

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

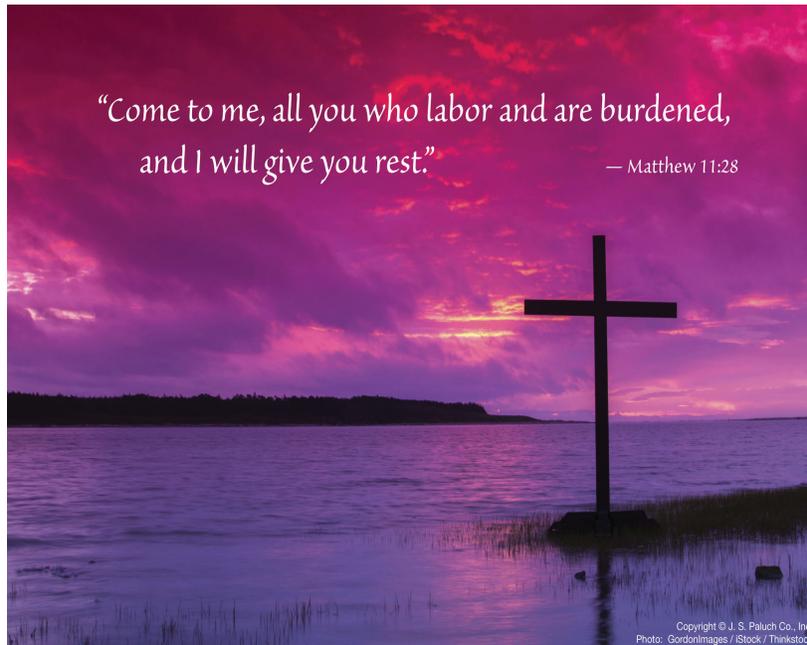
July 9, 2017

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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Fr. Eugene Azorji, Pastoral Administrator

Fr. Juan Carlos Marin, 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**
 TBA 2018
 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 (5/21/17)

Tony Grisolia	Georgia Grisolia	Barbara Heath
Ann Lageose Thomas	Andrea Thomas	Sara Carrieri
Chris Hayes	Marylou Raupach	Brooke Roberts
Deborah Grisolia	Audrey Benson	

Pray for the Repose of the Souls of deceased members of Holy Family and their Relatives:

Weekly Attendance/Offerings

Attendance:	July 2, 2017	Totals Next Bulletin
Offerings:	July 2, 2017	\$
Building Fund:	July 2, 2017	\$

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

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 available at www.udallas.edu/dmc.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 9

8:30 am Rosary
 9:00 am Mass English
 12:00 pm Spanish Mass

FF Registration After Both Masses

Monday July 10

Tuesday, July 11

Wednesday, July 12

Thursday July 13

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

Friday July 14

8:00pm Adult Spanish Choir

Saturday July 15

11:00 am Quince

Seminarian Welcome Baskets

Welcome baskets are provided to each returning and new seminarian at Holy Family Seminary in August. Items are donated by the Auxiliary, parish organizations and parishioners like you that pray for, love and support our seminarians.

Donations Will Be Accepted Through - Sunday July 16

List of suggested items for welcome baskets

Walmart Gift Cards

Monetary Gift Cards

Book of Postage Stamps

Single subject spirals - college rule

Black Socks

#10 White Envelopes

Thank you note cards

Box provided in vestibule for your donations.

Our generosity helps our Future Priest.

Liturgy Boot Camp - July 28-29/ WELCOME / Misc./Advertisers

It's back—better than ever. The Office of Worship presents Liturgy Boot Camp 2.0 for the second year, July 28-29, at the Catholic Conference and Formation Center. Boot Camp runs 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Friday, July 28, and 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 29. Cost is \$30 and includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast and lunch, and all materials. Note that Liturgy Boot Camp is both days, Friday and Saturday. If you travel from a distance, we can reserve a private room for you at the CCFC for an additional \$30. To register, visit <https://www.cathdal.org/LBC2017>.



Guadalupe Radio Network Presents The 9th Annual Summer Speaker Series

Thursday, July 13th 6:00 hors d'oeuvres/7:00 Presentation

Raymond Arroyo "Courageously Catholic"

FRONTIERS OF FLIGHT MUSEUM Reservations:
www.grnonline.com

Attention incoming Aggie Catholic freshmen! St. Mary's Catholic Center in College Station invites you to attend CONNECT, a retreat for new students of Texas A&M and Blinn. Come and meet other Catholic students and see how you can grow closer to Jesus Christ while you are in college. We are offering two opportunities to attend CONNECT the week before school starts: August 21-22 (Monday-Tuesday) or August 24-25 (Thursday-Friday). To register and get more information, please visit our website: www.aggiecatholic.org/connect Gig 'em and God Bless!

Welcome

Fr. Eugene Azorgi:

Fortunately we know you and look forward to having you here at Holy Family as our Pastor. You are aware of our growth and needs. Hopefully under your direction and guidance our parish will flourish.

Fr. Juan Carlos Marin:

Know you have anxiety coming to the unknown. May we assure you Holy Family is a close knit group both English and Spanish. Come join Fr. Eugene help us grow. We've been told by new comers that we are really friendly and make them feel comfortable from day one. Hope you have that experience as you come for Mass.

