

St. Felicitas Catholic Church

Jesus said,

*“You shall love the Lord,
your God,
with all your heart . . .*

**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
The whole law and the prophets depend
on these two commandments.”**

Matthew 22:37, 39

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October 25, 2020 • Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*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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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 25, 2020

The secret to our Sunday readings lies in today's Gospel Acclamation: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him" (John 14:23). That single line from John's Gospel gets right to the heart of today's readings, reminding us of the intimate relationship between the law ("keeping God's word") and God's love. While human nature tends to resist burdensome rules, our readings show us the wisdom of God's plan that guides us with the rule of law. In Exodus, the law boldly prevents injustice, protecting the most vulnerable members of society. In Thessalonians, the law elevates our behavior and saves us from "the coming wrath." In Matthew's Gospel, the law swaddles us in God's compassion. In loving God, neighbor, and self, we imitate God and bring blessing to a fractured world.

Anyone who has read the Pentateuch (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy) from beginning to end appreciates the massive influence of the law on our ancestors in faith. In fact, what Christians call the Pentateuch (Greek for "five books"), Jewish tradition calls the Torah ("teaching" or "law"). In the first five books of the Bible, there is no escaping the law, its meticulous detail and relentless regulations, decrees, and pronouncements from God to Moses and Aaron. Also common in these books, alas, are stories of God's chosen people going astray. The predominance of the law reminds us that we are creatures with a tendency to sin; God provides the law to us beloved children to regulate our behavior and help us live more peacefully on earth.

Laws would be entirely unnecessary if we lived perfect lives. But God's design for humanity includes togetherness. And when we live together, we tend to step on each other's toes. Thank God for laws that help us to live in community with justice and compassion. Underlying every one of God's laws is an eternal longing for fairness and fullness. What's more, God's own self - a vibrant community of Father, Son, and Spirit - reveals the deep joy of living in peace with self and neighbor. The Trinitarian nature of God - three persons in one God - astonishes us with its commitment to fruitful love. Love is gratuitous and lavish, constantly producing and giving of itself. The more generously we love God, self, and neighbor, the more we will know that, as Saint Paul says, "love is the fulfillment of the law" (Romans 13:10).

Today's Readings: *Exodus 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Matthew 22:34-40*

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ephesians 4:32 — 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Luke 13:10-17
Tuesday: Ephesians 5:21-33; Ps 128:1-5; Luke 13:18-21
Wednesday: Ephesians 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Luke 6:12-16
Thursday: Ephesians 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Luke 13:31-35
Friday: Philippians 1:1-11; Ps 111:1-6; Luke 14:1-6
Saturday: Philippians 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Luke 14:1, 7-11
Sunday: Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a

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 except on first Friday of the month which is at 8:15 a.m. with the school children and exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament that follows after mass. 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 - October 18, 2020

Sunday Mass Collection/Drop off :	\$ 6,299.00
PPE :	\$ 493.00
Venmo	\$ 235.00



Mass Intentions
Ý Lễ trong tuần
Intensions' para las Misas

Week of
Oct. 24,
2020

Sat.	10/24	5:30 pm Tag Figueiredo † 7:00 pm
Sun.	10/25	7:00 am Parishioners 8:30 am Theresa Mary Cao † 10:30 am Ronald Peterson † Myriam Rodriguez † 4:30 pm Vietnamese Mass
Mon.	10/26	7:00 am Theresa Mary Cao † 8:15 am Edilberto Padillo †
Tue.	10/27	7:00 am Theresa Mary Cao † 8:15 am Izen & Howard Peterson †
Wed.	10/28	7:00 am Evelyn Macapagal (T/B) 8:15 am Frieda Silva †
Thur.	10/29	7:00 am Francis Xavier Canh Hoang † Neleh & Wynn Le (T/B) 8:15 am John Silva †
Fri.	10/30	7:00 am Analie Paredes (H) 8:15 am Rosie Gerory †
Sat.	10/31	8:15 am All souls lost with the virus † Steve Penland † Maria A. Tran † 5:30 pm Manuel Silva & All Souls † 7:00 pm
Sun.	11/01	7:00 am All Souls, Micki Mumford † 8:30 am All Souls, Parishioners 10:30 am All Souls, Jose & Edwina Silveira † 4:30 pm All Souls - Vietnamese Mass

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

SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES - October 28

Saint Jude, apostle and . . . Hollywood success story? Indeed! Beyond Simon's being a "Zealot" for Israel's liberation and Jude's question about Jesus revealing himself (John 14:22), no historic facts are known about either saint. But Saint Jude's well-known patronage of lost causes and hopeless cases is largely due to a desperate vow made just before World War II by a struggling entertainer, the son of Arab-American immigrants, Danny Thomas. Unemployed, his wife about to give birth, Danny, attending Mass, impulsively donated his last seven dollars to the collection, promising: "Saint Jude, if you help me find my way in life, I will build a shrine in your honor!" Older Americans remember well Danny's long, successful movie and television career. Grateful parents worldwide know the miracles that have taken place for fifty years at his Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, where needy children are cared for regardless of race, religion, or financial resources, and monumental advances continue in healing and preventing pediatric cancers and catastrophic childhood diseases. A living, life-giving partnership is this "Communion of Saints": Simon, Jude, Danny Thomas—us!

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ST FELICITAS CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Dear Parents.



We are excited to start children's grade school Faith Formation through distance learning.

We will be using RCL Benzinger for our classes.

Please send an email to Sandi at StFelicitasCCD@comcast.net so we can generate a code to purchase your online materials.

The curriculum will be self-paced for the convenience of your family.

If you have any questions please call the Faith Formation office or send us an email.

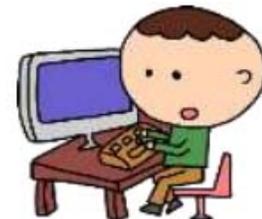
Thank you

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IMPORTANT REMINDER

Envelopes for All Saints' and All Souls' Day are now available for you to pick up at the exit after the mass. Kindly return them **before October 30th** by dropping them in the offertory/donation boxes during weekend masses, dropping them at the mailbox in the office or you

Daylight Saving time ends November 1st.

Remember to turn back your clocks one hour before going to bed next Saturday night, October 31st.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Wednesday: Ss. Simon and Jude

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary