

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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INFANT BAPTISMS Parents are required to contact the Parish Office for baptismal preparation classes. Classes are held on the 1st Monday of the month.
Bautizos En Español Los padres necesitan contactar la oficina de la Parroquia para tomar las clases de preparacion. Las clases seran el primer miercoles de cada mes.

QUINCEANERA CLASSES Please contact the office 6 months prior for the Quinceanera preparation classes.
Quinceañera Clases Por favor contacte la oficina con seis meses de anticipacion.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK Please call the parish office if someone is seriously ill or in the hospital.

MARRIAGE Please contact the priest 6 months prior to your wedding date. Date or facility will not be scheduled until after couples have met with clergy.

PRAYER CHAIN For a circle of prayers for you or a loved one call Vicki Gable, 536-6355 or Alicia Abbott, 536-9156.

NEWCOMERS We welcome you! Please register in the parish by calling or coming by the Parish office. Forms are also available in the vestibule of the church.

BOOK AND GIFT STORE is located near the Parish Hall, open before and after Mass and during Religious Education hours on Wednesday evenings. Maintained by Dr. Anne Williams.

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Daily Mass Mon - Thurs 12:00 noon,
Friday Communion Service
12:00 noon

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 4-5 p.m.
Chapel Open Daily from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or by code after hours. Call the office for code.

PARISH OFFICE
Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Main Office 536-6351 Fax 536-6352
Religious Education 536-6355

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
Classes run from September through May
Pre-K Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Grades K-5 Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Grades 6-12 Wednesday 6:45 p.m.

RCIA for adults RCIC for children
Call Office for information.

ABUSE HOTLINE (405) 720-9878
The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City takes the safety of our children very seriously. Therefore, The Archdiocese offers the Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response Hotline for reporting the abuse of any minor by a member of the clergy or other church personnel. This hotline is confidential.

Fr. Kirk Larkin
Pastor

PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Kirk Larkin, Pastor 536-6351
Deacon Jim Coe 536-9337
Deacon David Bunch 529-3191

PARISH STAFF

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PASTORAL COUNCIL

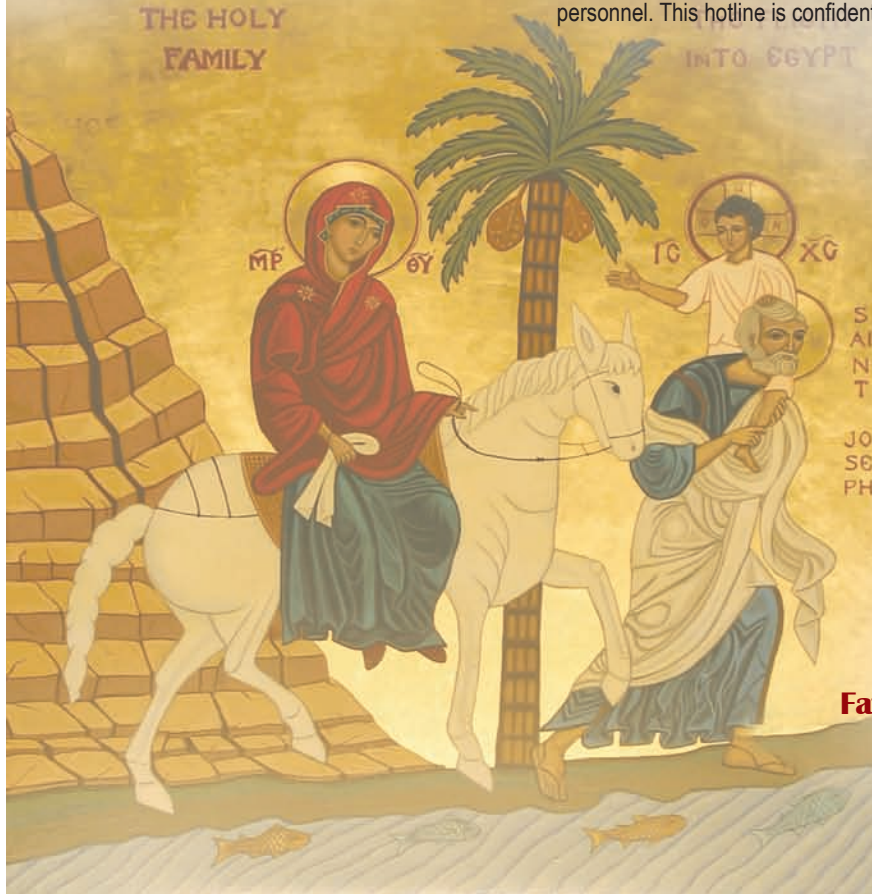
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THE HOLY
FAMILY

INTO EGYPT



Through the prayers and example of the Mother of God and St. Joseph, we are led by the Spirit to continue the ministry that Jesus began, giving glory to God by joyously proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ in worship, word and witness.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



