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Mass Schedule

Sunday  7:30 am - 9:00 am - 10:30 am  12:15 pm (Spanish)  4:30 pm (Vietnamese)
Saturday  8:15 am - 4:30 pm (Vigil)
Daily (Mon-Fri)  7:00 am - 8:15 am
Holy Days  7:00 am  8:15 am - 7:00 pm
1st Friday  Exposition 12:30 pm to 4:45 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday, 3:15 to 4:00 pm or by appointment

Baptism
4th Sunday of every month at 2:00 pm
Contact Parish Office for information.

Marriage
Arrangements to be made 6 months prior to the wedding

Parish Office Hours
Monday–Tuesday  9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Wednesday–Thursday  9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Friday  9:00 am - 12:30 pm
Sunday  8:45 am - 12:00 pm

Parish School
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“Feast of the Holy Family”

Christmas is about family and love. I hope you have had the experience of family and love within your own life. Today we celebrate the Feast of Holy Family. The Holy Family is holy because Christ is the center. So then we need to make Christ the center of our lives and families also. We are a family with Christ and the Holy Family by virtue of Baptism therefore we are all related. We think of family as being related by blood but it is through faith that we are all related. Sunday reminds us that we belong to a family - Christ’s family. We need to invite others to be a part of this most holy and loving family. It follows then as we are one family we need to treat each other with justice, peace and love.

Happy New Year

I hope each one of us realize we are a part of the parish family. Together we need to build our St. Felicitas family to become a better, stronger, friendlier one and to be committed to Christ, the center of our living family. In this new year of 2015 may we be a part of God’s love. St. Teresa of Avila along with St. John of the Cross once said, “Where there is no love, put love - and you will find love.”

“The family that prays together, stays together” is a quote you most likely are familiar with. I pray all families stay strong.

- Father Tom

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Events for the Week of December 29th

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New Greeters Schedules for January/February are in the Vestibule Office unless you receive your schedule by email.

Pray the Rosary
7:30 am Church (Daily)
8:45 am S.J. Chapel (Tuesday through Friday)

CHILDREN OF ETERNITY
You are children of eternity. Your immortal crown awaits you, to reward your duty and love. You may indeed sow here in tears, but you may be sure there to reap in joy.

—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

FINANCIAL CORNER
December 14th, 2014

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Stewardship Report
Stewardship December 14th of $513.72 went to the Mercy Brown Bag Program. Next week’s stewardship (12/28) will go St. Luke Institute to help Priests and religious.

NEW YEAR’S MASS SCHEDULE

New Year’s Eve Mass
5:30 pm Vigil Mass

New Year’s Day - Mary, Mother of God
This is a Holy Day of Obligation
9:00 am Only One Mass Today

Albert Bellefeuille, home for the holidays from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, will perform a organ concert at St. Felicitas Church.

When: Saturday January 3rd at 7:00.
Light refreshments will be served after the performance in the Vestibule.
Call (510) 481-1297 for more information.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 12/29

Monday: 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35
Tuesday: 1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40
Wednesday: 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18
Friday: 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28
Saturday: 1 John 2:29 — 3:6; John 1:29-34
Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Please Pray for the success of Reclaiming Christ’s Mission Together Campaign
Pray For

The Sick and the Homebound
Mary Valladon, Lucy Verdussi, Joseph Leo, Connie Castellanos, George Pieraldi, Julie Chin, Robert Billmire, Peter & Sheryl Smith, Ed Fletcher, Connie & Joyce Guaraglia, Virgilio Legaspi, Stephen & Jean Bisbiglia, Racialh Bongiorno, Bailey Gentreau, Huong Pham, Mariah "Mia" Lara, Jesús & Clara Leon, John Vargas, Pearle Cezair, Mary Helen, Joseph Tran, Arlene Pershing, Maria Jesús Vargas, Joey Medeiros, Belinda Hernandez, Ruben Reygoza, Casey Dario, Maria Nguyen, Francis & Irmdard Mohr, Monica Dias, Charlotte Morgan, Leo & Dora Romero, Rose Richardson, John O'Keefe, Edgar Romero, Jeanette Frazee, Lishia Stone, Peter Brown, Theresa Pellini, Felicidad Calo, Helen Berndsen, Teri Glover, Diane Smith-Baczek, James Balliet, Patricia Vaughn, Alice Pierce, Joe Zipp, Michael Babik, Rosemary Johnson, James Lydon, George Salloman, Barbara Maloon, Leticia De Lapena, Juanita Estrellas, Priscilla Shelton, Nhi Nguyen, Mary Young, Helen Sullivan, David Resendez, Myriam Rodriguez, Peggy Miller, Darryl Shields, Jesus Mendosa, Dan & Raymond Bautista, JoAnne Salazar, Anne Tran, Sara Le Fargo, Shirley Mederios, Julie Illescas, Emily Carson, Dee Darbo, Paul Prado, Diana Neilsen, Cleto Cuntero, Mary Lou Ramirez, Phillip Erlwein.

