

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 19, 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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***Well done, my good and faithful servant.
Since you were faithful in small matters,
I will give you great responsibilities.
Come, share your master's joy.***

Matthew 25:21

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Fr. Eugene Azorji, Pastoral Administrator

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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)

Vigil Mass Saturday - 7:00pm (Spanish)

Sunday Masses / Misa Dominical

Sunday 8:00am & 11:30am)

Domingo 9:30am & 2:00pm

Weekday Masses

Mon., Wed, & Fri 8:00am

Confessions Thursday

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Saturday 3:30- 4:30pm

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)

Tony Grisolia	Rita Yzquierdo	Carol Park
Lucas Chappel	Lucy Greenwood	Johanna Kroger
Ruben Villarreal	Joe Sanchez	Kimberly Coggeshall
Ann Thomas	Sandra Heath	Andrea Thomas
Deborah Grisolia	Chris Hayes	Norma Arzola
Denise Wood		

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

Weekly Attendance/Offerings

Attendance :	November 12, 2017	614
Offerings:	November 12, 2017	\$ 2,694.25
Building	November 12 2017	\$ 1,032.27
Catholic Charities	November 12. 2017	\$ 528.00

THE GAP

It's interesting that there is such a huge gap between advice and help. —Anonymous

Holy Family Finance Committee

Voting Members are: Bob Corcoran, Kenneth Durbin, Bob Kroeger, Sarah Stanley, and Gary Yesavage.

Pastoral representative: Jim Rountree non-voting.

Fr. Eugene Azorji, Pastor, Fr. Juan Carlos Marin Vicar Parochial and Janis Hicks Staff.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 19

8:30 am Rosary
 9:00 am Mass English
 10:15 - 11:15 am Faith Formation K thru 3rd
 12:00 pm Spanish Mass
 1:30 - 2:45pm Faith Formation 4th - Confirmation

Monday November 20

Tuesday, November 21

NO RCIA Classes

Wednesday, November 22

NO Bible Classes

Thursday November 23

Happy Thanksgiving

9:00 am Mass

NO Youth Choir Practice

Friday November 24

7:00 pm NO Adult Choir tonight

Saturday November 25

11:00 am Quince

1:00 pm Quince

Volunteers

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir, Ushers, Altar Servers, Catechists, Aides, Monitors, Social Host, Bible Class Leaders, RCIA Instructor, Youth Leaders, Mowers, Rosary Leaders, Adoration Leaders, Baptism Leaders,

Special maintenance repair

Volunteers (Plumbing, Electrical Specialist)

First Sunday Youth Involvement for

Ushering and Lecturing. A special thanks to

Rodolfo Andrade and Lino Hernandez for

repairing Kitchen water flow and the

Restrooms, The Young Men from the Yout

cleaned Up last Sundays disaster .

All volunteers are Special. THANKS

Miscellaneous

WISDOM

We consider wisdom today. The first reading from the book of Wisdom presents this precious gift as a feminine spirit, a very desirable virtue sought by many and graciously present to all who seek her. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable to illustrate wisdom in a practical, measurable way. The wise will conserve their resources, use them prudently, and mark the passing of time. The foolish, on the other hand, not planning ahead, will be in the dark. Both of these readings tell us how accessible wisdom is to all who simply and honestly seek it.

Paul's words to the Thessalonians are not about wisdom, but describe one result of true wisdom: To the wise person of faith even death holds no terror. Our faith in Jesus' resurrection tells us we will all one day rise to new life in Christ. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Statement on the Sutherland Springs Church Shooting and Church Safety

Today we continue to pray for all those impacted by the tragic mass shooting at Sutherland Springs First Baptist Church.

In light of this tragic event, Bishop Edward J. Burns has asked that parishes in the Diocese of Dallas consider appropriate safety measures, including the removal of all signs prohibiting the concealed carry of firearms on campus to eliminate any perception that any of our parishes would be an easy target for terror.

But let us be clear, the policy of prohibiting the open or concealed possession of firearms at our parishes still stands. Bishop Burns is in consultation with others as to how to address safety measures for our parishioners.

It is the goal of the Diocese of Dallas to provide a safe environment for all our parishioners and guests to worship and exercise our faith free from fear. Bishop Burns will ask parishes to consider additional safety measures for large parish gatherings.

May God the Great Comforter bring peace and healing to the wounded and loved ones of all the victims.

