

Holy Family Catholic Church

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 13, 2014



The *seed sown* on rich soil
is the one who hears the word
of the kingdom and understands it,
who indeed bears fruit and
yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

Matthew 13:23

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Clergy
Fr. Salvador Guzmán, Pastor
Fr. Eugene Azorji, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Patrick A. Hayes

Mass Schedule
Sunday: 9:00 am - English Mass
12:00 pm - Spanish Mass
Thursday: 9:00 am - Daily Mass

Baptism

Baptisms in English: 2nd Sunday of each month
Baptisms in Spanish: 1st Sunday of each month

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

2015 to be Scheduled

Confirmation:

2015 to be Scheduled

SACRAMENTS**Anointing of the Sick**

Please call the Parish.

Reconciliation/Confession

Immediately following the 1st Mass

Marriage/Wedding

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/Priesthood

Talk to your Parish priest or call Father James Swift, C.M., Rector of Vocations of the Diocese of Dallas at 214-379-2860.

Courtney Hicks
Rita Christian
Karen Elliott
Toby Mills
Louis Lesmes
Bill Holder
Rosa Turczynski
Soloman High
Jeanie Wood
Jack Hopper
Don Saunders
Jerrell Jones

**PRAY
For**

Arnie Clark
Tommie Rosenthal
Brooklyn Schulze
Rita Turner
Dave Parker
Eddie Parker
Stella West
Jerry Phillips
Johanna Kroeger
Jack Tyler
Anonymous

Offering

Attendance:	July 6, 2014	535
Offerings:	July 6, 2014	\$ 2,302.96
Building Fund:	July 6, 2014	\$ 1,162.08

Welcome To St. Mary's Catholic School

At St. Mary's Catholic School our mission is to be a community of faith in which we nourish each student's spiritual, academic, physical, social and emotional growth.

Have a Great Summer! VBS begins June 24 -

Call (903) 893-5148

Now Enrolling: Call to Schedule an Appointment

(903) 893-2127 or email Tammy Vogel at tvogel@stmarys-sch.org

Parking Lot Rules

Enter at the West Rock Rd ONLY. We can't afford a Security Guard to enforce this rule. However we might have to get a volunteer to monitor the East exit so cars don't come in the OUT Exit. If you come other days than Sunday, we request you follow the Signs of Entrance/ Exit. There have been some incidents that require conformity to this rule. Church parking lot Rules need to be followed just like road signs on public roadways.

Weekly Calendar**Sunday, July 13**

8:30 am Rosary

9:00 am Mass

12:00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, July 14

9:00 am Rosary

Tuesday, July 15**Wednesday July 16****Thursday, July 17**

9:00 am Mass Bible Class Following Mass

7:00 pm Spanish Youth Choir

Friday, July 18

7:00 pm Spanish Adult Choir

Saturday, July 19**FAITH FORMATION**

Have you registered you children for Faith Formation?? July 20th last chance!!

Ya registraste tus niños para las clases de Formacion de Fe?? el 20 de Julio es el ultimo dia!!

Reglas del Estacionamiento

Por favor de usar la entrada al lado Oeste el camino de piedras NADA MAS. No podemos pagar a un Oficial de Transito para enforzar estas reglas. Aunque a lo major vamos a tener que buscar un voluntario de monitor para la Salida del Estacionamiento para que carros no entren por ese lado. Si tu vienes otros dias aparte del Domingo, te pedimos que sigas las señales de Entrada/ Salida. A habido algunos incidents que han requerido obedecer esta regla. Las reglas del estacionamiento de la iglesia necesitan ser obedecidas al igual que los señalamiento de la calle/carreteras.

The Irony we face this Independence Day

Isn't it ironic that as we celebrate our freedom and independence as American citizens we are having to deal with an influx of children from Central American countries who have risked their lives in perilous journeys to share in what we celebrate.

In a sense they are not unlike the millions who set out for America in the hope of finding freedom and independence. They also risked their lives in perilous journeys and, when they arrived, faced hostility and discrimination because of their religion or ethnicity. I wonder how many of those who are so outraged at the number of children seeking refuge had ancestors who experienced the same type of unwelcome when they arrived.

It occurs to me that a special patron of these children is Jesus the immigrant, whose family fled to Egypt to protect him from terrorism of the time.

Something must be done to address the cause of this influx and make it manageable. In the meantime, we must look after these children with love and compassion and not hostility and hatred.

Let us thank God for the sacrifices of our forefathers and that we are blessed to live in a country so great that people risk life and limb to try to live here. Let us also pray that our Heavenly Father will guide our leaders, keep our men and women in the Armed Services safe and bring peace and comfort to our veterans and their families. May God always bless America!

Papal Intentions for July 2014:

- o Universal Papal Intention: that sports may always be occasions of human fraternity and growth.
- o Evangelization Intention: that the Holy Spirit may support the work of the laity who proclaim the Gospel in the poorest countries.

