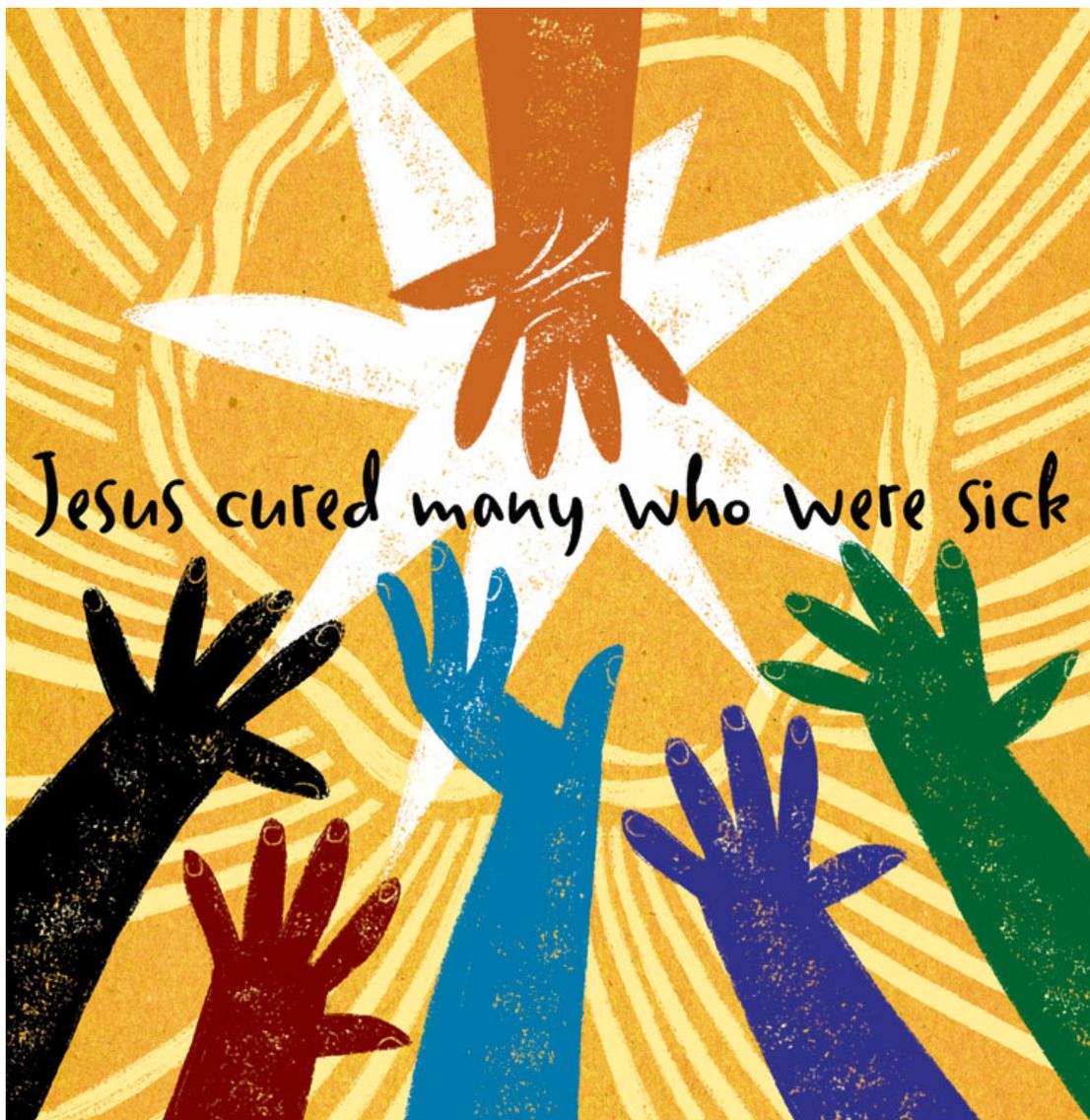


# Holy Family Catholic Church



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**Mailing Address:** P O Box 482  
Van Alstyne TX, 75495  
**Parish Office:** 903-482-6322  
**For a Priest:** 972-542-4667  
**Website:** [www.holyfamily-vanalstyne.org](http://www.holyfamily-vanalstyne.org)

**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
Karen Elliot	Jack Tyler	Zachary Fejeran
Susie Powell	Bob Jungman	Julia Baker
Anonymous	Theresa Powell	Jim Colvin
John E. Deibel	Jill Latino	Pam Deleo

**Weekly Calendar**

**Sunday, February 8**

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, February 9**

9:00 am Rosary

**Tuesday, February 10**

7:00 pm RCIA Classes

**Wednesday, February 11**

**Thursday, February 12**

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

**Friday, February 13**

**Saturday, February 14**

1:30 pm- 7:00 pm Retiro de Parejas:

