May 2, 2010  Fifth Sunday of Easter

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MISSION STATEMENT
St. Felicitas is a vibrant diverse Catholic Faith Community. We celebrate the Living Word of God, and the presence of Christ Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. We nurture the formation of Faith through Education & works of charity. In our various ministries we promote prayer, justice & peace. We welcome all to share in the Love of God.

MAY, the Month of Mary

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays 3:15-4:00 pm or by appointment

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

Marriage
Arrangement to be made 6 months prior to the wedding

Parish Office Hours
Mon-Thurs 8:45am-5:00pm Fri 8:45am--12:00 noon

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“Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race.”
— Revelation 21:3

Plato in his book, Republic, was one of the first thinkers to deal extensively with Justice. Justice is a proper, harmonious relationship between the warring parts of the person or city. A just man is a man in just the right place, doing his best and giving the precise equivalent of what he has received.

Justice is one of the four cardinal virtues in classical European philosophy and Roman Catholicism. It is the moderation between selfishness and selflessness. It is closely related, in Christianity, to the practice of charity, because it regulates the relationships with others. It is a cardinal virtue, which is to say "pivotal" because it regulates all such relationships, and is sometimes deemed the most important of the cardinal virtues.

The just man renders to each and all what is due to them, which are their moral and legal rights to do, possess, or exact something. This is equal insofar as each one receives what he is entitled to, but may be unequal insofar as different people may have different rights: two children have different rights from a certain adult if that adult is the parent of one of them and not of the other.

Justice is a moral quality or habit which perfects the will and inclines it to render to each and to all what belongs to them. Justice has reference to others; together with charity it regulates man's relationship with his fellow men. But charity leads us to help our neighbor in his need out of our own stores, while justice teaches us to give to another what belongs to him.

People are created in the image of God. They have a dignity and a worth vastly superior to the material and animal world. Man can know, love, and worship his Creator; he was made for that end, which he can only attain perfectly in the future, immortal, and never-ending life to which he is destined. God gave him his faculties and his liberty in order that he might freely work for the accomplishment of his destiny. He is in duty bound to strive to fulfill the designs of his Creator, he must exercise his faculties and conduct his life according to the intentions of his Lord and Master. Because he is under these obligations he is consequently invested with rights, God-given and primordial, antecedent to the State and independent of it. Such are man's natural rights, granted to him by nature herself, sacred, as is their origin, and inviolable. Beside these he may have other rights given him by Church or State, or acquired by his own industry and exertion. All these rights, whatever be their source, are the object of the virtue of justice. Justice requires that all persons should be left in the free enjoyment of all their rights.

Just as people have rights, they have duties and obligations. Justice demands that each one fulfill his/her duties and obligations as per their state of life. For a person justice is a harmony between one’s rights and duties towards oneself and others.

Father Augustine
Events of the Week: May 3 thru May 8

**MON 5/3**
- 3:30 pm: CCD Classes
- 6:00 pm: Eucharistic Minister meeting
- 7:30 pm: School SMC

**TUE 5/4**
- 3:30 pm: CCD Parent Faith Share
- 3:30 pm: 1st Communion Practice
- 7:00 pm: Church SMC

**WED 5/5**
- 1:00 pm: Young at Heart Luncheon
- 7:00 pm: Spanish Ministries Mtg.
- 7:30 pm: RCIA

**THU 5/6**
- 6:00 pm: CCD 1st Communion Practice
- 7:00 pm: Liturgy Meeting
- 7:00 pm: Spanish Parents Formation

**FRI 5/7**
- 9:00 am: School Mass
- 12:30 noon: Eucharistic Adoration
- 4:30 pm: Benediction
- 7:00 pm: Spanish Choir
- 7:00 pm: Spanish Prayer Group
- 7:30 pm: Vietnamese Exposition & Mass
- 8:00 pm: Vietnamese Choir Practice

**SAT 5/8**
- 8:00 am: 1st Communion photos
- 9:00 am: FIRST COMMUNION

**COLLECTIONS**

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Thank you for your generous contributions.
Please consider remembering us in your will.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING**

We have scheduled another meeting for the Eucharistic Ministers who missed the previous meeting. The meeting will be on Tuesday, May 04, at 7:30 pm in Saint Mary Center. The purpose of this meeting is to refresh your ministry and to inform some guidelines. We wish that those who were unable to attend the previous meeting will arrange your schedule to attend this meeting. Thank you, and we hope to see all of you at the meeting.

Debi Parker and Sr. Magdalena Duong

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14
**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
**Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11
**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17
**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21
**Sunday:** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29, Ps 67; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29
Caring for God’s Creation

Earth day April 22nd ~ We do God’s work when we care for God’s creation. Some of the children designed posters during this week’s session to promote conservation and to remind us to care for God’s world. The posters informed us about recycling or encouraging family members to turn off lights when they leave a room use water and paper towels sensibly, etc. ~ Sandi

Tips for Reducing Your Impact ~ ~ Use Power Strips Plug in electronics and computers to power strips and save energy by turning off computers when not in use. Set network systems to low-power sleep modes. Shutting down just one computer and monitor system can save up to $100 annually.

