

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 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.

FIRST SUNDAY

DECEMBER 3, 2017

OF
Advent

**Watch therefore: you do not know
when the lord of the house is coming,
whether in the evening, or at midnight,
or at cockcrow, or in the morning.**

Mark 13:35

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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)

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

Tues. & Thurs. 5:30pm

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	Norma Thomas
Deborah Grisolia	Chris Hayes	Norma Arzola
Denise Wood	Sara Carrieri	Renee Beddingfield

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

Weekly Attendance/Offerings

Attendance :	November 19, 2017	588
Offerings:	November 19, 2017	\$ 2,793.00
Building::	November 19, 2017	\$ 1,286.32
Campaign Human	November 19, 2017	\$ 540.00
Attendance :	November 26, 2017	476
Offerings:	November 26,2017	\$ 2,350.39
Building::	November 26, 2017	\$ 1,122.10

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 3

"First Sunday of Advent"

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
 7 :00 pm Novena - Rosary "Our Lady of Guadalupe"

Monday December 4

7 :00 pm Novena - Rosary "Our Lady of Guadalupe"

Tuesday, December 5

7 :00 pm Novena - Rosary "Our Lady of Guadalupe"
 7:30 pm RCIA Classes

Wednesday, December 6

7 :00 pm Novena - Rosary "Our Lady of Guadalupe"

Thursday December 7

9:00 am Mass Followed by Bible Class
 7 :00 pm Novena - Rosary "Our Lady of Guadalupe"
 7:30 pm Youth Choir Practice

Friday December 8

5:00 pm English Mass Feast of the Immaculate Conception
 6:30 pm Novena - Rosary "Our Lady of Guadalupe"
 7:00 Spanish Mass Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday December 9

6:00 am "Feast Day Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe"
 Novena-Rosary
 7:00 am Mass Celebration

Novena of Our Lady of Guadalupe

**Please check Mass schedule
 Above for the December 3rd thru
 December 9th
 Sunday December 10th, 11th, & 12th
 The Novena schedule is as follows
 Sunday December 10th 7:00 pm
 Monday December 11th 7:00 pm
 Tuesday December 12th 7:00 pm
 Come to Holy Family for the Novena**



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A Season of Hope

*“Let your steadfast love, O Lord,
be upon us, even as we hope in you.”*

(Psalm 33: 22)

In this season of Advent, which is a time of waiting in which we prepare ourselves to welcome once again the comforting mystery of the Incarnation and the light of Christmas, it is important to reflect on Christian hope. It is very important, because hope never disappoints. Optimism disappoints, but hope does not!

We have such need, in these times that appear dark and in which we sometimes feel disoriented at the evil and violence that surrounds us at the distress of so many of our brothers and sisters. We need hope! We feel disoriented and even rather discouraged because we are powerless and it seems this darkness will never end. But we must not let hope abandon us, because God, with his love, walks with us.

We can all say “I hope because God is beside me; I have hope because God walks with me.” God walks and holds my hand. God does not leave us to ourselves. The Lord Jesus has conquered evil and has opened the path of life for us. “The birth of the Savior is the light that pierces and dispels the deepest darkness. The presence of the Lord in the midst of his people cancels the sorrow of defeat and the misery of slavery, and ushers in joy and happiness.

How might I affirm my hope and try to discover anew God's presence in me and in my life this Advent?

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Advent calendars appear now in many homes, and newfangled formats are even available on line. Children have fun opening the doors and windows keyed to the days counting down to Christmas. Behind each door is a picture related to the Christmas mystery, perhaps a scripture verse or saying, but more and more these days something totally unconnected to religious life, like a small toy or a chocolate treat, appears instead. The Advent calendar is not very old as traditions go. We can trace it back to German-speaking Christians, both Protestant and Catholic. Lutherans might have originated the custom by placing chalk marks on doors starting December 1, lighting candles every day, or placing a new religious picture on the wall each day during Advent. The oldest known hand-made calendar goes back to 1851, and the first printed ones appeared in 1908 in Germany with Bible verses behind the doors. By far the most interesting calendar is a building, the town hall (Rathaus) of Gengenbach in Germany's Black Forest. Every year the townspeople invite an illustrator of children's books to create twenty-four paintings or motifs for each of the twenty-four main windows of the building. Every night the people gather to see a new window opened and illuminated.