**Spring Fest #3** now in the Basic Planning Stages!! Are you aboard? First meeting was held and a date has been determined please Mark Your Calendars **Sunday April 26th 10:00am- 5:00pm. Important items needed RAFFLE: Monetary- Other items that would entice people to buy Raffle Tickets. Ask Businesses or Employers**

The funds earned for the Faith Formation Center and paying off our loan can be substantial with the support of **YOU!**

**Volunteers to Head up Festival**

Games: Stacy Demel 520-906-3674  
 Advertising: Jesus Alanis 214-451-7499  
 Auction/Baskets:  
 Mary Pereyra 951-258-8164  
 Belinda Schult 469-207-4169  
 Raffle:  
 Diane Durbin 214-213-1483  
 Janis Hicks 903-744-7999  
 Food Booths; Julio Salas 469-450-8242  
 Music: Need Leader  
**Come get involved choose your area of interest.**

**Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule and Distribution of Ashes**

**English Mass: 6:00 pm**

**Spanish Mass: 7:30 pm**

**7 Ways to Practice Lent:**

**Ash Wednesday-Prayer-Fasting-Alms-giving-Reconciliation-Stations of the Cross- Holy Week**

**Offering**

Attendance:	February 1, 2015	474
Offerings:	February 1, 2015	\$ 2,298.20
Building Fund:	February 1, 2015	\$ 1,214.42

# Miscellaneous

## Diocesan Calix Mass and Meeting Feb 14

A Calix Mass and Meeting will be held at 10 AM on February 14 at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 411 Paula Road in McKinney. This meeting is an open meeting for those recovering from alcoholism or addictions, their family and friends. For more information, please see [www.CalixSociety.org](http://www.CalixSociety.org) or [www.Calix.StJudeParish.com](http://www.Calix.StJudeParish.com). The Calix Mass and Meeting are held every 2nd Saturday of the Month at 10 AM and moves throughout the parishes in the Northern Deanery of the Diocese of Dallas.

The Holy Father's prayer intentions for February 2015 are:

**Universal Papal Intention:** that prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity.

**Evangelization Intention:** that married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian community.

## 2015 Spirit of Love Scholarships

**Attention Students: College Graduate Students, High School Seniors, 8th Grade Students. Spirit of Love Scholarships. Rebekah Leah Rivera Foundation will be accepting applications postmarked January 2 thru February 25, 2015.**

**See [www.rebekahleahrivera.org](http://www.rebekahleahrivera.org) or call 972-480-5273 for details.**

## Festival de Primavera #3 ahora en los Planes

**Basicos!! Estas listo para ayudar? Ya se llevo a**

**cabo la Primer Junta y la fecha se a determinado**

**por favor marca tu calendario Domingo 26, de**

**Abril de 10 A M. a 5 P.M. Se necesitan articulos**

**importantes para la RIFA: Efectivo - Otros articulos**

**que emocionen a la gente a comprar los tiquetes**

**de la rifa. Pide a Negocios o tus Jefes de Trabajo**

**Los Fondos que se recauden seran para el Centro**

**de Formacion de Fe y pagar el prestamo que se**

**nos hizo sera substancial con TU apoyo!**

**Voluntarios encabezados del Festival**

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**Musica:**

**\*\*\*\*Se necesita un Lider**

**Ven y envuelvete y escoge el area que mas te guste.**

# Pope Francis the Fearless

Call him Pope Francis the Fearless, a modern fool for Christ, (1 Cor. 4:10) who on his visit to the Philippines braved a typhoon to visit the citizens of Tlaclopan, an island devastated by Typhoon Yolanda a year ago that took 6,000 lives.

As gusting wind ruffled his yellow plastic poncho the Holy Father told the survivors of the stricken city, "I am here to be with you. ...I have come to tell you that Jesus is Lord, that he never lets us down. 'Father,' you might say to me, 'I was let down because I've lost so many things, I lost my house, my livelihood, my family. I've illness.' It's true if you would say that, and I respect those sentiments, but Jesus is there nailed to the cross, and from there, he does not let us down."

Later after hearing many of the men and women tell their stories of tragedy and heroism the Pope said, "So many of you have lost everything. I don't know what to say to you, but the Lord does know what to say to you. Some of you lost part of your families. All I can do is keep silence. And I walk with you all with my silent heart."

Drawn as he always is to the poor and the suffering, in Manila as he prepared to meet with young people, many saved from prostitution and homelessness, Pope Francis spoke of the need to deepen one's sense of compassion, to go beyond simply giving to the poor by understanding their plight.