Holy Family Library

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La Ironía que Enfrentamos este Día de la Independencia

¿No les parece irónico que mientras celebramos nuestra libertad e independencia como ciudadanos estadounidenses estamos teniendo que lidiar con una afluencia de niños procedentes de países centroamericanos que han arriesgado sus vidas en viajes sumamente peligrosos con el objeto de compartir lo que hoy celebramos?

En cierto sentido, ellos no son diferentes a los millones que se han puesto en camino en pos de los Estados Unidos con la esperanza de encontrar libertad e independencia. Ellos también han arriesgado sus vidas en viajes arriesgados y peligrosos y cuando por fin han llegado han tenido que enfrentar hostilidad y discriminación debido a su religión o etnia. Me pregunto cuántos de quienes se encuentran tan escandalizados por el número de niños que buscan refugio han tenido antepasados que experimentaron exactamente el mismo recibimiento hostil cuando llegaron.

Se me ocurre que un santo patrón muy especial de estos niños es Jesús el inmigrante, cuya familia huyó a Egipto para protegerlo del terrorismo de su época.

Algo debe hacerse para afrontar la causa de esta afluencia y hacerla manejable. Mientras tanto debemos ocuparnos de estos niños con amor y compasión y no hostilidad y odio.

Demos gracias a Dios por los sacrificios de nuestros antepasados y porque hemos sido bendecidos al vivir en un país tan grandioso que la gente arriesga la vida por tratar de vivir en él. También oremos porque Nuestro Padre Celestial guíe a nuestros líderes, proteja a nuestros hombres y mujeres en las Fuerzas Armadas y traiga paz y bienestar a nuestros veteranos y sus familias. ¡Que Dios bendiga siempre a América!

If You need a priest call St. Michael the Archangel where our Pastor Fr. Salvador Guzmán and our Parochial Pastor Fr. Eugene Azorji reside. Call: 972-542-4667 or visit 411 Paula Rd McKinney, TX 75069

Si necesitas un sacerdote llama a la iglesia de St. Miguel de Arcangel en McKinney donde nuestro Sacerdoteel Padre Salvador Guzman y nuestro vicario el Padre Eugenio Azorji residen. Llama al 972-542-4667 o visita la iglesia en el 411 Paula Rd. en McKinney, TX 75069.

Report from Bishop Kevin Farrell

Today's Supreme Court decision upholding the right of the owners of two corporations, Hobby Lobby Stores and Conestoga Wood Specialties Corporation to refuse to provide forms of contraception that they consider forms of abortion is very significant. While very narrow, the decision establishes the principle that requirements of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) are subject to the [Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993](#).

[In my most recent blog](#), I quoted Pope Francis' statement that "religious freedom is not simply freedom of thought or private worship. It is the freedom to live according to ethical principles, both privately and publicly." The decision reflects and implements the U.S. bishops' consistent support for litigants from the non-profit and for-profit sectors alike who have challenged the HHS mandate in court.

On January 28, 2014 the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) filed an [amicus curiae](#) brief with the U.S. Supreme Court in support of the plaintiffs in *Sebelius v. Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc. and Conestoga Wood Specialties Corp. v. Sebelius*.

Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the USCCB's Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, stated that "Catholics believe that the right to religious freedom proceeds from the inherent dignity of each and every human person, and that includes people who run businesses. They should not be specially excluded from the freedom to practice their faith in daily life."

Policies of the Department of Health and Human Services implementing the ACA are not only onerous but impinge upon religious freedom guaranteed by the First Amendment.

Thursday Evening Bible Study:

Mark your calendars: July 31st 7:30-9:00 pm

Several have already signed up if you'd like to join please place your name on the rooster on the vestibule table.

Welcome to all!

Choir

Members of the choir you are bringing joy to our Sunday Mass.

Special Recognition to So Hee Lawson, our organist and Erica Martin our Flutist who accompany the Choir. Job well done.

La decisión de la Corte Suprema de defender el derecho de los propietarios de dos empresas, las tiendas Hobby Lobby y Conestoga Wood Specialties Corporation, que se negaron a proporcionar métodos anticonceptivos que consideran formas de aborto, es muy significativa. Aunque con un margen muy reducido, la decisión establece el principio fundamental que requiere que la Ley de Cuidado de Salud Asequible (ACA) esté sujeta a la Ley de Restauración de la Libertad Religiosa de 1993.

En mi blog más reciente cite una declaración de Papa Francisco donde nos dice que "la libertad religiosa no es simplemente la libertad de pensamiento y culto privado. Es la libertad de vivir según principios éticos, tanto privados como públicos." La decisión refleja e implementa el apoyo constante de los Obispos de Estados Unidos tanto a litigantes de sectores sin fines de lucro como con fines de lucro que han desafiado el mandato HHS en el tribunal.

El 28 de Enero de 2014, la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos (USCCB) presentó un expediente amicus curiae ante la Corte Suprema de los Estados Unidos en apoyo de los demandantes en el caso *Sebelius vs. Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc. y Conestoga Wood Specialties Corporation vs. Sebelius*.