Very few commercial Advent calendars pay much attention to the core values of our liturgical calendar: the pivotal place of Sunday, the importance of Advent feasts like Saint Lucy and Saint Nicholas, and the clear shift in tone on December 17 from Advent longing and preparation toward imminent hope in Christ's coming. That kind of creativity is left up to you!

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LIKE A CHILD

One who aspires to the grace of God must be pure, with a heart as innocent as a child's.

—St. Nicholas

Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come.

— Mark 13:33

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El significado de la palabra "¡Adviento!" es muy interesante. Viene del latín y quiere decir "Allí viene" o "Ya está llegando". Pero, ¿de quién hablamos cuando proclamamos "adviento"? ¿Del Rey de la Gloria?, ¿del Príncipe de la Paz?, ¿del Hijo del Dios Altísimo?, ¿del Salvador de Israel? Sí, sí, sí y otra vez, sí, pero más todavía del Hijo del Hombre, del niño de María. Allí viene y ya está llegando. Tenemos que estar preparados. Pero ¿cómo prepararnos para la llegada de un rey que es pobre?, ¿de un príncipe que nació entre una mula y un buey? ¿de un niño que ya es todo un hombre y además es Dios? He allí el dilema del Adviento cristiano. Es un llamado a vivir la paradoja de un tiempo que está a medias, donde el Reino de los Cielos ya existe pero no en su plenitud. Es un llamado a buscar en el templo, en el mall, en el barrio, en el hogar y en el propio corazón, para ver si "allí viene" el dueño de la casa. Es un llamado a estar atentos y vigilantes.

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

COMO UN NIÑO

Alguien que aspira a recibir la gracia de Dios tiene que ser puro, con un corazón tan inocente como el de un niño.

—San Nicolás

SIN ARRUGAS

No dejar que el corazón se arrugue, tener esperanzas, ser amable, alegre, reverente: esa es la manera de vencer la vejez.

—Thomas Bailey Aldrich

GRAN AMBICIÓN

Renuncia a tus pequeñas ambiciones; ven conmigo a salvar el mundo.

—San Francisco Javier

Miscellaneous

Monthly Mass for Catholics in Recovery – December 9th

This month's Calix Mass will be offered at 8:30 am on December 9th in the St. Jude Parish in the main Church (1515 N Greenville Ave, Allen). The Mass, and meeting that follows, is open to members of all parishes who are recovering alcoholics, addicts, and their families and friends. We share our experience, strength and hope found in Catholicism and 12-Step recovery. For more information on the Calix Society, call your parish or 214-906-0605, or see www.calixsociety.org and, for the Dallas Unit see <http://stjudeparish.com/catholic-recovery-calix-society>.

This Calix unit serves the Dallas Diocese and holds its meetings on the second Saturday of every month at 8:30 AM at St. Jude's in Allen.

Join other Catholics in recovery from alcoholism and other addictions, and their family and friends, at this Mass and meeting where we share our experience, strength and hope found in Catholicism and 12-Step recovery.

GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God's faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For "behold, you are angry, and we are sinful" (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God's promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God's might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to "rend the heavens and come down, / with the mountains quaking before you" (Isaiah 63:19).

Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God's hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation.

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DIOS TIENE OTRO PLAN

Comenzamos el tiempo de Adviento con un llamado sincero al arrepentimiento. Recordamos el amor fiel que Dios siente por nosotros y le pedimos que nos ayude a emprender el camino de regreso: "estabas airado porque nosotros pecábamos" (Isaías 64:4). En la primera lectura y en el salmo, recordamos las promesas de Dios y lamentamos nuestra rebeldía y nuestra culpa. Invocamos el poder de Dios para salvarnos. Con Isaías, le decimos a Dios: "¡Ojalá rasgaras los cielos y bajaras, estremeciendo las montañas con tu presencia" (Isaías 63:19).

Sí, Dios nos es fiel, porque somos hechura de las manos de Dios. Dios es el alfarero, nosotros el barro. Y sin embargo, nuestro concepto de cómo Dios vendrá a salvarnos se origina en nuestra expectativa de un Dios guerrero que estremece las montañas y llega a nuestra vida con ruido y gloria. Pero Dios tiene otro plan: la Encarnación. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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Holy Family Quasi-Parish

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Transmission Date / Time Tuesday 12:00pm

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