

Twenty - First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27, 2017

Holy Family Catholic Church

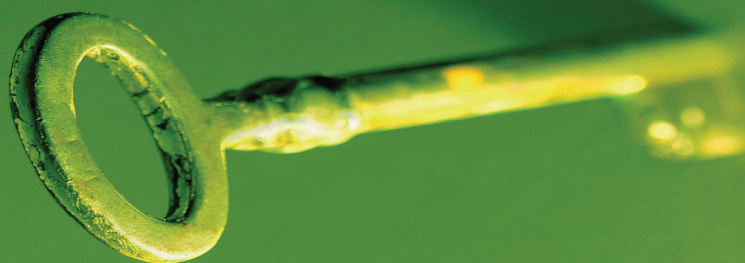
ESTABLISHED IN 1980 * 919 SPENCE RD., VAN ALSTYNE, TX. 75495

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.

*“Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”*

— Matthew 16:19



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Mass Schedule/Misa Dominical

Sunday: 9:00 am - English Mass

12:00 pm - Spanish Misa

Thursday: 9:00 am - Daily Mass

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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 14, 2018 10:00 am
 First Friday Adoration

**Confirmation/
 Confirmacion**
March 17, 2018 10:00 am
 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)

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| Tony Grisolia | Georgia Grisolia | Barbara Heath |
| Ann Lageose Thomas | Andrea Thomas | Sara Carrieri |
| Chris Hayes | Brooke Roberts | Dottie Izzi |
| Deborah Grisolia | Audrey Benson | Rita Yzquierdo |
| Joan Polus | Karen Connor | Frank Connor |
| Holley Hartley Tiemann | | |

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

Weekly Attendance/Offerings

Attendance :	August 20, 2017	531
Assumption: (163)	August 15, 2017	\$ 389.50
Offerings:	August 20, 2017	\$ 3,039.03
Building	August 20, 2017	\$ 1,377.00

Friday September 1, 2017

Adoration

6:00-8:00 pm

Spend Some Time With The Lord

TODAY at 10:20-11:45 am

Catechist, Aides, Monitors and Substitutes

A meeting for the 2017-2018 Faith Formation Year

Grab Coffee, Juice, Fruit and Goodies come to the North side and lets share ideas for a great year!

ONLY ONE

God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.

—St. Augustine

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 27

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

Monday August 28

Tuesday, August 29

7:00 pm Feast of the Assumption Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, August 30

Thursday August 31

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

Friday September 1

7:15pm Adult Spanish Choir
 6:00 -8:00 pm Adoration

Saturday September 2

1:00 pm Wedding

Are we going to have a Spring Festival in 2018?? If so we need a leader to step up and call for a meeting to set the date, time and get committees organized. Volunteer if you want it to be successful. Raffle's, food, games & / or open for new ideas. Drop Yes or no in box on vestibule table.

TWO weeks this message has been in our Bulletin no one has replied Yes or No. Small yellow strips of paper are available by box. **September 2nd** will be the final day for your decision. It's time to make a decision on a money making function for our Parish. All suggestions are welcomed.

HAPPY PEOPLE

The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything.

—Anonymous

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Father of all,
Creator and ruler of the universe,
You entrusted your world to us as a gift.
Help us to care for it and all people,
that we may live in right relationship--
with You,
with ourselves,
with one another,
and with creation.

Christ our Lord,
both divine and human,
You lived among us and died for our sins.
Help us to imitate your love for the human family
by recognizing that we are all connected—
to our brothers and sisters around the world,
to those in poverty impacted by environmental devastation,
and to future generations.

Holy Spirit,
giver of wisdom and love,
You breathe life in us and guide us.
Help us to live according to your vision,
stirring to action the hearts of all—
individuals and families,
communities of faith,
and civil and political leaders.

Triune God, help us to hear the cry of those in poverty, and the
cry of the earth, so that we may together care for our common
home.

Amen.

North Texas Givers are so SWEET!

