



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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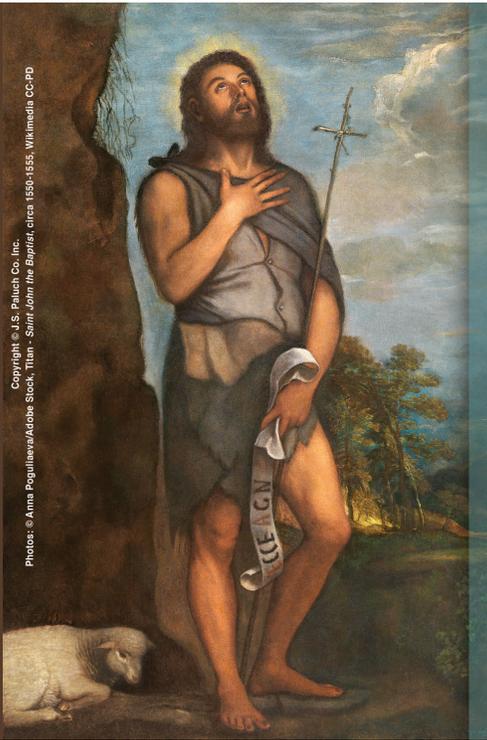


THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



*“Behold, one is coming after me;
I am not worthy to unfasten
the sandals of his feet.”*

Acts 13:25



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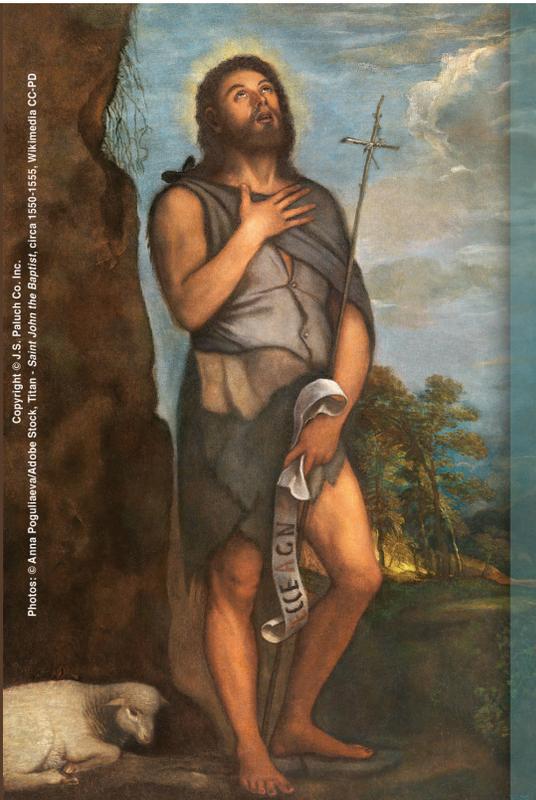


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a quien no merezco
desatarle las sandalias”.*

Hechos 13:25



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HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

HOLY FAMILY

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 482, Van Alstyne

Office: 903-482-6322

For a Priest: 972-542-4667 ext102

Emergency after hours: 469-667-7324

Web: www.holyfamily-vanalstyne.org

Email: janis@holyfamily-vanalystne.org

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

Facilities 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.

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JOHN THE BAPTIST

Since June 24 falls on a Sunday this year, the Church has the opportunity for a more intense celebration of the birth of John the Baptist, who is often described as the last of the Old Testament prophets and the bridge between Judaism and Christianity. More commonly, John is known as the “precursor” of our Lord Jesus Christ. All the Gospels report John’s basic message: Repent, the kingdom is near at hand. One greater than I is coming.

Though he was a wandering preacher who dressed in camel skins and ate grasshoppers, John’s legacy is one of true royalty. His origins are similar to those foretold by God through the prophet Isaiah: “You are my servant, he said to me, Israel through whom I show my glory” (Isaiah 49:3). John’s humility—“I am not he”—was surpassed only by that of his Lord Jesus, the humble servant who followed.

