

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 17, 2016

Holy Family Catholic Church

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

Parish Mission Statement

Holy Family is a Catholic community that unites for prayer and communion so that we may grow in our baptismal discipleship and share the good news of the Gospel.



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Parish Office: 903-482-6322

For a Priest: 972-542-4667

Emergency After Hours: 469-667-7324

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

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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**
 TBA for 2017
 6:00—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

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| Shirley Adams | Karen Conner | Anonymous |
| Arnie Clark | Karen Elliott | Bud Rietman |
| Angie Hermsillo | Jennifer Bryant | Mary Pereyra |
| Jose Garcia | M. McGuire | Reynaldo Chaviva |
| Andy Karl | Richard Lynch | Bill Powell |
| Juan Enhorabuen | Theresa Powell | Dennis Pereyra |
| Armandina Alvarez | Catherine Casterline | |
| Margaret Hicks | Terry Henrick | |

Weekly Attendance/Offerings

Attendance:	April 10, 2016	524
Offerings:	April 10, 2016	\$ 4,418.58
Building Fund:	April 10, 2016	\$ 5,892.40

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for April

Universal: Small Farmers That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labor.

Evangelization: African Christians That Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus Christ amid political-religious conflicts.

From the Easter Message of Pope Francis

"To all I once more address the words of the Risen One: "See, I am making all things new... To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life" (Rev 21:5-6). May this comforting message of Jesus help each of us to set out anew with greater courage to blaze trails of reconciliation with God and with all our brothers and sisters."

PARENTS of 1st Communion Students:

Practice is scheduled for Wednesday April 20th at 6:00 pm
 Saturday April 23rd all Students must be here at 9:30 am.
 1st Communion Mass starts at 10:00 am.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 17

8:30 am Rosary
 9:00 am Mass
 10:15-11:15am Faith Formation PreK-4th LAST CLASS
 12:00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, April 18

Tuesday, April 19

Wednesday, April 20

6:00 pm 1st Communion Practice
 7:30 pm Bible Class

Thursday, April 21

9:00 am Mass Bible Class Immediately Following Mass
 7:00 pm Youth Choir Practice

Friday, April 22

Saturday, April 23

10:00 am First Communion
 3:00 pm Quince

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 comuniquen 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.

Padres de estudiantes de la primera comunión:

La práctica mandatoria es miércoles 20 de Abril a las 6:00pm.

La primera comunión es el sábado 23 de Abril es mandatorio que todos los estudiantes estén en la iglesia a las 9:30am.

La misa de la primera comunión empieza a las 10:00am.

4th Festival News / "New" Holy Family Sign



MAY 1, 2016

Festival Success Depends on All of Us!!!!!!

Please take at least 10 to 20 books sell them to relatives and friends. The prizes are really good, 6 for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each. Stop after Mass and take some today.

Volunteer to help on May 1st.

Games-- Food Booths-Setup-- Take down

Manpower in an important need to it's success.

SELL the Raffle tickets!! **Bring** non perishable food items for the grocery game. Gift Cards, value \$5 to \$100. Come to the meeting April 10th at 2:00 pm.

Grocery Wheel

Gift Cards Game of Chance

Once again we need families to take boxes to bring nonperishables with current dates. Boxed items-can goods-drinks etc. One of our favorite games at our Festivals. Please return on April 17th or April 24th. Thanks

Also Gift cards in the amounts of \$5 to \$75 will be used in an opportunity to have fun at a game of CHANCE.

Holy Family Sign

Finally a Lighted Sign has been designed for our Church. The need has been there for sometime now. The design will have a bricked flower box. The bricks saved from our original building piled up in the field need to be cleaned. If we have some volunteers please see Jim Rountree. The sign should be ready in about 6 weeks. Look out in the vestibule to see the design. Lino Hernandez and Bob Helmberger will be preparing the base. If you can assist let one of them know.

Next Parish Wide Scheduled Festival meeting will be: Sunday April 24th @ 2:00pm. Please Come!!!! TODAY

Por favor llévese unos 10-20 libros de boletos para vender a sus amigos y familiares. Los precios son muy bueno 6 por \$5.00 o cada boleto 1.00. Levante sus boletos hoy después de misa.

Sea voluntario para ayudar este primero de Mayo.

Juegos-- puestos de comida-- montar y desmontar los puestos. La fuerza de los voluntarios es necesaria para el éxito del festival. Venda los boletos para la rifa!!!! Traiga artículos enlatados y empaquetados para el juego de la despensa. Tarjetas de regalo de valores \$5 a \$100.

