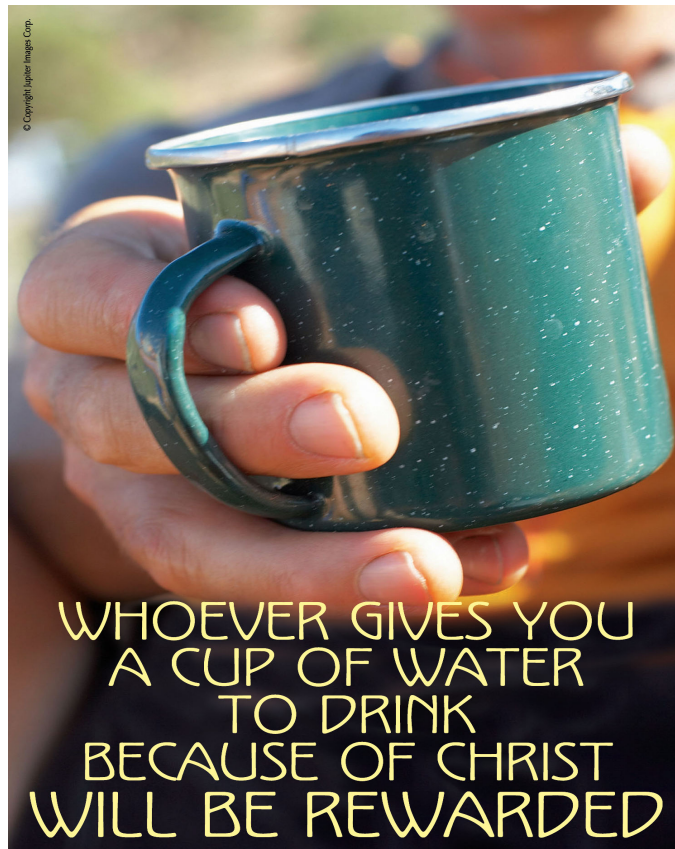


Holy Family Catholic Church

ESTABLISHED IN 1980 * 919 SPENCE RD., VAN ALSTYNE, TX. 75495



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 Van Alstyne TX, 75495
 Parish Office: 903-482-6322
 For a Priest: 972-542-4667
 Website: www.holyfamily-vanalstyne.org

Fr. Salvador Guzman, Pastor
 Fr. James Yamauchi, Parochial Vicar
 Deacon Patrick A. Hayes

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

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church
 Mailing Address: 411 Paula Road
 McKinney, Texas 75069
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St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church
 Weekend Masses
 Vigil Mass Saturday - 5pm (English)
 Sunday Masses / Misa Dominical
 Sunday 8:00am & 11:30am)
 Domingo 9:30am & 1:30pm
 Weekday Masses
 Mon., Wed, & Fri 8:00am
 Tues. & Thurs. 5:30pm

Confessions Thursday
 6:00pm - 7:00pm
 Saturday 3:00 - 4:00pm
 Blessed Sacrament
 Thursday's at 6:00pm

Baptisms/Bautizos

Baptisms: 2nd Sunday of each month
 Bautizos: 1er Domingo del mes

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/
 Primera Comunion**
 April 23, 2016 10:00 am
 First Friday Adoration

**Confirmation/
 Confirmacion**
 March 12, 2016 10:00 am
 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Sacraments/Sacramentos

Anointing of the Sick/Uncion de los Enfermos

Please call the Parish.

Confessions/Confesiones

Immediately following the 1st Mass-30 mins. Antes de la misa

Marriage/Matrimonio

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/Vocaciones

Talk to your Parish priest or call Father Edward Leonard, Vocations Director, at 214-379-2860.

Prayer Request

Eddie Pryor Karen Conner Anonymous
 Bernardine Dill Arnie Clark Elaine Clark

Auction football baskets for the following teams:

FUNDS FOR OUR BUILDING FUND

- 2 Dallas Cowboy Baskets for the Ladies
- Dallas Cowboys
- Texas A&M
- Longhorns
- Generic football basket

Baskets will be auctioned on September 27 and October 4 after the 9:00 AM Mass. Baskets designed and donated by: Mary Pereyra

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 27

8:30 am Rosary
 9:00 am Mass
 10:15—11:15 am Faith Formation PreK-4th
 12:00 pm Spanish Mass
 1:30—2:45 pm Faith Formation 5th-Confirmation

Monday, September 28

Tuesday, September 29

7:30 pm RCIA Class

Wednesday, September 30

Thursday, October 1

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

Friday, October 2

Saturday, October 3

Offering

Attendance	September 13, 2015	472
Offerings:	September 13, 2015	\$ 2,529.20
Building Fund	September 13, 2015	\$ 1,301.25

Prayer of St. Francis

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon;
 where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness, light;
 where there is sadness, joy;**
**O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
 to be understood as to understand;
 to be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive;
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
 Feast Celebrated October 4th**

To: All Women of our Parish:

Fun, Laughter and "Girl Time"
 Please consider joining us on Friday October 23rd at 7:30 as we gather to share input, ideas and suggestions on formation of a new Women's Group here at Holy Family!

