

# HOLY FAMILY of Vazareth

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# 2020 Guide Book & Directory

My Dear Parishioners of Holy Family:

Thank you for choosing Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Parish as your place of worship. It is a blessing to be the pastor of this vibrant, diverse and faith-filled community. In Holy Family, we are called by Jesus, formed in the spirit, united in love, and sent to the world. Welcome, I invite you to become an active member.

This guidebook contains not only the names and addresses of our members and staff, but also serves as a reference for the abundant opportunities to get involved in our parish community. We have over eight international groups that are able to celebrate their differences by embracing unity in Christ. We offer faith formation for children, youth, adults and families, and over 50 ministries and organizations to renew your life and spirituality. I welcome you also to our weekday Adorations to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, held in our Daily Chapel.

May the Lord's abundant blessings be yours. If I can be of service, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Albert B. Becher Pastor

# MISSION STATEMENT

We, the community of Holy Family of Nazareth Parish, are chosen as members of the Body of Christ, sent to witness His life, love, and presence.

We are called:

To worship together as a community of faith;
To recognize the presence of Christ in every person;
To foster spiritual growth through prayer, education, and formation;
To live the Gospel through our daily example;
To reach out in service to all our brothers and sisters in our parish and beyond;
To share our God-given time, talent, and treasure.
In our deepening love of God and desire to serve Him in others,
we respond to His call as we continue the life-giving ministry of our community.

At Holy Family, Stewardship is a way of Life!

# HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH CATHOLIC CHURCH AND ACADEMY

Reverend Albert B. Becher **Pastor** 

Reverend Peter Chinnappan **Parochial Vicar** 

### Deacons

Rev. Mr. James Baird Rev. Mr. Larry Harmon Rev. Mr. Ron Morgan

# **Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturday (Anticipatory Sunday): 5:30 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m. Our nursery for children under 4 years old is open during Sunday Mass at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

# **International Mass Schedule**

2nd & 4th Saturday: 7:00 p.m. Indian in Tamil 2nd & 4th Sunday: 2:00 p.m. Kenyan in Swahili Check the bulletin and website for French Congo and Indonesian Masses

# **Daily Mass Schedule** 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

# **Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confessions**

Thursday: 6:00 p.m. and Saturday: 4:00 p.m. and by appointment

### **Parish Office**

2330 Cheyenne Street, Irving, Texas 75062 Hours: M-F 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Parish Phone: 972-252-5521 - email: info@holyfamilychurch.net

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# SAFE ENVIRONMENT Program

Our Holy Family Parish respects the dignity of each individual, and, as Christians, we have a moral and legal responsibility and are entrusted by God with the spiritual, emotional and physical well-being of all God's people. It is our commitment to provide an environment which is safe and nurturing for all who participate in activities sponsored by our faith community and/or diocese. Therefore, all staff and volunteers must be screened in accordance with the requirements mandated by the Diocese of Dallas. For more detailed information, visit www.HolyFamilyChurch.net/SE

# **OUR HISTORY**

Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Parish was established by Most Reverend Thomas K. Gorman on August 1, 1964, with Reverend Robert C. Rehkemper as the first pastor. Father Rehkemper resided in the St. Luke Catholic Church rectory until the HFN rectory was built. Father spoke at all Masses at St. Luke on August 2, 1964 and asked the people who lived within the boundaries of the newly formed parish to begin attending Mass on the following Sunday in the cafeteria of Thomas Haley Elementary School.

The four Masses on the first Sunday had a combined attendance of 916. The new parish used Thomas Haley School, which is located on Northgate Drive at Cheyenne Street, until the spring of the next year. As the weather began to warm, Colonial Funeral Home offered the congregation the use of its air-conditioned chapel. The offer was gratefully accepted and Masses were celebrated in the chapel at Colonial until December 25, 1965.

A 15-acre site at the corner of Cheyenne and Rainier Streets, which had been acquired before the parish was founded, would serve as the permanent home for Holy Family. Ground was broken for the first church and school buildings on February 21, 1965. Construction on the rectory for Holy Family, at 2330 Cheyenne, was finished on March 7, 1965. And in December of 1965, the first Mass was offered in the church at midnight.

