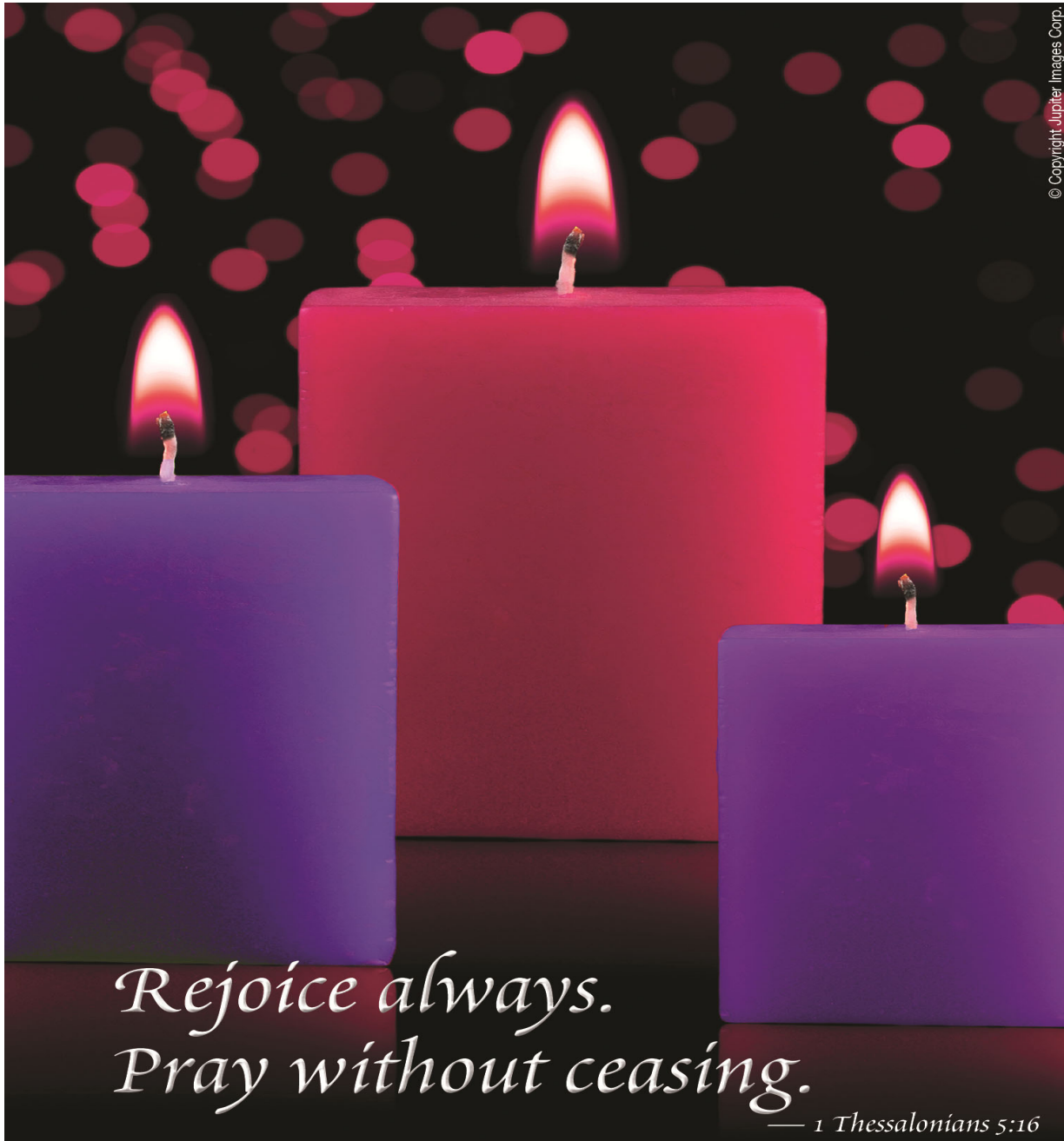


Holy Family Catholic Church



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Clergy
Fr. Salvador Guzmán, Pastor
Fr. Eugene Azorji, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Patrick A. Hayes

