Not even Solomon in all his splendor was arrayed like one of these.

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Mass Schedule:
Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am
12:15(Spanish), 4:30pm(Vietnamese)
Saturday 8:15am, 4:30pm (Vigil)
Daily (Mon-Fri) 7:00am, 8:15am
Holy Days 7:00am, 8:15am, 7:00pm
1st Friday Exposition 12:30 - 4:45pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday, 3:15 to 4:00pm or by appointment
Baptism
4th Sunday of every month 2:00pm
Contact Parish Office for information.
Marriage
Arrangements to be made 6 months prior to the wedding
Parish Office Hours
Mon-Thurs 9:00am - 4:30 pm
Friday 9:00am - 12:30pm
Sunday 8:30am 12:00 pm
Parish School 357-2530
Meghan Anne Jorgensen
Principal
1650 Manor Blvd.
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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
March 2nd, 2014

Can a mother forget her infant,
Be without tenderness for the child of her womb?
Even should she forget, I will never forget you.
— Isaiah 49:15

LENT FOR OUR TIMES

Is the season of Lent relevant for 21st century? We are so automated, so busy; why do we need Lenten observances? Prayer, fasting and almsgiving, the three themes of Lent, are actually a welcome change to our routine life.

Prayer helps us to commune with the Almighty. We all experience limitations in our lives – sickness, pain, grief, suffering. Prayer moves us beyond our limitation and touches the unlimited. It helps us find strength and courage, joy and happiness and experience “nirvana” (liberation). Well, prayer is worth the time, worth the effort and why not try to pray more during this season of Lent!

Almsgiving or charity is the hallmark of our Christian faith. Every Christian by his/her baptism has a duty to be charitable. It is part of a realization of who we are. We have all received much or rather all that we have is a gift. We are merely stewards of God’s gifts. Am I a good steward administrating the gifts properly? Do I share my gifts and talents? Lent is time to make changes that are good for me. God loves a cheerful giver!

Fasting may not be pleasant to some people. It primarily means giving up some food as a sacrifice. There are people who give up certain food on doctors orders. During Lent I fast because I want to do it. It is almost like the man who gave up his lifejacket on a sinking ship because there were not enough lifejackets for all! Moreover, fasting is not just about food alone. If you are able to kick some bad habits (alcoholism, smoking, internet pornography, using curse words, impatience, etc.) that too is a form of fasting. Fasting is good for our body and our soul.

Do you love Lent? I suppose many people will be reluctant to say yes. Maybe we should ask this question again and we may be surprised by our own answers!

APPS FOR LENT

Nearly everyone uses Smartphones. Our smartphones can be obstacle to prayer and spiritual life. However, during this Lent, our phones can help us to pray as well. They can inspire us to prayer, penance and almsgiving. Given below are some of the Catholic apps for Lent.

Laudate (Free): It is one of the most downloaded free Catholic apps. It has everything that a Catholic could want: Mass, prayers, Bible, Vatican II documents, Catechism, rosary, lives of saints, etc. You can also bookmark your favorite prayers here.

Catholic TV (Free): A help for us to stay on top of Catholic news.

RC Buddy (Free): It contains prayers, readings of the day, Rosary and liturgy of the hours.

Xt3 Lent Calendar ($1.99): It contains much of what you need to make the most of every day in Lent. It contains daily readings, ideas for penance, inspiration quotes and important feast days.

Stations of the Cross walk with me ($1.99): It is sold by Daughters of Saint Paul. It is ideal for helping you fit the Stations of the Cross into your daily life.

Catholic meditations for Lent ($2.99): It contains 63 meditations for Lent. It has a free trial version.

- Rev. Augustine
**EIGHTH SUNDAY**
**IN ORDINARY TIME**
MAR. 2, 2014

**Hospitality Sunday**
Children’s Liturgy of the Word
7:00 pm Confirmation I in Church & Gym

THIS WEEK: 2nd Collection: Maintenance
ASH WEDNESDAY: Rice Bowl
NEXT WEEK: 2nd Collection: Bishop’s Appeal

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**FINANCIAL CORNER**

**Feb. 23, 2014**
OUR WEEKLY GOAL: $11,700.00
Sunday Collection $10,005.00
Amount needed to reach goal: $1,695.00

Thank you for your generosity.

**STEWARDSHIP**

Last Week’s Stewardship of $500 went to:
The Vietnamese Missionary
This week’s Stewardship will go to:
De Marillac Academy—Catholic education for children from under-served families in the Tenderloin and other at-risk communities in San Francisco.

**BISHOP’S APPEAL**
“SET THE WORLD ON FIRE”
The goal for the 2014 Bishop’s Appeal is $31,563.11.

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**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES**
March 5th, 2014
Ashes will be distributed during All Masses.

- **7:00AM MASS**
- **8:15AM MASS**
- **9:15AM MASS** (School)
- **5:00PM MASS**
- **7:30PM MASS** (Tri-lingual)

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**ASH WEDNESDAY** is a day of fasting and abstinence for adults between the ages of 18 and 59. Abstinence (not eating meat) is required starting at age 14. At age 18 fasting is required as well. Fasting is defined as one full meal with minimal food at the other two meal times. Exceptions are medical/ poor health and those whose work necessitates 3 full meals.
**Mass Intentions Mar. 2 thru Mar. 9, 2014**

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**ST. FELICITAS SCHOOL**

In our last week of Ordinary time, the staff and I have continued to encourage the students to reflect on what they will do differently in their lives during the penitential season of Lent. As a school we will be working to serve our community more through stewardship, praying more often with a daily examine, and all students will be making Lenten promises for fasting. We look forward to traveling the Lenten Journey with the entire parish as one community.

