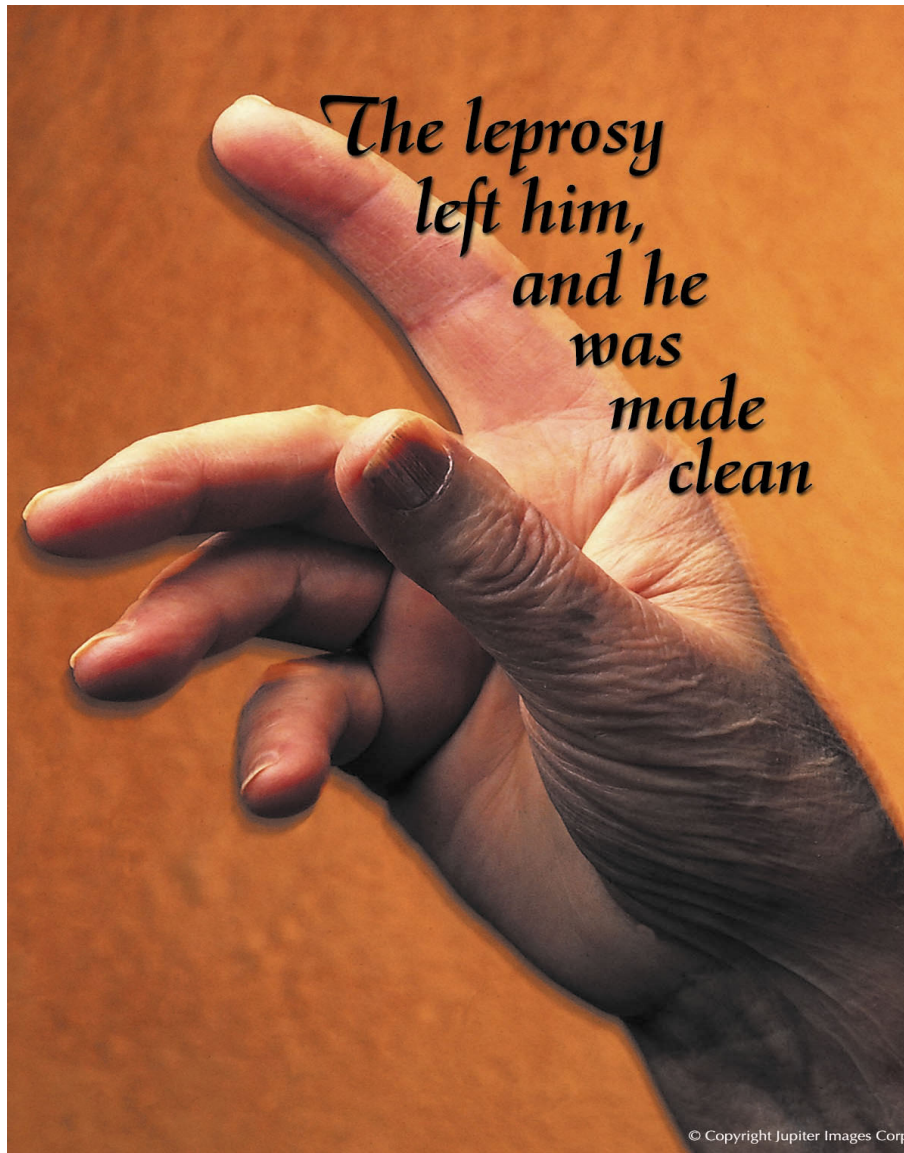


Holy Family Catholic Church



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

CRS Rice Bowl**Catholic Relief Services****40th Anniversary**

What is Lent? Lent is our time of preparation. We begin a 40-day journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving on Ash Wednesday to help deepen our relationship with Christ.

What is CRS Rice Bowl? 40 years ago, Catholics in the United States wanted to respond to famine in Africa. Could we feed the hungry through Lenten prayers, fasting, and almsgiving? The answer was yes-and it came in the form of a small cardboard box. 40 years later it still does.

Ready to get involved? Here's what you can do: Place your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten calendar in a prominent spot for daily use. Your offering will feed the hungry.

