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

Sacraments
Reconciliation—Saturday, 3:15 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.
Baptism—4th Sunday of every month at 2:30 p.m. Contact Parish Office for information
Marriage—Arrangements to be made 6 months prior to the wedding.

Parish Office Hours
Monday - Tuesday  9:00 am to  4:00 pm
Wednesday - Thursday  9:00 am to  4:30 pm
Friday  9:00 am to 12:30 pm

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Here are Father Tom’s scattered thoughts . . .

**Lent is a time to intensify prayer, to do penance, works of charity—almsgiving!**

Today’s gospel is about the Transfiguration mountaintop’s experience! We associate the mountaintop with holy feelings, good feelings, a good experience. Mountaintops are special in the Scriptures. This is also a call to prayer. If we ponder the Transfiguration we must remember that it began with prayer. Jesus went to the mountaintop to pray, to be with his Father. He invited three of his Apostles to come along, to join Him, to meet the Father, to get in touch with the Father, and to get to know the Father.

Like the Apostles we are called to go to the mountaintop to have the same experience as the Apostles did.

Lenten season is a time to rediscover our relationship with God through our relationship with Jesus. “Rediscover Jesus” is a little book by Matthew Kelly, a useful daily reflection for Lent. It is beautiful and easy to read.

As a sign of my gratitude to you for being a part of St. Felicitas Parish family I would like to invite you to pick up your copy of this book in the vestibule of the Church. I challenge each one of you to read all of this book. I guarantee that you will deepen your relationship with Christ if you take the time to read, to think, to meditate, and to pray over the concepts presented in this book. Jesus’ question, “Who do you say that I am?” is the question for each one of us. This is the question that Jesus asks us . . . I hope this little book “Rediscover Jesus” will help you to respond to Jesus’ question.

*Let us Rediscover Jesus together.*

*Father Tom*
Second Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2016

Events for Today

Children’s Liturgy of the Word
Faith Formation—K to 6th Grade
9:15 to 10:15 a.m. in the School

Second Collection

This Week: The Catholic Voice
Next Week: The Bishop’s Annual Appeal

Jubilee Year of Mercy
February 21, 2016
Second Sunday of Lent

Many icons depicting Jesus’ transfiguration bear the Greek title Metamorphosis, a technical term also for nature’s springtime transformation. Fittingly, this Jubilee Year of Mercy coincides with the Lectionary’s Year of Luke, for only Luke specifies Moses and Elijah speaking about Jesus’ “exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem” (Luke 9:31). Israel’s exodus liberated from slavery; Jesus’ exodus liberates from sin’s living death of selfishness. Pope Francis suggests that Lent’s prayer, fasting, and works of charity can transfigure the world, if Christians translate Isaiah’s challenge into our daily lived experience of Jesus’ life-giving exodus by releasing those bound unjustly, setting free the oppressed, sharing your bread with the hungry, bringing the afflicted and homeless into your house, clothing the naked, not turning your back on your own.

“If you remove from your midst oppression, and malicious speech . . . then light shall rise for you in the darkness . . . you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring whose water never fails” (Isaiah 58:9, 10, 11).

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Pray the Rosary for World Peace

7:30 am Church (daily)
8:45 am Church (Mon-Tues-Wed-Fri-Sat)
8:45 am S.J. Chapel on Thursday

Fast & Abstinence in Lent

We fast in Lent to allow our physical hunger to remind us of our spiritual hunger and our need for God.

- **Fasting** ~ One full meal (with minimum food at other two mealtimes) and no food in-between meals (for people 18-59 years of age)
- **Abstinence** ~ Not eating meat (14 years & older)
- **All Fridays of Lent** are days of abstinence.

Please do not bring flowers to the church during the Lenten season.
A name posted in dark print was added to the prayer list this week!
The sacrament of reconciliation is a great gift, a sacrament we have the opportunity to receive each time we have failed or fallen short in our attempts to live the Christian life. Through this sacrament, which is also called “penance,” we are reconciled with God and the Church community.

On February 11, sixty-three children from our Parish Faith Formation celebrated for the first time the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

We want to help the children experience God’s forgiving love in the most positive way possible. We also want them to have a sense of unity and recognize that we are all in need of forgiveness through their celebration of the sacrament.

The Scripture story, which was chosen to emphasize some aspect of reconciliation, the Parable of the Lost Sheep (Luke 15:1-7) teaches us that God cares for all people and forgives our sins because of His love for us.

The catechists helped the students see the connection between the story and their celebration of Penance.

The process for celebrating reconciliation includes: an examination of conscience, confessing our sins individually to the priest, accepting a penance, expressing our sorrow by praying the Act of Contrition, and receiving absolution. Using the Ten Commandments and age-appropriate examination of conscience helped the students begin to think about how they are living as God’s children.

We encourage the students to pray the Act of Contrition daily. This practice will remind them to reflect often on our need for forgiveness and increase their desire to live as God asks us to live.

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Thank you for your continued generosity.
LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El Señor hizo una alianza con su siervo fiel Abram, diciendo: “A tu descendencia daré esta tierra” (Génesis 15:5-12, 17-18).

Salmo — El Señor es mi luz y mi salvación (Salmo 27 [26]).

Segunda lectura — Esperamos al Señor Jesús, quien nos cambiará para conformarnos con su cuerpo glorificado (Filipenses 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

Evangelio — Pedro, Santiago y Juan presencian la transfiguración de Jesús en el monte (Lucas 9:28b-36).

Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

De vez en cuando la vida te ofrece un vislumbre de la gloria: un momento en que aprecias la belleza de una puesta del sol, la bondad de una persona, la verdad expresada en palabras, la paz y el bienestar. A veces esos momentos vienen de súbito; otras veces han estado ahí todo el tiempo, pero no has estado prestando mucha atención. Pero son muy reales y tú los reconoces como vislumbres de la gloria.

Eso fue lo que le pasó a Pedro, Santiago y Juan. Jesús se retiraba a menudo a orar cuando estaba con ellos y yendo de pueblo en pueblo. Lucas nos recalca esto de una manera especial y más de una vez. En esos momentos Jesús experimentaba la presencia de su Padre. Ahora, mientras ora con sus amigos, el Padre se acerca de nuevo, y esta vez no sólo a Jesús sino también a los discípulos.

Pero primero encontramos ahí, en un estado de gloria, a Moisés y a Elías, que hablan con Jesús acerca de la aproximación de su muerte, el “éxodo” de Jesús y su paso hacia la gloria. Más tarde Jesús les hablará a los discípulos de la cercanía de su muerte, lo cual ellos no querían oír. Pero por ahora reciben un vislumbre de la gloria que está al final del camino.

De vez en cuando necesitamos que se nos recuerde cuál es nuestro destino y que nuestra ciudadanía está en el cielo. Necesitamos que nos recuerden la promesa de nuestro Salvador de que “él transformará nuestro frágil cuerpo en un cuerpo glorioso como el suyo” (Filipenses 3:21). Por ahora hemos de prestarle atención a las palabras del Padre:

“Éste es mi Hijo elegido; escúchenlo”. (Lucas 9:35).

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Vivamos la Palabra de Dios

Aunque oramos para que un día lleguemos a ver al Señor en su gloria, también podemos pedir ya desde ahora, que recibamos un reflejo de esa gloria mientras caminamos en la fe. Oremos para vivir siempre conscientes de la presencia de Dios.

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