Friday, October 23rd will be a time to visit and to make new friends. Don't worry, WE'RE NOT ASKING YOU TO DO "ONE MORE THING" at the end of your busy week. Come, relax and be with other women of our parish, your input will help decide what a new Women's Group might look like here at Holy Family!

All women of the parish, from both the English and Spanish communities are encouraged to gather with us as we continue to build bridges, bonds and new friendships.

NEWS

50 Years After Vatican II: Commemorating Jewish-Catholic Relations

Presented by the University of Dallas in cooperation with the Catholic Diocese of Dallas and the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas

Wednesday, November 4, 2015 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM (CST)

Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center

2301 Flora Street

Dallas, TX 75201

[Purchase Tickets Now](#)

Jewish-Catholic relations were forever changed when, in 1965, the Catholic Church published a groundbreaking declaration promoting healing and growth between Catholics and Jews. Known by its Latin title, “Nostra Aetate,” this declaration initiated a wave of interreligious dialogue and collaboration that has had enormous impact both in Dallas and throughout the world.

Join us as we commemorate 50 years of “Nostra Aetate” with a conversation between two major proponents of the interreligious dialogue that has shaped the last five decades of Jewish-Catholic relations.

The two speakers are Rabbi David Rosen, former chief rabbi of Ireland and international director of interreligious affairs for the American Jewish Committee, and Bishop Brian Farrell, Vatican secretary of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity.

Currently based in Jerusalem, David Rosen served as chief rabbi of Ireland from 1979-1985. The recipient of a papal knighthood for his contribution to Jewish-Catholic reconciliation and a Commander of the British Empire by H.M. Queen Elizabeth II for his work promoting interfaith understanding and cooperation, Rosen has worked towards interfaith understanding for decades and across continents. As the international director of interreligious affairs, he oversees interfaith relations for one of the largest global Jewish advocacy groups in existence, the American Jewish Committee (AJC). Appreciation is extended to the AJC for his appearance at this event.

Brian Farrell, the older brother of Dallas Diocese Bishop Kevin Farrell, has led the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity at the Vatican since 2002, serving Pope Francis, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and Pope St. John Paul II. He previously worked for the Vatican’s Secretariat of State from 1981-2002.

A choral performance by the Temple Emanu-El choir and the University of Dallas' UD Chorale will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Mensaje del Obispo Kevin Farrell - Como Podemos Ayudar a los Refugiados

Mi Querido Pueblo de Dios,

Cada uno de nosotros se ha conmovido profundamente al ver las imágenes y escuchar en las noticias relatos de los refugiados que huyen de Siria, Irak y otras partes del Medio Oriente. Estos hombres, mujeres y niños deben abandonar sus hogares debido a la inestabilidad política, guerra, persecución religiosa, hambre, violación y asesinato. Esto es una tragedia humana que no se veía desde la Segunda Guerra Mundial. Los niños, quienes deben vivir en un ambiente familiar estable, jugando con sus amigos y recibiendo una educación, viven llenos de miedo y se preguntan dónde dormirán y donde encontrarán alimento. Algunos de ellos son arrancados del seno familiar y vendidos como esclavos. Las familias realizan viajes peligrosos en embarcaciones precarias para cruzar el Mar Mediterráneo en busca de seguridad en Europa. Muchos de ellos se han ahogado al tratar de realizar dicha travesía. Es difícil comprender que esto esté sucediendo en nuestros tiempos.

La causa principal de este sufrimiento humano es ISIS. Personas de todas las religiones, incluso Musulmanes, sufren bajo su tiranía. La mayor parte de la energía de ISIS está dirigida en eliminar completamente el Cristianismo del área.

Sacrificio masivo de comunidades Cristianas, decapitación de hombres y mujeres y simulacros de crucifixiones, son tan sólo una parte de la campaña de terror de ISIS. Antiguos monumentos Cristianos, iglesias y monasterios, algunos de los cuales se remontan al tercer siglo de nuestra era, están siendo bombardeados con el propósito de erradicar cualquier rastro del Cristianismo.

El sufrimiento se agudiza en Siria desde que estalló la guerra civil. En 1991 había 1.5 millones de Cristianos en Irak. En la actualidad se estima que hay tan solo 500,000 y algunos dicen que solamente 150,000. Hace un siglo, en el Líbano, el 80 por ciento de la población era Cristiana; hoy en día, dicha población es menor al 40 por ciento tras años de conflicto, incluyendo el reciente secuestro de 13 monjas.

En respuesta a la crisis de refugiados, el Papa Francisco hizo un llamado a las parroquias y comunidades religiosas europeas para que adopten a una familia de migrantes. Asimismo, él anunció que cada una de las dos parroquias del Vaticano adoptará una familia de migrantes. Estos son ejemplos concretos de lo que significa poner en práctica las exigencias del Evangelio. Nuestro Bendito Señor dijo que cuando vestimos al desnudo, damos techo al indigente, alimentamos al hambriento y damos la bienvenida al forastero, lo estamos haciendo por él y seremos recibidos en el Reino de los Cielos.