**If any person in this list passes away to eternity, please inform the parish office so that we can pray for the repose of his or her soul.

WE ARE GOD’S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God’s holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

Mass Intentions

December 28th to January 4th

Sun. 12/28
7:30 am Parishioners
9:00 am Enrica & Simon Aquino †
10:30 am Teresa Trần †
12:15 pm Sinforiano & Mercedes Crespo †

Mon. 12/29
7:00 am Baby Aria (L)
8:15 am Harry Lema †

Tues. 12/30
7:00 am Mark McSharry †
8:15 am Marcus Ochoa †

Wed 12/31
7:00 pm Joseph and Anna Nguyễn †
8:15 am Alice & Bob Dobyns (L)
5:30 pm The Emesi Family (L)

Thurs 1/1
9:00 am Fr. Augustine’s Intentions
Anniversary - Silver Jubilee

Fri. 1/2
7:00 am Special Intention
8:15 am Joseph Hung †

Sat. 1/3
8:15 am Corazon & Angelita Berroya †
4:30 pm Peter & Isave Nguyễn †

Sun. 1/4
7:30 am Peace for the Family
9:00 am Parishioners
10:30 am Teresa Trần †
12:15 pm

(A) Anniversary (B) Birthday (L) Living (†) Deceased

Are you interested in becoming an Altar Server?

All children of the parish in Grades 5 through 7 are invited to join the Altar Server Ministry. Participating in this ministry is an excellent opportunities for the children to learn more about our faith and why we as Catholics do the things we do. To serve God and others at the Lord’s Table is truly a wonderful gift.

We are eager to have new Servers join our team! If your child would like to become an Altar Server, please pick up the Altar Server Information Form in the Parish Office, St. Felicitas School, or the CCD office.

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From our Principal
ST. FELICITAS SCHOOL

A Christmas Prayer

God of all gifts, we thank you for the many ways you have blessed us this day. We are grateful for each of those who are gathered around this table of the Lord. We ask you to bless us and to bless those we love who are not with us today. In our gratitude and love, we remember your humble birth into our lives and pray for those who are without enough to eat. We remember the stable in which you were born and pray for those who have no place to live. We remember your challenging message of caring and giving and we pray for peace in families and nations throughout the world. We bless you and give you thanks for your Spirit who brings our hearts to life this Christmas Day and forever. Amen.

From all of us here at St. Felicitas Catholic School - We wish you a most blessed and Merry Christmas! We pray that you and your family have a very special holiday filled with joy, love and the peace of Christ Jesus.

Thank you from the LaSallian Educational Opportunities Program—“Your generous donation helped us with our transitioning of our after school program and helped with our ESL program now at St. Colomba’s. God bless you.”

Thank you from the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament—“Your continued prayers and generosity enable us to further the mission of St. Katharine Drexel ‘fostering unity and community while serving in educational, spiritual, and social service ministries throughout the United States, Haiti and Jamaica. May God reward you with abundant blessings and peace.”

Thank you from the Bay Area Crisis Nursery—“On behalf of the Board and staff and those who come to us for comfort, care, and loving support, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for your continued support of the Nursery and the work we feel privileged to do.”

