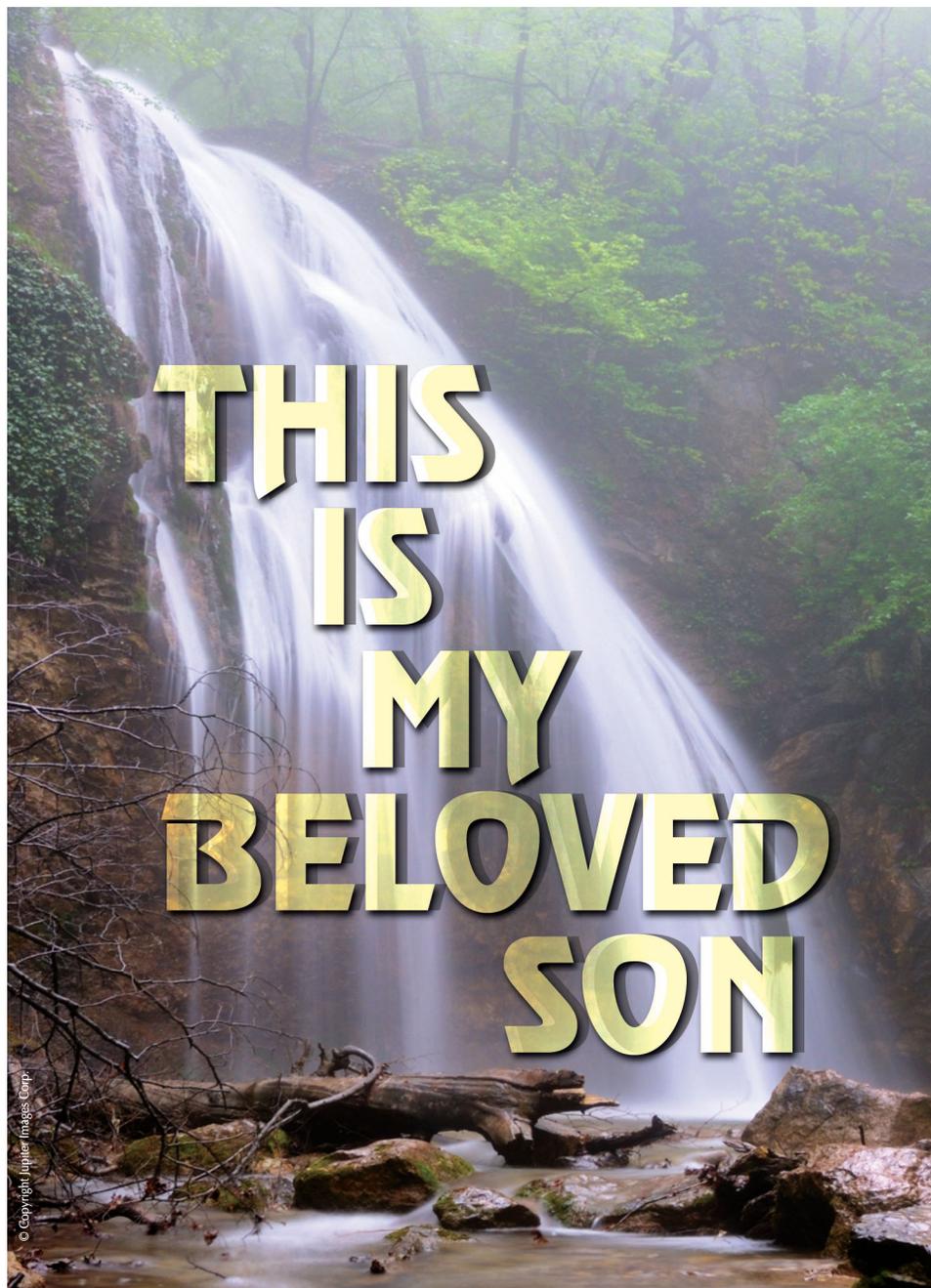


Holy Family Catholic Church



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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

April 11, 2015 Saturday 10:00 am

Confirmation:

March 24, 2015 Tuesday 7:00 pm

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.