As the second trimester ended this week, we begin to plan for the following year. It is bittersweet for me to announce that our Technology Coordinator, Stacy DeGrano, will be retiring this year. She has worked at St. Felicitas in various roles for 18 years. She will be greatly missed next year and words cannot accurately express our deep gratitude for her service to our school. We will be looking to hire a full time technology coordinator for the 2014-2015 school year. Please contact the school office for more information if you are interested.

You are always in my prayers!!!

-Mrs. Meghan Jorgensen

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**Pray for the Sick and Homebound**

Anne Tran (Mother of Fr. Tom), Julie Chin, Connie & Joyce Guaraglia, Maria Vargas, Ed Fletcher, Sara Le Fargo, Teresa Tran, Maureen Nolan, Maria Silva, Louis Valenzuela, Alice Martinez, Fr. James Nguyen, Jim Lachemeyer, Maria Nguyen, Rachel Bonjorno, Mimi Duarte, Lucy Ferreira, Vincent Jacques, Elmira Rodrigues, Joe Zipp, Sr. Rosa Hoang, John Vargas, Adam & Faye Michell, Arlene Pershing, DiP Hoang, Jim Hackmeier, Josie Herrera, Mary Valladon, Stephanie Rodrigues, Priscilla Shelton, Elaine Stansell, Constance Pierce, Evelyn Thude, Iris Magabet, Aurora Flores, Mitchel Estrelles, Dee Darbo, Fran Victorran, Keith Long, Barbara Maloon, Lucy Larris, Bob Casella, Velma Boitex, Vernon Schilts, Vigilio Legaspi, Paul Prado, Ray Yusi, Vincente Aguillon, Mario Nombre, Thelma Lake, Peggy Miller and Dominic Jones, Doris Babik, Michael & Lora Babik, Art Matoza, and Maria Le

**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 soul.**

*Pray for the Deceased:*

Larry Agdeppa
Todo lo que somos y poseemos, con excepción de nuestros pecados, ha sido un regalo de Dios...nuestra nacionalidad, padres, raza, etc. No han sido elecciones nuestras. Últimamente no poseemos ninguna cosa. Usamos muchas cosas por algún tiempo, pero al final, solo soy un mayordomo, el administrador de lo que Dios me permite poseer, incluyendo mi propia vida. Algún día tendré que rendir cuentas de mi administración, de la manera en que utilice las dádivas que Dios me había confiado.

Una vez que yo realice lo esencial de esta verdad, mi respuesta instintiva podría ser la de agradecer a Dios. Esto puede ser de diferentes maneras:

* Participando en la Santa Misa como la actividad más importante de mi vida. Esta es la forma perfecta de adoración y de agradecimiento, hecha posible a través de Jesús, el Hijo de Dios. A esto se le llama la administración del tiempo. Aprovecho mi tiempo con sabiduría, para alabar a Dios?

* Damos gracias cuando utilizamos y fomentamos los regalos que Dios nos ha dado, sin descuidarlos o menospreciarlos. Esto es la administración del talento. Usando y desarrollando mis talentos para el bien de todos. Retornando a Dios algo de la porción que El primeramente me ha dado. Esta es la administración de los bienes. Hoy nos enfocamos en la administración de las posesiones y mas adelante vamos a tener la ocasión de hablar acerca de otra clase de administración.

**Administración de valores/finanzas:** Ofreciendo a Dios parte de lo que poseemos. En el Antiguo Testamento, el pueblo de Israel ofrecía a Dios, lo primero que obtenía. Primer cordero que nacía, las primicias de las cosechas, la primera medida de aceite de olivo, primera jarra de vino y de la misma manera dedicaban Dios al primogénito de sus hijos. La gente daba a Dios el 10% de sus ingresos. Tal vez no es tan fácil para todos. Un anciano Arzobispo solía decir: “Da el 5% a la Iglesia y el otro 5% a causas caritativas”. De qué manera comenzar?

Dona el equivalente a una hora de salario semanal que es 1/40 de lo que una persona tiene. Al principio del año, planea tus finanzas considerando dar un porcentaje a Dios. Hazlo parte de tus prioridades. Ofrezcamos a Dios de lo mejor que poseemos y no de lo que nos sobra o no necesitamos. La mujer pobre del Evangelio dio todo lo que poseía. (¡dos centavos!).

Encontrarás en las bancas del templo una pagina de asistencia para ayudarte a figurar el debido calculo. Es una ayuda con la cuenta de las matemáticas. Demos con alegría, en gratitud a Dios por sus regalos y no a regañadientes. Ofreciendo a Dios un tanto de lo mucho que hemos recibido de El.

Das porque deseas dar, te hace feliz el dar; no porque la Iglesia necesita de tu donativo. La Iglesia saldrá de su apuro de alguna manera. Lo fundamental de nuestra decisión es la necesidad de dar, mostrar nuestra gratitud a Dios. Es parte de nuestro crecimiento espiritual. Es una inversión de nosotros para el reino de los cielos. No es crear fondos. Es un surgir de tu necesidad de compartir con Dios y con cada uno de los otros, lo que tenemos. Lo que das es entre Dios y tu mismo. Nadie verifica o averigua acerca de lo que das o cuanto das.

**Sobres para niños/niñas.**

También tenemos sobres para los niños con el fin de ayudar a los papas a educar a sus niños y niñas en la acción de dar, de su gratitud y generosidad hacia Dios.