



Holy Family Catholic Church

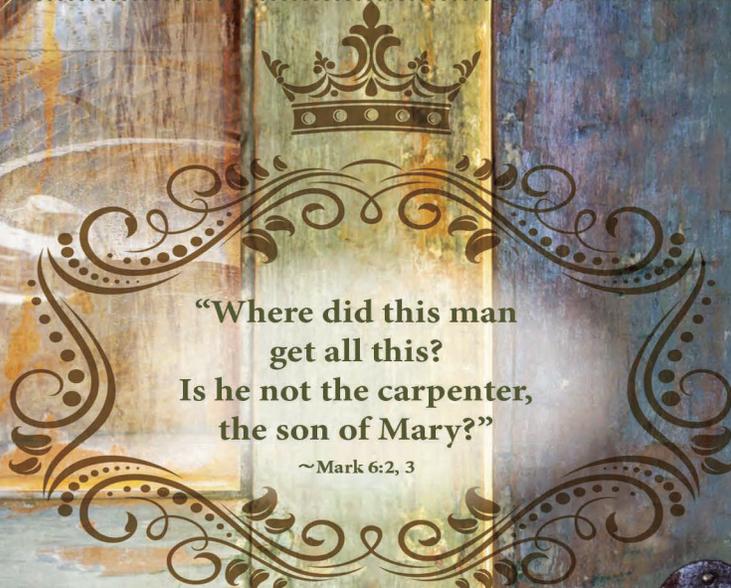
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Parish Mission Statement

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

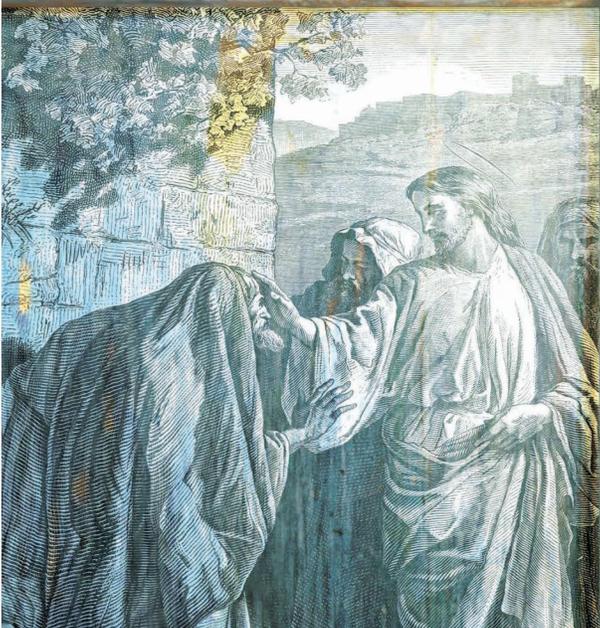
July 8, 2018 | Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Many who heard Jesus were astonished. They said,



**“Where did this man
get all this?
Is he not the carpenter,
the son of Mary?”**

~Mark 6:2, 3



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

HOLY FAMILY

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

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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.

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.

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.

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LET GOD BE GOD

It takes a long time for us to allow God to be who God really is. Our natural egocentricity wants to make God into who we want God to be. The role of prophets and good theology is to keep people free for God and to keep God free for people. While there are some “pure of heart” people (see Matthew 5:8) who come to “see God” naturally and easily, most of us need lots of help.

If God is always Mystery, then God is always in some way the unfamiliar, beyond what we’re used to, beyond our comfort zone, beyond what we can explain or understand. In the fourth century, St. Augustine said, “If you comprehend it, it is not God.” [1] Would you respect a God you could comprehend? And yet, very often we want a God who reflects and even confirms our culture, our biases, our economic, political, and security systems.

The First Commandment (Exodus 20:2-5) says that we’re not supposed to make any graven images of God or worship them. At first glance, we may think this means only handmade likenesses of God. But it mostly refers to rigid images of God that we hold in our heads. God created human beings in God’s own image, and we’ve returned the compliment, so to speak, by creating God in our image. In the end, we produced what was typically a small, clannish God. In America, God looks like Uncle Sam or Santa Claus, an exacting judge, or a win/lose business man—in each case, a white male, even though “God created humankind in God’s own image; male and female God created them” (see Genesis 1:27). Clearly God cannot be exclusively masculine. The Trinitarian God is anything but a ruling monarch or a solitary figurehead. [2]

Normally we find it very difficult to let God be greater than our culture, our immediate needs, and our projections. The human ego wants to keep things firmly in its grasp; so, we’ve created a God who fits into our small systems and our understanding of God. Thus, we’ve produced a God who requires expensive churches and robes, a God who likes to go to war just as much as we do, and a domineering God because we like to dominate. We’ve almost completely forgotten and ignored what Jesus revealed about the nature of the God he knew. If Jesus is the “image of the invisible God” (see Colossians 1:15) then God is nothing like we expected. Jesus is in no sense a potentate or a patriarch, but the very opposite, one whom John the Baptist calls “a lamb of a God” (see John 1:29). We seem to prefer a lion.