Please mark your calendars for 9/14/17 to support the Catholic Pro-Life Committee on North Texas Giving Day -- when our community GETS UP TO GIVE for their favorite causes.

On Thursday, September 14, from 6 a.m. to midnight, you can donate here to support our life-saving, life-changing ministries.

Not available on September 14? No worries! You can schedule your gift for the CPLC in advance between Sept. 7 and Sept. 13.

Want to make your gift in person? Come visit our office from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and enjoy some sweet treats, door prizes, drawings and a chance to give the Gift of Life!

Padre de todos,
creador y gobernante del universo,
nos confiaste tu mundo a nosotros como un don.
Ayúdanos a cuidar de él y de todas las personas,
para que vivamos en relación correcta:
contigo,
con nosotros mismos,
entre nosotros,
y con la creación.

Cristo nuestro Señor,
tanto divino como humano,
viviste entre nosotros y moriste por nuestros pecados.
Ayúdanos a imitar tu amor por la familia humana
reconociendo que todos estamos conectados,
a nuestros hermanos y hermanas de todo el mundo,
a los que viven en pobreza impactados por la devastación
ambiental,
y a las generaciones futuras.

Espíritu Santo,
dador de sabiduría y de amor,
infundes vida en nosotros y nos guías.
Ayúdanos a vivir de acuerdo a tu visión,
moviendo a la acción los corazones de todos,
individuos y familias,
comunidades de fe,
y líderes civiles y políticos.

Dios Uno y Trino, ayúdanos a escuchar el clamor de los que
viven en pobreza, y el clamor de la tierra, para que juntos
cuidemos de nuestra casa común.

Amén.

IMPRESSIONABLE

When we try to make an impression, that's exactly the impression we make.

—Anonymous

IMPRESIONABLE

Cuando tratamos de causar impresión, es exactamente la impresión lo que causamos. —Anónimo

GENTE FELIZ

La gente más feliz no necesariamente tiene lo mejor de todo. Simplemente le sacan lo mejor a todo.

—Anónimo

I don't always find it easy to pray. Often I'm over-tired, distracted, caught-up in tasks, pressured by work, short on time, lacking the appetite for prayer, or more strongly drawn to do something else. But I do pray daily; despite the fact that I often don't want to and despite the fact that many times prayer can be boring and uninteresting. I pray daily because I'm committed to a number of rituals for prayer, the office of the Church, lauds and vespers, the Eucharist, and daily meditation.

And these rituals serve me well. They hold me, keep me steady, and keep me praying regularly even when, many times, I don't feel like praying. That's the power of ritual. If I only prayed when I felt like it, I wouldn't pray very regularly.

Ritual practice keeps us doing what we should be doing (praying, working, being at table with our families, being polite) even when our feelings aren't always onside. We need to do certain things not because we always feel like doing them, but because it's right to do them.

And this is true for many areas of our lives, not just for prayer. Take, for example, the social rituals of propriety and good manners that we lean on each day. Our heart isn't always in the greetings or the expressions of love, appreciation, and gratitude that we give to each other each day. We greet each other, we say goodbye to each other, we express love for each other, and we express

gratitude to each other through a number of social formulae, ritual words: Good morning! Good to see you! Have a great day! Have a great evening! Sleep well! Nice meeting you! Nice to work with you! I love you! Thank you!

We say these things to each other daily, even though we have to admit that there are times, many times, when these expressions appear to be purely formal and seem not at all honest to how we are feeling at that time. Yet we say them and they are true in that they express what lies in our hearts at a deeper level than our more momentary and ephemeral feelings of distraction, irritation, disappointment, or anger. Moreover these words hold us in civility, in good manners, in graciousness, in neighborliness, in respect, and in love despite the fluctuations in our energy, mood, and feelings. Our energy, mood, and feelings, at any given moment, are not a true indication of what's in our hearts, as all of us know and frequently need to apologize for. Who of us has not at some time been upset and bitter towards someone who we love deeply? The deep truth is that we love that person, but that's not what we're feeling at the moment.