Father John V. McCallum succeeded Monsignor Rehkemper as pastor for five months. He was succeeded by Father Joseph J. Weinzapfel, who served until Father Thomas P. O'Connor took his place on May 31, 1978. Leadership continued thru the years with various pastors until September 1, 1987 when Father Jerome Duesman was appointed by Bishop Tschoepe. He retired September 1, 2012 and was succeeded by Father Dominic Colangelo, who was appointed by Bishop Kevin Farrell to serve as pastoral administrator of Holy Family effective September 12, 2012. On May 22, 2013, Father Albert Becher came to serve as pastoral administrator. In September 2015, Bishop Farrell appointed Father Becher pastor of Holy Family; the Bishop officially celebrated with the congregation on November 8, 2015, with Mass and a reception.

The first ministry formed at Holy Family was the Altar Guild. Shortly thereafter the Religious Education Program was established and the Home and School Association (now known as the Parent Teacher Organization, PTO) was founded. A full scouting program was soon in place for the youth of the parish, followed by a music ministry. Eventually, a parish council was organized, school board formed, and various other ministries were established.

Parish expansion plans were in progress in the summer of 1986. The Dallas Diocesan Presbyterial Council granted permission in December 1988 to proceed with the expansion that included a new church and new elementary school building. The ground breaking ceremony was on October 7, 1990. The Eucharistic Celebration of the Rite of Dedication of Holy Family of Nazareth's new church facility was celebrated on the First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 1991. The newest building on campus is the Family Life Center, dedicated in February 2003. It includes meeting rooms and a full-size gymnasium with bleachers for spectators.

The school opened in September of 1965 with the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth Order, with Sister Zephyrine (Loretta) as its first principal. She was succeeded by Sister Joan Pitsch in 1971. Sister Eloise Thornquist became principal in 1976. Sister Lillianne Murzyn replaced Sister Eloise in May of 1978. Mrs. Elena Hines became Holy Family's first lay principal in June 1983. Dr. Catherine Donahue succeeded her in June 1991. Mrs. Nalana Dzivak became principal in July 1995 and served until December 1997. Mr. Frank Romero served as principal until May 2003, when Mr. Dennis Povant. M.A., became principal and served until June 2013. Ms. Janet Muelschen, M.Ed., M.A., BSCD, was named principal in July 2013 and served until July 2017. The current school principal is Kathy Carruth, M.SL, and the assistant principal is Ms. Janet Muelschen, M.ED., M.A., BSCD. On Sunday, January 24, 2016, Bishop Farrell celebrated the 10:00 a.m. Mass in honor of the school's 50th Anniversary, and then on February 19 he revealed that St. Luke School had been chosen to join Holy Family School "to become the second academy-model campus in the Diocese of Dallas" with an upgraded facility and enhanced curriculum beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, under the name Holy Family Catholic Academy.

# **STEWARDSHIP**

# www.holyfamilychurch.net/stewardship

The Stewardship 2020 Program goal is to achieve heightened parishioner involvement in three areas – time, talent and treasure. The "treasure", or contribution goal is for each family to give between 4% - 8% of their gross annual income to our parish. Many of our families have made this commitment and over 100 have signed our Commitment Book. Please consider joining our other parishioners who are making Stewardship, A Way of Life by signing the book in the Narthex before or after Mass. One-time or recurring donations can be made by visiting our website or texting HFN to 77977.

# ONE FAITH, ONE FAMILY, ONE PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

www.holyfamilychurch.net/campaign

For more than five decades, Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Church has served the spiritual needs of Catholics in the Irving area. We are a thriving faith community poised for even more success fulfilling our mission. We have grown over time and now more than 2,500 families call our parish home. Our diverse parish features more than eight international Catholic groups, adding vibrancy and strength. We are passionate about our mission to serve God and others and continue the lifegiving ministry of our community.

Led by our clergy and the Building Committee, our parish began work three years ago on a campus master plan. We sought feedback from parishioners and consulted architects to develop a plan that addresses our challenges and positions us for even greater long-term success. A capital campaign has begun with three major projects being identified: renovation of our church, construction of an educational addition, and construction of a new parish administration building. We have launched the *One Faith, One Family, One Parish* Capital Campaign to fund our multi-phase master plan. All parishioners can help make a difference for our Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Church and its future. Please consider making a meaningful, sacrificial gift to this important cause!

# SACRAMENTS

www.holyfamilychurch.net/sacraments

# **Infant Baptism**

Baptism of children under the age of 7 years old are celebrated on the third weekend of the month at alternating Sunday Masses. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptism Formation Class; these classes are held at Holy Family on the second Saturday of every other month. One godparent must be a practicing Catholic. For more information and to register for a baptism class, please go to our website. To schedule a baptism, please call the Parish Office.

