

Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

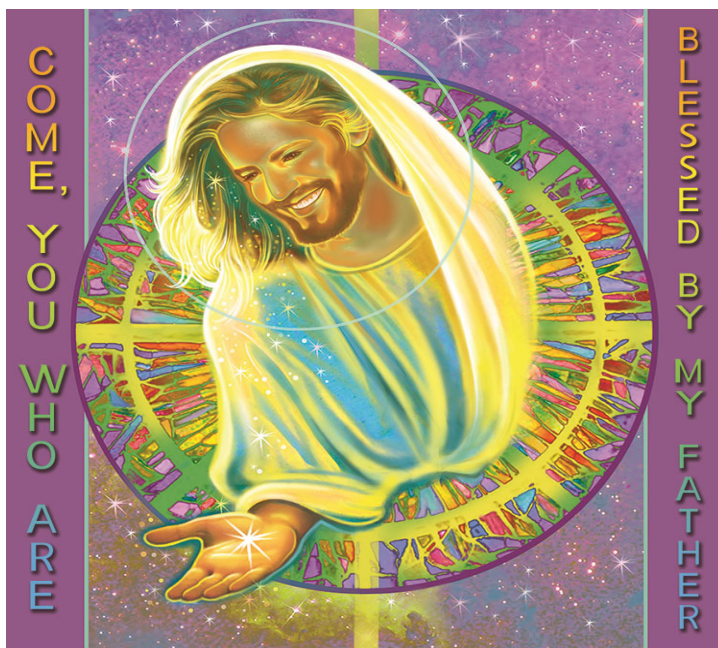
November 26, 2017

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)

Vigil Mass Saturday - 7:00pm (Spanish)

Sunday Masses / Misa Dominical

Sunday 8:00am & 11:30am)

Domingo 9:30am & 2:00pm

Weekday Masses

Mon., Wed, & Fri 8:00am

Tues. & Thurs. 5:30pm

Confessions Thursday

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Saturday 3:30- 4:30pm

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 14, 2018 10:00 am
 First Friday Adoration

**Confirmation/
 Confirmacion**
March 17, 2018 10:00 am
 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	Rita Yzquierdo	Carol Park
Lucas Chappel	Lucy Greenwood	Johanna Kroger
Ruben Villarreal	Joe Sanchez	Kimberly Coggeshall
Ann Thomas	Sandra Heath	Andrea Thomas
Deborah Grisolia	Chris Hayes	Norma Arzola
Denise Wood		

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

Weekly Attendance/Offerings

Attendance :	November 12, 2017	
Offerings:	November 12, 2017	\$
Building	November 12 2017	\$
Totals Available Next Bulletin		

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 26
 8:30 am Rosary
 9:00 am Mass English
 10:15 - 11:15 am NO Faith Formation K thru 3rd
 12:00 pm Spanish Mass
 1:30 - 2:45pm NO Faith Formation 4th - Confirmation

Monday November 27

Tuesday, November 28
 7:30 pm RCIA Classes

Wednesday, November 29
 7:30 pm Bible Classes

Thursday November 30
 9:00 am Mass Followed by Bible Class
 7:30 pm Youth Choir Practice

Friday December 1
 6:00- 8:00 pm ADORATION Adoration
 7:00 pm Adult Choir tonight

Saturday December 2

GRATITUDE

Let gratitude for the past inspire us with trust for the future. —François Fénelon

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 gilesr@jspaluch.com or 214-674-0762

CHRIST, KING OF ALL

On this, the final Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King. By concluding the year with this feast we are proclaiming our faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only king over all seasons, all peoples, and all of creation.

At the end of time as we know it, Christ's work of restoring all things to unity and harmony with their Creator God will be completed. This Sunday, when we claim Christ as both our Shepherd and our King, we recognize our own calling to participate in Christ's saving work by caring for those whom Jesus calls "the least ones" (Matthew 25:45).