Día de Sanación de Proyecto José en español,
2 de diciembre: Proyecto José es la oportunidad que cambiará la vida a los hombres quienes luchan con el dolor emocional y espiritual después del aborto provocado. Este día de sanación es un proceso único y efectivo diseñado específicamente para ayudar a los hombres a recibir la compasión y la misericordia de Dios. No continúe viviendo con el dolor, coraje, remordimiento, o vergüenza. ¡La esperanza y la sanación le esperan! Para más información, visite projectjosephdallas.org o conctate: sanación@projectjosephdallas.org o llamada o texto al número: 469-416-2101. Todo contacto es estrictamente confidencial. SABIDURÍA

NO PUEDO HACER NADA

Empecé cosas con no más que el precio de una hogaza de pan y oraciones, por que con aquel que me conforta, no puedo hacer nada.

—Frances Xavier Cabrini

Hace varios años, recibí un correo electrónico que literalmente me dejó sin aliento. Un hombre que había sido durante muchos años un guía intelectual y de fe para mí, un hombre en el que había confiado totalmente y un hombre con el que había cultivado una amistad que daba vida, había matado a su esposa y a sí mismo en un suicidio mortal. La noticia me dejó sin aliento, paralizado por cómo entender y aceptar esto, al igual que cómo orar.

No tuve ni palabras de explicación ni palabras para orar. Mi corazón y mi mente, inútiles y frustrados, eran como dos bombas de agua funcionando en un pozo seco. Cualquier consuelo que tenía era tomado de la garantía de personas que lo conocían más íntimamente: que había habido mayores signos de deterioro mental en el tiempo que lo condujo a este horrible suceso y estaban moralmente seguros de que esto era el resultado de una disfunción orgánica en su cerebro, no un indicio de su persona. Aun así, ¿cómo ora uno en una situación como esta? No hay palabras.

Todos hemos experimentado situaciones como esta: la muerte trágica -por asesinato, suicidio, sobredosis o accidente- de alguien a quien amamos. O la exasperación e impotencia que sentimos ante muchos sucesos aparentemente sin sentido que vemos diariamente en nuestro mundo: Terroristas que matan a miles de inocentes; desastres naturales que dejan a incontables personas muertas o sin hogar; asesinatos masivos realizados por individuos trastornados en New York, París, Las Vegas, Florida, San Bernardino, Sandy Hook, entre otros lugares; y millones de refugiados que tienen que escapar de sus países a causa de la guerra o la pobreza. Y todos nosotros conocemos a gente que ha recibido diagnósticos terminales en clínicas médicas y han tenido que afrontar lo que parece una muerte injusta: niños pequeños cuyas vidas están justamente comenzando y a los que, a tan tierna edad, no se les debería tener que someter a la mortalidad, y jóvenes madres que mueren mientras sus hijos aún las necesitan desesperadamente.

Ante estas cosas, no sólo estamos exasperados por el sinsentido de la situación; también luchamos por encontrar corazón y palabras con las que orar. ¿Cómo oramos cuando estamos paralizados por el sinsentido y la tragedia? ¿Cómo oramos cuando ya no tenemos el corazón para ello?

San Pablo nos dice que cuando no sabemos cómo orar, el Espíritu gime en nuestro más profundo interior en vez de que las palabras oren por medio de nosotros. ¡Qué texto más extraordinario! Pablo nos dice que aun cuando podamos encontrar las palabras con que orar, no es esto nuestra oración más profunda. De igual manera cuando aún tenemos el corazón para orar, esto tampoco es nuestra oración más profunda. Nuestra oración más profunda es cuando nos entregamos mudos y gimiendo en exasperación, en frustración, en impotencia. La exasperación sin palabras es frecuentemente nuestra oración más profunda.

Oramos lo más profundamente cuando caemos de rodillas como para poder hacer algo menos rendirnos a la impotencia. Nuestro gemido, sin palabras, aparentemente la antítesis de la oración, es en verdad nuestra oración. Es el Espíritu que ora por medio de nosotros. ¿Cómo es eso?

El Espíritu de Dios, el Espíritu Santo, es, como nos asegura la escritura, el espíritu de amor, gozo, paz, paciencia, bondad, longanimidad, fidelidad, mansedumbre, fe y castidad. Y ese Espíritu vive hondo dentro de nosotros, colocado allí por Dios en nuestro mismo modo de ser y puesto en nosotros incluso más profundamente por nuestro bautismo. Cuando estamos exasperados y caemos de rodillas por una tragedia que es demasiado dolorosa y sin sentido para aceptar y absorber, nuestros gemidos de impotencia son de hecho el Espíritu de Dios que gime en nosotros, sufriendo todo lo que no es, suspirando por la bondad, implorando a Dios en un lenguaje más allá de las palabras.

A veces podemos encontrar el corazón y las palabras con las que orar, pero hay otras veces cuando, en palabras del Libro de las Lamentaciones, todo lo que podemos hacer es poner nuestras bocas en el polvo y esperar. El poeta Rainer Marie Rilke dio una vez este consejo a una persona que le había escrito lamentando que, ante una pérdida abrumadora, estaba tan paralizado que no sabía lo que tal vez podía hacer con el dolor que estaba experimentando. El consejo de Rilke: Devuelve ese peso a la tierra misma, la tierra es pesada, las montañas son pesadas, los mares son pesados. En efecto: ¡Que tu gemido sea tu oración!

