

Holy Family Catholic Church



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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	Pam Deleo	Kevin Brown
Alicia Chavez	Audelia Medina	Mary Ellen Pereyra
Rich Dyrack	Kara Dyrack	Morgan Helmberger

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 15

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

Monday, March 16

9:00 am Rosary

Tuesday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day Think Green

Wednesday, March 18

Thursday, March 19

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

Friday, March 20

5:00 pm Required Confirmation/Sponsor Practice
 7:00-9:00 pm Required Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, March 21

9:00 am-11:00 am Diocesan Liturgical Class for Lectors

Names on the Current Prayer Request List will be removed as of the BULLETIN printed on March 16th. If you wish this name to remain you need to contact 903-482-6322 no later than Sunday March 15th. Thank You

Offering

Attendance:	March 8, 2015	384
Offerings:	March 8, 2015	\$ 2,234.81
Building Fund:	March 8, 2015	\$ 1,083.00

Confirmation students must turn in Confession cards today. 3/15/15

Confirmation Practice with Sponsors on Friday March 20th at 5:00 pm.

If your Sponsor cannot attend on the 20th you may have a parent stand in for practice.

The students are Required to stay for the Retreat 7:00-9:00 pm following practice.

Confirmation on Tuesday March 24th. All Confirmation Students must be here no later than 6:30 pm. Parents make sure your child follows the DRESSS CODE. Thank You

Los Alumnos de la clase de la Confirmacion deberan entragar sus tarjetas de la Confesion Hoy 3-15-15.

Practica para la Confirmacion con los Padrinos sera el 20 de Marzo a las 5 p.m. Si el padrino NO puede estar el 20 el papa o mama debera acompañar el alumno en la practica.

Los alumnos deberan quedarse despues de la practica para el retiro requerido de 7 a 9 p.m.

La Confirmacion sera el Martes 24 de Marzo. Todos los alumnos y padrinos deberan estar en la Iglesia para las 6:30 P.M. Padres por favor asegurense de que los alumnos obedezcan EL CODIGO DE VESTIMENTA. Gracias.

FESTIVAL/March Papal Intentions/John 3:17/Classes for Lectors

Holy Father's, March 2015 prayer intentions:

Universal Papal Intention: that those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.

Evangelization Intention: that the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.

After MARCH 22nd 9:00 am Mass, Ladies of our Spanish Mass will sell Tamales. The funds earned are being given to the Spring Fest and they sold after their Mass on the 15th and the funds were also given to the Spring Fest to be used for expenses. Gracias & Thank You



When: April 26, 2015

Where: Holy Family (Here)

Why: Funds for Faith Formation Center

Time: 10:00 am-5:00 pm

Items needed for Auction Baskets: (Themes)
Lego—Pet Care—Summer Fun—Disney--Movie
Nights—Coffee-Chocolate—
BBG Grilling Items to fill the 7 Baskets.

Raffle Tickets available TODAY Take Several Books Sale to Neighbors, Friends, Family members. Donation of \$5.00 for 6 tickets. TIME is near and we need YOU to go to other Parishes if we get their permission. Stop by pick up your tickets.

Baked items will be needed on April 25 so get your favorite Breads, Cakes, and or Cookie recipes out and be ready.

Volunteers to help man the games, sell game/food tickets and work other areas.

Most of all we need you to invite guest to
COME!!!!!!! ALL ABOARD!!!!!!!

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. -- John 3:17

Dios no envió a su Hijo para condenar al mundo, sino para que el mundo se salvara por él. -- Juan 3:17

Classes for LECTORS: Saturday March 21st 9:00-11:00am
English/Spanish classes under the Diocesan Director of Worship Dr. Patricia Hughes/ Sylvia Garcia MPM
Coffee, Juice, Donuts at 8:30 am



Cuando: 26 de Abril del 2015

Donde: Iglesia Sagrada Familia (aquí)

Porque: Fondos para el Centro de Formacion de Fe
Horario: 10 A.M. a 5 P.M.

Articulos que se necesitan para las canastas a subastar:
(Temas)

Legos-Cuidado para mascotas_Diversión de Verano-Disney-Noche de Peliculas-Cafe-Chocolate-BBQ para asa. estos articulos se necesitan para completar 7 canastas.

Tiquetes para la rifa estaran disponibles HOY lleva varios libritos para vender a tus familiares, amigos o vecinos. La donacion es de \$5.00 por 6 tiquetes. La fecha se aproxima y te NECESITAMOS tambien parair a otras iglesias a vender boletos si nos dan permiso.Pasa por la oficina y recoge tus tiquetes. Articulos al horno se necesitarian el 25 de Abril, asi que a preparar tus recetas favoritas de panes, pastel, quequitos o galletas y prepara para donarlos para los juegos.

Voluntarios tambien se necesitan para los diferentes juegos, vender tiquetes de los juegos/comida o trabajar en otras diferentes areas que se necesiten.

Tambien necesitamos que invites gente para ASISTIR!!!
TODOS A BORDO!!!!!!!

In the Peace Prayer of St. Francis the various couplets following our request to be made God's instrument as we discussed in our last blog, are a litany of those elements necessary for peace; love, pardon, faith, hope, light and joy—"but the greatest of these is love." (1 Cor. 13:13) Our verse this week is on love because it is the cornerstone of peace. It is also the antithesis of hatred to which it is closely related as is true of antithetical terms, which are defined by each other. For example, darkness is the absence of light.