Mass Schedule
Sunday: 9:00 am - English Mass
12:00 pm - Spanish Mass
Thursday: 9:00 am - Daily Mass

Baptism

Baptisms in English: 2nd Sunday of each month
 Baptisms in Spanish: 1st Sunday of each month

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

April 11, 2015 Saturday 10:00 am

Confirmation:

March 24, 2015 Tuesday 7:00 pm

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Parish.

Reconciliation/Confession

Immediately following the 1st Mass

Marriage/Wedding

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/Priesthood

Talk to your Parish priest or call Father James Swift, C.M., Rector of Vocations of the Diocese of Dallas at 214-379-2860.

Prayer Request

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| Elaine Clark | Tommie Rosenthal | Arnie Clark |
| Ann Lageose | Brooklyn Schulze | Corinne Lageose |
| Bernadine Dill | Steve Sanchez | Toby Mills |
| Blake Knowles | Karen Elliot | Andy Karl |
| Susie Powell | Bob Jungman | Julia Baker |

How to Celebrate Advent

The Fourth Week

As Advent draws to a close, we focus more on the Nativity. The gospel readings for the fourth Sunday may be the Annunciation, the Visitation, or Mary's Magnificat, depending on the year.

The purpose of preparation is to help us experience an event more meaningfully. As Advent draws to a close, we discover how true this is. We have journeyed with the People of Israel in their hope for a Messiah. We have searched our own hearts, laying out our own yearning before the Lord, and like Mary, looked with hope to God's promise to save us and make us whole. And now, the time is near. A child is born!

Prayer starter for Week 4:

Lord, I wait for You in trust and hope.

Offering

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| Attendance: | November 30, 2014 | 506 |
| Offerings: | November 30, 2014 | \$ 1,872.26 |
| Building Fund: | November 30, 2014 | \$ 928.53 |
| Attendance: | December 7, 2014 | 487 |
| Offerings: | December 7, 2014 | \$ 2,647.43 |
| Building Fund: | December 7, 2014 | \$ 1,434.07 |

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 14

8:30 am Rosary
 9:00 am Mass
 10:15-11:30 am Faith Formation Pre K-5th
 12:00 pm Spanish Mass
 1:30-2:45 pm Faith Formation 6th-Confirmation

Monday, December 15

9:00 am Rosary

Tuesday, December 16

7:00 pm RCIA Classes

Wednesday December 17

6:00 pm to 7:30pm Reconciliation "The Light Is On"

Thursday, December 18

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

Friday, December 19

Saturday, December 20

Background:

We have begun the season of Advent, which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. The readings for Sunday Masses are arranged on a three-year cycle. Each year features a different Gospel—Matthew, Mark, or Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed throughout all three years.

With this year's first Sunday of Advent, we began Cycle B of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Mark. Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

December Dates and Times

Special Schedule for December:

December 17, 2014 "The Light Is On"

Reconciliation: 6:00 pm—7:30pm
(or earlier when no one is coming)

Fr, Fred Caldwell Confessor for the 17th

December 24, 2014 Christmas Vigil
4:00 pm (English)

December 25, 2014 Christmas Mass
10:00 am (Spanish)

Mark your Calendars



Miscellaneous

"La Luz esta encendida" Confesiones el 17 de Diciembre 6 a 7:30 P.M.
(o antes si nadie mas llega)

PREPARANDO EL CAMINO PARA
CONFESAR NUESTROS PECADOS

El Adviento resuena con el tema de la reconciliacion y el llamado al arrepentimiento. Esta llamada no es sobre una situacion de nuestros pecados y ser mas quemado por ellos, pero todo lo contrario; traerlos a Dios en pena y esperar el perdon. Es un buen tiempo para acercarnos a Jesus en este Sacramento y poder acercarte a El en la Eucaristia en Navidad con un corazon enovado.

