

St. Felicitas Catholic Church

Jesus said,

*“Where two or three are gathered
together in my name,
there am I in the midst of them.”*

Matthew 18:20



September 6, 2020

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

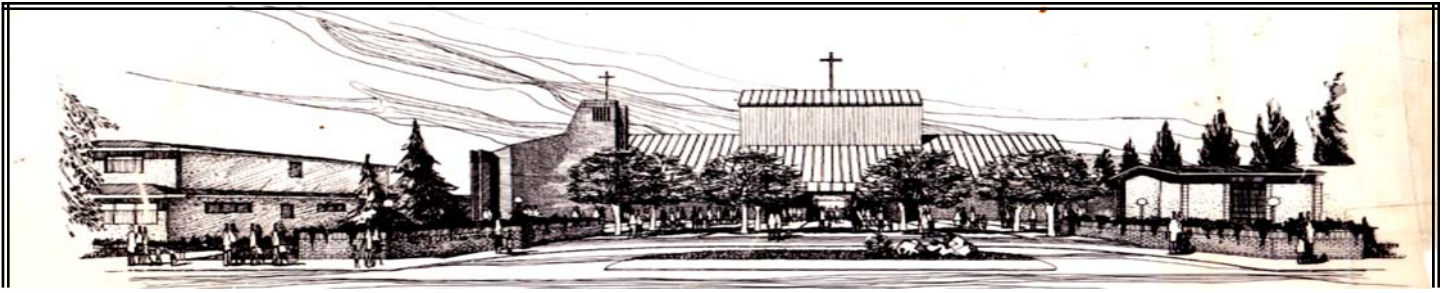
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*SUNDAY MASS and DAILY MASS will be outdoor at SAINT MARY'S PARKING LOT
NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED. Kindly refer to page 3 for more information.*

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A MESSAGE OF LOVE

In the final verses of today's Gospel reading Jesus says that when two or three are gathered in his name, "there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). So we understand that fraternal correction is always undertaken with Jesus present to us.

Likewise, encouraging the good in others is not only the right thing for us to do, it is a necessity. The Lord tells the prophet Ezekiel that if he "does not speak out" to dissuade a person from evil, then he too will be held responsible.

We live in a "do your own thing" age when moral objectivity is often ignored. Clearly when the message we share with others is one of love, our motives cannot ever be misinterpreted. As St. Paul writes, "Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law" (Romans 13:10).

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading : Warn the wicked and try to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

Psalm : If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading : Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).

Gospel : If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Luke 6:6-11,

Tuesday: Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Luke 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Luke 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Luke 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Luke 6:43-49

Sunday: Sir 27:30 -28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Labor Day

Tuesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Peter Claver

Friday: Patriot Day

Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Mary;

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT - OUR LADY OF FATIMA DEVOTION



MASS, HOLY ROSARY and BENEDICTION on September 14th, Monday at 7:00 p.m. for our monthly devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. No reservation needed. Please come 30 minutes before 7:00 p.m.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remember that Sunday obligation is still dispensed. Yet we welcome you to be one with us in the celebration of the Holy Mass on the weekends and daily masses. This will now be our temporary Sunday mass schedule during this pandemic time and we change it due to weather conditions as well. There is **NO NEED FOR RESERVATION**. There will be priority lane for the elderly and persons with disability. **NO FACE MASK NO ENTRY** will be imposed and you are to observe social distancing at all times. Chairs will be provided for the outdoor mass at the Saint Mary's Parking Lot. Please come 30 minutes before the Mass for temperature check and log in. Kindly share all this information with other parishioners.

OUTDOOR MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Mass: 5:30 p.m. - English Mass
7:00 p.m. - Spanish Mass
Sunday Masses: 7:00 a.m. - English Mass
8:30 a.m. - English Mass
4:30 p.m. – Vietnamese Mass

Daily Mass is from Monday to Saturday at 7:00 a.m. at Saint Mary's Parking Lot. We have Novena Prayer to Our Mother of Perpetual Help every Wednesday after the 7:00 a.m. Mass.

Note: Masses for 5:30 p.m., 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. English Mass and 7:00 p.m. Spanish mass will be live stream” for those who are not comfortable coming to church and those who are vulnerable to the COVID19.

For your Sunday offerings and support to Saint Felicitas Church, you may use one of the following options:

1. Venmo
2. Faith Direct
3. Mail-in your Sunday Envelopes
4. Drop off your Sunday Envelopes at the office Mail Box

As always we are very grateful to all our parishioners for their donations and continued support. God Bless you all. Thank you!

Parish Offering - August 30, 2020

Sunday Mass Collection/Drop off :	\$4,396.00
PPE	\$ 466.00
Venmo:	\$ 115.00
Tent Donation	\$ 825.00
Faith Direct for August	\$8,641.45



Mass Intentions
Ý Lễ trong tuần
Intensions' para las Misas

Week of
Sept. 05,
2020

Sat.	09/05	5:30 pm Remedios De Leon † 7:00 pm
Sun.	09/06	7:00 am Micki Mumford † 8:30am Parishioners Lasalette Teixeira † 4:30pm Vietnamese Mass
Mon.	09/07	7:00 am Bernadette & Agnes Nguyen †
Tue.	09/08	7:00 am Harry Lema † Luz Quinto †
Wed.	09/09	7:00 am Joseph Khoa Pham † Richard L. Sofield †
Thur.	09/10	7:00 am Joseph Khoa Pham † Hortense Prado †
Fri.	09/11	7:00 am Rosario Vinuya † Rosayra Goodrich †
Sat.	09/12	8:15 am Policarpio Villanueva † 5:30 pm Mary Ann Pereira † 7:00 pm Fernando Sandoval †
Sun.	09/13	7:00 am Robert Garliepp † 8:30 am Policarpio Villanueva † Parishioners 4:30 pm Vietnamese Mass

L-Living †-Deceased A-Anniversary B-Birthday T-Thanksgiving H-Healing

The Story of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8. Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal *Protoevangelium of James* fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed."



PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN MARY FOR THE PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. **We entrust ourselves to you**, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. **Help us, Mother of Divine Love**, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and **deliver us from every danger**, O glorious and blessed Virgin.