

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 4, 2018

# 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. Eugene Azorji, Pastoral Administrator

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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

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

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 Grenwood	Emilin Grace Herd
Ruben Villarreal	Joe Sanchez	Kimberly Coggeshall
Ann Thomas	Sandra Heath	Andrea Thomas
Deborah Grisolia	Chris Hayes	Fr. Bob Leonhardt
John Roberts	Sara Carrieri	Renee Beddingfield
Devon Kelly	Gary Don Moore	Pat Loria
Heather Burke	Larry Gelvin	Eric Gonzales Family
Pat Loria	Moira Gulla	

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

**Weekly Calendar**

**Sunday, February 4**

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

**Monday February 5**

**Tuesday, February 6**

7:30 pm RCIA Classes

**Wednesday, February 7**

7:30 pm Evening Bible Classes

**Thursday February 8**

9:00 am Mass Bible Class Following Mass  
 7:30 pm Youth Choir Practice

**Friday February 9**

7:00 Spanish Adult Choir

**Saturday February 10**

**Weekly Attendance/Offerings**

Attendance :	January 28, 2018	704
Offerings:	January 28, 2018	\$ 2,505.20
Building:	January 28, 2018	\$ 1,214.66
Latin America	January 28,2018	\$ 333.46

**CALENDARS**

Please feel free to take extra Calendars as we still have more than required presently.

POR FAVOR...si necesitas calendario extra puedes llevar ya que recibimos mas de los que necesitabamos.

**Monthly Mass for Catholics in Recovery – February 10th**

This month's Calix Mass will be offered at 8:30 am on February 10th 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](http://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.

**HINDSIGHT** God's presence is not discerned at the time when it is upon us, but afterwards, when we look back.  
 —John Henry Newman

**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

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This is the year of St. Paul, and so one of the most visited churches of Rome is also one of the most beautiful: the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Like so many other churches, it was founded by the master-builder (or financier) Emperor Constantine about the year 315. Paul was martyred outside the walls of the City of Rome at a place called Tre Fontaine, probably on June 29, in the year 65, perhaps the first anniversary of St. Peter's crucifixion. Christians buried him in a quiet place about two miles away, and visited to pray. Constantine was running low on bricks, apparently, because the first church was tiny. In 386 it was demolished and today's basilica begun. This vast and towering space looks much the same today as it did in the fourth century.

The centuries have not been kind to ancient Rome, but until the early 1800s St. Paul Outside the Walls survived beautifully, perhaps because it has been assigned for nearly a thousand years to Benedictine monks. It was therefore a vibrant place of daily prayer even through the centuries when Rome was a poor and nearly abandoned city. In 1823 a great fire resulted from a botched repair job to lead on the roof, and St. Paul's was destroyed. It is said that the whole world contributed to its restoration. Even the Russian czar and the viceroy of Egypt gave alabaster, malachite, and lapis lazuli for the pillars and the tabernacle. Several of the precious mosaics were able to be restored, bringing the ancient basilica back to life. One of the great treasures of the basilica is a set of prison chains, said to have been worn by the Apostle in the last days before his martyrdom. Unlike other Roman churches, St. Paul's stands in a garden-like suburban neighborhood, surrounded by stately palm trees, gardens, and parks.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Catholic Schools Week

Wednesday: St. John Bosco

Friday: The Presentation of the Lord;  
Groundhog Day; First Friday

Saturday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; First Saturday;  
Blessing of Throats; Blessed Virgin Mary

## TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El día 2 de febrero se celebrará la Candelaria. En este día se conmemora la purificación de María, cuarenta días después de que dio a luz a Jesús. Candelaria viene del verbo latín candere (brillar), de allí la palabra candela, o sea, veladora. La celebración de la Purificación de María y la Presentación del Niño Jesús en el templo se conmemora con la bendición de todas las velas y veladoras que se van a usar durante el año. Esto se hace con la esperanza de que nunca venga a faltar la luz, tanto material como espiritual, en las casas de los fieles. Los cristianos, como Simeón en el templo, pueden decir que ellos también han visto la salvación; Jesús la verdadera luz que brilla en brazos de María.

En Puerto Rico tradicionalmente esta fiesta se celebra con la quemazón de los árboles de navidad, basura, palos, cosas viejas, etc. Esta costumbre subraya el deseo de dejar atrás todo lo malo para que llegue lo bueno; es decir terminar con la oscuridad para que brille la luz.

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

## LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario;

Semana de las Escuelas Católicas

Miércoles: San Juan Bosco

Viernes: La Presentación del Señor;

Día de la Marmota; Primer viernes

Sábado: San Blas; San Oscar; Santa María Virgen

Bendición de las gargantas; Primer sábado

## IMPOSIBLE SIN AMOR

El alma no puede vivir sin amor.

San Francisco de Sales

## LIDERES

Los líderes son como águilas. No están en grupo. Los encuentras. . . uno a la vez. —Anónimo

# Overcoming the Divisions that Divide Us

We live in a world of deep divisions. Everywhere we see polarization, people bitterly divided from each other by ideology, politics, economic theory, moral beliefs, and theology. We tend to use over-simplistic categories within which to understand these divisions: the left and the right opposing each other, liberals and conservatives at odds, pro-life vying with pro-choice. Virtually every social and moral issue is a war-zone: the status of women, climate change, gender roles, sexuality, marriage and family as institutions, the role of government, how the LGBTQ community is to be understood, among other issues. And our churches aren't exempt; too often we cannot agree on anything. Civility has disappeared from public discourse even within our churches where there is now as much division and hostility within each denomination as there is between them. More and more, we cannot discuss openly any sensitive matter, even within our own families. Instead we discuss politics, religion, and values only within our own ideological circles; and there, rather than challenging each other, we mostly end up feeding each other in our biases and indignations thus becoming even more intolerant, bitter, and judgmental.

