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
My Dear Parishioners,

My scattered thoughts continued . . .

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. This is also the conclusion of the Christmas Season!

Baptism is the Sacrament of identity. Identity is so crucial in human life. We have more questions about who we are and about what we are meant to be than about almost any other question. We have crises of identity in teenage years and in mid-life and we spend a lot of time and energy with friends, clergy and therapists’ offices and reading books and doing meditations in trying to find out the answers. Humans want to be somebody, to know that they are somebody.

At Jesus’ baptism His identity was announced for all the world to hear: “You are my beloved Son. On You my favor rests.” How many of us have longed to hear these words from our fathers or mothers, and in not hearing them, have struggled with our basic identity right through to our adulthood?

Jesus’ identity as the Beloved Son of God grounded all that He was and did for the rest of His Life. His entire public ministry was a proclamation that the one thing that the Father wanted all of us to hear loud and clear is that we too are loved, through and through.

Jesus’ identity was tested like ours but He knew that He was the Beloved of God and nobody can take that away from him. Through the virtue of Baptism each one of us has become the beloved son or daughter of our Creator, God. Nobody can take that away from us. Baptism is also the sacrament of relationship, the sacrament of belonging, sacrament of connectedness.

Isn’t this what we long for most? Isn’t this what we most dread not having in our lives? Loneliness and emptiness are powerfully painful human feelings! Baptism is also the sacrament of affirmation and approval . . . each one of us is beloved. Evil wants us to believe more than anything else that we are not loved or lovable! Through the virtue of Baptism we are related as brothers and sisters, we belong to one another and we should love one another.

Christmas season was a beautiful celebration. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in the preparation and celebration of Christmas, a celebration of love—God’s love for us, our love for each other. Thank you to those who helped to decorate outside and inside the Church. In particular, thank you to those who donated for the flowers on the altar. Our church was beautiful. (Names will be in the bulletin shortly).

Father Dinh, Father Eddie, the staff and I are grateful to all of you who sent cards and gifts to us. May God bless and repay you in abundance. Have a wonderful 2016!

With a grateful heart,

Father Tom
The Baptism of the Lord
January 10, 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
Next Week: Seminary Collection

Events for the Week January 11, 2016

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Thank you for your continued generosity

“Living and Sharing God’s Mercy!”
A Year of Mercy Parish Mission

It’s almost here!! It won’t be long, Sunday January 17th through Wednesday January 20th, 2016

Sunday, January 17th
Evening Session — 7:00 p.m. in Church

Monday, January 18th
Morning Session — 9:00 a.m. in Church
Evening Session — 7:00 p.m. in Church

Tuesday, January 19th
Morning Session — 9:00 a.m. in Church
Evening Session — 7:00 p.m. in Church

Wednesday, January 20th
Morning Session — 9:00 a.m. in Church
Evening Session — 7:00 p.m. in Church

Our parish mission, is being led by Bill Wegner, a Catholic Lay Evangelist. It will truly be time of renewal and rejoicing for our community. We have been planning, preparing, and praying that God would bless these four days in a mighty way. Come with an expectant faith...expecting God to bring you into a new place with Him. There is no doubt that it will be a special time for everyone in our community...a time of inner healing and outer transformation. See you there. And remember…bring a friend!

9 Days for Life – Novena
YOUR PRAYERS MATTER.
YOUR SACRIFICES MAKE A DIFFERENCE

9 Days for Life is a focused period of prayer, penance and pilgrimage set aside to mark the anniversary of Roe v. Wade (the Supreme Court case which legalized abortion during all 9 months of pregnancy), this novena has as its overarching intention the end to abortion.

However, as Catholics, we recognize the inherent dignity of every person in every circumstance and at every stage of life—from conception to death. In addition to the topic of abortion, this novena highlights many other ways we are called to bear witness to and defend the immeasurable worth of each person and his or her life.

During this time, all are invited to join together with thousands of Catholics across the country in prayer for a new intention each of the 9 days.

Prayer period January 16-24, 2016. Nationwide novena (available in both English and Spanish):

Visit www.9daysforlife.com to download a free app for your Android or iPhone or to sign up for daily emails or text messages. Print versions of each day’s content are also available to download.

4 Ways to Join
Email
App (iPhone & Android)
Text Message
PDF

January 18th, 2016
OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
Please Pray for...