El Arzobispo William E. Lori de Baltimore, Presidente del Comité Ad Hoc de la USCCB por la Libertad Religiosa, afirmó que "los Católicos consideran que el derecho a la libertad religiosa procede de la dignidad intrínseca de cada persona humana y que eso incluye a personas que tienen negocios. Ellos no deben ser expresamente excluidos de la libertad de practicar su fe en su vida cotidiana."

Las pólizas del Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos implementando la Ley de Cuidado de Salud Asequible (ACA) no sólo son gravosas sino que afectan la libertad religiosa garantizada por la Primera Enmienda de la Constitución.



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Have you started getting your team together? October 21st will be here before we know it. Profit helps our Building Fund.

Almost 1,700 years after the Edict of Constantine granted freedom of worship to Christians, persecution of the followers of Christ continues unabated. Speaking before an international conference on religious freedom in Rome, Pope Francis observed that “persecution of Christians is stronger than it was in the first centuries of the Church, and there are more Christian martyrs than in that time.”

Coptic Christians in Egypt are under siege. The Nigerian terrorist group known as Boko Haram has kidnapped hundreds of school girls in an effort to close Christian schools. Christian families in Pakistan have recently been freed from two decades of slavery in a Muslim-run brick kiln. Meanwhile, Christians in areas of Iraq overrun by the Islamic State of Iraq and Syrian fighters are in fear for their lives. And, China continues to harass and suppress Christians.

Last January, a Pew Report on Religious Hostility showed that Christians continue to be the world’s most oppressed religious group with persecution against them reported in 110 countries.

“Religious freedom,” the Holy Father emphasized, “is not simply freedom of thought or private worship. It is the freedom to live according to ethical principles, both privately and publicly.”

“Reason,” Pope Francis said, “recognizes that religious freedom is a fundamental right of man, reflecting his highest dignity, that of seeking the truth and adhering to it, and recognizing it as an indispensable condition for realizing all his potential.”

We must never take our religious freedom for granted, but be constantly vigilant lest it be taken from us bit by bit.

Reminder to Registered Holy Family Parishioner's who want to be active, as an Aide, Catechist, Monitor, Usher, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, or any of the groups who come in contact with our children must have a Safe Environment Clearance. Go to our Web Site and fill out the application for a Safe Environment clearance. Feel free to speak to Art Atteberry our Director or Martha Whitfield.

Altar Servers for the 9:00 am Mass

Would you like to be an Altar server? What an opportunity to help your Parish Priest and Serve God in a personal way. Think about it.

A un poco más de 1,700 años de la promulgación del Edicto de Constantino, el cual concedió la libertad de culto a los Cristianos, la persecución a los seguidores de Cristo aún continúa. Hablando ante una conferencia internacional en Roma acerca de la libertad religiosa, el Papa Francisco expresó que “la persecución contra los Cristianos es más fuerte de lo que lo fue en los primeros siglos de la Iglesia, y que en la actualidad hay más mártires Cristianos de los que hubo durante esa época.”

Los Cristianos Coptos en Egipto se encuentran sitiados. En un esfuerzo por cerrar las escuelas Cristianas, el grupo terrorista nigeriano Boko Haram secuestró a cientos de niñas en edad escolar. Familias Cristianas en Pakistán han sido liberadas recientemente tras dos décadas de esclavitud en un horno de ladrillos administrado por musulmanes. Mientras que, Cristianos en las áreas de Irak quienes han sido invadidos por tropas del estado islámico de Irak y Siria temen por sus vidas. Por su parte, China continúa hostigando y reprimiendo a los Cristianos.

El pasado mes de Febrero, un Informe Pew sobre la Hostilidad Religiosa demostró que los Cristianos siguen siendo el grupo religioso más oprimido del mundo, con persecuciones registradas en su contra en más de 110 países.

“La libertad religiosa,” enfatizó el Santo Padre, “no es simplemente la libertad de pensamiento y culto privado. Es la libertad de vivir según principios éticos, tanto privados como públicos.”

“La razón”, dijo el Papa Francisco, “reconoce que la libertad religiosa es un derecho fundamental del hombre, que refleja su mayor dignidad, de buscar la verdad y adherirse a ella y reconocerlo como una condición indispensable para la realización de su pleno potencial.”

Nunca debemos dar por hecho nuestra libertad religiosa, mas bien debemos estar constantemente alertas para que no nos sea arrancada – poco a poco – de las manos.

Marysol, Esmeralda, Cintia, Christian, and Julio for sharing your experience with the Parish, we wish you success in promoting the Youth Group here at Holy Family. Thanks again to Alma Salas.

Gracias, Marysol, Esmeralda, Cintia, Christian and Julio por haber compartido sobre su experiendia con la comunidad. Nosotros les deseamos exito en promover el Grupo de Jovenes aqui en la iglesia de la Sagrada Familia. Gracias tambien a Alma Salas.

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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

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