Prayer Request

Elaine Clark	Tommie Rosenthal	Arnie Clark
Ann Lageose	Brooklyn Schulze	Corinne Lageose
Bernadine Dill	Steve Sanchez	Toby Mills
Karen Elliot	Andy Karl	Zachary Ferjeran
Susie Powell	Bob Jungman	Julia Baker
Anonymous	Theresa Powell	

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 11

8:30 am Rosary
 9:00 am Mass
 10:15-11:30 am Faith Formation Pre K-5th
 12:00 pm Spanish Mass
 1:30-2:45 pm Faith Formation 6th-Confirmation

Monday, January 12

9:00 am Rosary

Tuesday, January 13

7:00 pm RCIA Classes

Wednesday, January 14

Thursday, January 15

9:00 am Mass Morning Bible Class Immediately Following
 7:00 pm Youth Choir Practice
 7:30 pm Adult Bible Class

Friday, January 16

Saturday, January 17

Offering

Attendance:	December 24, 2014	225
Offerings:	December 24, 2014	\$ 1,572.78
Attendance:	December 25, 2014	130
Offerings:	December 25, 2014	\$ 214.42
Attendance:	December 28, 2014	437
Offerings:	December 28, 2014	\$ 2,749.14
Building Fund	December 28, 2014	\$ 5,842.25
Attendance:	December 31, 2014	171
Offerings:	December 31, 2014	\$ 534.00
Attendance:	January 4, 2015	537
Offerings:	January 4, 2015	\$ 1,903.17
Building Fund:	January 4, 2015	\$ 1,227.24
Diocese of Trujillo in Honduras:	January 4, 2015	\$ 205.00
First Offering:	January 4, 2015	\$ 176.00

TV Mass Information

If you don't have cable/satellite and do not get some of those listed channels from the bulletin last week, go to the site for Heart Of the Nation

47.2 UAN on Saturday evenings Mass @ 6:30pm. One of our Parish members shared this information.

Sunday Morning Rosary Leaders Needed

Come lead the Rosary at 8:30 am before the 9:00 am Mass. Pleases see Rick Hoenigman if available.

Welcome to 2015! Please join with the Holy Father in the January 2015 prayer intentions:

Universal Papal Intention: that those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace.

Evangelization Intention: that in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal.

Thought Provoking Facts/ Roe Memorial Event/The Baptism of the Lord

In the life of a parish, there are going to be good days and bad days. The good days include sacramental events such as First Communion and Confirmations. Bad days might force us to deal with troubled children, angry parents, or upset pastors.

If we want to celebrate the good things and rise above the negative, the Virgin Mary might be an example for us to pattern ourselves after.

Throughout her life, Mary no doubt repeated the words she said to the angel Gabriel at the Annunciation: "Be it done to me according to your Word." (Luke 1:38) I'm sure it gave her joy when she reflected on these words as she watched Jesus growing up, performing miracles, and enjoying tender moments with family and friends. I'm also sure these words gave her consolation when things were difficult, like when Jesus was rejected, when people turned away from him, and when he suffered his passion and death. Mary's words would have also resounded with St. Ignatius Loyola. One of the signature themes of Ignatian spirituality is to "find God in all things."

In my own life, I've often reflected on Mary's trust. From the moment she heard Gabriel's words until the moment she knew her son had risen from the dead, Mary trusted that God was working. Of course, this kind of trust is fairly easy when things are going well. Yes, it's easy to trust in those moments.

But when struggles and difficulties come our way—and anyone in parish life has their fair share of these—it seems like we easily fall into a sense of distrust. Where is God? Why won't He help me with this problem? How come I can't seem to hear Him anymore?

Mary knew that God was with her. St. Ignatius knew that too. How can we have that same confidence and trust? Is it a struggle for you to "find God in all things," or does this phrase bring you a sense of peace?

2015 Roe Memorial Events

On Saturday, **January 17, 2015**, Dallas will mark the 42nd anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, legalizing abortion in America and leading to the death of over 55 million unborn children.

Join **Bishop Kevin Farrell** and thousands of people of faith to pray for an end to the scourge of abortion on our city and country, to witness publicly, and rally and march for a Culture of Life.

The **2015 Roe Memorial Mass** will be celebrated by Bishop Farrell at 1:00 p.m. at the **convention center in Dallas** (seating 9,000!), preceded by a **Youth Rally featuring World Youth Day Musician Curtis Stephan** at 12:30 p.m. (doors open at 11:30 a.m.).

Bishop Farrell will then lead the **North Texas March for Life** beginning at 3:00 p.m. from the convention center to the rally outside the Earle Cabell Federal Courthouse, housing the district court where *Roe v. Wade* was first filed. 2015 Roe Memorial Events

The Baptism of the Lord, Cycle B Review the readings for January 11, 2015.

Mark 1:7-11

Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist.

In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism; it was a preparation for the Christian Baptism we celebrate today, and through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received. In accepting John's baptism, Jesus, though sinless, united himself with all sinners.

The baptism of Jesus is considered an important manifestation of God in the person of Jesus, another epiphany. Jesus' baptism inaugurates his mission. Mark's Gospel moves quickly from the report of Jesus' baptism to Jesus' temptations in the desert to his ministry in Galilee after John's arrest. The end of the ministry of John the Baptist is the beginning of Jesus' ministry. In an analogous way, our Baptism inaugurates our mission as Christians.

