

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

December 31, 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

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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	"Anonymous"
Ruben Villarreal	Joe Sanchez	Kimberly Coggeshall
Ann Thomas	Sandra Heath	Andrea Thomas
Deborah Grisolia	Chris Hayes	Fr. Bob Leonhardt
Denise Wood	Sara Carrieri	Renee Beddingfield
David Guidry	Jim Guidry	Gary Don Moore

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

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 31

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

Solemnity of Mary

Monday January 1

9:00 am Mass at Holy Family

Tuesday, January 2

Wednesday, January 3

Thursday January 4

9:00 am Mass

7:30 pm Youth Choir Practice

Friday January 5

7:00 Spanish Adult Choir

Saturday January 6

Weekly Attendance/Offerings

Attendance :	December 24, 2017	414
Offerings:	December 24, 2017	\$ 2,243.16
Building:	December 24, 2017	\$ 8,970.27
Attendance: Vigil	December 24,2017	216
Vigil / Christmas	December 24-25,2017	\$ 1,813.00
Attendance: Christmas	December 25, 2017	90

Solemnity of Mary January 1, 2018

Holy Family will have a 9:00 am Mass Since the Feast Day falls on Monday

It will not be a Holy Day of Obligation

*"Christmas is joy..
 an inner joy of light and peace."*

- Pope Francis



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Faith Formation

Remember

Classes Resume Sunday January 7, 2018

Upcoming Second Collections for January 2018

Diocesan Collection for Central America - January 6-7, 2018

Funds from this second collection go to support our efforts in the Diocese of Trujillo for ongoing catechesis and education, which includes the use of Catholic Radio to reach those living in more remote areas, as well as the building up of schools that also help the local economy. Funds are also given for medical missions to both Honduras and Nicaragua, and support our mission trip efforts in the area. Through the generosity of our diocese, we are able to continue to support them pastorally, financially, and spiritually.

National Collection for the Church in Latin America - January 27-28, 2018

For over 50 years, the Collection for the Church in Latin America has been an expression of the solidarity of the Church in the United States with the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean. The Collection for the Church in Latin America has helped fund training for 65 pastoral ministers for some of these communities. Because of your support, these new leaders continue to reach out and serve the rural areas, ensuring all feel included in our family of faith."

For more information and additional resources for promoting these collections, please visit our newly updated website with all the information needed for second collections for 2018: <https://www.cathdal.org/collections>

If you have any further questions, please contact Jonathan Baca, Associate Director of Parish Engagement and Mission:

214-379-3190 | collect@cathdal.org

2018

A giver's need to give

One of the strangest-sounding truths of stewardship is that the need of the giver to give is greater than the need of others to receive.

At first, it sounds strange.

Strange but true.

Great artistic works come forth because of the need of artists to give the gifts within them.

Even the Dead Sea is a dead sea because it is a dead end and has no outlet. It continually receives water but never gives water.

A person may be poor, rich, middle-class. But all people, to be fully human, need to share their time and skills and possessions with others.

We're *made* that way... like a rose to give to others its beauty and fragrance.



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2018 Diocesan Roe Memorial Mass and North Texas March for Life

2018 Roe Memorial Events: On January 20, 2018, North Texas will mark the 45th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's tragic Roe v. Wade decision making abortion available on demand in America. The theme of the 2018 Roe Memorial is "One small step for her, one giant leap for LIFE!" The schedule of events includes:

8:30 a.m. Youth For Life Rally (for high school students) at St. Jude Chapel, 1521 Main St, Dallas, TX 75201. Featuring inspiring presentations, great music, and Mass! Register at www.prolifedallas.org/yflrally. (Youth under 18 must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or safe-environment cleared chaperone.)

8:30 a.m. Roe Memorial Rosaries at Southwestern abortion facility, 8616 Greenville Ave, Dallas, and Planned Parenthood, 7989 West Virginia Dr, Dallas

10:00 a.m. Procession of Roses at Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe, 2215 Ross Avenue, Dallas

10:30 a.m. Roe Memorial Mass (bilingual) at Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe, 2215 Ross Avenue, Dallas, celebrated by Bishop Edward Burns

12:30 p.m. North Texas March for Life from Cathedral to rally outside the Earle Cabell Federal Courthouse featuring Bishop Edward Burns, CEO of CareNet Waco Deborah McGregor, Catholic Pro-Life Committee Sidewalk Counselor Cristina Sanchez, and Host of A Better Way Radio Ministry Dr. Adam Dooley.

Don't miss this annual event for Life!! More information coming soon at www.prolifedallas.org/roe or contact cplc@prolifedallas.org

You may enable JavaScript to see this email address. or 972-267-LIFE (5433).

Español

Eventos Memoriales de Roe 2018: El 20 de enero de 2018, el Norte de Texas conmemorará el 45 aniversario de la trágica decisión del Tribunal Supremo de los EE. UU. Roe v. Wade haciendo que el aborto esté disponible en demanda en Estados Unidos. El tema del Memorial Roe 2018 es "¡Un pequeño paso para ella, un salto gigante para la VIDA!"

Calendario de eventos:

8:30 a.m. Reunión de Jóvenes Por La Vida (para estudiantes de secundaria) en la capilla de San Judas, 1521 Main St, Dallas, TX 75201. Regístrese está disponible en www.prolifedallas.org/yflrally. Jóvenes menores de 18 deben ser acompañados por un padre, guardián legal, o chaperón que esta aprobado con el ambiente seguro. (El evento es en inglés solamente.)