Scripture calls this enmity, hatred, and indeed that's its proper name. We are becoming hate-filled people who both fuel and justify our hatred on religious and moral grounds. We need only to watch the news on any night to see this. How's this to be overcome?

At the more macro level in politics and religion, it's hard to see how these bitter divides will ever be bridged, especially when so much of our public discourse is feeding and widening the division. What's needed is nothing short of religious conversion, a religious change of heart, and that's contingent on the individual. The collective heart will change only when individual hearts first do. We help save the sanity of the world by first safeguarding our own sanity, but that's no easy task.

It's not as simple as everyone simply agreeing to think nicer thoughts. Nor, it seems, will we find much common ground in our public dialogues. The dialogue that's needed isn't easily come by; certainly we haven't come by it yet. Many groups are trying for it, but without much success. Generally what happens is that the even most-well intended dialogue quickly degenerates into an attempt to by each side to score its own ideological points rather than in genuinely trying to understand each other. Where does that leave us?

The real answer, I believe, lies in an understanding of how the cross and death of Jesus brings about reconciliation. The author of the Letter to the Ephesians tells us that Jesus broke down the barrier of hostility that existed between communities by creating one person where formerly there had been two – and he did it this “by reconciling both [sides] in one body through his cross, which put that enmity to death.” (Ephesians 2, 16)

How does the cross of Christ put enmity to death? Not through some kind of magic. Jesus didn't break down the divisions between us by mystically paying off some debt for our sins through his suffering, as if God needed to be appeased by blood to forgive us and open the gates of heaven. That image is simply the metaphor behind our icons and language about being washed clean of sin and saved by the blood of Christ. What happened in the cross and death of Jesus is something that asks for our imitation not simply our admiration. What happened in the cross and death of Jesus is an example for us to imitate. What are we to imitate?

What Jesus did in his passion and death was to transform bitterness and division rather than to retransmit them and give them back in kind. In the love which he showed in his passion and death Jesus did this: He took in hatred, held it inside himself, transformed it, and gave back love. He took in bitterness, held it, transformed it, and gave back graciousness. He took in curses, held them, transformed them, and gave back blessing. He took in paranoia, held it, transformed it, and gave back big-heartedness. He took in murder, held it, transformed it, and gave back forgiveness. And he took in enmity, bitter division, held it, transformed it, and through that revealed to us the deep secret for forming community, namely, we need to take away the hatred that divides us by absorbing and holding it within ourselves and thereby transforming it. Like a water purifier which holds within itself the toxins and the poisons and gives back only pure water, we must hold within ourselves the toxins that poison community and give back only graciousness and openness to everyone. That's the only key to overcome division.

We live in bitterly divisive times, paralyzed in terms of meeting amicably on virtually every sensitive issue of politics, economics, morality, and religion. That stalemate will remain until one by one, we each transform rather than enflame and retransmit the hatred that divides us

Ron Rolheiser, OMI .

# Bishop's Annual Appeal

## 2018 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL FOR CATHOLIC MINISTRIES

### **Advance Notice Weekend Bulletin Announcement:**

Please include the following message in the February 3-4 church bulletin to inform parishioners about the upcoming Commitment Weekend:

Next weekend, February 10-11, is Commitment Weekend which is an opportunity to help the Catholic Diocese of Dallas raise necessary funds for The Bishop's Annual Appeal. Each year, we commit ourselves to reflect on God's great generosity and respond with a gift of our own that supports and enhances the lives of those around us.

This year's theme for The Bishop's Annual Appeal is "Be the Miracle," so take a moment to visit the Dallas Catholic Diocese's website before attending Mass next weekend and watch a few short videos that capture how God uses your gifts to perform miracles every day. You can view the videos by visiting: [www.dallasbishopsappeal.com](http://www.dallasbishopsappeal.com).

Please come to Mass next weekend prepared to make a commitment to the appeal. Through your generous support we are able to serve thousands of families and individuals throughout the Dallas Metroplex. Thank you!

## Aviso para el Boletín del Fin de Semana de Aviso Previo:

### **Aviso para el Boletín del Fin de Semana de Aviso Previo:**

Le pedimos que incluya el siguiente mensaje en el boletín parroquial del 3-4 de febrero para informar a los feligreses acerca del próximo Fin de Semana de Compromiso:

El próximo fin de semana, 10 -11 de febrero, es el Fin de Semana de Compromiso, el cual nos ofrece una oportunidad para ayudar a la Diócesis Católica de Dallas a recaudar los fondos necesarios para la Campaña Anual del Obispo. Cada año, nos comprometemos a reflexionar en la gran generosidad de Dios y, en respuesta, ofrecer un donativo de nuestra propia generosidad que apoye y mejore las vidas de quienes nos rodean.

El tema de la Campaña Anual del Obispo de este año es "Sean el Milagro", así que tome un momento para visitar el sitio web de la Diócesis Católica de Dallas antes de asistir a Misa el próximo fin de semana y ver unos videos de corta duración que reflejan la manera en la que Dios utiliza sus dones para realizar milagros día tras día. Puede ver los videos visitando: [www.dallasbishopsappeal.com](http://www.dallasbishopsappeal.com).

El próximo fin de semana venga a Misa preparado para realizar un compromiso con la campaña. A través de su generoso apoyo podemos servir a miles de familias e individuos en todo el área Metropolitana de Dallas. ¡Muchas gracias!

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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