Venga a la junta April 10 a las 2:00pm.

Rueda de la despensa/

juego al azar de tarjetas de regalo.

Necesitamos familias que se lleven cajas y las llenen con despensa que no esté expirada para el juego favorito del festival. Por favor regresarlas en 17 de abril o el 24 de abril.

También son necesarias tarjetas de regalo con valores de 5 a 75 dólares para un juego de azar.

Anunció para Holy Family

Finalmente un anuncio con alumbrado a sido diseñado para nuestra iglesia.

La necesidad a estado por mucho tiempo. El diseño tendrá un florero de ladrillo. Los ladrillos fueron guardados del edificio original, están amontonados en el baldío atrás de la iglesia y necesitan ser limpiados. Si quieren donar tiempo para limpiarlos por favor buscar a Jim Rountree. El anuncio estará listo aproximadamente en seis semanas. El diseño estará en exhibición en el vestíbulo de la iglesia. Los señores Lino Hernández y Bob Helmberger estarán preparando la base si desean ayudarles háganles saber a uno de ellos.

Synods of Bishops on the Family

2014-2015 Synods of Bishops on the Family

The Synod is an assembly of bishops from around the world who assist the Holy Father by providing counsel on important questions facing the Church in a manner that preserves the Church's teaching and strengthens her internal discipline.

(For more information, please see the Vatican website and Code of Canon Law, canon 342.)

October 8, 2013

Pope Francis announces an Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops for October 2014 on topics related to the family and evangelization. Subsequent communications made clear that the Extraordinary General Assembly would be followed by an Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in October 2015, on the same topics.

November 6, 2013

The Vatican releases a preparatory document entitled Pastoral Challenges to the Family in the Context of Evangelization . To allow the particular Churches to participate actively in the preparation of the Extraordinary Synod, this document includes a questionnaire addressing topics such as the knowledge of Church Doctrine among Catholics, the percentage of unmarried couples living together, addressing the spiritual needs of divorced couples and gays, and how to best foster a culture of life.

June 24, 2014

Over 90% of the episcopal conferences around the world send responses to the initial preparatory document, which forms the basis for the document known as the Instrumentum Laboris. This document provides a substantive reflection on the major challenges facing the family today, and outlines the topics of discussion at the Extraordinary General Assembly.

October 5-19, 2014

253 participants gather in Vatican City to participate in the synod, including 114 presidents of Bishops' Conferences, 13 heads of Eastern Catholic Churches sui iuris, 25 heads of the dicasteries of the Roman Curia, nine members of the Ordinary Council for the Secretariat, and 38 auditors (including 13 married couples, and 16 experts). At the outset, Pope Francis encouraged the Synod fathers to speak openly, even if they had an opinion they were worried would conflict with those of the Holy Father ("It is necessary to say with parrhesia all that one feels.").

October 19, 2014

Pope Francis releases the Relatio Synodi (final report) of the Extraordinary Synod. According to the conclusion of the document: "These proposed reflections, the fruit of the synodal work that took place in great freedom and with a spirit of reciprocal listening, are intended to raise questions and indicate points of view that will later be developed and clarified through reflection in the local Churches in the intervening year leading to the XIV Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops" (n. 62)

December 11, 2014

The Synod Secretariat releases the Lineamenta, which includes both the Relatio as well as a series of questions to generate an in-depth examination of the work initiated during the Extraordinary Assembly. The episcopal conferences are asked to choose a suitable manner of involving all components of the particular churches and academic institutions, organizations, lay movements and other ecclesial associations. The Catholic Diocese of Dallas participates in this questionnaire by collecting answers via an online survey.

June 23, 2015

The Instrumentum Laboris is released to serve as the "working document" for the Ordinary Synod. It contains the Relatio Synodi from the conclusion of the III Extraordinary Synod, as well as a summary of the responses to the questions in the Lineamenta. As explained by Cardinal Baldisseri in the Presentation of the Instrumentum Laboris, the three sections of the document "illustrate the continuity between the two Assemblies".

October 4-25, 2015

The Fourteenth Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, commonly known as the Synod on the Family, takes place at the Synod Hall in the Paul VI Audience Hall in Vatican City. Vatican officials announced a few days before the opening Mass that the 2015 assembly of the Synod would be run with three mini-Synods, one a week, for the three week duration. In week one, the bishops discuss challenges facing the family, in week two the bishops address the vocation of the family, and the final week is devoted to the mission of the family today. The final mini-Synod contains some of the most controversial issues, and small group sessions are conducted throughout the final week.

