



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

The kingdom of God

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is like a mustard seed that is the smallest of all the seeds. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants.

Mark 4:31-32

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time • June 17, 2018

El Reino de Dios

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es como una semilla de mostaza que es la más pequeña de las semillas; pero una vez sembrada, crece y se convierte en el mayor de los arbustos.

Marcos 4:31-32

Undécimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario • 17 de junio de 2018

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

HOLY FAMILY

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Fr Eugene Azorji, Pastoral Administrator

Fr Juan Carlos Marin, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Pat Hayes

Mass Schedule/ Misa Dominical

Sunday: 9:00 am English, 12:00 pm Spanish

Thursday: 9:00 am Daily Mass

NO 5:30 pm SPANISH MASS

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms/ Bautizos

English: 2nd Sunday of each month

Bautizos: 1 er Domingo del mes

Pre-Baptismal Class Registration: Registrations required 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.

Anointing of the Sick/ Uncion de los Enfermos

Please call the parish

Confessions/Confesiones

Immediately following the 1st Mass - 30 minutes, 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 Fr Edwin Leonard, Vocations Director, 214-379-2860.

St Michael the Archangel

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: Vigil Mass 5:00 pm English

Sunday: 8:00 am & 11:30 am English

Sunday: 9:30 am & 2:00 pm Spanish

NO 7:00 pm SPANISH MASS

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:00 am

Tuesday & Thursday: 5:30 pm

Confessions: Thursday: 6:00-7:00 pm

Saturdays: 3:30 pm-4:30 pm

Adoration: Thursday 6:00 pm-7:00 pm

First Friday 8:30 am - 10:00 am

Spanish Mass at 7:00 pm

After Hours: Sick Call or Funeral

Requests: 469-667-7324

Funerals: Contact Valerie Stagaman

972-542-4667 ext 114.

Weddings: Contact Brenda Rivera

972-542-4667 ext: 102.

Six months prior to wedding date.

Staff at St Michael the Archangel

Rev. Eugene Azorji

Rev. Juan Carlos Marin

Deacons

George Polcer, John Rapier,

Juan Jorge Hernandez,

Patrick Hayes, Sid Little

Parish Manager: Deacon John Rapier

Director of Ministry: Deacon Sid Little

Business Manager: Joe Olickan

Director of Liturgy: Valerie Stagaman

Youth Ministry: Deandria Gonzalez

Facilities: Emilio Zavala

BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF PRAYER

Please stop by and add names to be prayed for:

Gary Don Moore, Barbara Heath, Andria Thomas, Joan Polus, Tom Owen, Ann Thomas, Chris Hayes, Anonymous, Randol Tylor, Jim Rountree, Eric Gonzales Family, Beverly Dyrack, Ted Cole.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

HABÍA UNA VEZ

Déjame contarte un cuento. . . Esa frase nos encanta. De alguna manera nuestros cuerpos se relajan y nuestra anticipación aumenta. Déjame contarte un cuento, parece que eso es lo que dice Jesús, mientras busca imágenes vívidas que nos ayuden a amar la realidad misteriosa del Reino de Dios. Jesús explica que el Reino de Dios es como una semilla que crece. El sembrador que planta la semilla, aunque sabe que crece quizá no conoce de qué manera ocurre su plenitud. La fotografía moderna puede ayudarnos a registrar paso a paso en un periodo de tiempo el desarrollo de una semilla en una planta, pero aquellas personas contemporáneas de Jesús que lo escuchaban nunca pudieron ver dichas fotografías. Para esas personas que lo escuchaban, el crecimiento de la semilla, imperceptible pero inconfundible, parecía milagroso. Jesús aprovecha el conocimiento y asombro de su audiencia para ayudarles a tener una experiencia de lo que quiere comunicar: aunque no siempre podemos verlo o comprobarlo, Dios se manifiesta a nosotros en todo tiempo y lugar. El Reino de Dios está en todas partes, y no hay ningún lugar donde Dios no guíe nuestro crecimiento.