Then a 12 year old girl who had witnessed both drugs and prostitution while living on the streets tearfully asked the Pope why children were allowed to suffer. Deeply touched by the girl's question he replied, "The nucleus of your question doesn't have an answer," adding "when the heart is able to ask itself something and weep, then we are able to understand something."

He then called on the young people to care for the poor. ..."no matter how much or how little we have individually, each one of us is called to personally reach out and serve our brothers and sisters in need, materially, emotionally, spiritually."

In brief words to clergy gathered at the Cathedral in Manila, he again returned to the obligation to serve the poor. "The poor, the poor are at the heart of the Gospel, and if we take the poor from the Gospel, we cannot understand the whole message of Jesus Christ. ...only by becoming poor ourselves, by stripping away our complacency will we be able to identify with the least of our brothers and sisters."

In a nation of some 100 million, more than one quarter of the population of the Philippines are estimated to live below the poverty level and a 2009 study found that 38 percent of Filipino children live in impoverished conditions.

An estimated six million people braved the bad weather for the closing Papal Mass on the feast of El Nino, the Christ child, the patron of the Philippines. In addressing the record throng, the Holy Father said, "that the feast of the Child Jesus" reminds us that... "We need to see each child as a gift to be welcomed, cherished and protected. And we need to care for our young people, not allowing them to be robbed of hope and condemned to life on the streets."

Upon his return to Rome, Pope Francis spoke about his encounter with families in Manila. "I have heard it said that families with many children and high birth rates are among the causes of poverty. It seems to me a simplistic opinion. I can say that the main cause of poverty is an economic system that has removed the person from the center and replaced him with the god of money; an economic system that excludes and creates the throwaway culture in which we live. ... It is necessary to protect families, which face various threats, so that they can bear witness to the beauty of the family in God's plan."

Pope Francis is fearless not just because he flies into typhoons, but also because he is not afraid to challenge power structures and economic systems that perpetuate poverty and exploit the powerless.

Jesus' statement that the poor will always be with us was not a prophesy but a lament that challenges each of us to examine our hearts.

# No preguntamos si eres Católico, solo preguntamos que

Tenemos un Papa que predica con el ejemplo. Si usted es un frecuente lector de este blog, no es ajeno de la dedicación que el Papa Francisco tiene por el cuidado de los marginados; los pobres, los indigentes y los abandonados.

En su mensaje de Cuaresma, el Papa Francisco hizo un llamado urgente a las parroquias y comunidades a convertirse en “islas de misericordia en medio del mar de la indiferencia.” A modo de ejemplo, el Santo Padre ha hecho del Vaticano una “isla de misericordia” en el corazón de Roma, donde el 11% de la población vive en la calle.

Con frecuencia, el Papa Francisco ha invitado a personas pobres de la calle a desayunar con él y hasta ha incluido a sus perros. El pasado mes de noviembre, él prometió que este mes abriría duchas y sitios para cambiarse en el Vaticano. A las cuales, la semana pasada, agregó barberos y peluqueros, y todo por el cuidado de pobres y desamparados. Esto se llama mostrar el camino.

El sábado por la noche, un numeroso grupo de personas escuchó el mensaje del Papa y respondió. La Gala Anual de Caridades Católicas, que apoya la labor caritativa de la agencia en nuestra diócesis, contó con la asistencia de más de mil personas generosas, quienes actuaron donando decenas de miles de dólares en apoyo de los más necesitados.

El lema del evento: No preguntamos si eres Católico, solo preguntamos que necesitas. Agradezco a Caridades Católicas, a nuestros patrocinadores y a todos los que con su asistencia hicieron de esta noche todo un éxito.

## **We don't ask you If you're Catholic we ask you what you need?**

We have a Pope who talks the talk and also walks the walk. If you read this blog regularly you are no stranger to Pope Francis' dedication to caring for the marginalized; the poor, the homeless, the abandoned.

In his Lenten message, he called for parishes and communities to become “islands of mercy in a sea of indifference.” As an example, the Holy Father has made the Vatican into an “island of mercy” in the heart of Rome where 0.11% of the people live on the street.

Pope Francis has frequently invited poor people off the street to breakfast with him and even included their dogs. In November he promised that showers and a changing area would be opened at the Vatican this month. Last week he added barbers and hairdressers, all to care for the poor and homeless. That is called showing the way.

Saturday night a lot of people heard the Pope's message and responded. The annual Catholic Charities Gala to support the agency's many charitable outreaches in our diocese was attended by more than a thousand generous people who walked the walk by donating tens of thousands of dollars to help those in need.

The motto for the event: We don't ask you if you're Catholic, we just ask you what you need. Thank you to Catholic Charities, our sponsors, and to all who attended for making it such a successful night.

Information Page

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