# Sacraments for Baptized Persons Age 7 through High School

Reconciliation (Confession), First Eucharist (Communion), and Confirmation require two continuous years of Faith Formation immediately prior to receiving the Sacraments. First Reconciliation and Eucharist typically occur in early elementary school, and Confirmation typically occurs in eighth grade. Parent sessions are required in the second year. Sacrament formation in the second year must be on site, not home based. Please contact Mary Black, Administrative Assistant for Faith Formation and TYM: mblack@holvfamilychurch.net

# Sacraments for Unbaptized Children and Teens Age 7 through High School

Parents should contact Lou Ann Kemper or Mary Black in the Parish Office. We will explain the two-year journey of RCIA. Your child/teen will receive Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation, most likely at the end of the second year at the Easter Vigil.

# RCIA. the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is for any unbaptized person beyond high school and through adulthood. This process leads adults through a journey of faith with others, which culminates in the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. Contact Mindy Hyde, mhyde@holyfamilychurch.net for more information.

# Partners on the Journey (Adults Only)

At Holy Family, Sacraments for Baptized Non-Catholic Christians interested in the Catholic Faith, and Baptized Catholics desiring First Eucharist and/or Confirmation, will join the RCIA groups as partners on the journey to the Easter Vigil. Contact Mindy Hyde, mhyde@holyfamilychurch.net for more information.

## Marriage

Couples planning to marry in the Catholic Church should contact a Holy Family priest or deacon at least six months prior to the intended wedding date. Formation for the Sacrament of Matrimony is required.

# **Anointing of the Sick**

Anointing of the sick is available by contacting the church office to schedule a visit from a priest. Communion for the homebound from lay ministers is also available for those who are not able to attend Sunday Mass; please contact the Parish Office.

# FAMILY MINISTRY

# www.holyfamilychurch.net/familyministry

The family is the fundamental unit of Church and society and the primary place of Christian development. "Family" includes single, married, divorced and widowed adults, with and without children, young and elderly; two-parent families; single parent families; step-families; and families with special needs. The Family Ministry Office strives to affirm, support, and strengthen all facets of family within the parish community by providing holistic services, programs, and opportunities for enrichment, healing, and spiritual renewal.

For more information, contact Sharon Gross, Family Ministry Associate.

# Family Ministry:

- Advocates for family perspective in all areas of faith.
- Focuses on helping parents of all ages and stages pass on the faith.
- Provides formation for and enrichment of marriages.
- Walks with engaged couples thru the wedding liturgy.
- Assists families with funeral liturgy planning.
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# FAITH FORMATION AND TOTAL YOUTH MINISTRY (TYM)

# www.holyfamilychurch.net/faithformation

In order to assist parents and guardians as the first teachers of their children, Holy Family offers the following sessions for children and teens from September-May. Children must be registered. Please contact Mary Black in the Parish Office, Administrative Assistant for Faith Formation and TYM, to register.

# **Faith Formation:**

Preschool (4 yr. old's), Kindergarten, and C.All (Catechesis for All, special needs) – Sunday, 9:45-11:15 a.m. in the school.

Children's Faith Formation, Grades 1st through 6th – Wednesday nights, 6:30-7:45 p.m. in the school.

TYM (Total Youth Ministry) – Sundays – 5:30 p.m. Mass through 8:30 p.m. www.holyfamilytym.com
First Year Confirmation – 7th grade through High School Second Year Confirmation – 8th grade through High School Junior Disciples – High School first year formation Senior Disciples – High School core team (leaders)

### **Adult Faith Formation:**

Sundays: 9:45-11:45 a.m. (Bible Study)
Wednesdays: 9:00-10:30 a.m. (Bible Study)
Wednesdays from 6:30-7:45 p.m. (September - May) on selected nights for parents and other interested adults.
Check the bulletin and website for selected topics.

**FORMED online:** FREE access to many online Bible studies, theological topics, religious movies, podcasts, etc. Children's and teen's selections are also available. Sign up on the parish website or call the office for help. Other adult formation offerings will be announced in the bulletin and on our website.

# LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

www.holyfamilychurch.net/liturgical-ministries

# **Altar Servers**

Are youth who have received First Communion and are in the fourth grade or older, and adults, who assist at Mass.