October 24, 2015

The Final Report of the Synod of Bishops to the Holy Father, Pope Francis is published. The conclusion of the document states: "We hope that the result of this work, now delivered into the hands of the Successor of Peter, might give hope and joy to many families in the world, guidance to pastors and pastoral workers, and a stimulus to the work of evangelization. In concluding this report, we humbly ask the Holy Father to consider the possibility of issuing a document on the family, so that the family, the domestic Church, might increasingly radiate Christ, who is the light of the world."

April 8, 2016

The Vatican releases a postsynodal apostolic exhortation titled 'Amoris Laetitia: On Love in the Family'.

The joy of love experienced by families is also the joy of the Church. As the Synod Fathers noted, for all the many signs of crisis in the institution of marriage, "the desire to marry and form a family remains vibrant, especially among young people, and this is an inspiration to the Church."

As a response to that desire, "the Christian proclamation on the family is good news indeed. (Amoris Laetitia, 1)

Thus begins The Joy of Love, (Amoris Laetitia), Pope Francis' long anticipated Apostolic Exhortation on the family that was released Friday morning calling for a new pastoral approach to the increasingly complex realities of families in today's world, not focusing on the so called "nuclear family" but on the family as a wider network of many relationships. "Thus in his exhortation, the Holy Father looks "to the reality of the family today in all its complexity, with both its lights and shadows." (AL, 32) Among those addressed are single-parent families, those in irregular marriages, grandparents as surrogate parents and other "wounded families."

This is a long and very significant document and I anticipate writing many blogs about it but here are a few salient points of this very pastoral exhortation.

While recognizing that Christian marriage, is fully realized in the union between a man and a woman as a reflection of the union between Christ and his Church (AL, 292) the Holy Father states that, "there is no need to lay upon two limited persons the tremendous burden of having to reproduce perfectly the union existing between Christ and his Church, for marriage as a sign entails a dynamic process..., one which advances gradually with the progressive integration of the gifts of God." (AL, 121)

It is the love of Jesus, the Pope explains, that brings joy to families. "The Lord's presence dwells in real and concrete families, with all their daily troubles and struggles, joys and hopes. Living in a family makes it hard for us to feign or lie; we cannot hide behind a mask. If that authenticity is inspired by love, then the Lord reigns there, with his joy and his peace. The spirituality of family love is made up of thousands of small but real gestures. In that variety of gifts and encounters which deepen communion, God has his dwelling place. This mutual concern "brings together the human and the divine for it is filled with the love of God. In the end, marital spirituality is a spirituality of the bond in which divine love dwells." (AL, 315)

As this is a pastoral document, the Pope neither proposes or anticipates changes in the Church's traditional teaching, yet points out that "When faced with difficult situations and wounded families, it is always necessary to recall this general principle: 'Pastors must know that, for the sake of truth, they are obliged to exercise careful discernment of situations' (Familiaris Consortio, 84). The degree of responsibility is not equal in all cases and factors may exist which limit the ability to make a decision. While clearly stating the Church's teaching, pastors are to avoid judgments that do not take into account the complexity of various situations."(AL, 79)

"For the faithful who are living together," the document continues, "or are only married civilly, or are divorced and remarried, following the divine pedagogy, the Church turns with love to those who participate in her life in an imperfect manner: she seeks the grace of conversion for them; she encourages them to do good, to take loving care of each other and to serve the community in which they live and work. When a couple in an irregular union attains a noteworthy stability through a public bond and is characterized by deep affection, responsibility towards the children and the ability to overcome trials, this can be seen as an opportunity, where possible, to lead them to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony."(AL, 78)

Finally, the Holy Father explains, "There are two ways of thinking which recur throughout the Church's history: casting off and reinstating. The Church's way, from the time of the Council of Jerusalem, has always been the way of Jesus, the way of mercy and reinstatement... The way of the Church is not to condemn anyone forever; it is to pour out the balm of God's mercy on all those who ask for it with a sincere heart." (AL, 327)

There are those who will be disappointed with this document; some who feel it does not go far enough in addressing the hopes of those in irregular marriages, others who feel it compromises traditional teaching. In my opinion, it reflects the call of Jesus to his church to continue his healing and saving mission.

We will have much more to say about Amoris Laetitia. The complete document is available at www.cathdal.org/joyoflove, where you can also find a short summary, answers to questions you may have, a history of the Synods on the Family, and many other resources. Please pray for all families, no matter their circumstances, and those who minister to them.

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