JUAN EL BAUTISTA

Ya que el 24 de junio de este año cae en domingo, la Iglesia tiene la oportunidad para una celebración más vibrante del nacimiento de Juan el Bautista, a quien se le describe como el último de los profetas del Antiguo Testamento y también como el puente entre el judaísmo y el cristianismo. Comúnmente a Juan se le conoce como el “precursor” de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Todos los evangelios narran el mensaje básico de Juan: Arrepiéntanse, el Reino de Dios está cerca. Uno más grande que yo está cerca.

Aunque él era un predicador itinerante, vestido con piel de camello, que comía saltamontes; el legado de Juan es uno de verdadera realeza. Sus orígenes son parecidos a aquellos anunciados por Dios por medio del profeta Isaías “Tú eres mi siervo, Israel; en ti manifestaré mi gloria”. La humildad de Juan, “Yo no soy él”, fue superada por la de su Señor Jesús, el siervo humilde a quien siguió.

Need your Holy Family parish event or announcement printed in the bulletin or placed on the parish website?

Contact Nancy Watson at webmaster@holyfamily-vanalstyne.org or at 407-797-4801. Information for the bulletin should be submitted by the Friday one week before the publication date.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5
- Tuesday:** 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14
- Wednesday:** 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33-37, 40; Mt 7:15-20
- Thursday:** 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-29
- Friday:** Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
- Saturday:** Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:15-17
- Sunday:** Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- Monday:** Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time
- Wednesday:** St. Cyril of Alexandria
- Thursday:** St. Irenaeus
- Friday:** Ss. Peter and Paul
- Saturday:** The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church; Blessed Virgin Mary

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — I will make you a light to the nations (Isaiah 49:1-6).

Psalm — I praise you for I am wonderfully made (Psalm 139).

Second Reading — John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance (Acts 13:22-26).

Gospel — John is his name (Luke 1:57-66, 80).

HUMOR

A mother was preparing breakfast for her children, Jimmy 5, and Billy 4. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. “If Jesus were sitting here, he would say, “let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait. “Jimmy turned to his younger brother and said, “Billy, you be Jesus.”

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SYMPTOM OF SEPRATION

First the fall, and then the recovery from the fall, and both are the mercy of God. —Julian of Norwich (c. 1343–c. 1416) [1]

It is in falling down that we learn almost everything that matters spiritually. As many of the parables seem to say, you have to lose it (or know that you don't have it) before you will really seek it, then find it, and fittingly celebrate (see all three parables of Luke 15). The message is sort of hard to miss.

It seems that we must fail, and even “transgress,” and then need mercy, forgiveness, and love because of that very transgression. Up to then, all God talk is largely academic and formal. We don't really know love until we need love. Until then we have no way of knowing that the long, lonely distance between God/Reality and ourselves is overcome and fully spanned from the other side.

The common “myth of transgression” found in universal literature operates on many levels. (By myth I mean an archetypal message, expressed in story, that has many layers of meaning beyond the literal.) Both the Hebrew and the Christian Scriptures reveal transgression to be the most common pattern of human transformation (consider Adam and Eve, Moses, Jacob, Jesus, Paul, and Peter). The old must always be revealed as inadequate or even wrong for the new to be born. Our first attempt to love God by following rules is eventually revealed to be much more love of self and love of some kind of order—but we can't know that yet! (See Philippians 3:6+.) It is our failure to live up to these egoic attempts at love that drives us toward an ever-higher love, where we are not in charge but actually in love!

The actor here is what some call the trickster, the clown, the anti-hero and, in biblical literature, “the sinner” who is again and again shown to be the hero, especially in the stories of Jesus. “Her many sins have been forgiven her or she would not have shown such great love,” says Jesus of “the woman who was a sinner” (Luke 7:47). The law-abiding Pharisee is deemed ridiculous while the grasping tax collector, with no spiritual resume whatsoever, goes home “justified” (Luke 18:9-14). We must deal with this. It is indeed shocking, but only to the self-satisfied ego.