God Bless Both of You

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A HUMBLE KING

Like a tonal center in music, the note to which we keep returning in today's readings is humility. We wait in joyful expectation for the coming of our Lord as King. But what we are told to expect and rejoice over is a meek and humble king, riding on an ass. Not horses or chariots of the great and mighty, but a humble beast carries the Ruler whose dominion stretches "from the River to the ends of the earth" (Zechariah 9:10). This King comes to banish the tools of the warrior and bring peace. No wonder that a weary world rejoices and gives thanks to God!

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Benedict

Thursday: St. Henry

Friday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Saturday: St. Bonaventure

DESPERATION

The kingdom of God is not for the well-meaning but for the desperate.

—James Denney

HOPE

Never deprive someone of hope—it may be all they have.

UN REY HUMILDE

Como el centro tonal en música, la nota que sigue retornando en las lecturas de hoy es la humildad. Esperamos con gozosa expectativa la venida de nuestro Señor como Rey. Pero se nos dice que esperemos y nos regocijemos en este manso y humilde rey, montado en un burrito. No en el caballo o el carruaje de los grandes y poderosos, sino en una humilde bestia que carga al Rey cuyo dominio se extiende "desde el gran río hasta los últimos rincones de la tierra" (Zacarías 9:10). Este Rey viene a desterrar las armas del guerrero y a traer la paz. ¡No es de extrañar que un mundo abatido se regocije y dé gracias a Dios!

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LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Decimocuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Martes: San Benito

Jueves: San Enrique

Viernes: Santa Kateri Tekakwitha

Sábado: San Buenaventura

UNIDAD

La unión hace la fuerza.

—Refrán español

ESCUCHA

Escucha y pon atención con el oído de tu corazón.

—San Benito

“To whom else shall we go? You have the message of eternal life.” Peter says these words to Jesus. But they are spoken in a very conflicted context: Jesus had just said something that upset and offended his audience and the gospels tell us that everyone walked away grumbling that what Jesus was teaching was “intolerable”. Jesus then turns to his apostles and asks them: “Do you want to walk away too?” Peter answers: “To whom else can we go?” But that’s more a statement of stoic resignation than an actual question.

His words function at two levels. On the surface, they express an unwanted humility and helplessness that sometimes beset us all: “I have no alternative! I’m so invested in this relationship that now I have no other options. I’m stuck with this!” That’s a humble place to stand and anyone who has ever given himself or herself over in an authentic commitment will eventually stand on that place, knowing that he or she no longer has another practical choice.

But those words also express a much deeper quandary, namely, where can I find meaning if I cannot find it in faith in God? All of us have at some point asked ourselves that question. If I didn’t believe in God and had no faith or religion, what would give meaning to my life?

Where can we go if we no longer have an explicit faith in God? A lot of places, it seems. I think immediately of so many attractive stoics who have wrestled with this question and found solace in various forms of what Albert Camus would call “metaphysical rebellion” or in the kind of Epicureanism that Nikos Kazantzakis advocates in Zorba, the Greek. There’s a stoicism which offers its own kind of salvation by drawing life and meaning simply from fighting chaos and disease for no other reason than that that these cause suffering and are an affront to life, just as there is an Epicureanism that meaningfully grounds life in elemental pleasure. There are, it would seem, different kinds of saints.

There are also different kinds of immortality. For some, meaning outside of an explicit faith, is found in leaving a lasting legacy on this earth, having children, achieving something monumental, or becoming a household name. We’re all familiar with the axiom: Plant a tree; write a book; have a child!

Poets, writers, artists, and artisans often have their own place to find meaning outside of explicit faith. For them, creativity and beauty can be ends in themselves. Art for art’s sake. Creativity itself can seem enough.

And there are still others for whom deep meaning is found simply in being good for its own sake and in being honest for its own sake. There’s also virtue for virtue’s sake and virtue is indeed its own reward. Simply living an honest and generous life can provide sufficient meaning with which to walk through life.

So, it appears that there are places to go outside of explicit faith where one can find deep meaning. But is this really so? Don’t we believe that true meaning can only be found in God? What about St. Augustine’s classic line? You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until the rest is in you. Can anything other than faith and God really quiet the restless fires within us?

Yes, there are things that can do that, but all of them – fighting chaos, curing diseases, having children, living for others, building things, inventing things, achieving goals, or simply living honest and generous lives – leave us, in an inchoate way, radiating the transcendental properties of God and working alongside God to bring life and order to the world. How so?

Christian theology tells us that God is One, True, Good, and Beautiful. And so, when an artist gives herself over to creating beauty, when a couple has a child, when scientists work to find cures for various diseases, when artisans make an artifact, when builders build, when teachers teach, when parents parent, when athletes play a game, when manual laborers labor, when administrators administrate, when people just for the sake integrity itself live in honesty and generosity, and, yes, even when hedonists drink deeply of earthly pleasure, they are, all of them, whether they have explicit faith or not, acting in some faith because they are putting their trust in either the Oneness, Truth,

Goodness, or Beauty of God.

Lord, to whom else can we go? You have the message of eternal life. Well, it seems that there are places to go and many go there. But these aren’t necessarily, as is sometimes suggested by misguided spiritual literature, empty places that are wrong and self-destructive. There are, of course, such places, spiritual dead-ends; but, more generally, as we can see simply by looking at the amount of positive energy, love, creativity, generosity, and honesty that still fill our world, those places where people are seeking God outside of explicit faith still has them meeting God.

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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