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Miscellaneous

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

México tiene la reputación de ser un país muy católico. Sin embargo, en 1917 México recibió una nueva constitución en la cual se estableció una política de intolerancia religiosa, especialmente en contra de la Iglesia católica romana. Con el paso de los años, se emitieron muchas leyes anticlericales mismas que fueron puestas en vigor hasta el punto que el gobierno federal decretó la suspensión de culto. Esto generó un levantamiento por parte de muchos mexicanos y mexicanas con el único fin de defender su religión y su derecho a celebrarla.

En marzo de 1925, estos mexicanos católicos movidos por el deseo de justicia, fundaron la Liga Nacional para la Defensa de la Libertad Religiosa. Ese mismo mes, el Papa Pío XI proclamó la Fiesta de Cristo Rey, celebrada el último domingo del año litúrgico. Esta fiesta se incluyó al calendario litúrgico para recordar a los cristianos —que no importa en qué país o bajo que gobierno nos encontremos— pertenecemos a un solo poder, a un solo Señor, ¡un solo Rey! Inspirados por el grito “¡Viva Cristo Rey!”, miles de mexicanos dieron testimonio público de su fe y murieron con esta confesión de fe, justo antes de recibir el martirio, demostrando así que Jesús es verdaderamente el único Rey de sus vidas.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Día de Sanación de Proyecto José en español,
2 de diciembre: Proyecto José es la oportunidad que cambiará la vida a los hombres quienes luchan con el dolor emocional y espiritual después del aborto provocado. Este día de sanación es un proceso único y efectivo diseñado específicamente para ayudar a los hombres a recibir la compasión y la misericordia de Dios. No continúe viviendo con el dolor, coraje, remordimiento, o vergüenza. ¡La esperanza y la sanación le esperan! Para más información, visite projectjosephdallas.org o concte: sanación@projectjosephdallas.org o llamada o texto al número: 469-416-2101. Todo contacto es estrictamente confidencial. SABIDURÍA

TALENTO ESCONDIDO

Nadie respeta el talento que uno esconde.

—Desiderio Erasmo

GRATITUD

Que nuestra gratitud por el pasado nos inspire a confiar en el futuro.

—François Fénelon

Our Faith Our Future



We are pleased to share with you that Holy Family currently has a parish rebate of \$25,497 from your generous response to the Our Faith...Our Future Capital Campaign. This historical campaign is having a profound impact on our Catholic community by supporting our Catholic schools, the Seminary and Vocations, Catholic Charities, the Cathedral Guadalupe, and the Parishes throughout the diocese, and we could not have done this without your enthusiasm and support. As you continue to complete and fulfill your pledges, Holy Family will continue to accrue rebate funds to apply to your capital projects! We have implemented initiatives to assist your parishioners in participating in the campaign, including:

Accepting cash payments for pledges

Adjusting pledge payment schedules, especially for those donors who have fallen behind in their pledges

Adjusting (increasing or decreasing) total pledge amounts

Allowing for a one-time donation instead of a 3 or 5-year commitment

Online giving website where donors can pay with debit/credit cards at <http://donate.ourfaithourfuture.org/>

Nuestra Fe... Nuestro Futuro Campaña de recaudación de fondos

Nos da gusto informarle que nuestra parroquia de Holy Family tiene un reembolso de \$25,497 gracias a su generosa respuesta en la campaña Nuestra Fe... Nuestro Futuro. Esta histórica campaña está teniendo un profundo impacto en la comunidad católica al apoyar a las escuelas, el Seminario y las vocaciones, Caridades Católicas, Catedral de Guadalupe y diversas parroquias a través de la Diócesis; lo cual no pudo haberse logrado sin su entusiasmo y apoyo. En la medida que todos continuemos cumpliendo nuestras promesas, Holy Family continuará acumulando fondos de reembolso, los cuales serán usados para la edificación del edificio para educación religiosa. Hemos implementado iniciativas para asistirles en su participación en esta campaña, incluyendo:

Aceptar pagos en efectivo para promesas

Ajuste de los horarios de pago de su promesa, especialmente para aquellos donantes que han quedado rezagados en sus pagos.