I spent four days last week with 27 other priests participating in the first module of the Good Leaders Good Shepherds leadership training program...it was very interesting. The program, which I wrote about a few weeks back, is geared toward making priests better leaders, which will hopefully make them better pastors. The first phase of the program focuses on self and

understanding your own natural personality traits as well as the values that have shaped your life and beliefs. I don't think most guys like to look too deep inside of ourselves. It seems - for me anyway - that I am just fine reacting to the world and dealing with the situation when it arises, whatever that situation may be. This will often lead to reacting instinctively which puts me in a situation that is not favorable to me or the person I am dealing with. In this first module, I've learned what my natural disposition is and how I might react when uncertain, pressured or frustrated because of these dispositions. As I begin to understand myself and others better, my relationships with self and others should only improve...that is the goal anyway. I think the same can be said about our relationship with God. If we strive to understand ourselves better, and our relationship with God, we can only become better people because of it. In an effort to do that, we will be providing the parish with many opportunities to grow in our understanding of God and our faith this summer through a series of adult education programs and fun filled learning experiences. The dates and schedules have not been set but we look to start sometime after the first of June... watch future bulletins for more information.

LONG'S ORDINATION

As we mentioned in last week's bulletin, Fr. Long will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving here at the 5:30 Mass on June 6. Several people have asked what they might give Long for an ordination gift. I told them cash is always the best. I know that it is kind of impersonal but his family and close friends will be purchasing a chalice, vestments, Mass kits and many other things. I remember getting a lot of duplicate and even triplicate things for my ordination and did not know what to do with them...as a matter of fact, I still have some of them and they have never been used. If you are not able to go to his ordination in OKC, you can give him your gifts at the reception we will have for him after Mass in the parish hall.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Clara Schaefer, Dorine Cheramie, Adele Walker, Alice Conner, Marcos Melendez, Ed Crimmins, Brenden Scarfone, Geraldine Dawes, Stephanie Ortega, Don Trostle, Tony Niedermeier, Margaret Waskiewicz and Megan McCadden, Rosa María Méndez, Justa Talavera, Aurea Rivera, Martha Córdova, Leticia Lazo, Nilda Camarillo, Deborah Hachey, María Teresa Barreiro, Kimberly Trebing and Geraldine Gamero.

MASS INTENTIONS AND READINGS

Monday May 18th/John I, Pope, Martyr

12:00 PM MASS 53rd Wedding Anniversary of

Joan and † Tony Libro

Readings: Acts 16:11-15 Jn 15:26-16:4a

ADORATION 12:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Tuesday May 19th

12:00 PM MASS † Garry Stokes by Dennis &

Florence Hergenrether

Readings: Acts 16:22-34 Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday May 20th

12:00 PM MASS Anniversary of Birthdate of

† Fannie Libro by Joan Libro

Readings: Acts 17:15,22-18:1 Jn 16:12-15

Thursday May 21st

MASS FOR ASCENSION OF THE LORD MOVED TO SUNDAY

12:00 PM MASS † Bob Cramer by Rutti Cramer

Readings: Acts 18:1-8 Jn 16:16-20

Friday May 22nd/Rita of Cascia, Religious

12:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE

Readings: Acts 18:9-18 Jn 16:20-23a

Saturday May 23rd

Readings: Acts 18:23-28 Jn 16:23b-28

May 24th The Ascension of the Lord

Readings: Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 Mk 16:15-20

5:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass

† Dr. Fred Green, † Dr. Don Shaffer, † Ruth

Green Shaffer by Frank and Gretchen Hajek

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

† Salome Carillo by Rusty & Beth Carillo

11:00 AM Sunday Mass

People of the Parish

1:00 PM Spanish Mass

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING AROUND

THE WORLD



Jeremy Goosey, Joshua Myrice, Mark Bilafer, Brian Ferguson, Frank Thibodeau,

Todd King, Jonathan Brodeur, Christopher Kent, Thomas York, John B. Larkins III, Matthew Gowan, Aaron Schmidt, Anthony Daniel, Wes Carter, David Burks, Bryce Robinson, Michael Yeager, Vincent L. Moscatello, Jr., Rob Hart and Jason Frascht.

Birth Choice is in need of volunteers. Please call 248-3110 if you are able to give just a couple of hours of time to help us in this ministry.

MIRACLES

(Shared with the permission of Rosalie Larkin)

"The divine art of miracle is not an art of suspending the pattern to which events conform but of feeding new events into that pattern. It is therefore inaccurate to define a miracle as something that breaks the laws of Nature." C. S. Lewis, *Miracles*, pp10 & 11

I've always been a great believer in miracles. I don't really know more about them than you do but they intrigue me. I'm guessing they do you also. One definition of a miracle (there are many) says: "Extraordinary events that manifest divine power, that are wonders to human understanding and therefore what human beings perceive as signs from God. The various Hebrew, Aramaic, or Greek words used in the Bible to describe 'miracles' actually denote wonders, powers and signs. The manifestation of the divine power may happen with or without human agents of God."