Cuando no sabemos cómo orar, el Espíritu gime en nuestro más profundo interior en vez de que las palabras oren por medio de nosotros. Así, cada vez que estemos cara a cara con una situación trágica que nos deje tartamudos, mudos y tan descorazonados que todo lo que podemos hacer es decir ¡No puedo explicar esto! ¡No puedo aceptar esto! ¡No puedo tratar de esto! ¡Esto no tiene sentido! ¡Estoy paralizado en mis emociones! ¡Estoy paralizado en mi fe! ¡Ya no tengo más el corazón para orar!, puede consolar saber que esta paralizante exasperación es nuestra oración, y quizás la oración más profunda y sincera que jamás hayamos ofrecido.

Paralysis, Exasperation, and Helplessness as Prayer Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Several years ago I received an email that literally stopped my breath. A man who had been for many years an intellectual and faith mentor to me, a man whom I thoroughly trusted, and a man with whom I had developed a life-giving friendship, had killed both his wife and himself in a murder-suicide. The news left me gasping for air, paralyzed in terms of how to understand and accept this as well as how to pray in the face of this.

I had neither words of explanation nor words for prayer. My heart and my head were like two water pumps working a dry well, useless and frustrated. Whatever consolation I had was drawn from an assurance from persons who knew him more intimately that there had been major signs of mental deterioration in the time leading up to this horrible event and they were morally certain that this was the result of an organic dysfunction in his brain, not an indication of his person. Yet ... how does one pray in a situation like this? There aren't any words.

And we have all experienced situations like this: the tragic death of someone we love by murder, suicide, overdose, or accident. Or, the exasperation and helplessness we feel in the face of the many seemingly senseless events we see daily in our world: Terrorists killing thousands of innocent people; natural disasters

leaving countless persons dead or homeless; mass killings by deranged individuals in New York, Paris, Las Vegas, Florida, San Bernardino, Sandy Hook, among other places; and millions of refugees having to flee their homelands because of war or poverty. And we all we know people who have received terminal sentences in medical clinics and had to face what seems as an unfair death: young children whose lives are just starting and who shouldn't be asked at so tender an age to have to process mortality and young mothers dying whose children still desperately need them.

In the face of these things, we aren't just exasperated by the senselessness of the situation we struggle too to find both heart and words with which to pray. How do we pray when we are paralyzed by senselessness and tragedy? How do we pray when we no longer have the heart for it?

St. Paul tells us that when we don't know how to pray, the Spirit in groans too deep for words prays through us. What an extraordinary text! Paul tells us that when we can still find the words with which to pray this is not our deepest prayer. Likewise when we still have the heart to pray, this too is not our deepest prayer. Our deepest prayer is when we are rendered mute and groaning in exasperation, in frustration, in helplessness. Wordless exasperation is often our deepest prayer. We pray most deeply when we are so driven to our knees so as to be unable to do anything except surrender to helplessness. Our groaning, wordless, seemingly the antithesis of prayer, is indeed our prayer. It is the Spirit praying through us. How so?

The Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit, is, as scripture assures us, the spirit of love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, longsuffering, fidelity, mildness, faith, and chastity. And that Spirit lives deep within us, placed there by God in our very make-up and put into us even more deeply by our baptism. When we are exasperated and driven to our knees by a tragedy which is too painful and senseless to accept and absorb our groans of helplessness are in fact the Spirit of God groaning in us, suffering all that it isn't, yearning for goodness, beseeching God in a language beyond words.

Sometimes we can find the heart and the words with which to pray, but there are other times when, in the words of the Book of Lamentation, all we can do is put our mouths to the dust and wait. The poet, Rainer Marie Rilke, once gave this advice to a person who had written him, lamenting that in the face of a devastating loss he was so paralyzed that he did not know what he could possibly do with the pain he was experiencing. Rilke's advice: Give that heaviness back to the earth itself, the earth is heavy, mountains are heavy, the seas are heavy. In effect: Let your groaning be your prayer!

When we don't know how to pray, the Spirit in groans too deep for words prays through us. So every time we are face-to-face with a tragic situation that leaves us stuttering, mute, and so without heart that all we can do is say, I can't explain this! I can't accept this! I can't deal with this! This is senseless! I am paralyzed in my emotions! I am paralyzed in my faith! I no longer have the heart to pray, it can be consoling to know that this paralyzing exasperation is our prayer – and perhaps the deepest and most sincere prayer we have ever offered.

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Holy Family Quasi-Parish

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Transmission Date / Time Tuesday 12:00pm

Special Instructions