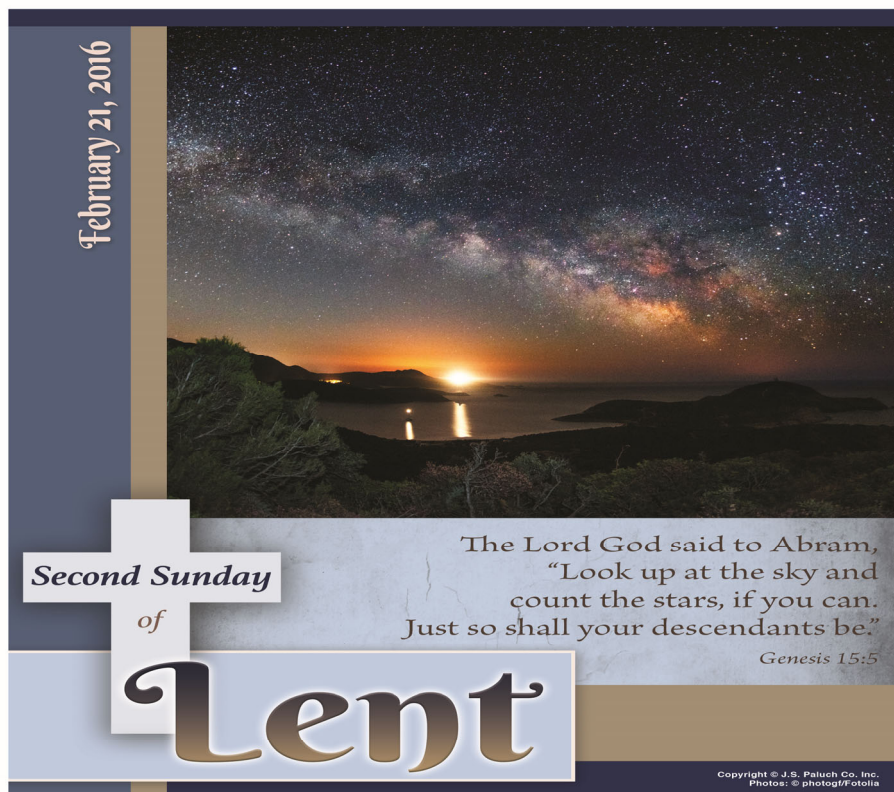


Second Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2016

# 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](http://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

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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 Edwin A Leonard, Vocations Director, at 214-379-2860.

*Believe in the Power of Prayer*

Shirley Adams	Karen Conner	Anonymous
Arnie Clark	Elaine Clark	Karen Elliott
Angie Hermosillo	Jennifer Bryant	Mary Pereyra
Jose Garcia	M. McGuire	Reynaldo Chaviva
Andy Karl	Richard Lynch	

**Weekly Attendance/Offerings**

Ash Wednesday	February 10, 2016	491
Eastern Europe	February 10, 2016	\$ 511.00
Attendance:	February 14, 2016	495
Offerings:	February 14, 2016	\$ 1,959.04
Building Fund:	February 14, 2016	\$ 1,718.84
Black & Indian	February 14, 2016	\$ 236.01

**Weekly Calendar**

**Sunday, February 21**

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

**Monday, February 22**

**Tuesday, February 23**

7:30 pm RCIA Class

**Wednesday February 24**

7:30 pm Bible Class

**Thursday, February 25**

9:00 am Mass, Bible Class after Mass  
 7:00 pm Youth Choir Practice

**Friday, February 26**

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross Theme:  
 "Be Merciful as your Heavenly Father is Merciful"  
 Soup and Salad will be available by "The Knights of Columbus"

**Saturday, February 27**

8:00 am-5:00 pm Retreat for all Quince Girls of 2015

**Holy Family**

**Viacruzis Durante la Cuaresma  
 Viernes 26de Febrero a las 6:00pm  
 Sacerdote/diácono guiarán el viacruzis**

**Tema:**

**"Sé misericordioso como tu padre celestial es misericordioso"**

**26de Febrero a escuchar un mensaje espiritual de pascua.**

**Holy Family**

**Stations of the Cross During Lent  
 Friday February 26th at 6:00pm  
 Priest/Deacon's will Lead the Stations**

**Theme:**

**"Be Merciful as Your Heavenly Father is Merciful."**

**Come for a Lenten Spiritual Message**

**Soup & Salad available from the Knights of Columbus Council 16047, after the Stations.**

**Bodas Comunitarias**

Si esta usted viviendo en unión libre o casado por el civil solamente y quisiera regularizar su matrimonio por la iglesia, lo invitamos a que se comuniqué con el Padre Salvador al 972.542.4667 x 1 para obtener una cita y recibir mas información de la preparación para las Bodas Comunitarias.