Who Entered into Eternal Life

John O’Keefe † — January 1, 2016
Caroline Francis † — January 3, 2016

Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them

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

Temper and Pride
Temper is what gets most of us into trouble.
Pride is what keeps us there.
—Anonymous

Reading for the Week of January 10th

Sun. 1/10 7:30 am Giuse Tang Au †
9:00 am Wilma Mamaril (50th Birthday)
Jason Felarca (Birthday)
10:30 am Parishioners
12:30 pm Sofia ElenaDueñas (15th B)
Jose de Jesus Curiel (85th B)

Mon. 1/11 7:00 am Marie Choury †
8:15 am Romula Tugade †

Tues. 1/12 7:00 am
8:15 am Deceased Members of Salloman,
Macanas & Malesido Families

Wed. 1/13 7:00 am Marie Choury †
8:15 am Angelo Camozzi †

Thurs. 1/14 7:00 am
Marie Choury †
8:15 am Angelo Camozzi †

Fri. 1/15 7:00 am
8:15 am Fr. Thomas Khue (L)

Sat. 1/16 8:15 am
4:30 pm Parishioners

Sun. 1/17 7:30 am Maria & Anthony Pham †
9:00 am Hector Castaneda †
10:30 am Maria Alice Ramos †
12:30 pm Jeanne Bragg Palacios †

A name posted in dark print was added to the prayer list this week!

Do you have a seriously ill family member or friend? If you have the person’s permission, you may request that their name be printed in the bulletin for prayers. Names will be deleted after two months. Call the parish office at 351-5244 to leave the name of the family member who is in need of prayer.
EXCITING NEWS!!!!
ST. FELICITAS CATHOLIC SCHOOL
PRESCHOOL

Education hearts, minds, and spirits.

In an effort to better serve our community needs, we will be increasing our preschool hours from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. starting in January.

We are currently accepting applications for our preschool. We have open enrollment and students can start immediately. We offer a student-centered program where students learn through structure and fun exploration.

Interested parents are welcome to come and observe with your preschool student.

Please contact our school office or visit our website for more information at www.stfelicitas-school.org

HURTFUL SIN

Sin is not hurtful because it is forbidden, but it is forbidden because it is hurtful.

—Benjamin Franklin
Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

El relato de Mateo no es tanto una historia de aventureros, sino más bien la de un Dios, que atrae a las personas hacia el misterio de la divinidad por medio del nacimiento de Jesús. Una estrella que guía y una explicación con palabras sabias son las cosas que conducen a los magos hacia su destino. Las señales naturales y las palabras que se nos van revelando son las cosas que utiliza Dios en nuestros días para llevarnos a la presencia de Jesús, el Hijo de Dios.

La historia de los reyes magos gira alrededor del nacimiento de Jesús y tienen un mensaje para los que buscan a Dios en el mundo de hoy. Dios no atrae a nadie a la fuerza. Los ángeles dan un mensaje de gozo, que es para todos; pero no ordenan insistentemente que los pastores viajen durante la noche para adorar al niño. Una estrella aparece en el firmamento, pero nadie fuerza a estos astrólogos a empaquetar algunos regalos y emprender su camino hacia tierras desconocidas para postrarse ante Jesús y adorarlo.

El mensaje central de esta historia es lo que se anuncia en la carta a los efesios: El plan de Dios es que todas las personas estén incluidas en el misterio de la salvación y que, junto a la descendencia de Abraham, “todos los pueblos comparten la misma herencia, son miembros de un mismo cuerpo y participan de la misma promesa en Cristo Jesús” (Efesios 3:6). Dios quiere que todos participen en la vida divina —¡todos! Piénsalo bien.

—James A. Wallace, c.s.s.r.

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA
Lunes: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Sal 116 (115):12-19; Mc 1:14-20
Martes: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mc 1:21-28
Miércoles: Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Sal 40 (39):2, 5, 7-10; Mc 1:29-39
Jueves: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Sal 44 (43):10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mc 1:40-45
Viernes: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Sal 89 (88):16-19; Mc 2:1-12
Sábado: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Sal 21 (20):2-7; Mc 2:13-17
Domingo: Is 62:1-5; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

"Eso sí eliminaría algunos pasos con la aspersión de agua bendita, pero dudo que el obispo aprobaría."
It is my burning desire that, during this Jubilee, the Christian people may reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. It will be a way to reawaken our conscience, too often grown dull in the face of poverty. And let us enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel where the poor have a special experience of God's mercy. Jesus introduces us to these works of mercy in his preaching so that we can know whether or not we are living as his disciples.

**Pope Francis:** The Face of Mercy (No. 15), 2015

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**Focus on THE YEAR OF MERCY FOR JANUARY**

**Feed the Hungry**