Fr Richard Rohr, *Center for Action and Contemplation*

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Ezequiel es enviado como el profeta de Yavé a los rebeldes y obstinados Israelitas (Ezequiel 2:2-5).

Salmo — Están nuestros ojos en el Señor Dios nuestro, esperando su misericordia (Salmo 123 [122]).

Segunda lectura — Pablo reconoce sus debilidades y se gloria de ellas, para que la fuerza de Cristo habite en él (2 Corintios 12:7-10).

Evangelio — Jesús predica en la sinagoga de su pueblo natal, dejando a los habitantes atónitos. (Marcos 6:1-6).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Os 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Sal 145 (144):2-9; Mt 9:18-26

Martes: Os 8:4-7, 11-13; Sal 115 (114):3-10; Mt 9:32-38

Miércoles: Os 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Sal 105 (104):2-7; Mt 10:1-7

Jueves: Os 11:1-4, 8c-9; Sal 80 (79):2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15

Viernes: Os 14:2-10; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23

Sábado: Is 6:1-8; Sal 93 (92):1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33

Domingo: Am 7:12-15; Sal 85 (84):9-14; Ef 1:3-14 [3-10]; Mc 6:7-13

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Decimocuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Lunes: San Agustín Zhao Rong y compañeros

Miércoles: San Benito

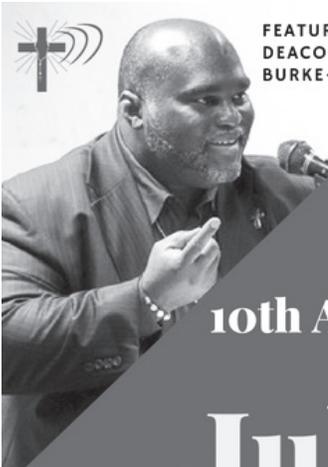
Viernes: San Enrique;
Beato Carlos Manuel (Charlie) Rodríguez

Sábado: Santa Kateri Tekakwitha

¿QUÉ AGUIJÓN . . . ?

El Espíritu Santo cubre con un velo de silencio un pasaje específico de la Sagrada Escritura. El “aguijón en la carne” en la segunda lectura de hoy es uno de esos lugares silenciosos, porque Pablo —frustrando por siglos a los cristianos— nunca nos dice precisamente cuál es ese aguijón o espina en la carne. Sus amigos en Corinto probablemente sabían a qué se refería, lo cual era suficiente para él. La gente ha especulado que el aguijón era desde una vista mala hasta la rampante lujuria. Pero toda esta especulación pierde el sentido real del mensaje, porque en su debilidad Pablo llega a conocer y vivir la paradoja de la cruz de Cristo: es en nuestra debilidad donde se manifiesta la gran fuerza de Dios. Cuando somos fuertes creemos que la fuerza es nuestra, pero cuando somos débiles, sabemos que cualquier fuerza o poder que tengamos viene solamente de Dios.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Last week's Treasure mentioned the "Nuns of the Battlefield," religious sisters from several communities who served as nurses in the Civil War. Florence Nightingale had only instituted female nurses a decade before in the Crimean War, so the idea of women tending to wounded soldiers was extraordinary. The medical and sanitary conditions on the battlefields were appalling, and the sisters were nearly all teachers. Few had any medical training beyond what they had learned as youngsters in the family. Anti-Catholic prejudice was so deeply entrenched in America that sisters could not wear their habits in public. These sisters were the first, and people on both the Union and Confederate sides soon began to marvel at their bravery, efficiency, and respect for Protestant soldiers. More than six hundred sisters from twenty-one communities went to war, serving in wretched conditions. They were tough and single-minded, efficient and fearless.

After the war, sisters could appear in public everywhere in the reunited nation, and often received the praise and gratitude of grateful soldiers and family members on behalf of their sister nurses. An outdoor monument to the "Nuns of the Battlefield" stands in Washington at M Street and Rhode Island Avenue. The inscription reads: "They comforted the dying, nursed the wounded, carried hope to the imprisoned, gave in His name a drink of water to the thirsty."

OBSTACLES

The prophet Ezekiel, Saint Paul, and the Lord Jesus share something in common in today's scripture readings. They all experience obstacles to their ministry. Ezekiel is summoned to prophesy to the Israelites, who are "[h]ard of face and obstinate of heart" (Ezekiel 2:4). Saint Paul recounts how he has been given a "thorn in the flesh" (2 Corinthians 12:7). The Lord Jesus is unable to perform many signs in his native place. The Gospel tells us that "[he] was amazed at their lack of faith" (Mark 6:6). We too sometimes encounter obstacles as we travel along the journey of faith. So often we experience weakness on this journey. Let the words of the Lord to Saint Paul encourage us today: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — They shall know that a prophet has been among them (Ezekiel 2:2-5).

Psalm — Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy (Psalm 123).

Second Reading — I am content with weaknesses and hardships for the sake of Christ (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

Gospel — The people said: "Where did this man get all this? Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?" (Mark 6:1-6).

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Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions

Wednesday: St. Benedict

Friday: St. Henry

Saturday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha

ONLY HALFWAY

You can only go halfway into the darkest forest; then you are coming out the other side.

—Chinese proverb

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