

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

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

As the fourth candle of the Advent Wreath is lit today, a heart-felt prayer that the true Christmas message will touch hearts everywhere. Holy Family wishes everyone the Blessings of the Season.

Al prender hoy la cuarta vela de la Corona de Adviento, una oracion de Corazon para que el verdadero mensaje de la Navidad toque los corazones en todas partes. La Iglesia de la Sagrada Familia les desea a todos. Bendiciones en esta Temporada.

Offering

Attendance:	December 14, 2014	
Offerings:	December 14, 2014	\$
Building Fund:	December 14, 2014	\$
Totals In Future Bulletins		

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 21

8:30 am Rosary
 9:00 am Mass
 10:15-11:30 am **NO** Faith Formation Pre K-5th
 12:00 pm Spanish Mass **Christmas Decoration After Mass**
 1:30-2:45 pm **NO** Faith Formation 6th-Confirmation

Monday, December 22

9:00 am Rosary

Tuesday, December 23

7:00 pm **NO** RCIA Classes

Wednesday December 24

4:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass (English)

Thursday, December 25

10:00 am Christmas Mass (Spanish)

Friday, December 26

Saturday, December 27

On Christmas Day

*No room at the inn was there for them,
 No room for them to stay.
 No room for the birth of Christ Child
 Upon this Christmas Day,
 Then in a lowly manger
 The Infant Christ did lay
 As the Star in the East shone brightly
 Upon this Christmas Day.
 We are so prone to fast forget
 The meaning of this day
 And think in terms of joy and mirth
 And in a festive way.
 It is a day, a special day
 To show our faith and love;
 A day to kneel in reverence
 To Christ, the Lord above.*

Harold F. Mohn

December 24, 2014 Christmas Vigil
 4:00 pm (English)
 December 25, 2014 Christmas Mass
 10:00 am (Spanish)
Celebrate the Birthday of Jesus

Año 2014 en la Iglesia de la Sagrada Familia

Terminada la Fase I incluye el agrandamiento del estacionamiento.

Terminada la Fase I+ (baños nuevos) Nuestro Presidente de la mesa directive del Edificio: Bob Helmberger a estado dedicando muchas horas viendo/checando que todo el trabajo este hecho como lo pedimos.

Muchas Gracias Bob

Gracias tambien a todos los miembros del Comite del Edificio:

Padre Salvador, Sarah Stanley, Lino Hernandez, Tina Helmberger, Elizabeth Franze y Janis Hicks.

Todo el trabajo del piso: Richard Sanchez, su hermano David y su cuñada Estela.

Y muchos mas feligreses que han ayudado en tantas y tantas cosas y que siguen ayudando.

En lugar de no nombrar a alguien por favor debes saber que tu ayuda a sido y seguira siendo muy apreciada. Que todos los feligreses de nuestra Iglesia

ofrezcan una oracion de Gracias, dando Gracias a todos aquellos que han ayudado usando sus talentos

para alcanzar esta meta de nuestro crecimiento aqui en la Iglesia de la Sagrada Familia.

Tambien gracias a todos los que cortaron el cespedesta Primavera y Verano. Muy Buen Trabajo!

Recuerda que todo trabajo voluntario que alguien hace es gratamente apreciado por tus compañeros feligreses y Dios sabe lo que estas haciendo por el.

Year 2014 at Holy Family

Completion of Phase I

Includes the expanded parking.

Completion of Phase I+ (New Restrooms)

Our Building Chairman: Bob Helmberger has devoted many hours to oversee that all work has been done to speck.

Thank You Bob

Thanks to all the building committee members:

Fr. Salvador Guzmán, Sarah Stanley, Lino Hernandez, Tina Helmberger, Elizabeth Franze, and Janis Hicks.

All tile work: Richard Sanchez, his brother David and sister-in law Estella.

Many Parishioners have assisted in so many ways and continue to do so.

Rather than leave out a name please know your help has and will continue to be appreciated. May our Parish members offer a prayer of Thanksgiving, Thanking those who have helped using their talents to reach this stage in our growth here at Holy Family.

Also Thanks to all our Mowers this Spring and Summer. A job well done!

Remember that all the volunteer work one performs is greatly appreciated by your fellow Parishioners and God knows you're doing it for Him.

**Merry Christmas
 and
 A Blessed New Year**

We continue our reflections on the O Antiphons with O Adonai or O Sacred Lord

Because the Hebrews believed the name of God was too holy to speak or even write, they used the word Adonai, which means Sacred Lord or simply Lord, to refer to the Holy One.

O sacred Lord of ancient Israel, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain: come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free.

God's relationship with the Hebrews as his Chosen People was first manifested with his choice of Moses to lead the Children of Abraham out of slavery and to a promised land. Their choosiness was not for privilege but as the vehicle through which the world might be reconciled to Him.

From the burning bush, "The Lord said [to Moses] I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have heard their cry against their taskmasters, so I know well what they are suffering..." I have come to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians and lead them up from that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey." (Exodus 3:7-8)

In Egypt the Children of Israel were welcomed as the family of Joseph, but as their numbers increased they became unwelcome guests. The Exodus transformed them into a nation. The making of a nation requires a great leader- Moses; a common experience of tribulation- slavery; territory- the promised land, and law. It Was at Sinai that this last element was added.