*Un matrimonio feliz y duradero siempre es de tres: Dios; Tu Pareja y Tú.*

## Miscellaneous

### Family Idea for the Year of Mercy:

Treat your loved ones and friends to an extraordinary event! **St. Luke Productions Presents:**

**"Therese: The Story of a Soul" |**

Be inspired by this amazing live drama about one of the world's most beloved saints **at the Eisemann Center in Richardson, Texas** Saturday, March 5, 2016

A Fundraiser Benefiting Birth Choice Deepen your spirituality while supporting a Catholic pregnancy center that works to save babies from abortion **3 Options: 2:00pm Matinee, 5:30pm Dinner & Show, or 8:00pm Show Only**

Purchase your tickets while they last at:

### **"Come and See!"**

You are invited to a LAY CARMELITE INFORMATION SESSION sponsored by Our Lady of Mt Carmel Community,

First Saturday March 5, 2016, immediately following the 9 am Mass at St Joseph's Catholic Church, 600 S. Jupiter Rd, Richardson TX, room 123. Come discover: What is the OCarm Third Order Carmel? What is a rule of life, and why follow one? What is the Carmelite charism, heritage, way of life? Why become a Lay Carmelite, and is God perhaps calling you? For information, or to visit a community meeting, call Celine Powers at 903-962-0351.

### **Recordatorio:**

**Por favor, honrar sus promesas de " Nuestra Fe Nuestro Futuro "**

**El 30 % de estos fondos estará disponible para nosotros cuando comencemos la construcción de nuestro Centro de Formación de Fe y el 70 % de la cantidad por encima de los \$ 100.000 que hicimos , siempre y cuando complete- mos nuestras promesas .**

**Gracias por tu generosidad.**

**Reminder: Please honor your pledges to "Our Faith Our Future" as 30% of these funds will be available to us when we get started building our Faith Formation Center and 70% of the amount over \$ 100,000 which we did pledge, as long as we have contributed to our pledges. Thank You for your generosity.**

**Lent** is a season when we are tested as we focus more intensely on who God is calling us to be.

**Lent** is a time for us to take an honest look at ourselves and receive the grace of Jesus' healing love. Loyola Press

### **23rd Annual Bishop's Pro-Life Dinner**

Bishop Kevin Farrell invites you to the 23rd Annual Bishop's Pro-Life Dinner on April 16th at the Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas. This spectacular event benefiting the Catholic Pro-Life Committee will feature internationally acclaimed actor and producer Eduardo Verástegui. The evening will include a wine pull, silent auction and private reception at 5 p.m., followed by a seated banquet, live auction and program at 6:30 p.m. This event raises critical funds to save babies, support families, provide education and facilitate post-abortion healing. Reservations are \$100 for an individual seat, \$1,000 for a table of ten, \$50 for student volunteers. Premium tables with priority seating start at \$2,500. Raffle tickets for a chance to win \$15,000 in MasterCard® gift cards are available now for \$20 each, 4 for \$60 and 8 for \$100. Dinner reservations are requested by April 4, 2016, after which the price increases to \$125. Seating is limited Reservations may be made at [prolifedallas.org/dinner](http://prolifedallas.org/dinner) or call 972-267-LIFE (5433). Spanish translation headsets available.

### **23ª Cena Anual Pro-Vida del Obispo el**

Obispo Kevin J. Farrell le invita a la 23ª Cena Anual Pro-Vida del Obispo el 16 de abril en el Centro de Convenciones de Irving en Las Colinas. Este evento espectacular beneficia al Comité Católico Pro-Vida y cuenta con la presencia de Eduardo Verástegui, el actor y productor de cine internacionalmente aclamado. La tarde incluye un sorteo de vinos, una subasta silenciosa y una recepción privada a las 5:00 p.m., seguido por una cena sentada, una subasta en vivo y programa a las 6:30 p.m. Este evento recauda fondos críticos para salvar bebés, apoyar familias, proveer educación y facilitar sanación post-aborto. Reservas están a \$100 por un asiento individual, \$1,000 por una mesa de diez, \$50 para los estudiantes voluntarios. Mesas de primera categoría con asientos de prioridad están disponibles desde \$2,500 y más. Boletos de la rifa para tener la oportunidad de ganar \$15,000 en tarjetas de regalo de MasterCard® y a están disponibles por \$20 cada una, 4 por \$60 u 8 por \$100. Reservas de la cena se piden antes del 4 de abril, 2016, después de esta fecha el precio aumentara a \$125. Capacidad es limitada. Reservas se pueden hacer en [prolifedallas.org/dinner](http://prolifedallas.org/dinner) o llámame al 972-267-5433. Auriculares en español estarán disponibles.