Offering

Attendance:	February 8, 2015	535
Offerings:	February 8, 2015	\$ 2,366.09
Building Fund:	February 8, 2015	\$ 1,001.27

Weekly Calendar**Sunday, February 15**

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 16

9:00 am Rosary

Tuesday, February 17

7:00 pm RCIA Classes

Wednesday, February 18

6:00 pm Ash Wednesday 6:00pm English Mass/Ashes
7:30 pm Ash Wednesday 7:30 pm Spanish Mass/ Ashes

Thursday, February 19

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

Friday, February 20**Saturday, February 21**

9:00 am First Reconciliation for 1st Communicants

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-Almsgiving-Reconciliation-Stations of the Cross- Holy Week****After the Ashes**

Ash Wednesday, with its conspicuous mark of faith, is atypical for Catholics. We are not to moan or groan while fasting. We are to wash our faces and trust that God will see our good works, even those done in silence. What can we do this Lent to demonstrate our love for God and our willingness to share in the cross his Son carried for us?

Miscellaneous/Lent

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 or call 972-480-5273 for details.

A Prayer for Lent

O Jesus, Who by reason of Thy burning love for us hast willed to be Crucified and to shed Thy Most Precious Blood for the redemption and salvation of our souls, look down upon us here gathered together in remembrance of Thy most sorrowful Passion and Death, fully resting in Thy mercy; cleanse us from sin by Thy grace, sanctify our toil, give unto us and unto all those who are dear to us our daily bread, sweeten our sufferings, bless our families, and to the nations so sorely afflicted, grant Thy peace, which is the only true peace, so that by obeying Thy commandments we may come at last to the glory of heaven. Amen -Traditional

40 Days to a Stronger You!

Why does Lent begin in the middle of the week? Why not Monday? Or Sunday?

For an answer, just look at the moon. That's right. The moon helps us figure out when Easter is. Unlike Christmas, which can fall on any day of the week as long as it's December 25, Easter always falls on a Sunday. That's the day the Bible tells us Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus' Last Supper was during the Jewish feast of Passover, which always falls on the first full moon after the first day of spring (also known as the vernal equinox). So we can figure out that Easter will always be the First Sunday after the first full moon in spring.

Now if you count backwards 40 days from Good Friday (be sure to skip Sundays because they're not part of the Lenten fast), you'll end up on a Wednesday—Ash Wednesday.

Speaking of numbers, 40 is an important one for biblical people:

Noah spent 40 days in the ark. Moses and his people searched for the Promised Land for 40 years. And before beginning his ministry, Jesus fasted 40 days in the desert.

Try tracking the moon's phases— from new moon to full during Lent. And remember to thank God for this amazing creation.

Seeking Christian unity is like being told by the Lord to climb a fog shrouded mountain. We have no idea what we will find at the peak other than God's will. We know we must make the journey although it may at times seem a labyrinthine path.

In John 17:20, Jesus gave us our marching orders: "I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me."

This week, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, is not a time set aside for the journey. Rather, it is a signpost along the road to remind us that our journey to God must be a journey toward unity.

Let us arise and move forward in the name of the Lord.

Buscar la unidad Cristiana es como si el Señor nos pidiera que subiéramos a una montaña rodeada de niebla. No tenemos la menor idea de lo que habrá en la cima de la montaña, lo único que sabemos es que ese es el deseo de Dios. Sabemos que tenemos que hacer el viaje, aunque a veces pueda parecer-nos un laberinto.

En Juan 17,20-21, Jesús nos expresa su deseo: "No ruego solamente por ellos, sino también por los que, gracias a su palabra, creerán en mí. Que todos sean uno: como tú, Padre, estás en mí y yo en ti, que también ellos sean uno en nosotros, para que el mundo crea que tú me enviaste."

Esta semana, la Semana de Oración por la Unidad Cristiana, no es un tiempo reservado para el viaje. Por el contrario, es una señal a lo largo del camino que nos recuerda que nuestro camino hacia Dios debe ser una jornada hacia la unidad.

Levantémonos y avancemos en el nombre del Señor.

3rd Spring Fest

We need YOU!! Raffle Items in great Demand. We need to gather items or Have Monetary money to purchase a Visa Card for 1st Place. Tech items gift Cards (Gas-Restaurant-Gift). Can you Donate seek Business Associates to Donate. A trip would be a great Raffle Item. Call if you have a donation. Raffle Leaders Janis Hicks & Diane Durbin. Come meet with us Feb. 25th at 6:30pm Faith Formation Center depends on us.