In another place it says that miracles **transcend** the normal order of things to promote a religious end. It was not until the 17th and 18th centuries that miracles were really questioned. Science decided that we live in a closed system of natural laws which cannot be interfered with by anything outside of nature. Of course they say there is nothing outside of nature, no "higher power".

The Catholic Church maintains miracles did and do occur. Some of the more famous and recent are the cures at Lourdes and the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal in 1917. I have a first cousin who was diagnosed with stage 3 ovarian cancer. She was preparing to die and she asked the family for prayers. A couple of months later she decided to go to the Mayo Clinic. Perhaps they would have a better protocol for treatment. After they examined her, they said they found no cancer! Well, we believe that God worked a miracle in her life.

The early Old Testament miracles mainly dealt with those during the Exodus and with the Hebrews capturing lands of their enemies and defeating them against great odds. Many of them dealt with judgment. The greatest of them was the creation of the earth. Later in Hebrew history, you have what they call the Elijah and Elisha miracles which dealt with food, nourishment and healings.

There are 35 recorded miracles in the New Testament performed by Jesus. Miracles in the New Testament were blessings. They fall into the categories of healings, exorcisms (casting out demons), resuscitations (raising from the dead) and nature miracles (walking on water, calming the storm). Those in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke mostly show the nearness and presence of God's reign, which is the central theme of Jesus teaching. John's Gospel however, focuses on the glory of Jesus as the Messiah, Son of God, who gives new life.

Jesus also empowers the disciples to cure diseases and cast out demons. There are accounts of miracles by Peter (even of his shadow) and John and of cures through items which touched Paul's skin. You can find those stories in these Scriptures: Mark 3:15; Mark 6:7; Matthew 10:1; Luke 9:1; Acts 3:1-6; Acts 5:15; Acts 9:36-42; Acts 12:6-11; Acts 13:6-11; Acts 14:8-10; Acts 16-25-34; Acts 19:11-12; Acts 20-9-12.

Some characteristic of Christ's miracles are:

1. He didn't use them for His personal convenience but to meet definite needs of others.
2. They were varied in that some were worked on people, some on nature and some on demons. So there couldn't be accusations of magic or tricks.
3. He performed them in front of witnesses. There would have been many who saw these "wonders". If the Gospel writers were not truthful in the telling, many would have discounted them.
4. They weren't only done to people of faith. Some had none.

Monsignor Ronald Knox calls miracles "exceptional favors, bestowed [by God] here and there, now and then ... to remind us that we are after all His children." At another time he says, "It is extraordinary the way people will tell you that they believe in the Gospel, but not the Gospel miracles...You can't get on without the miracles; the whole story goes to pieces."

The bottom line on miracles though is that the Lord wanted people to believe in Him as Son of God, Savior and what He taught them of the Father, not that He worked miracles. It's easy to believe when you see a miracle. Remember when he said to his apostles that they believed because of what they saw Him do but blessed would be those who did not see and yet believed. (John 20:29)

FACILITIES USE AGREEMENT

Holy Family Parish facilities that include the Parish Hall, Parish Hall Kitchen, Parish Hall Audio/Visual as well as the Family Life Center, Family Life Center Kitchen are for the use and enjoyment of our parish community. A qualifying parishioner of Holy Family Parish may use the facilities for his/her personal use but such use may not be extended to the benefit of a third party or outside organization. A qualifying parishioner means an active, registered member of the Parish who has been a contributing member for at least six months prior to the date that is requested. This will be verified through the use of monthly contribution envelopes. When a qualifying parishioner wishes to use the facilities for his/her own personal use, the following guidelines will apply.

The following fees (and deposits) will apply for the use for each space:

Parish Hall \$100.00 plus \$100.00 deposit

Parish Hall and Kitchen \$150.00 plus \$150.00 deposit

Parish Hall, Kitchen and A/V System \$250.00 plus \$250 deposit

Family Life Center \$100.00 plus \$100.00 deposit

Family Life Center and Kitchen \$150.00 plus \$150.00 deposit

Everyone will be required to purchase a renter's insurance policy for each event at the cost of \$95.00. The insurance is an Archdiocesan requirement and nonrefundable. Insurance and fees must be remitted to the Parish Secretary, by cash or check, at least 3 weeks prior to the event.

No other areas may be used by parishioner or his/her guests other than the one reserved. Parishioner will be directly responsible for the supervision of his/her guest.