## Meeting of Pope Francis and Russian Orthodox Patriarch Kirill

Unprecedented is the only word to describe the meeting in Havana on Friday, Feb. 12, between the primates of the Catholic and Russian Orthodox churches. Pope Francis will stop over at Havana en route to Mexico City. Russian Orthodox Patriarch Kirill will be in the second day of a planned visit to three Latin American nations. St. John Paul II first expressed hope for such a meeting shortly after the fall of the Soviet Union and similar hopes have been expressed by both Pope Emeritus Benedict and Pope Francis.

The two-hour conversation at the Havana airport will be the first time that primates of the two churches have met. Officials at the Moscow Patriarchate reported that the persecution of Christians would be the central theme of the discussion. Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox and Eastern Catholics have borne the brunt of Christian persecution and oppression in the Middle East. The meeting will conclude with the signing of a joint declaration.

Russian Orthodox Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, director of foreign relations for the Moscow Patriarchate, told reporters, "The statement will not be of a theological nature since that dialogue takes place in the framework of the International Commission for Dialogue between the Catholic Church and all the Orthodox Churches." Instead, he says, it will be a declaration on different aspects of collaboration and testimony that the Russian Orthodox Church and the Catholic Church can give in our world today. These may include the problem of persecuted Christians in the Middle East, secularization, the protection of life, marriage, the family and other issues of shared concern.

Dominican Father Hyacinthe Destivelle, who is in charge of relations with the Slavic Orthodox Churches at the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, stated, "The role of the meeting is within the framework of the dialogue of charity since Pope Francis has often said he is willing to promote a culture of encounter, especially in this Jubilee Year of Mercy – adding, there will be no unity without mercy."

Meeting of the primates in Havana will mark an important stage in relations between the two churches, which have experienced tension due to the Russian Orthodox claims of Catholic proselytism and the matter of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, which left Orthodoxy in 1595 and restored communion with Rome. Patriarch Kirill brought extensive ecumenical experience to the Russian Patriarchy and has long been seen as more open to closer relations with Rome and other Christian churches.

Separation of Rome from the Orthodox patriarchate in the East occurred in 1054, in the Great Schism. Several attempts at reconciliation failed. Prince Vladimir I (St. Vladimir) of Kiev, whose grandmother had been baptized in Constantinople, was baptized in the Byzantine rite in 988 and led Russia into Eastern Christianity. The Russian Orthodox Church became autocephalous (independent) in 1589.

Father Destivelle also noted that "Beyond an encounter between two Christian leaders, the February meeting also signals a significant and historic move toward wider Christian unity between the long-separated Eastern and Western churches." The warming of relations began with St. John XXIII inviting Orthodox observers to Vatican II. They were significantly improved by the meeting of Blessed Pope Paul VI with Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras in Jerusalem in 1964—the first such meeting since 1438. About 20 such encounters have since occurred, culminating in a close friendship between Pope Francis and Patriarch Bartholomew, the current ecumenical patriarch.

This is also an historic time for Orthodoxy because in June the first synod meeting of the various Orthodox churches in more 1,000 years will take place in Crete.

Please join me in praying for God's blessing on the primates' meeting in Havana and on the continuing steps toward unity.

**By Bishop Kevin J. Farrell**

## An invitation to God's Mercy this Lent / Experimentemos la Misericordia de Dios esta Cuaresma

As you receive ashes on Ash Wednesday, the minister asks you to turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel. Those words are an invitation to God's mercy.

In his Lenten message to the Church, Our Holy Father Pope Francis asks that the Season of Lent in 2016 "be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy." With the Pope's words in mind, I will devote my blogs for each week of Lent and the Holy Week Triduum to the many aspects of God's mercy.

When he opened the Holy Door at the Vatican on December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis reminded us of "How much wrong we do to God and his grace when we speak of sins being punished by his judgment before we speak of them being forgiven by his mercy — we have to put mercy before judgment."