If we only expressed affection, love, and gratitude at those times when our feelings were completely onside, we wouldn't express these very often. Thank God for the ordinary, social rituals which hold us in love, affection, graciousness, civility, and good manners at those times when our feelings are out of sorts with our truer selves. These rituals, like a sturdy container, hold us safe until the good feelings return.

Today, in too many areas of life, we no longer understand ritual. That leaves us trying to live our lives by our feelings; not that feelings are bad, but rather that they come upon us as wild, unbidden guests. Iris Murdoch asserts that our world can change in fifteen seconds because we can fall in love in fifteen seconds. But we can also fall out of love in fifteen seconds! Feelings work that way! And so we cannot sustain love, marriage, family, friendship, collegial relationships, and neighborliness by feelings. We need help. Rituals can help sustain our relationships beyond feelings.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer used to give this instruction to a couple when he was officiating at their wedding. He would tell them: Today you are in love and you believe that your love can sustain your marriage. But it can't. However your marriage can sustain your love. Marriage is a not just a sacrament, it's also a ritual container.

Ritual not only can help sustain a marriage, it can also help sustain our prayer lives, our civility, our manners, our graciousness, our humor, our gratitude, and our balance in life. Be wary of anyone who in the name of psychology, love, or spirituality tells you that ritual is empty and you must rely on your energy, mood, and feelings as your guiding compass. They won't carry you far.

Daniel Berrigan once wrote: Don't travel with anyone who expects you to be interesting all the time. On a long journey there are bound to be some boring stretches. John of the Cross echoes this when talking about prayer. He tells us that, during our generative years, one of the biggest problems we will face daily in our prayer is simple boredom.

And so we can be sure our feelings won't sustain us, but ritual practices can.

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“Praise be to you, my Lord.”

“LAUDATO SI’, mi’ Signore” – “Praise be to you, my Lord.” These are the words that open Pope Francis’ encyclical on ecology and care for God’s creation. These words, quoting St. Francis of Assisi’s beautiful canticle, remind us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us.

Pope Francis addresses Laudato Si’ to “every person on the planet,” for we all share a common home—the earth. He focuses on a number of important themes.

- A Moral and Spiritual Challenge.** The ecological crisis, Pope Francis writes, is a summons to profound interior conversion—to renew our relationships with God, one another, and the created world.
- Care for God’s Creation.** God created the world and entrusted it to us as a gift. Now we have the responsibility to care for and protect it and all people, who are part of creation. Protecting human dignity is strongly linked to care for creation.
- We are All Connected.** We are connected to the rest of the human family, to the created world, and to those who will come after us in future generations.
- Impact on the Poor.** People in poverty have contributed least to climate change, yet they are disproportionately impacted by it. As a result of excessive use of natural resource by wealthy nations, those who are poor experience pollution, lack of access to clean water, hunger, and more.
- Called to Solidarity.** We are one human family and have a shared responsibility for others and for creation. Wealthy countries have a responsibility to reduce consumption of non-renewal resources and should help poorer nations develop in sustainable ways.
- Technological and economic development must serve human beings and enhance human dignity,** instead of creating an economy of exclusion, so that all people have access to what is needed for authentic human development.
- Supporting Life, Protecting Creation.** Concern for nature is incompatible with failure to protect vulnerable human beings, such as unborn children, people with disabilities, or victims of human trafficking.
- A Time to Act.** Pope Francis calls for a change in lifestyle and consumption. We can make important changes as individuals, families, and communities, and as civil and political leaders.
- Hope and Joy.** “Injustice is not invincible” (no. 74) and we act knowing that we seek to live out God’s vision of renewed relationships with God, ourselves, one another, and creation.

How You Can Respond

Each of us are called to take concrete steps – from reducing consumption to working for political change.

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Transmission Date / Time Tuesday 12:00pm

Special Instructions