



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

*Did not God
choose those who
are poor in the world
to be rich in faith
and heirs of the
kingdom that he
promised to those
who love him?*

James 2:5

September

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2018



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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

6:00 pm Spanish

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 Emy Avendano

972-542-4667 ext: 102.

Six months prior to wedding date.

HOLY FAMILY

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

Office: 903-482-6322

webmaster@holyfamly-vanalstyne.org

For a Priest: 972-542-4667 ext102

Emergency after hours: 469-667-7324

Web: www.holyfamily-vanalstyne.org

Email: webmaster@holyfamly-vanalstyne.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

BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF PRAYER:

Ethan Frayne, The Hicks Family, The Waite Family

Names added to prayer list will appear on the website and in the bulletin for a month unless the request is renewed. Please stop by to add names to be prayed for or send requests to webmaster@holyfamly-vanalstyne.org

COLLECTION TOTALS: September 2

Attendance 488

1st collection - 2667.81

Building fund - 1880.00

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

Please forward to

webmaster@hollyfamily-vanalstyne.org or call 903-482-6322.

Information for the bulletin should be submitted by the Friday one week before the publication date.

THE WILD GOOSE

Come and encounter the Holy Spirit with this study at the Thursday morning Bible Study group!

Study meeting weekly after the Thursday morning Mass. All are welcome.

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS RICA

El Programa de RICA es una Jornada de aprendizaje y descubrimiento de nuestra Fe Católica Cristiana.

Para quien es este programa:

- Para quien ha sido bautizado en alguna otra tradición Cristiana y desean convertirse al Catolicismo.
- Personas Bautizadas Católicas con necesidad de recibir algún Sacramento como Primera Comunión o Confirmación

Este programa comenzará aquí en La Sagrada Familia el Martes Septiembre 11 del 2018 de 7:00pm a 8:30pm

Para más información favor de contactar a
Jesús Alanis 214-451-7499
Sandra Alanis 469-360-8735

ARE YOU GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE?

Please join us for NEW DAY. This is a 9-week structured program to take you through the journey from grief to healing in an atmosphere of care and understanding.

Please contact Susanne Hayes to register.
214-636-1915

Holy Family Church, Room 3
Wednesday, September 12 – November 7
10:00 am - 11:30 am

SEE BEYOND OUTWARD APPEARANCES

The phrase “Sunday best” has lost much of its meaning in our society today. Some lament the loss of people dressing up for church on Sunday; others think it’s a healthy sign that we’re as casual in attire gathered before the Lord as we are elsewhere. No matter which school of thought on this topic we belong to, James would probably chastise us. In either case, we are still focused on external appearance, mistaking it for some sort of favored position before God. True, James criticizes the community that favors the rich and well-dressed while ostracizing the poorly clothed, but even more he criticizes the making of distinctions, making choices based on criteria that having nothing to do with the reign of God. James might turn our attention to the reign of God described by Isaiah, in which people are healed and the earth becomes ripe to bear fruit. Jesus today is focused on this reign of God, healing a Gentile man in a region hostile to his Jewish faith, not mindful of the man’s origins or clothing or status or ability to repay. Isaiah, James, and Jesus in Mark’s Gospel all call us to look more deeply to find where the will of God needs to be done, and has been done, on earth as in heaven.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).

Psalms — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).

Gospel — Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

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**October 26-28 - Do you hunger for a deeper love
in your marriage?**



Let Jesus fill your hunger. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is

Oct. 26-28, 2018. Dates fill fast. To apply, visit our website at: <http://www.dfwme.org/> apply .

For more information e-mail apply@dfwme.org or call 469-444-0904. Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a emmdfw@gmail.com o visite <http://www.emmseccion21.org/>

LORD TEACH ME TO PRAY



Lord, Teach Me To Pray is a prayer series based on Ignatian Spirituality. Part 1, "Praying Christian Virtues", helps deepen prayer life, and discover what to do for dryness and obsta-

cles in prayer. It also introduces the different methods of Ignatian prayer, meditation, contemplation and Consciousness Examen. A small group will meet with 2 trained facilitators for 1 - 2 hours once a week for 12 weeks to pray and faith share.

Tuesday for women and
Wednesday for men.

Place: Holy Family, 7-9 pm

To register contact Nancy at
903-482-6322.