Nuestra solidaridad hacia nuestros hermanos y hermanas de nuestra fe y otras profesiones de fe, en una parte del mundo donde existe un esfuerzo evidente por eliminarlos, es algo que simplemente no podemos ignorar. El mal ha ocurrido en la historia porque la gente buena no asume una posición a tiempo para detenerlo. Hay ocasiones en que todos debemos levantar nuestras voces. Siempre que nos sea posible pongámonos en contacto con nuestros líderes políticos, con quienes forman la opinión pública y con los medios de comunicación, e informémosles de la necesidad de concientizar la opinión pública acerca de esta tragedia y de la persecución de Cristianos en esta convulsionada parte del mundo.

También podemos elevar nuestras voces a Dios. En cualquier lugar que los grupos se reúnan en oración, ya sea rezando el Rosario, asistiendo a una hora Santa en adoración ante el Santísimo Sacramento o asistiendo a Misa diaria, pongamos en oración a nuestros hermanos y hermanas sufrientes.

Catholic Relief Services y Caritas han comenzado a auxiliar a estas víctimas que huyen del peligro. Le pedimos sea generoso y ayude siempre que se haga una petición de donativos. Encontrará un enlace a Catholic Relief Services visitando www.cathdal.org. En el pasado, las parroquias de nuestra diócesis mostraron el verdadero espíritu Cristiano dando la bienvenida a las familias del Sur de Vietnam tras la guerra y, más recientemente, a quienes huyeron del Huracán Katrina. Ojala que todos seamos capaces de mostrar ese mismo espíritu en todas las formas posibles a quienes ahora se encuentran sufriendo en el Medio Oriente.

Que elevemos una petición a Nuestra Señora, Auxilio de los Cristianos, para que ella guarde en su amoroso abrazo a nuestros hermanos y hermanas que padecen tal sufrimiento en la actualidad.

Fielmente en Cristo,

Excelentísimo Kevin J. Farrell, D.D.
Obispo de Dallas

Message from Bishop Kevin Farrell - How We Can Help the Refugees

9/10/2015

My Dear People of God,

Every one of us has been deeply moved by the images and news accounts of the refugees fleeing Syria, Iraq and other parts of the Middle East. These men, women and children must leave their homes due to political instability, war, religious persecution, hunger, rape and murder. This is a human tragedy not seen since the Second World War. Children, who should be living in a stable home environment, playing with their friends, getting an education, live in fear and wonder where they will sleep and find food. Some are taken from their families and sold into slavery. Families take perilous journeys in substandard boats to cross the Mediterranean Sea to seek safety in Europe. Many have drowned trying to make that crossing. It is difficult to fathom that this is happening in our day and time.

The chief cause of this human suffering is ISIS. People of all faiths, even Muslims, suffer under their tyranny. Most of the energy of ISIS is directed at cleansing Christianity completely from the area. Mass slaughter of whole Christian communities, beheading of men and women and even mock crucifixions are just part of the ISIS terror campaign. Ancient Christian sights, churches and monasteries, some going back to the 3rd century, are being blown up to wipe out any trace of Christianity.

The suffering is growing worse in Syria since civil war broke out there. In 1991 there were 1.5 million Christians in Iraq. Today it is estimated there could be as few as 150,000. A century ago in Lebanon 80 percent of the population was Christian; today it is less than 40 percent after years of strife including the kidnapping of 13 nuns recently.

In response to the refugee crisis, Pope Francis called on European parishes and religious communities to each offer shelter to a migrant family. He also announced that two parishes in the Vatican would each take in a family of refugees. These are concrete examples of our Blessed Lord's Gospel message that when we clothe the naked, give shelter to the homeless, feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, we do it for him and we will be called into the kingdom of heaven.

We simply cannot ignore the suffering of these brothers and sisters. Evil has happened in history because good people did not stand up in time to stop it. Sometimes we must all raise our voices in solidarity. Let us, wherever possible, contact our political leaders, those who form public opinion and the media and inform them of the need to raise public awareness of this tragedy and the persecution of Christians in this troubled part of the world.

We can also raise our voices in prayer. Wherever groups gather to pray, whether it is the rosary, a holy hour of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament or daily mass, let the intention of our suffering brothers and sisters be part of our prayers.

Catholic Relief Services and Caritas have already begun to bring help to these victims who are fleeing from danger. Please be generous and help whenever an appeal is made for donations.

In the past, parishes in our diocese showed true Christian spirit and welcomed families from South Vietnam after the war and more recently, those who fled Hurricane Katrina. May we all show that same spirit in whatever way we can for those suffering today in the Middle East.

May we include a daily a petition to Our Lady, Help of Christians, that she take into her loving embrace our brothers and sisters undergoing such suffering today.

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Reverend Kevin J. Farrell, D.D. Bishop of Dallas

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Holy Family Quasi-Parish

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Date: Sept 18, 2011

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Transmission Date / Time Tuesday 12:00pm

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