"Moses went up to the mountain of God. Then the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying: This is what you will say to the house of Jacob; tell the Israelites: You have seen how I treated the Egyptians and how I bore you up on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now, if you obey me completely and keep my covenant, you will be my treasured possession among all peoples, though all the earth is mine. You will be to me a kingdom of priests,* a holy nation." (Exodus 19:3-6)

The path to redemption which we call the Economy of Salvation continued to move forward in the Lord's mysterious ways.

Las Antífonas O: Oh Señor Poderoso – O Adonai

Continuamos nuestras reflexiones de las Antífonas O con Oh Adonai , en castellano, Oh Señor Poderoso

Debido a que los hebreos consideraban el nombre de Dios demasiado sagrado para mencionarlo, o aun escribirlo, utilizaban la palabra Adonai, que significa Señor Poderoso o sencillamente Señor, para referirse a Dios.

Oh Adonai, Pastor de la casa de Israel, que te apareciste a Moisés en la zarza ardiente y en el Sinaí le diste tu ley: ven a librnos con el poder de tu brazo.

La relación de Dios con el pueblo hebreo como su pueblo elegido, fue manifestada al escoger a Moisés para liberar a los Hijos de Abraham de la esclavitud y para guiarlos a la tierra prometida. Su elección no fue solamente un privilegio, sino que fue asimismo un vehículo a través del cual todos los pueblos serían reconciliados con él.

Desde zarza ardiente, El Señor dijo [a Moisés]: "He visto la humillación de mi pueblo en Egipto, y he oído sus quejas cuando lo maltrataban sus mayordomos. Me he fijado en sus sufrimientos, y he bajado, para liberarlo del poder de los egipcios y para hacerlo subir de aquí a un país grande y fértil, a una tierra que mana leche y miel" (Ex 3:7 – 8).

En Egipto, los Hijos de Israel fueron recibidos como la familia de José, pero al ir aumentando su número, se convirtieron en huéspedes indeseados. La experiencia del Éxodo los transformó en una nación. La edificación de una nación necesita de un gran líder – Moisés; una experiencia común de tribulación – la esclavitud; un territorio – la tierra prometida y la ley. Fue en el Monte Sinaí donde se agregó este último elemento.

Y Moisés subió hacia Dios. Yahvé lo llamo del cerro y le dijo: "Esto es lo que dirás a los hijos de Jacob, lo que le explicarás a los hijos de Israel: Ustedes han visto lo que hice a los egipcios y como a ustedes los llevé sobre las alas del águila para traerlos hacia mí. Ahora si ustedes me escuchan atentamente y respetan mi alianza, los tendré por mi propiedad personal entre todos los pueblos, siendo que toda la tierra es mía, una nación que me es consagrada. Esto dirás a los israelitas" (Ex 19:3 – 6).

El camino de la redención, que llamamos Historia de la Salvación, sigue adelante en los misteriosos caminos del Señor.

Pope Francis' visit to Turkey had political and spiritual dimensions, both of which are inextricably commingled. A unique and unprecedented relationship has developed between the Pope and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the nominal leader of the Eastern Orthodox Church. The relationship is a culmination of a gradual thaw in the relations between the two churches that began with Pope Paul VI and then Patriarch Athenagoras.

From an ecumenical point of view, the political and cultural rupture from which emerged the Orthodox Church and the Catholic Church was the primordial schism. There were of course earlier divisions, but none that so completely severed the Body of Christ. Because the Great Schism, as it came to be called, was more political and cultural than doctrinal, it differed substantially from the Protestant Reformation five centuries later, that was more doctrinal and less political and cultural.

Subsequent events deepened the wounds of division and yet the two Churches mirrored each other sacramentally and doctrinally — a reality that was recognized by the Second Vatican Council. The Orthodox presence in Turkey, once the heart of Byzantium, the great center of Orthodoxy, is now minuscule and truly a Holy Remnant.

Primarily the visit of the Holy Father to the Ecumenical Patriarch was to move our communities closer to restoring the full unity to which we are called by Jesus (John 17:21). There still remains reluctance and suspicion that must be overcome, but there exists an undeniable Apostolic ecclesial affinity between the Catholics and the Orthodox.

Pope Francis made his hope of reunion crystal clear when following a liturgical celebration at the Orthodox Church of St. George he said the “one thing that the Catholic Church desires and that I seek as Bishop of Rome...is communion with Orthodox Churches,” adding later in his remarks, “...the restoration of full communion...does not signify the submission of one to the other, or assimilation. Rather, it means welcoming all the gifts that God has given to each, thus demonstrating to the entire world the great mystery of salvation accomplished by Christ the Lord through the Holy Spirit.”

Vatican Radio reported that the Holy Father and the Ecumenical Patriarch signed a Joint Declaration reaffirming their desire to overcome the obstacles dividing their two Churches. The two leaders also deplored the terrible situation facing Christians and all who are suffering in the Middle East and called for an appropriate response from the international community.

In that regard the Pope urged Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan to use his influence to protect Christian and other minorities who are suffering oppression and even persecution in Middle Eastern countries and to follow through on promised restoration of properties and rights of Orthodox and other non-Muslim minorities in Turkey.

Interestingly President Erdoğan challenged the Holy Father to use his influence to address the increasing Islamophobia in Europe and elsewhere that tends to label all Muslims as terrorists, a situation that unquestionably exists in some European countries and even in our own country. Papal concern for Muslim refugees has been evident from the beginning of his papacy and Muslims are certainly among the poor and the marginalized for whom the Pope seeks mercy and compassion

Pray Daily for Pope Francis as his Heart is Open To God and his Smile One of Joy

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Holy Family Quasi-Parish

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Transmission Date / Time Tuesday 12:00pm

Special Instructions