Surprisingly, on this the last day of the Christmas season the Gospel does not tell a story from Jesus' childhood. Instead the Gospel reveals Jesus' relationship to God: the Son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. We believe that through Baptism we are also made children of God.

In reading the story of the Last Judgment in Matthew Chapter 25, it is significant that all of the sins mentioned are sins of omission; not feeding the hungry, not caring for the ill, not welcoming the stranger, not visiting the incarcerated. Those condemned might well have answered: "But God, I was so busy!"

I am convinced that spiritual indifference is as great an enemy of Christian life as evil. Indifference occurs when we become so responsive to our daily duties and responsibilities that they, not God, become the driving force in our lives. What we lose is perspective. The things that become the center of our lives may be, in themselves, good things. They lead to spiritual indifference when they become ends in themselves instead of steps on our journey to God.

Pope Francis' fraternal corrections to the members of the Curia before Christmas were a reminder to all who minister in the Church, that we must constantly guard against "spiritual Alzheimer's," forgetting the call of the Holy Spirit that drew us into ministry.

For that matter, the litany of temptations outlined by the Holy Father provides good material for an examination of conscience for all Christians. I was edified that in reading responses to stories on the Pope's talk, most did not applaud the chiding of the Curia, but saw the same failings in themselves.

What Pope Francis did was to remind us that even religious duties can lead to spiritual Alzheimer's and cause us to forget that what we are doing is God's work. The same is true whether we are a bishop, a banker, a mother or a farm laborer.

Señor, ¡es que estaba muy ocupado!

By Bishop Kevin J. Farrell

Al leer la historia del Juicio Final en el capítulo 25 del Evangelio de San Mateo, es importante reconocer que todos los pecados mencionados son pecados de omisión; no alimentar al hambriento, no cuidar a los enfermos, no dar la bienvenida al extranjero y no visitar a los presos. Los condenados bien pudieron haber contestado: "Señor, ¡es que estaba muy ocupado!"

Estoy convencido que la indiferencia espiritual es un enemigo tan grande de la vida cristiana como lo es el mismo mal. La indiferencia ocurre cuando nos preocupan tanto nuestras tareas y responsabilidades cotidianas, que son éstas y no Dios, el motor de nuestra vida. Perdemos la perspectiva. Las cosas que se convierten en el centro de nuestra vida pueden ser, en sí mismas, cosas buenas. Sin embargo, nos llevan hacia la indiferencia espiritual cuando en vez de pasos en nuestra jornada hacia Dios, se convierten en fines.

La corrección fraternal del Papa Francisco a los miembros de la Curia antes de la Navidad fueron un recordatorio a todos los ministros de la Iglesia, que constantemente debemos cuidarnos del "Alzheimer espiritual," olvidándonos del llamado del Espíritu Santo que nos impulsó hacia el ministerio.

Por lo que la letanía de tentaciones delineada por el Santo Padre ofrece un buen material de examen de conciencia a todos los Cristianos. Al leer las respuestas al discurso del Papa, fue muy estimulante observar que la mayor parte de las personas no aplaudieron la reprimenda a la Curia, sino más bien encontraron las mismas deficiencias en ellos mismos.

El Papa Francisco nos recordó que aun los deberes religiosos pueden conducir al Alzheimer espiritual haciéndonos olvidar que lo que estamos haciendo es la obra de Dios sin importar si somos un obispo, un banquero, una madre o un trabajador agrícola.

North Texas Catholic Brothers For Christ

Check out the Flyer posted in the vestibule. Several men from Holy Family attended last year and really enjoyed the experience.

2015 North Texas Catholic Men's Conference

Saturday: February 7, 2015, 8 AM - 4 PM
Hurst Conference Center ▪ 1601 Campus Drive ▪ Hurst, TX 76054



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Fr. Larry Richards

"And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." Ephesians 6:17

Welcome

The North Texas Catholic Men's Conference is an annual gathering of Catholic men which is coordinated by a non profit lay ministry known as the Catholic Brothers for Christ (CBFC) with the following goals:

◆ Motivate all Catholic men to build the body of Christ by uniting as brothers, being a living witness of the Gospel in all areas of their lives, and facilitating faith-building programs in our community. ◆ Create ongoing partnerships with the Bishops and priests in the DFW Dioceses'. ◆ Promote collaboration with other Catholic organizations with an emphasis on men's spiritual needs.

The conference will feature dynamic speakers who are inspiring Catholic men of faith whose topics are designed to promote the spiritual growth of men enabling them to become spiritual leaders in all facets of their daily lives. This conference provides the opportunity to encounter Our Lord Jesus by way of the Eucharistic Adoration, benediction, the rosary, reconciliation and celebration of the Mass.

See our Non-Profit Web site at: <http://catholicbrothersforchrist.com/>

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Date: Sept 18, 2011

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Transmission Date / Time Tuesday 12:00pm

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