Our Holy Father reminds us in his message that, "The mystery of divine mercy is revealed in the history of the covenant between God and his people Israel. God shows himself ever rich in mercy, every ready to treat his people with deep tenderness and

compassion, especially at those moments when infidelity ruptures the bond of the covenant, which then needs to be ratified more firmly in justice and truth. Here is a true love story, in which God plays the role of the betrayed father and husband, while Israel plays the unfaithful child and bride. These domestic images— as in the case of Hosea (Cf Hos 1-2) — shows to what extent God wishes to bind himself to his people ... in Christ the Father pours forth his boundless mercy even to making him "mercy incarnate" (Misericordiae Vultus 8).

Forgiveness then is not only something to be received but something to be offered. It should be part of our nature. Mercy should be proactive, not only given reluctantly when it is asked for but offered freely to those who have offended us and never withheld as punishment or retaliation. Reconciliation is sharing God's mercy.

For some of us it is easier to forgive others than to forgive ourselves. Somehow we feel that our offenses are beyond forgiveness. Pope Francis points out that such is not the case, reminding us that "in Jesus crucified, God shows his desire to draw near to sinners, however far they may have strayed from him."

The sacrament of reconciliation is a personal and intimate experience of God's mercy. Our priests, as missionaries of mercy, have been given the privilege to forgive the most serious of sins, even those reserved to the Holy See. They will be, in the words of Pope Francis, "living signs of the Father's readiness to welcome those in search of his pardon."

"We implore you, on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." (2 Cor 5:20)

By Bishop Kevin J. Farrell

Cuando recibas las cenizas el Miércoles de Ceniza, el ministro te pedirá que te arrepientas de tus pecados y creas en el Evangelio. Estas palabras son una invitación a aceptar la misericordia de Dios.

En su Mensaje de Cuaresma a la Iglesia, Nuestro Santo Padre Francisco pide que el Tiempo de Cuaresma en el año 2016 "sea vivido con mayor intensidad, como momento fuerte para celebrar y experimentar la misericordia de Dios". Con las palabras del Papa en mente, dedicaré blogs semanales durante la Cuaresma y el Triduo Pascual a los numerosos aspectos de la misericordia de Dios.

Al abrir la Puerta Santa en el Vaticano, el 8 de diciembre, durante la Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción, el Papa Francisco nos recordó "cuánto se ofende a Dios y a su gracia al afirmarse sobre todo que los pecados son castigados por su juicio, en vez de destacar que son perdonados por su misericordia — debemos anteponer la misericordia al juicio".

Nuestro Santo Padre nos recuerda en su mensaje que, " El misterio de la misericordia divina se revela a lo largo de la historia de la alianza entre Dios y su pueblo Israel. Dios, en efecto, se muestra siempre rico en misericordia, dispuesto a derramar en su pueblo, en cada circunstancia, una ternura y una compasión visceral, especialmente en los momentos más dramáticos, cuando la

infidelidad rompe el vínculo del Pacto y es preciso ratificar la alianza de modo más estable en la justicia y la verdad. Aquí estamos frente a un auténtico drama de amor, en el cual Dios desempeña el papel de padre y de marido traicionado, mientras que Israel el de hijo/hija y el de esposa infiel. Son justamente las imágenes familiares — como en el caso de Oseas (Os 1-2) — las que expresan hasta qué punto Dios desea unirse a su pueblo... en Cristo, Dios derrama su ilimitada misericordia hasta tal punto que hace de Él la «Misericordia encarnada» (Misericordiae Vultus 8).

El perdón no es sólo algo que recibimos sino algo que debemos ofrecer y que debería ser parte de nuestra naturaleza. La misericordia debería ser proactiva, no sólo dada a regañadientes cuando nos es solicitada sino ser ofrecida libremente a quienes nos han ofendido y nunca retenerla como castigo o represalia. La reconciliación es compartir la misericordia de Dios.

A algunos de nosotros nos resulta más sencillo perdonar a los demás que perdonarnos a nosotros mismos. De alguna manera sentimos que nuestras ofensas trascienden el perdón. El Papa Francisco señala que no es así, y nos recuerda que "en Jesús crucificado, Dios quiere llegar hasta el pecador incluso en su lejanía más extrema, justamente allí donde se perdió y se alejó de Él".

El Sacramento de la Reconciliación es una experiencia personal e íntima de la misericordia de Dios. A nuestros sacerdotes, como misioneros de la misericordia, les ha sido otorgado el privilegio de perdonar los pecados más graves, incluso aquellos cuyo perdón ha sido reservado a la Santa Sede. Ellos serán, en las palabras del Papa Francisco, "un signo concreto de la cercanía y el perdón de Dios".

"Les suplicamos en nombre de Cristo: Déjense reconciliar con Dios". (2Cor 5,20)

By Bishop Kevin J. Farrell

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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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