A check-in form will be used by parishioner before receiving the keys and check-out form will be completed when keys are returned. A parish employee will inspect the areas before deposit is returned and if any damage is revealed or additional cleanup is needed, it will be taken out of the deposit.

All clean up that can be done with the use of a broom, mop and water will be the responsibility of the parishioner before he/she leaves the facility.

Any clean up that cannot be done with the use of a broom, mop and water, will be considered damage and it will be repaired at the cost of the parishioner.

OPEN INVITATION TO ALL HOLY FAMILY PARISH MEMBERS

Catholic Daughters: 3rd Saturday of each month at 9:30 AM (September-June) alternates between Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall and Holy Family Parish Hall.

Catholic Youth Organization every Wednesday evening.

Charismatic Prayer Group every Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the FLC Library.

Choir Practice every Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Church.

Christian Meditation Group every Wednesday at 7:30 AM in the FLC Library

Hispanic Choir Practice every Friday from 7-9 PM in the FLC Conference Room.

Knights of Columbus meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall Conference Room.

Knights of Columbus St. Barbara Assembly meet on the 2nd Sunday at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall Conference Room.

Ladies Guild meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 AM (September-May) in the Parish Hall. Craft Workshops every Tuesday (March to November).

St. Vincent de Paul meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday after the 11:00 AM Mass in the FLCCR.

Tops (Take off Pounds Sensibly) meet each Friday at 8:30 AM in the FLCCR.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF

† JAN STRAWN

† ANGELA M. TORIGOE NAZARIO

† PATRICK SENGER - BROTHER OF JIM SENGER,
A member of our Parish

† KYLE NOTTINGHAM - SON OF JERRY AND
NAOMI NOTTINGHAM, Members of our Parish

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE!

TOWN HALL MEETING AND PICNIC

Holy Family Knights of Columbus Council 11909 will hold a Town Hall Meeting beginning at 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 13th in the Parish Hall for all members and prospective members to be followed by a picnic in the pavilion area. We will discuss future council activities and socialize. Please plan to attend with your ideas and appetites.



CATHOLIC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held at Holy Family during the week of June 8th for a week of fun, faith filled activities as we learn about God's love and the teachings of his Son, Jesus Christ. Volunteers to help in any capacity from setting up to teaching will be appreciated. Enrollment forms and more information will be available during the upcoming week. Please contact Vicki Gable at 536-6355.

*****YOUTH NEWS*****

**May 26th Six Flags ... Arlington, Tx..All Day
Summer Fun Days Are Coming....June 3, 2009**

TODAY'S WORD

AGGIORNAMENTO (a-gee-or-na-men-toe) This term entered Catholic usage under Pope John XXIII immediately following the Second Vatican Council (in the early 1960's) and it has two quite distinct meanings. It means internal spiritual renewal, and external application of the Church's laws and institutions to the times.

USED IN A SENTENCE

After Vatican II, a spirit of aggiornamento has swept through the Catholic Church.

Just as we spread the word about the televised Mass, they have discontinued it.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CATHOLIC YOUTH CAMP

The cost for attending our diocesan Youth Camp for an entire week is \$250.00 per person. If you are interested in attending, please call (405) 721-9220 or contact Vicki Gable in the RE Office, Jay Bonifield in the Youth Office or Father Larkin. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office. Better sign up soon, the spots are filling up fast, especially for the girls. (If cost is preventing someone from going, please see Father Larkin for financial assistance.)

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT to be held on Monday, June 8, 2009. For more information call (405) 721-4115. Entry forms available in the Parish Office.



School News

St. Mary's School seeks a principal who will be a faith leader as well as an academic leader of a Catholic school that is more than a hundred years old. This is your opportunity to make a difference! For an application: Contact Sister Catherine Powers, Catholic Schools Superintendent at (405) 721-4202.

FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND ARE TO COMMEMORATE THE 53rd WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF †Tony and Joan Libro



Your are cordially invited to the Priestly Ordination of Deacon Paul Mary Long Ngoc Phan On Friday, the 5th of June at 7:00 PM Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help ...Anyone interested in carpooling please call the office.

Father Long will celebrate his First Mass of Thanksgiving here at Holy Family Parish at the 5:30 PM Mass on Saturday, June 6th. What an honor and blessing for all of us that Father Long chose to celebrate his first Mass with us here. That says a lot about our parish.

NOTE: CHANGE OF LOCATION

BYZANTINE DIVINE LITURGY (Mass) Will be 7:00 PM on May 21, 2009 at Bishop McGuinness High School 801 NW 50th in Oklahoma City All are Welcome!!! For more information call (405) 842-6638

We are again in need of ushers for all Masses, especially the 11:00 AM on Sunday. If you are interested, please call the office (536-6351) or George Snyder (357-2930) before June 13th so we can put you on the schedule in July. Thank you in advance.