Ajustar (aumentar o disminuir) las cantidades totales del compromiso.

Permitir una donación única en vez de un compromiso a 3 o 5 años.

Sitio web de donaciones en línea, donde los donantes pueden pagar con tarjetas de débito/crédito en <http://donate.ourfaithourfuture.org/>

Jesus tells us that in the end we will be judged on how we dealt with the poor in our lives, but there are already dangers now, in this life, in not reaching out to the poor

Here's how Bryan Stevenson, Just Mercy, teases out that danger: "I've come to believe that the true measure of our commitment to justice, the character of our society, our commitment to the rule of law, fairness, and equality cannot be measured by how we treat the rich, the powerful, the privileged, and the respected among us. The true measure of our character is how we treat the poor, the disfavored, the accused, the incarcerated, and the condemned. We are all implicated when we allow other people to be mistreated. An absence of compassion can corrupt the decency of a community, a state, a nation. Fear and anger can make us vindictive and abusive, unjust and unfair, until we all suffer from the absence of mercy and we condemn ourselves as much as we condemn others."

What needs to be highlighted here is what we do to ourselves when we don't reach out in compassion to the poor. We corrupt our own decency. As Stevenson puts it: An absence of compassion corrupts our decency – as a state, as a church, as family, and as individuals. How so?

St. Augustine teaches that we can never be morally neutral, either we are growing in virtue or falling into vice. We never have the luxury of simply being in some neutral, holding state. There's no moral neutrality. Either we are growing in virtue or sliding into virtue's opposite. That's true for all of life. A thing is either growing or it's regressing.

So too with our attitude towards justice and the poor: Either we are actively reaching out to the poor and being more drawn into concern for them or we are unconsciously hardening our hearts against them and unknowingly sliding into attitudes that trivialize their issues and distance ourselves from them. If we are not actively advocating for justice and the poor, it is inevitable that at a point we will, with completely sincere hearts, downplay the issues of poverty, racism, inequality, and injustice.

It's interesting to note that in the famous text on the final judgment in the Gospel where Jesus describes how God will divide the sheep from the goats on the basis of how they treated the poor, neither group, those who did it correctly and those who didn't, actually knew what they were doing. The group who did it right state that they didn't know that in touching the poor they were touching Christ; and the group who got it wrong protest that had they known that Christ was in the poor, they would have reached out. Jesus assures us that it doesn't matter. Mature discipleship lies simply in the doing, irrespective of our conscious attitude.

And so we need to be alert not just to our conscious attitudes but to what we are actually doing. We can, in all sincerity, in all good conscience, in all good heart, be blind towards justice and the poor. We can be moral men and women, pious church-goers, generous donors to those who ask help from us, warm to our own families and friends, and yet, blind to ourselves, though not to the poor, be unhealthily elitist, subtle racists, callous towards the environment, and protective of our own privilege. We are still good persons no doubt, but the absence of compassion in one area of our lives leaves us limping morally.

We can be good persons and yet fall into a certain hardness of heart because of kindred, ideological circles that falsely affirm us. Within any circle of friends, either we are talking about ways that we can more effectively lessen the gaps between rich and poor or we are talking, however unconsciously, about the need to defend the gaps that presently exist. One kind of conversation is stretching our hearts; the other is narrowing them. Lack of compassion for justice and the poor will inevitably work at turning a generous heart into a defensive one.

We all have friends who admire us and send us signals that we are good, big-hearted, virtuous persons. And no doubt this is substantially true. But the affirmation we receive from our own kind can be a false mirror. A truer mirror is how those who are politically, racially, religiously, and temperamentally different from ourselves assess us. How do the poor feel about us? How do refugees assess our goodness? How do other races rate our compassion?

And what about the mirror that Jesus holds up for us when he tells us that our goodness will be judged by how we treat the poor and that the litmus test of goodness consists is how well we love our enemies?

An absence of compassion in even one area subtly corrupts the decency of a community, a state, a nation, and that eventually turns our generosity into defensiveness.

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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

Special Instructions