POTENCIAL DE CRECIMIENTO

A lo largo de los evangelios, Jesús nos cuenta muchas parábolas para ayudar a explicar el Reino de Dios. Ambas parábolas del día de hoy tomadas del Evangelio de Marcos incluyen semillas, por extraño que parezca. Las semillas son realmente una cosa rara para un reino. ¿Te puedes imaginar a un poderoso reino en cuyas banderas y estandartes reales tengan la imagen de una pequeña semilla? Sin embargo, Jesús la menciona de manera doble invitándonos primero a imaginar una semilla de grano y luego una semilla de mostaza. Jesús anhela que comprendamos el Reino de Dios está lleno de una fuerza inesperada. Un árbol marchito florece, una virgen tiene un hijo, un hombre muerto sale de su tumba. Nuestras Escrituras son un amplio catálogo de victorias inverosímiles. Caminamos por la fe, como san Pablo dice, y no por la vista, debemos creer que Dios transforma la debilidad en fuerza, la muerte en vida. Es muy posible que preferíamos victorias rápidas y demostrables en nuestras vidas, pero el estilo de Dios a menudo se asemeja a la forma delicada de las semillas.

In English, we say, "I didn't sleep a wink. The equivalent in the African language Xhosa translates, "When dawn broke, I was looking through yesterday's eyes."

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Very few of us have ever seen an actual mustard seed or held one between our fingers. Yet Jesus' parable of the mustard seed captivates us today as we imagine an unlikely, tiny seed bursting into fullness. Today's readings are full of unlikely, unexpected fullness. The prophet Ezekiel praises the Lord who lowers the tallest trees and raises up the small ones, even making "the withered tree bloom." Believing in this transformational power of God, Saint Paul tells the Corinthians to live courageously; one day, the Lord will accept our fragile, earthly bodies and welcome us home to eternal health and strength in heaven. At some time or another, we have all felt small, outnumbered, discouraged, incomplete, friendless, or unsatisfied. Today's readings promise that God embraces our smallness and transforms us, little by little.

GROWTH POTENTIAL

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus tells many parables to help explain the kingdom of God. Both of today's parables from Mark's Gospel involve seeds, strangely enough. Seeds really are a bizarre emblem for a kingdom. Can you imagine a mighty kingdom whose royal banners boast a picture of a tiny seed? Jesus doubles down on the image, however, inviting us to picture first a seed of grain, and then a mustard seed. Jesus longs for us to understand that God's kingdom is full of unexpected strength. A withered tree blooms, a virgin bears a son, a dead man bursts out of his tomb. Our scriptures are a long catalog of unlikely victories. We walk by faith, as Saint Paul says, and not by sight—we must believe that God transforms all weakness into strength, all death into life. We may prefer swift, demonstrable victories in our lives, but God's style often resembles the gentle way of seeds.

John Paul II High School (JPIIHS) Info Night

JPIIHS will host an information night for families wishing to learn more about joining the Cardinal Family. Join us on campus at 900 Coit Rd in Plano, on June 20 at 6:30pm. Come meet students, parents, and staff members, and discover all that a JPIIHS education has to offer.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I have lifted high the lowly tree (Ezekiel 17:22-24).

Psalm — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

Second Reading — Whether we are at home or away, we aspire to please the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:6-10).

Gospel — It is the smallest of all seeds, and becomes the largest of plants (Mark 4:26-34)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 16; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Ps 132:11-14, 17-18; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34; Mt 6:24-34

Sunday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6ab, 15ab, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day

Tuesday: St. Romuald

Thursday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga; Summer begins

Friday: St. Paulinus of Nola; Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

HUMOR

An elderly man was driving down the interstate highway when suddenly his cell phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him: "Henry, I just heard on the news that there is a car going the wrong way on the highway, Please be careful! "Honey," said Henry, "It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!"

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Elevaré los árboles pequeños (Ezequiel 17:22-24).

Salmo — Es bueno dar gracias al Señor (Salmo 92 [91]).