"The Light Is On"

Confessions December 17th

6:00 pm—7:30 pm

(or earlier-when no one is coming)

PREPARING THE WAY BY CONFESSING OUR
SINS

Advent resounds with the theme of reconciliation and the call is repentance. That call is not about dwelling on our sins and being even more burdened by them, but the opposite: bringing them to God in sorrow and hope for forgiveness. It is a fitting time to approach Jesus in this sacrament—and to be able to approach Him in the Eucharist on Christmas with a renewed heart.



"We would like you to help lead the Rosary. Please see Rick at the Blessed Virgin Mary statue after Mass, or contact any Rosary leader. Follow the life of Jesus though the mysteries of the Rosary".

Political rhetoric surrounding the immigration problem and, most recently President Barack Obama's executive action, brings to mind what the Holy Father has called our "throwaway culture" that depersonalizes people who simply become another commodity to be dealt with.

A little over a year ago, Pope Francis made his first trip out of Rome to the Island of Lampedusa in the Mediterranean to bless a memorial to the hundreds of refugees who have drowned seeking refuge in the small landmass off the coast of North Africa. Most of those drowned were Muslims hoping to reach the Italian island and safety in Europe.

On that occasion, the Holy Father praised the people of Lampedusa for taking in survivors of the tragedy and setting an example of solidarity to a selfish society sliding into the globalization of indifference. "We have become used to other people's suffering, it doesn't concern us, it doesn't interest us," Pope Francis said.

We have chosen terms like "the undocumented" and the "illegals" to describe human beings — women, men and children — who have been criminalized for seeking refuge and freedom. It is the same refuge and freedom that was sought and received by the ancestors of those who feel no mercy or compassion when it comes to discussing today's immigration problem.

I have previously chosen the passage from Leviticus 19:34: "You shall treat the alien who resides with you no differently than the natives born among you; you shall love the alien as yourself; for you too were once aliens in the land of Egypt." The admonition is repeated more than once in the Hebrew Scripture. Jesus, himself, was a refugee child of parents seeking a safe haven in Egypt from persecution.

There is a double tragedy here. The first is that thousands have had to flee terror and persecution. The second is that their plight has not met with the mercy and compassion and the welcome our forefathers received, but rather has become a political football.

Perhaps we need to be reminded of the verse from Emma Lazarus' poem the New Colossus that graces the base of the Statue of Liberty as an invitation to the world: Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me. I lift my lamp beside the golden door.

La retórica política que rodea el problema de inmigración y, más recientemente, la acción ejecutiva del Presidente Barack Obama nos trae a la mente lo que el Santo Padre ha llamado nuestra "cultura desechable" que despersonaliza a las personas, convirtiéndolas simplemente en otra comodidad.

Hace ya poco más de un año, el Papa Francisco hizo su primer viaje fuera de Roma a la Isla de Lampedusa en el Mediterráneo para bendecir un monumento en memoria de los cientos de refugiados que han ahogado buscando refugio en la pequeña masa continental de la costa del Norte de África... la mayoría de los ahogados era musulmanes que buscaban llegar a la isla italiana y a la seguridad de Europa.

En esa ocasión el Santo Padre elogió al pueblo de Lampedusa por ofrecer un ejemplo de solidaridad en medio de una sociedad egoísta que ha ido cayendo en "la globalización de indiferencia." Nos hemos ido acostumbrado al sufrimiento de los demás, no nos preocupa, ni nos interesa.

Hemos elegido utilizar términos como "los indocumentados" y "los ilegales" para describir a seres humanos, mujeres, hombres y niños que han sido criminalizados por buscar refugio y libertad... el mismo refugio y libertad que buscaron y recibieron los antepasados de quienes no sienten piedad ni compasión. Esto no tiene nada que ver con el problema de inmigración.