3er Festival de Primavera

Nosotros te NECESITAMOS!!! Articulos para la rifa estan en gran demanda. Nosotros necesitamos recoger articulos o tener efectivo para comprar una tarjeta Visa, para el 1er lugar. Articulos de Tecnologia Tarjetas de regalo (ejemplo: gas, restaurante, regalo). Puedes donar o ver que un negocio done algo. Un viaje puede ser un gran articulo para la rifa. Llama si tienes una donacion. Los lideres de la rifa Janis Hicks y Diane Durbin. Ven a nuestra proxima junta el 25 de Febrero a las 6:30 en la Iglesia. El Centro de Educacion de Formacion de Fe depende de nosotros

Where there is hatred, let me sow love

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-Prayer of St. Francis

Hatred is an insidious thing. It blinds us to truth; it blinds us to love; and it blinds us to God. Hatred springs from fear, from self-righteousness and from ignorance. It strips us of our reason, clouds our intellect, warps our mind to perceive that which is evil as good and demonizes the object of its wrath to justify itself. Hatred is particularly pernicious when it is justified in God's name.

God is love (1 John 4:8) and love is antithetical to hatred. The opposite of hatred is not only love, but also forgiveness. Anger is a feeling — we all feel anger. Hatred and forgiveness are decisions we make as the result of feeling anger. As followers of Jesus, we have only one possible response to anger ... love and forgiveness. "Whoever hates his brother is in darkness; he walks in darkness and does not know where he is going because the darkness has blinded his eyes" (1 John 2:11).

Those blinded by hatred are blind to truth; they are like those described by the Prophet Jeremiah as "foolish and senseless people, who have eyes and do not see, who have ears and do not hear" (Jer: 5:21). The popular saying "don't get mad, get even" is totally contrary to the teachings of Jesus, who taught in the Sermon on the Mount: "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on (your) right cheek, turn the other one to him as well" (Matt. 5:38,39).

Forgiveness and love are of God. Jesus, the Great Reconciler, as he hung on the cross, uttered among his last words, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34), and in imitation of Jesus, Stephen cried out as he was being stoned to death, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them" (Acts 7:60).

As disciples of Jesus, can we do less?

By Bishop Kevin J. Farrell

Donde haya odio, siembre yo amor

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– Oración de San Francisco de Asís

El odio es algo insidioso. Nos ciega a la verdad, nos ciega al amor, y nos ciega a Dios. El odio brota del miedo, de la rectitud autocomplaciente y de la ignorancia. Nos despoja de nuestra razón, empaña nuestro intelecto, nos impide diferenciar entre el bien y el mal y demoniza el objeto de su ira para justificarse. El odio es particularmente pernicioso cuando es justificado en nombre de Dios.

Dios es amor (1Jn 4,8) y el amor es la antítesis del odio. Lo opuesto al odio es el amor, no sólo el perdón. La ira es un sentimiento — todos lo hemos sentido. El odio y el perdón son decisiones que tomamos como resultado del sentimiento de la ira. Como seguidores de Jesús sólo tenemos una posible respuesta a la ira... el amor y el perdón. "Pero el que no ama a su hermano, está en las tinieblas y camina en ellas, sin saber a dónde va, porque las tinieblas lo han enceguecido" (1Jn 2,11).

Quienes son cegados por el odio están ciegos a la verdad; son como lo describe el Profeta Jeremías, " pueblo estúpido y sin inteligencia; tienen ojos y no ven, tienen oídos y no oyen" (Jer 5,21). El dicho popular, "no te enojés, desquítate," es totalmente contrario a las enseñanzas de Jesús, quien en el Sermón de la Montaña expresó: "Ustedes han oído que se dijo: 'Ojo por ojo y diente por diente.' Pero yo les digo que no hagan frente al que les hace mal: al contrario, si alguien te da una bofetada en la mejilla derecha, preséntale también la izquierda" (Mt 5,38-39).

El perdón y el amor son la esencia de Dios. Entre sus últimas palabras desde la cruz, Jesús el Gran Reconciliador pronunció, "Padre, perdónalos, porque no saben lo que hacen" (Lc 23,34). Esteban, el primer mártir Cristiano, imitando a Jesús, gritó mientras era lapidado hasta morir, "Señor, no les tomes en cuenta este pecado" (He 7,60).

Como discípulos de Jesús, ¿podemos hacer menos?

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