Worker: Peter Maurin, Stanley Vishnewski y Ade Bethune.

Esta no es una historia que siga el clásico género para enaltecer las vidas de los santos, donde la forma es con frecuencia exagerada para destacar la esencia, y el resultado es una sobre-idealización que coloca al santo en un icono. Hennessy destaca que la fe de Dorothy no fue una fe que nunca dudó y que anduvo sobre el agua. De lo que Dorothy nunca dudó fue de que la fe nos llama a la hospitalidad, la no-violencia y al servicio a los pobres. En estas cosas, Dorothy estaba suficientemente centrada en el solo propósito de ser una santa y eso lo manifestaba en su obstinada perseverancia, de modo que al fin ella podía decir: "Cuanta más edad tengo, más siento que la fidelidad y la perseverancia son las virtudes más grandes – aceptando el sentido de fracaso que todos nosotros debemos tener en nuestro trabajo y en el trabajo de otros que están nuestro alrededor, ya que Cristo fue el mayor fracaso del mundo".

Dicho eso, su vida fue desordenada, muchos de sus proyectos estuvieron frecuentemente en crisis, estuvo siempre desbordada; y, en palabras de su nieta: "Era impetuosa, dictatorial, controladora, crítica y con frecuencia airada, y ella lo sabía. Eso le costó al Catholic Worker, su propia creación, difundir sus teorías".

Esta es una hagiografía como debería escribirse. Cuenta la historia de cómo una verdadera persona humana, puesta al corriente de las flaquezas, debilidades y confusión que nos acosan a todos, puede, como santa Brígida, echar su manto sobre un rayo de sol y verlo extenderse hasta que trae abundancia y belleza al campo entero.

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