Anteriormente he elegido el pasaje de Levítico 19:34: "El extranjero] será para ustedes como uno de sus compatriotas y lo amarán como a sí mismos, porque ustedes fueron extranjeros en Egipto. Yo soy el Señor, su Dios." La amonestación se repite más de una vez en las Escrituras Hebraicas. Jesús también fue un niño refugiado mientras sus padres buscaban refugio en Egipto al huir de la persecución.

Aquí existe una doble tragedia. La primera es que miles de personas han tenido que huir del terror y la persecución. La segunda es que su situación no ha encontrado la misericordia, compasión, ni bienvenida que recibieron nuestros antepasados, sino más bien se ha convertido en un juego político.

Tal vez necesitamos recordar el verso del poema El Nuevo Coloso de Emma Lazarus que adorna la base de la Estatua de la Libertad haciendo una invitación al mundo:!

Pope Francis Announces 2015 Visit

Pope Francis Announces 2015 Visit to Philadelphia for World Meeting of Families

WASHINGTON—The visit of Pope Francis to Philadelphia in September 2015 for the World Meeting of Families will be a “joyful moment,” said Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Pope Francis made his intention to travel to the United States public, November 17, in an address to the Colloquium on the Complementarity of Man and Woman at the Vatican.

“The presence of Pope Francis at the World Meeting of Families in our country will be a joyful moment for millions of Catholics and people of good will. Our great hope has been that the Holy Father would visit us next year to inspire our families in their mission of love. It is a blessing to hear the pope himself announce the much anticipated news,” said Archbishop Kurtz.

The World Meeting of Families, sponsored by the Vatican’s Pontifical Council for the Family, is the world’s largest Catholic gathering of families and is held every three years. World Meeting of Families 2015 will be September 22-25, 2015, hosted by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and will focus on the theme “Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive,” emphasizing the impact of the love and life of families on society.

More information about the meeting, including open registration, is available online:
www.worldmeeting2015.org/

The Vatican has not announced additional dates or cities for the 2015 papal visit at this time.

The Holy Father’s prayer intentions for December 2014 are:

Universal Papal Intention: that the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will.

Evangelization Intention: that parents may be true evangelizers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith

El Papa Francisco Anuncia Visita a Filadelfia en 2015 con Motivo del Encuentro Mundial de las Familias

WASHINGTON — La visita del Papa Francisco a Filadelfia en Septiembre de 2015 con motivo del Encuentro Mundial de las Familias será un “momento lleno de gozo,” expresó el Arzobispo Joseph E. Kurtz de Louisville, Kentucky, presidente de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos. El Papa Francisco hizo pública su intención de viajar a los Estados Unidos el 17 de noviembre, en un discurso ante el Congreso, “La Complementariedad del Hombre y la Mujer” realizado en el Vaticano.

“La presencia del Papa Francisco en el Encuentro Mundial de las Familias en nuestro país será un momento de gozo para millones de Católicos y personas de buena voluntad. Hemos albergado la gran esperanza que el Santo Padre nos visitara el próximo año para inspirar a nuestras familias en su misión de amor. Es una bendición escuchar de labios del Papa el anuncio de la tan esperada noticia,” expresó el Arzobispo Kurtz.

El Encuentro Mundial de las Familias, patrocinado por el Consejo Pontificio para la Familia, es la reunión de familias Católicas más grande del mundo y se lleva a cabo cada tres años. El Encuentro Mundial de las Familias 2015 se llevará a cabo del 22 al 25 de septiembre de 2015, será organizado por la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia y se centrará en el tema “El Amor es Nuestra Misión: La Familia Llena de Vida,” enfatizando el impacto del amor y la vida de las familias en la sociedad.

Información adicional acerca de la reunión, incluyendo inscripción abierta, se encuentra disponible en línea:
www.worldmeeting2015.org/

Hasta este momento, el Vaticano no ha anunciado fechas o ciudades adicionales para la visita papal del 2015.

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