All across our country, Catholics are taking the St. Francis Pledge to Care for Creation and the Poor and joining the Catholic Climate Covenant. The St. Francis Pledge is a promise and a commitment by Catholic individuals, families, parishes, organizations and institutions to live our faith by protecting God’s Creation and advocating on behalf of people in poverty who face the harshest impacts of global climate change. To join the Covenant, you commit to act on each of the five elements of the St. Francis Pledge.

The St. Francis Pledge
I/We Pledge to:
• PRAY and reflect on the duty to care for God’s Creation and protect the poor and vulnerable.
• LEARN about and educate others on the causes and moral dimensions of climate change.
• ASSESS how we-as individuals and in our families, parishes and other affiliations-contribute to climate change by our own energy use, consumption, waste, etc.
• ACT to change our choices and behaviors to reduce the ways we contribute to climate change.
• ADVOCATE for Catholic principles and priorities in climate change discussions and decisions, especially as they impact those who are poor and vulnerable.

ST. FELICITAS PARISH SPRING CLEAN-UP & ‘SPARKLE’ DAY
It’s that time of year again! Please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 15 from nine till noon and join your fellow parishioners in a campus wide cleaning and gardening day. We will be cleaning both inside and out so please bring whatever tools and equipment you have that matches the type of work you want to perform. Please listen for continuing announcements in Church as we get closer to the May 15 date. Thank you for your continued support of our beautiful parish facilities and grounds.
CONGRATULATIONS

Hello Friends,

It is with great relief and much gratitude that I’m writing to let you know that your prayers have helped Kevin’s lungs to recover “miraculously” without an invasive procedure and he is doing amazingly well considering all that he has gone through the last several weeks.

We know that his recovery is a result of all of your loving prayers. I also know that I would not have been able to cope with the stress, fear & worry if I had not had your prayers & support. It has been an extremely difficult time but God’s grace & strength have been our constant companion & help. What a loving God we have, especially to listen to our prayers and answer our pleas.

We are so grateful to you all for your love, concern, support, and prayers. It's just not possible to put into words the extent of our appreciation and gratitude. Knowing that you are all praying and that you are there for us, even though we are far away in miles, has been a great comfort to us.

The transition of leaving all of you and moving here has been very difficult, especially for me. Casey’s passing in October has made it harder. But knowing that we have your support, love & prayers, regardless of geographical location, is reassuring and comforting. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

We hold all of you in our prayers and in our hearts and are forever grateful to call you “friends”.

May God bless you & guide you, Patti
Platon en su libro, Republica, fue uno de los primeros pensadores que se ocupó grandemente de la justicia.

La Justicia es una auténtica y armoniosa relación entre las partes luchadoras de la persona o de la sociedad. Un hombre justo es un hombre que está en el apropiado lugar, haciendo lo mejor y dando exactamente el equivalente de lo que ha recibido.

En la filosofía clásica Europea y en el Catolicismo Romano, la Justicia es una de cuatro virtudes cardinales. Es la moderación entre el egoísmo y el desinterés. En el Cristianismo esta cercanamente relacionada con la practica de la caridad, porque regula la relación con los demás. Es una virtud cardinal, de la que se dice que es el “eje” o el centro, porque regula todo, como las relaciones y es algunas veces estimada como la más importante de las virtudes cardinales.

El hombre justo da a cada quien y a todos lo que les corresponde como son sus derechos morales y legales, poseciones o precisamente algo. Esto es equivalente tanto a lo que uno recibe y que tiene derecho, pero puede ser desigual tanto como diferentes personas puedan tener diferentes derechos: dos niños tienen diferentes derechos dependiendo de cierto adulto, si este es el padre de uno de ellos y no del otro.

La justicia es una cualidad moral o hábito que perfecciona la voluntad y la inclina para dar a cada uno y a todos lo que les pertenece. La Justicia ha estado referida a los demás; junto con la caridad, regulan las relaciones del hombre con sus hermanos los hombres. Pero la caridad nos guía para ayudar a nuestro vecino en su necesidad tomando de nuestro propias reservas, mientras que la justicia nos ensena a dar al otro lo que le pertenece.

La gente fue creada a imagen de Dios. Ellos tienen una dignidad y un inmenso valor, superior a lo material y al mundo animal. El hombre puede conocer, amar y alabar a su Creador; el fue creado para ese fin en el que puede lograr la perfección futura, inmortal, y la vida que nunca termina para la cual fue destinado. Dios le concedió sus facultades y su libertad, con el fin de que el pueda trabajar libremente para el cumplimiento de su destino. El esta encomendado de cumplir de la mejor manera, los designios de su Creador, el tiene que ejercitar sus facultades y conducir su vida de acuerdo a las intenciones de su Señor y Maestro. Porque el esta debajo de estas obligaciones, es consecuentemente invertido con derechos primordiales que Dios le ha concedido. A como un hombre tiene derechos que se le han concedido por su propia naturaleza, sagrada, a como su origen e inviolable. Además de estos, el puede tener otros derechos que se le han dado por la Iglesia y por el Estado, o acumulados por su propio trabajo y por su propio esfuerzo. La justicia requiere que todas las personas puedan disfrutar de todos sus derechos.

A como una persona tiene derechos, también tiene obligaciones y responsabilidades. La justicia demanda que cada uno cumpla con sus deberes. Y obligaciones como parte de su condición de vida. Para una persona, la justicia es una armonía entre los propios derechos y las obligaciones hacia si mismo y hacia los demás.