8:30 a.m. Rosarios Memoriales de Roe afuera del centros de abortos, Southwestern, 8616 Greenville, Dallas, y Planned Parenthood, 7989 West Virginia Dr, Dallas

10:00 a.m. Procesión de Rosas en la Catedral Santuario de la Virgen de Guadalupe, 2215 Ross Ave, Dallas

10:30 a.m. Misa Memorial de Roe (bilingüe) celebrada por Obispo Edward Burns en la Catedral Santuario de la Virgen de Guadalupe, 2215 Ross Ave, Dallas.

12:30 p.m. Marcha por la Vida del Norte de Texas de la Catedral hacia la reunión afuera del Edificio de la Corte Federal Earle Cabell, con el Obispo Edward Burns, Deborah McGregor de CareNet Waco, Cristina Sanchez del Comité Católico Pro-Vida, y el anfitrión de la radio Dr. Adam Dooley.

Para obtener más información sobre estos eventos, visite www.prolifedallas.org/roe o póngase en contacto con el Comité Católico Pro-Vida al 972-267-5433.

– Pope Francis, The Church of Mercy

The events of this past year have shown why we need to be open to grace moving in our lives. There were times when it felt like the news was continuously looping deadly shootings, natural and unnatural disasters, violent crimes, accusations, lies, mistrust, and the list goes on and on. At the risk of seeming trite and in the face of such misery, Gandhi's famous quote comes to mind, "Be the change you want to see in the world." Simple enough right? I'm trying to be the change but it's the rest of the world that needs to get busy! As easy as it is to point fingers and blame others, I still need to do the work on my own attitudes and actions if I want to affect change in others. Being "the change" the world so desperately needs must be both an individual and collective effort.

Gandhi's famous quote, that we are so accustomed to and have probably overused to the point that its true meaning is lost, is not actually a quote of Gandhi's at all. Scholars believe that the legendarily used saying may really be just a simplified version of what Gandhi was teaching in this statement; "We but mirror the world. All the tendencies present in the outer world are to be found in the world of our body. If we could change ourselves, the tendencies in the world would also change. As a man changes his own nature, so does the attitude of the world change towards him." As you can read, this quote is clearly too long for a bumper sticker, t-shirt, hashtag, tweet, or post! Yet the shortened version misses Gandhi's intended requirement that we must do more profound soul searching if we want to change the world. He says, if we could change ourselves then the world would also change.

Gandhi's full quote speaks of the personal transformation that we often shy away from; the inner makeover beyond simply wishing things would be different. Many of us would rather not do the "work" of changing. Like blaming others, it's sometimes easier to bury our heads in the sand and hope the problems of our lives, of the world, will just go away. To do the real work of examining ourselves with honesty and letting go of selfish attitudes, we will need the strength that comes from grace. To be "the change" the world needs requires that you and I bravely take a candid look in the mirror and ask ourselves, "are we reflecting the mystery of grace, which comes from God and is God, to the world?"

In his book *A New Look at Grace*, Bill Huebsch writes, "This experience of mystery (grace) is something everyone has; it is not limited to Christians and certainly not Catholics. It can form a deep bond of human solidarity; draw us together into one; bind us tightly to one another." Solidarity necessitates that the world be open to grace. My prayer for the New Year is that we remember that grace comes from God and connects us as one human family.

How do we begin the work of change? How can we be open to grace? Pope Francis reminds us of Mary as such an example. While speaking in St Peter's Square this past December, Pope Francis said, "before calling her Mary, he calls her "full of grace," and he thus reveals the new name that God has given her, which fits her more than the name given to her by her parents," the Holy Father explained. To be "full of grace" means that "Mary is full of God's presence. And if she is entirely inhabited by God, there is no place in her for sin," the Pope continued.

Opening to grace is opening to the presence of God. Opening to grace is being vulnerable and saying "yes" like Mary, to allowing grace to permeate our lives. It is a willingness to daily make room for or create space for grace. To be open to grace is an attitudinal adjustment that aligns who we are more fully with who God wants us to be. Maybe then, we can be the "change" the world needs.

Opening to Grace in the New Year...

Pause, take breath, and become fully aware that there is something beyond yourself. Be still and get acquainted with the holy presence in and around you. Discover that we become full only when we are empty. Trust in grace and surrender into it. "Grace is God as heart surgeon, cracking open your chest, removing your heart - poisoned as it is with pride and pain - and replacing it with his own." - Max Lucado

Align with grace before beginning each new day. This simple act of intending to be "open to grace" at the start of each day will set the stage and weave itself through your daily activities. Notice how your intention to be open to grace changes your daily perspective of the world. "A spiritual joy is the greatest sign of the Divine grace dwelling in a soul." – St. Bonaventure

See and acknowledge grace in others. Grace comes through powerful acts of love, selflessness, forgiveness, and compassion of those around us. "In loving one another through our works we bring an increase of grace and a growth in

Divine love." - St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

Make note of your personal attitudes and beliefs (positive and negative). The real change comes when we go within and do the work of inner transformation; examining ourselves openly, honestly, vulnerably and purging out any resemblance of selfishness, negativity, or insecurity. "It is by grace that you are saved, through faith, not by anything of your own, but by a pure gift from God, and not by anything you have achieved. Nobody can claim the credit. You are God's work of art. — Ephesians 2:8

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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