We Come to God by Doing It Wrong

Jesus' story of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-32) and his story of the Pharisee and the tax collector (Luke 18:9-14) are both wonderful illustrations of how Jesus turns a spirituality of climbing, achieving, and perfection upside down. In both stories, the ones who have done it wrong and are humble about it (the younger son and the tax collector) are the ones who are forgiven, transformed, and rewarded. Those who are proud of how they have done everything right—but also feel superior to others, or feel they are now entitled—are not open to God's blessing. This is Jesus' Great Reversal theme. He turns religion on its head. We thought we came to God by doing it right, and lo and behold, surprise of surprises, we come to God by doing it wrong—and growing because of it! The only things strong enough to break open our heart are things like pain, mistakes, unjust suffering, tragedy, failure, and the general absurdity of life. I wish it were not so, but it clearly is.

Fortunately, life will lead us to the edge of our own resources through such events. We must be led to an experience or situation that we cannot fix or control or understand. That's where faith begins. Up to that moment it has just been religion! Only on the other side do you know that everything has been preparation.

When Jesus called out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" he himself had to face the darkness and absurdity of life (Matthew 27:46). On the cross, Jesus' human mind had no reason to believe that God was his Father, that God loved him, or that this death had any transformative, redemptive meaning. At this moment Jesus fully and totally fell into the hands of the living God. And that is called resurrection. This is the mystery of faith.

Fr Richard Rohr, *Center for Action and Contemplation*

HUMOR

Every ten years, the monks in the monastery are allowed to break their vow of silence to speak two words. Ten years go by and it's one monk's first chance. He thinks for a second before saying, "Food bad." Ten years later, he says, "Bed hard." It's the big day, a decade later. He gives the head monk a long stare and says, "I quit." "I'm not surprised," the head monk says. "You've been complaining ever since you got here."

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RCIA PROCESS

Is a journey in the church by which adults become fully initiated as Catholic. The process originated in the early days of the church and was restored in the late 80s as the normative way adults were admitted to the Catholic religion. Becoming Catholic is a journey in faith which can be described in the following manner:

Inquiry:

People are searching for a way to respond to God's goodness in their lives by finding a religion with which they feel comfortable. They are invited to participate in periodic gatherings to share their stories, ask questions, and pray with members of the faith community. There is no commitment on the part of the participant at this time. This is just a time for getting to know each other.

For more information call church office
903-482-6322

Prayer for the church

O God of consolation,
we come to you reeling from the latest revelation
of our human, broken church.
Priests, bishops, and other leaders
to whom we entrusted our souls
and the lives of our children
have failed us in their most essential duties.
We are beyond hurt; we are devastated;
we are heartbroken; we are angry.
We know that every corner of our church
has somehow been stained by these sins.

Hear our anguished cries today, O Lord,
as we weep for our church.
We need you now more than ever.
Help us feel your presence in these difficult days.
Make your justice known among us,
that these grievous wrongs may be addressed.
Help us to have hope in your steadfast love,
and lead us one day to the healing
that we so desperately crave.

We ask this in the name of the One who suffered on the
cross for the sins of all,
your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever.
Amen.

Cana Marriage Retreats

Your Parish is Invited

Cana Marriage Retreats forms couples to live a deeper level of intimacy, through faithful understanding of sacramental marriage and experiential exercises.

The Facilitators

Dana Nygaard is a Licensed Professional Counselor with a private practice in Plano, Texas and proudly serves the Diocese of Dallas as a Marriage Readiness Assessor.

David Nygaard enjoys facilitating Cana Marriage Retreats with his wife, Dana. Mr. Nygaard has an extensive background in hosting retreats.

The Nygaards will teach Catholic marriage theology to the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program of the Diocese of Dallas beginning in 2020. Dana and David's approach to couples retreats is unique in that it balances proven psychotherapy techniques with authentic Catholic spirituality. The result is that their retreatants often experience a deeper level of emotional intimacy with their spouse, receive relational healing and feel hope.

Convalidation

September 4 & 11, 2018 (English)
November 18, 2018 (Spanish)
January 8 & 15, 2019 (English)
January 22 & 29, 2019 (Spanish)

Engagement

November 17 & 18, 2018 (English)**

Marriage Enrichment

January 12 & 21 2019 (English)***

All retreats are held at St. Francis of Assisi, Plano, TX, unless otherwise noted

*St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Dallas, TX

**St. Jude, Allen, TX

***Camp Copass, Denton, TX

For more information contact:
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