# **Ushers/Hospitality Ministers**

Are parishioners who greet and assist with seating at Masses, and act as ministers of hospitality at all celebrations.

### Lectors

Are parishioners who proclaim the Word of God at Mass and liturgical celebrations.

# **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC)**

Are parishioners who assist with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass and also take communion to parishioners who are ill or homebound.

# **Music Ministers**

Are a vital and integral part of our liturgical celebrations. Music, in a wide variety of musical styles, is a part of all Masses and celebrations at Holy Family.

# OTHER MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

www.holyfamilychurch.net/get-connected

### **ACTS Retreats**

ACTS stands for Adoration/Community/Theology/Service. ACTS Retreats are three day/three night Catholic retreats presented by lay people with the support of clergy and a spiritual director. The retreat facilitates a deeper relationship with the Lord. The retreats begin on Thursday evening and end at 12:00 noon Mass on Sunday morning. There are separate retreats for men and for woman.

# **Adoration Ministry**

For all who wish to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available Tuesday and Friday, from 8:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m., and Monday through Friday from 6:00-9:00 p.m. One of the goals of the ministry is to have someone praying at Holy Family during all hours when the church is open.

### Altar Guild

Has a fourfold purpose; spiritual, service, social, and study. The Guild also serves to unite women of the parish in the knowledge and love of God. Under the direction of the pastor, the Guild takes proper care of the Sanctuary and Sacristy.

# **Knights of Columbus**

A national Catholic fraternal family organization with a local chapter. The Knights operate under the four principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

# Legion of Mary

This worldwide lay organization draws its inspiration from the True Devotion to Mary. Founded in Dublin, Ireland on September 7, 1921, the legion has as its end purpose the glory of God and the salvation of souls through evangelization. Meetings are held on Saturday mornings.

# Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

Is a 12-15 member group whose goal is to promote and maintain the spiritual and physical well-being of Holy Family Church. PPC members all work closely with the pastor.

## **Prison Ministry**

Holy Family's Prison Ministry brings hope and the Word of God to those in prison through Eucharistic Service and Bible Studies.

# **Respect Life Committee**

Works in collaboration with other parishes, agencies and the Diocese to promote the sacredness of all life. It is the Catholic Pro-Life Committee's (CPLC) presence in our parish.

# **Rosary Makers**

Since 2001, more than 450,000 missionary rosaries have been made by Holy Family's Rosary Makers, helping promote love for Jesus through His Blessed Mother and Her Rosary.



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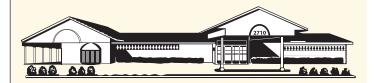
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## St. Vincent de Paul Society

This committee serves those most in need by providing emergency assistance to parishioners and others in our community. Assistance, such as food, clothing, household furnishings, and baby items are collected from the community and distributed to those in need. Helpline: 972-879-5115, please leave a message.

Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Church features many more programs and organizations with which to become involved as a volunteer, and which to attend or experience to deepen your Catholic faith. You can find the latest information on our website www.holyfamilychurch.net, our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/holyfamilyirving, or our HFN App found at the Apple App store or Google Play or by texting HFN app to 77977.



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Holy Family Catholic Academy is a Pre-K through 8th grade program that provides a strong academic curriculum rooted in Catholic values. Technology, music, art, and athletics are all part of an environment that is family-oriented and provides a truly well-rounded education.

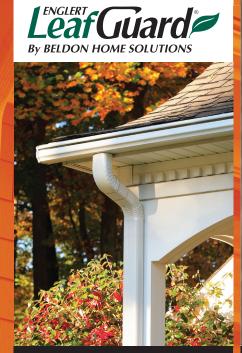
Holy Family Catholic Academy is a member of NCEA (National Catholic Educational Association). Small class sizes, caring teachers, loving families, integrated technology and a diverse community rooted in Catholic values all contribute to making Holy Family Catholic Academy a special place!

Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic School and St. Luke the Apostle Catholic School united to form Holy Family Catholic Academy. This new academy is housed at the site of the original Holy Family School, and is the second academy created by the Diocese of Dallas. The school features enhanced facilities and an expanded curriculum.

For more information, please visit the Holy Family Catholic Academy website at www.hfca-irving.org. Email your questions to: admin@hfca-irving.org or call 972-255-0205.



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