Poetess Etila Wheeler Wilcox penned the line, "Love lights more fires than hate extinguishes." Hate destroys, love gives life. Hatred and love cannot co-exist. Jesus commands us that we are to "love one another as I have loved you" (Jn 15:12). One who loves unconditionally, as God loves us, cannot hate.

Hatred has many faces. Nobel laureate and Holocaust survivor Elie Weisel professes that "the opposite of love is not hate; it's indifference," which he characterizes as, "the epitome of evil." Indeed, Pope Francis has been an outspoken critic of the "globalization of indifference," which has replaced love and mercy with "an economic system that has removed the person from the centre and replaced him with the god of money; an economic system that excludes, and creates the throwaway culture in which we live."

We sow love by our witness, acts of kindness, compassion, mercy, consideration shown to others. Love is contagious. The Holy Father observed that "Goodness always tends to spread. Every authentic experience of truth and goodness seeks by its very nature to grow within us, and any person who has experienced a profound liberation becomes more sensitive to the needs of others. As it expands, goodness takes root and develops. If we wish to lead a dignified and fulfilling life, we have to reach out to others and seek their good" (EG 9). Just as "the love of Christ urges us on" (2 Cor 5:14), our acts of love impel others, for God is love and those who abide in love abide in God, and God in them. (1 John 4:16)

Sembrando el amor de Dios

by Bishop Kevin J. Farrell

En la Oración por la Paz de San Francisco, las estrofas que le siguen a nuestra petición a Dios para que nos haga sus instrumentos, como lo comentamos en nuestro último blog, son una letanía de los elementos necesarios para la paz; amor, perdón, fe, esperanza, luz y alegría—"pero la más grande de todas es el amor" (1Cor 13,13).

Nuestra frase de esta semana es acerca del amor porque el amor es la piedra angular de la paz. Asimismo, el amor es la antítesis del odio al cual está estrechamente vinculado, ya que términos contrarios se definen entre sí, por ejemplo la oscuridad es definida como ausencia de luz.

La poetisa Etila Wheeler Wilcox escribió: "el amor enciende más incendios de los que apaga el odio." El odio destruye... el amor da vida. El odio y el amor no pueden coexistir. Jesús nos manda a amarnos los unos a los otros, como él nos ha amado (Jn 15,12). Quien ama incondicionalmente, como Dios nos ama, no puede odiar.

El odio tiene muchas caras. Elie Weisel, laureado del Premio Nobel y sobreviviente del Holocausto, expresa, "lo opuesto al amor no es el odio, es la indiferencia." Weisel caracteriza la indiferencia como "la personificación del mal." De hecho, el Papa Francisco ha sido un crítico abierto de la "globalización de la indiferencia," que ha sustituido el amor y la misericordia con "un sistema económico que ha quitado a la persona del centro y la ha reemplazado con el dios del dinero; un sistema económico que excluye y crea la cultura desechable en la que vivimos."

A través de nuestro testimonio sembramos amor, actos de bondad, compasión, misericordia y consideración por el prójimo. El amor es contagioso. El Santo Padre señaló que, "Dios siempre tiende a extenderse. Cada experiencia autentica de verdad y bondad busca por su propia naturaleza crecer dentro de nosotros, y cualquier persona que ha experimentado una profunda liberación se hace más sensible a las necesidades de los demás. Al expandirse, la bondad echa raíces y se desarrolla. Si queremos llevar una vida digna y plena, debemos llegar hasta los demás y buscar su bien" (EG 9). Así como, "el amor de Cristo nos apremia" (2 Cor 5,14) nuestros actos de amor impulsan a otros porque Dios es amor y quienes permanecen en el amor permanecen en Dios y Dios en ellos (1 Jn 4,16).

**Do not cast me aside in my old age;
as my strength fails, do not forsake me.**

Psalm 71:9

As the percentage of the population over 65 increases, attitudes toward and care of the elderly becomes a major concern for families and our society as a whole. Addressing this issue on March 5, in an audience with members of the Pontifical Academy for Life, the Holy Father emphasized that, "The biblical commandment to honor our parents reminds us in a broader sense of our duty to honor all elderly people."

We cannot allow ourselves to become indifferent to suffering, "the human person always remains precious, even when elderly or afflicted by illness," the Pope continued, "The elderly need, first and foremost, the care of their families - whose affection cannot be substituted even by the most efficient structures or by the most competent and charitable healthcare workers."

Census data indicates a decline in the nursing home population, attributable to better health among the elderly but also to more being cared for by their families in their homes. That is good news. Regardless of the quality of care available, there is a sense of abandonment attached to moving to a nursing home.

"Abandonment," Pope Francis stated, "is the most serious 'malady' to afflict the elderly, and also the greatest injustice they can suffer; those who have helped us to grow should not be abandoned when they need our help, our love."

There are circumstances which make it impossible to care for a parent or elderly person at home and an assisted living facility must be used. In that event every effort must be made to insure proper and loving care is provided and frequent visits and phone calls made to maintain connections and prevent the feeling of abandonment.

"When life becomes very fragile and the end of earthly life comes close, we feel the responsibility to look after and accompany the person in the best way possible," the Pope continued. This would involve both spiritual and medical care. Spiritually, pastoral care and the Sacrament of the Sick should be made available, and medically, effective palliative care to relieve suffering should be used.

St. Paul reminds us "Whoever does not provide for relatives and especially family members has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever." (1 Timothy 5:8)

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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