Do you realize how counterintuitive this is? Do you realize how hopeful this is? The playing field is now utterly leveled. It is our mistakes that lead us to God. We come to divine union not by doing it right but by doing it wrong, as we all most surely do anyway.

Fr Richard Rohr, *Center for Action and Contemplation*

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jbick@stjudeparish.com

Or www.stjudecareeralliance.net.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It's midsummer day! We have the advantage of celebrating one of the great hidden treasures of our liturgical calendar on a Sunday this year. There are only three “nativity” feasts on our calendar: for the Lord, the Blessed Mother (September 8), and today's birth of the Baptist. Today's date is anchored by the Annunciation (March 25), when Mary learns not only of her own child's advent, but of Elizabeth's child. We are exactly half a year away from Christmas Eve. There are strong traditions around this feast. Just as the winter solstice provides a rich vocabulary for Christmas, so does the abundance of light at midsummer inform this celebration. Just as at Christmas, a religious festival spills over into culture. As summer light reaches its peak, the sun-drenched zones of northern Europe see people staying up all night, lighting “St. John's fires” in the long summer twilight. Bonfires seem to be the unifying force in all these celebrations, kindled along the shores of the St. Lawrence in Quebec and Montreal, with harbor illuminations in France. You may be most interested in the custom in San Juan, Puerto Rico, the Baptist's own city. People there will leap into the sea between midnight and dawn to honor John. Why not find your way to a pool, a lake, or a sandy beach today and plunge in to recall your baptism? It's a tradition!

HUMOR

After the Baptism of his baby brother, little Johnny sobbed uncontrollably all the way home from Church. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally the boy responded. “The priest said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, but I want to stay with you guys.”

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Hoy recordamos a san Juan Bautista, primo de Jesucristo y precursor del Mesías. Juan se hizo famoso predicando la penitencia y bautizando con agua, insistiendo que vendría uno que bautizaría al mundo con fuego y el Espíritu Santo. Hoy es uno de los santos mas festejados en el mundo, especialmente en zonas donde su fiesta coincidía con la llegada del verano.

Para celebrar a este santo pariente de Jesús la gente en Alicante, España, hace fogatas durante la noche de su vigilia y baila en torno a ellas. En América el pueblo Boliviano también recibe al santo con hogueras, para quemar la tierra en busca de fertilidad y purificación. Los Bolivianos también festejan echándose agua los unos a los otros.

San Juan ha sido honrado en el hemisferio Americano desde 1509 cuando Juan Ponce de León nombró la Isla de Puerto Rico en su honor. También allí hacen el juego del agua en la fiesta de san Juan ya que los fieles se echan de espaldas al océano tres veces en busca de purificación y celebración.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Te convertiré en luz para las naciones (Isaías 49:1-6).

Salmo — Te doy gracias porque me has escogido portentosamente (Salmo 139 [138]).

Segunda lectura — De los descendiente de David Dios sacó al salvador Jesús (Hechos 13:22-25).

Evangelio — Isabel dio a luz a un hijo a quien puso por nombre Juan (Lucas 1:57-66, 80).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 2 Re 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Sal 60 (59):3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5

Martes: 2 Re 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Sal 48 (47):2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Miércoles: 2 Re 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Sal 119 (118):33-37, 40; Mt 7:15-20

Jueves: 2 Re 24:8-17; Sal 106 (105):1b-5; Mt 7:21-29

Viernes: **Vigilia:** Hch 3:1-10; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19

Día: Hch 12:1-11; Sal 34 (33):2-9; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Sábado: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19;

Sal 74 (73):1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:15-17

Domingo: Sab 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mc 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]

Welcome two new Deacons to St Michael and Holy Family Catholic Community



(from left) Samantha, Yoli, Deacon Andrew, Colin, Leah and John, with Bishop Burns.



Deacon Jose and Mercedes Vasquez with Bishop Burns.

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