Thank you from FESCO (Family Emergency Shelter Coalition) — “We are deeply grateful for your generous gift which will help support our emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing, and support services for homeless families with children in Alameda County.”

Thank you from Alzheimer’s Disease Research—“Generous donations like yours are critical to our mission here at BrightFocus Foundation’s Alzheimer’s Disease Research (ADR) program. Your donation is greatly appreciated.”

Thank you from Guide Dogs for the Blind — “Because of you, we never charge tuition to our students. Because of you, we provide the best care and training for our puppies and dogs. Because of you, we change people’s lives for the better. Heartfelt thanks for your continued support.”

Thank you from The Society for The Propagation of the Faith.— “Through your generous support you are part of the service and presence of the church in Africa, Asia, the Islands of the Pacific and remote regions of Latin America. Thank you for your generosity.”

Thank you from JDRF/One Walk—“JDRF is a champion for the millions of children and adults affected by type 1 diabetes, and your support makes this possible. Motivated by people like you, we will stop at nothing until TYPE ONE becomes TYPE NONE. Your continued support moves us closer to achieving our vision. Thank you today and every day.”

Thank you from Mercy Brown Bag Program—“A heartfelt ‘Thank You’ for helping the Alameda County seniors. Bless you.”

Thank you from SVDP’s Catherine’s Center—“Your support allows women (battered, broken, lost on drugs) to turn their cross into wings and soar toward a new life. Blessings to all!”
Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

Para los niños las expectativas de la Navidad vienen entre ensueños de trenes y muñecas, y dulces fantasías acerca de pasarse todo el día y toda la noche de Navidad ensimismados en el mundo de los juguetes. Pero también los que ya no son tan niños llevan consigo un portafolio de expectativas enternecedoras. Esperanzas de que su familia regrese al hogar, dejando atrás enojos y heridas; de una mesa de Navidad llena de comidas suculentas en medio de risas e historias, y la nostalgia del amor. En tales momentos nos arriesgamos a esperar que tal vez este año nuestros recuerdos de la niñez se repitan de alguna manera, que nuestra vida hastiada encuentre buenas sorpresas y que los villancicos hagan nuestro corazón joven de nuevo aunque sea por un momento breve. Cada año la Navidad llega en medio de una lluvia de expectativas.

Debe ser que la habilidad de alegrarse es uno de los signos más relevantes de la inocencia. Ciertamente un espíritu manipulador no puede alegrarse, por riesgo a que esa alegría pueda inspirar acciones impertinentes. Ni tampoco la avaricia puede ser gemela de la alegría, pues la alegría sencillamente se contenta por sí misma. Y un corazón rígido no puede sentir alegría, pues la alegría embarga todo rincón de la vida. Quizás sea por eso que hay más alegría ahora durante estos días de Navidad que en ningún otro momento del año. En estos días estamos más predispuestos a aceptar más inocentemente a otras personas tal como son y a acoger al extranjero sin exigirle nada. Nuestra avaricia queda en los estantes, aunque sea brevemente, y así se desata una generosidad que se ofrece hasta a los más pobres entre nosotros. Un corazón que una vez fuera inflexible y rígido ahora deja de ser avaro debido a un niño que nació por nosotros y con nuestra humanidad.

—Padre Joseph J. Juknialis

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Vivamos la Palabra de Dios

Pasemos unos pocos minutos de tranquilidad en oración dándole gracias a Dios por llamarnos a ser parte de su sagrada familia y por darnos en el Bautismo y la Confirmación el don del Espíritu Santo. Este Espíritu se ha derramado en nuestros corazones y nos une con su presencia entre nosotros.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Los que honran a sus padres recibirán bendiciones y pagarán sus pecados (Sirácides 3:3-7, 14-17) ó Génesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3.

Salmo — Dichoso el que teme al Señor, y sigue sus caminos (Salmo 12[127]) ó Salmo 105 (104).

Segunda lectura Vivan una vida de amor sincero, sean agradecidos, hagan todo en el nombre del Señor Jesús (Colosenses 3:12-21) ó Hebreos 11:8, 11-12, 17-19.

Evangelio — María y José llevan a Jesús al templo para consagrarlo al Señor (Lucas 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).