

Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord

April 9, 2017

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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Van Alstyne TX, 75495

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Fr. Salvador Guzman, Pastor

Fr. Eugene Azorji, 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 29, 2017 10:00am
 First Friday Adoration

**Confirmation/
 Confirmacion**
TBA 2018
 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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| Delores Lopez | Barbara Heath | Ann Lageose |
| Tony Grisolia | Georgia Grisolia | Joyce Kislack |
| Natalie Clemens | Kimberly Coggeshall | Holley Tiemann |
| Mary Lou Raupach | Jesus Lara | Alberto Romero |
| Clifford Lamb | Charlsye Estridge | Rita Yzquierdo |
| Helen Buche | Cierra Payne | Elaine Clark |

Weekly Attendance/Offerings

Attendance:	April 2, 2017	
Offerings:	April 2, 2017	\$
Building Fund:	April 2, 2017	\$

Bulletin to Press Early Totals next Week



5th Spring Festival
Volunteers Needed. Have you sold /bought Raffle Tickets???

Please bring in Braums Bags for our Grocery Game.
 We'll need gift cards in the amount of \$5 for special game prizes. Also gift cards for the gift card chance game. \$15 to \$100.

The Light is On For You, Lenten Initiative
 The Light is On for You !!The Church encourages all faithful Catholics to make confession a regular part of spiritual life, especially during the holy season of Lent.
 The Diocese of Dallas will once again offer The Light is On for You. On Wednesday, April 12th, parishes in the Catholic Diocese of Dallas will have their "Lights On" for the diocesan-wide evenings for Reconciliation. Holy Family will have Confessions from 6:00-7:30 pm this Wednesday.

Weekly Calendar

- Sunday, April 9**
 8:30 am Rosary
 9:00 am Mass English
 10:15-11:15 am Faith Formation
 12:00 pm Spanish Mass
- Monday April 10**
- Tuesday, April 11**
- Wednesday, April 12**
 6:00-7:30ppm Confessions
- Thursday April 13**
Holy Thursday
NO MASS or Bible Class - Here HOLY WEEK
No Youth Choir Practice
- Friday April 14**
Good Friday
 No Adult Spanish Choir
- Saturday April 15**
Holy Saturday

Conformation/Youth Group Retreat March 24th-26th

The Children returned Sunday March 26th Filled with enthusiasm and their Faith revitalized. Excited about he experience and it appeared with what they had to say it was better than what they had anticipated. Fun, good food, beautiful camp, and Retreat Message inspiring. Many came up and said they wanted to go back. Also several of our Confirmation students plan on joining the Youth Group here at Holy Family.
 The leadership qualities of our Youth Group members impressed many of the Confirmation Class. We thank Jim Rountree, Keith Balak, Ana Taylor, and Stacy Demel who chaperoned the Confirmation Class. Julio Salas, Zeb Genn, Alma Salas and Magdalena Maldonado for being chaperones for the Youth Group. Blessings too All

Thought's to Ponder

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Now we have come to the center of the Christian year, beginning with today, Passion Sunday, Holy Week, and culminating in the Pasch, the Sacred Triduum. Some have called the culminating event in this week's journey of faith "The Three Days of Easter." The origins of many of our observances, including today's blessing of palms and solemn entry into the church, harken back to old Jerusalem.

In the late fourth century, a woman living a consecrated life in southern France made a four-year pilgrimage to Jerusalem. There, she encountered the rich liturgies of the city, bursting with Christians. She was a keen observer, and fortunately for us wrote vivid letters of her experience to a circle of women friends she calls her sisters. By the time of her journey, it is clear that even some catechumens were undertaking the dangerous journey so that they could be formed at the very site of the events of Christ's passion and rising. At the heart of the pilgrim experience were processions, such as today's joyous procession to the Mount of Olives, and brilliant catechesis from the bishop every day, as well as intense fasting and prayer. When you resolve to keep this week holy in your own life, and especially when you commit to participate in the full Triduum with worship in church and fasting at home, a very ancient tradition is within your grasp.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

SEEING CHRIST CLEARLY

We start today looking through the portals of Jerusalem, seeing crowds of people, cheering and waving palm branches in the air. The whole atmosphere is one of joy, triumph, and celebration. We can get distracted or enthralled by the scene, and not see clearly the features of Jesus as he enters. But our readings from Isaiah and Paul's letter to the Philippians clarify his features for us. He is the Suffering Servant, meek and mute before his captors and persecutors; he is the very image of the unseen God, yet will not clutch at equality with God before he endures his final confrontation in humility. Isaiah and Paul help us "behold the Lamb of God" before we hear the story of his final and greatest confrontation. It is important that we see Christ clearly before we hear the account of his passion, for we—his Body through baptism, the church—now bear his face. We must, with him, enter into this time of trial so we can, also with him, enter into his final triumph.

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THE CROSS

We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection; through whom we are saved and delivered.

—Entrance Antiphon, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, Roman Missal

RESURRECTION TO COME

But from this earth, this grave, this dust,

My God shall raise me up, I trust.

—Walter Raleigh

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord;

Julian Calendar Palm Sunday

Monday: Monday of Holy Week;

Passover (Jewish celebration) begins at sunset

Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week

Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week

Thursday: Holy Thursday; The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Friday: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday);

Julian Calendar Good Friday;

Fast and Abstinence

Saturday: Holy Saturday;

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

OPEN OUR GRAVES

Open our graves, Lord,
remove us from the prison of death.
Place your Spirit in us
so that we may live
in a world of freedom.

—From Come, Lord Jesus by Lucien Deiss, CSSp, copyright © 1976, 1981, Lucien Deiss. Published WLP, Inc. p.155

Miscellaneous

To those in darkness Show Yourself!

-Isaiah 49:9

My son is always afraid when he loses sight of me. I tell him I could never forget him, ever, ever, ever, but still he frantically looks about. Even should "a mother forget her infant....I will never forget you," says the Lord.

We are not children anymore, and sometimes we'd prefer to be forgotten. But it never works, because God knows where we are, "Come out! You, who are in darkness," he calls. We look frantically about. But he calls again, "Show yourselves!" And if you're still not convinced, he tells us what it will be like. He will come like a mother, full of tenderness and comfort and mercy. I remember that feeling when I was little, finding myself alone, maybe forgotten, and then there she was. I'd run to her and feel nothing articulate, just those great arms around me rocking me into peace. Loyola Press

LOOK

Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, faith looks up.

—Anonymous

Women's Recovery Retreat August 17-20

Montserrat Retreat House will host its annual 3-Day Women's Recovery Retreat August 17-20. Enduring recovery in the 12-Step tradition requires continued spiritual development which this retreat supports. Explore your relationship with God and examine ways to enhance your relationship with God as well as family, friends and the world around you. For further information or to register go to <https://www.montserratretreat.org/recovery-retreats/> or call 940-321-6020. Montserrat Retreat House is convenient to the Dallas area and is located at 600 N. Shady Shores Drive, Lake Dallas, TX 75065

It's time to collect CRS Rice Bowls!

PLEASE TAKE A RICE BOWL

This year, CRS Rice Bowl provides a path for Catholics in the United States to build, what Pope Francis calls "a culture of encounter".

According to Joan Rosenhauer, Executive Vice President of U.S. Operations for CRS "At a time when there is so much conflict in the world, this Lenten program gives people of all ages a way to respond to human suffering with compassion and action." **TAKE ONE HOME, Return by Palm Sunday**

Our Faith Our Future

OFOF is the 125 year Diocesan celebration commitment we pledged in 2014. If we reach the \$100,000 goal in paying our pledges Holy Family will get 30% in return to be used toward our Building Fund. If not we will not receive those funds. Holy Family actually pledged \$148,002 and still owe \$60,465.22. Some has been written off. However we have paid to date \$64,626.78. Any amount over the \$100,000. we will receive 70% back. If your behind in your pledge, please make every effort to help us receive the % back to help us reach our goal of \$100,000 our Pledge \$148,002. We can do this! The funds are being used for Seminarians, refurbish the Cathedral of Guadalupe, and Charites among other needs of our Diocese.

Save the Date: 11th Annual Dallas Ministry Conference

The 11th Annual Dallas Ministry Conference will be held from **October 19th – October 21st** at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center Dallas. More information is

Are You Walking with Christ?

A Seminar with Jeff Cavins

April 21-22, 2017

Sponsored by St. Ann Catholic Church, Coppell, TX – Adult Religious Education

As Catholics, our faith is meant to be put into practice. Christianity is more than a set of beliefs; it is a way of life. Walking Toward Eternity is a powerful seminar that will help you to put your faith into practice, draw closer to Christ, and challenge yourself to make real and lasting changes in your life, changes that will help you to become the person you hope to be. Jeff Cavins is the creator of The Great Adventure Bible Study Program, an author, and the host of Holy Land pilgrimages.

Friday Night Talk:

Christ Looks at Us with Mercy... and Calls Us to Discipleship

Saturday Seminar:

Walking Toward Eternity ... Making Choices for Today

Date: Friday, April 21, 2017

Check-in Begins: 7:00 pm

Seminar: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Date: Saturday, April 22, 2017

Check-in Begins: 7:15 am & after Mass

Mass: 8:00 am (optional)

Seminar: 9:30am – 3:30 pm

Location: St. Ann Catholic Church, Main Church, 180 Samuel Blvd., Coppell, TX 75019

Cost: \$40 ... Includes registration for both days, seminar materials, light breakfast and box lunch.

Online Registration: www.stannparish.org/AFF

Please register by April 1, 2017. For more information, contact: Tena Allain: (972) 393-5544 x1206 Email: ccf@stannparish.org

Mail with check payable to: St. Ann Catholic Church, 180 Samuel Blvd., Coppell, TX 75019

Attn: Tena Allain

For the Church, there is no distinction between defending human life and promoting the dignity of the human person.

Pope Benedict XVI writes in *Caritas in Veritate*. . . that "The Church forcefully maintains this link between life ethics and social ethics, fully aware that 'a society lacks solid

foundations when, on the one hand, it asserts values such as the dignity of the person, justice and peace, but then, on the other hand, radically acts to the contrary by allowing or tolerating a variety of ways in which human life is devalued and violated, especially where it is weak or marginalized.'" (no. 15).

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As a gift from God, every human life is sacred from conception to natural death. The life and dignity of every person must be respected and protected at every stage and in every condition. The right to life is the first and most fundamental principle of human rights that leads Catholics to actively work for a world of greater respect for human life and greater commitment to justice and peace.

The bishops pledged to affirm the intrinsic value of human life and the dignity of every human being in a way that transforms the culture by implementing "The Life and Dignity of the Human Person" priority plan for 2010-2012.

To achieve this goal, the priority plan includes ongoing education, prayer, policy, and advocacy efforts to mobilize the Catholic community on issues of life, justice, and peace. In this way, the Catholic community celebrates the gift of human life and witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Corpus Christi Procession

Diocese of Dallas Office of Vocations will be sponsoring a Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Dallas on Saturday, June 17, 2017 after the Corpus Christi Vigil Mass. All are welcome to join in this prayerful procession as we bring Jesus out into the streets. **SAVE THE DATE**, and please check the Diocese of Dallas Vocations website for more details. www.DallasVocations.org. Click here for a flyer with more details.

Information Page

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