Segunda lectura — En el destierro o en la patria, nos esforzamos por agradar al Señor (2 Corintios 5:6-10).
Evangelio — El hombre siembra su campo, y sin que él sepa cómo, la semilla germina y crece (Marcos 4:26-34).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Re 21:1-16; Sal 5:2-3ab, 4b-7; Mt 5:38-42

Martes: 1 Re 21:17-29; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 11, 16; Mt 5:43-48

Miércoles: 2 Re 2:1, 6-14; Sal 31 (30):20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Jueves: Sir 48:1-14; Sal 97 (96):1-7; Mt 6:7-15

Viernes: 2 Re 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Sal 132 (131):11-14, 17-18; Mt 6:19-23

Sábado: 2 Cr 24:17-25; Sal 89 (88):4-5, 29-34; Mt 6:24-34

Domingo: Vigilia: Jer 1:4-10; Sal 71 (70):1-6ab, 15ab, 17; 1 Pe 1:8-12; Lc 1:5-17
Día: Is 49:1-6; Sal 139 (138):1-3, 13-15; Hch 13:22-26; Lc 1:57-66, 80

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Undécimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario; Día de los Padres

Martes: San Romualdo

Jueves: San Luis Gonzaga; Comienzo del verano

Viernes: San Paulino de Nola; San Juan Fisher; San Tomás Moro

Sábado: Santa María Virgen

HUMOR

A woman and her husband rushed into the dentist's office. The woman said, "I want a tooth pulled, I don't want gas or Novacaine or any other such thing because I am in a hurry. Just pull the tooth as quickly as possible." "You're a brave woman," said the dentist. "Now, show me which tooth it is." The woman turned to her husband and said, "Open your mouth and show the dentist which tooth it is, dear."

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BRIEF HISTORY FATHERS DAY



There are two stories of when the first Father's Day was celebrated. According to some accounts, the first Father's Day was celebrated in Washington state on June 19, 1910. A woman by the name of Sonora Smart Dodd came up with the idea of honoring and celebrating her father while listening to a Mother's Day sermon at church in 1909. She felt as though mothers were getting all the acclaim while fathers were equally deserving of a day of praise (She would probably be displeased that Mother's Day still gets the lion's share of attention).

Sonora's dad was quite a man. William Smart, a veteran of the Civil War, was left a widower when his wife died while giving birth to their sixth child. He went on to raise the six children by himself on their small farm in Washington. To show her appreciation for all the hard work and love William gave to her and her siblings, Sonora thought there should be a day to pay homage to him and other dads like him. She initially suggested June 5th, the anniversary of her father's death to be the designated day to celebrate Father's Day, but due to some bad planning, the celebration in Spokane, Washington was deferred to the third Sunday in June.

The other story of the first Father's Day in America happened all the way on the other side of the country in Fairmont, West Virginia on July 5, 1908. Grace Golden Clayton suggested to the minister of the local Methodist church that they hold services to celebrate fathers after a deadly mine explosion killed 361 men.

While Father's Day was celebrated locally in several communities across the country, unofficial support to make the celebration a national holiday began almost immediately. William Jennings Bryant was one of its staunchest proponents. In 1924, President Calvin "Silent Cal" Coolidge recommended that Father's Day become a national holiday. But no official action was taken.

In 1966, Lyndon B. Johnson, through an executive order, designated the third Sunday in June as the official day to celebrate Father's Day. However, it wasn't until 1972, during the Nixon administration, that Father's Day was officially recognized as a national holiday.



PRAYER FOR FATHERS

St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty. You supported the holy family of Nazareth with the work of your hands. Kindly protect those who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes. They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them. You too knew trial, labor and weariness. But amid the worries of material life your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother. Assure those you protect that they do not labor alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over him faithfully as you have done.

Pope John XXIII

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK

June 22 (Feast of Sts. Thomas More & John Fisher) - June 29

People of faith are committed to serving others in God's love in healthcare, child welfare, migration and refugee resettlement, education, and more. Religious freedom protects the space in which we can continue to serve. Join Catholics across the country to pray and act for the freedom to serve faithfully and with integrity. Learn more here [Sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.](#)

Local Religious Freedom events include

Patriotic Rosary on July 1, St. Joseph Richardson, 1:30 p.m.

Patriotic Rosary on July 4, St. Mark Plano, following 8:30 Mass in Sanctuary.