

St. Felicitas Catholic Church



FEBRUARY 09, 2025

• 5TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME •

**DO NOT
BE AFRAID.**

Mass Schedule

Chương Trình Thánh Lễ / Horario para Misas

Sunday / Chúa Nhật / Domingo

7:30 am - 9:00 am - 10:30 am (English)

12:30 pm (Spanish) 4:30 pm (Vietnamese)

Saturday / Thứ Bảy / Sábado

7:00 am - 4:00 pm (Vigil)

Daily / Ngày thường / Diariamente

(Monday to Friday) 7:00 am & 8:15 am

Parish Office Hours/Giờ làm việc VPGX / Horario de Oficinas

Monday / Thứ Hai / Lunes to 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Friday / Thứ Sáu / Viernes

Sacraments / Các Bí Tích / Sacramentos

Reconciliation / Giải Tội / Reconciliación

Monday to Friday - 7:30 am to 8:00 am

Saturday, 3:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

Marriage / Hôn Phối / Matrimonio

Arrangements to be made 6 months
prior to the wedding.

Baptism : If you are planning to have your child baptized, parents must be registered members of the parish for at least six months. For more information call the parish office at (510) 351-5244.

We have Baptisms in English on the 4th Sunday of the month at 2:00 pm and Baptism classes for parents and godparents will be on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm - St. Mary's Center.

Parish Staff /Nhân viên của Giáo xứ / Personal de la Parroquia

Rev. Peter D. Ngo, Pastor 347-1286

Fr. Bento Tamang - In Residence

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Youth Ministry

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St. Vincent de Paul 706-1972

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed everyday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Chapel at the St. Joseph's Center (the Parish Office). We encourage all our parishioners to visit the Chapel and spend time with our Blessed Lord.

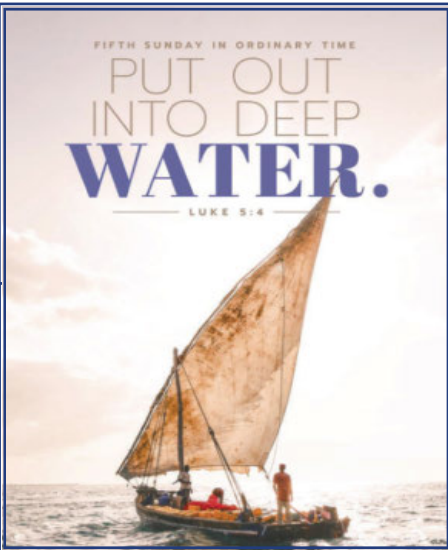
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Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c); 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11; Luke 5:1-11

Reflection : My parents' garage is full of old junk that no longer serves any purpose in my life. As a 46-year-old man, I admit that's pretty lame. Either due to my sentimentality or laziness (or both, probably), I just couldn't get myself to throw things away. But a few days ago, by a grace of God, I thought: "I'll hire my nephew Ryan to throw a bunch of my stuff away — he couldn't care less about my junk!" And you know what? It worked. In one day, Ryan chucked the majority of his uncle's useless stuff. I feel so free, ready for a new junk-free chapter in my life.

This kind of thing happens in this Sunday's Gospel. Peter's net is full of useless junk. Luke says he and the others are cleaning their nets after catching no fish. Imagine them dejectedly and impatiently removing a nasty assortment of seaweed, sticks and muck. The Lord teaches and calls them once their nets are cleared out. So it goes with us. Spiritual life begins by removing that which is useless and merely taking up space in our hearts, minds and lives. Then Jesus teaches and acts in a marvelous way in our lives, too.

So what's junking up your net? What habits, attachments, possessions, preoccupations? If, like me, you struggle to clean your nets by yourself, ask the Lord to send you someone like my nephew to be your "Peter" and help you clean it out. It is well worth it. Once Peter's net is clean, he is free to make a wonderful catch.

Father John Muir

Readings for the week of February 9, 2025

Monday: Genesis 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c; Mark 6:53-56
 Tuesday: Genesis 1:20-2:4a; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mark 7:1-13
 Wednesday: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mark 7:14-23
 Thursday: Genesis 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mark 7:24-30
 Friday: Genesis 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mark 7:31-37
 Saturday: Genesis 3:9-24; Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mark 8:1-10
 Next Sunday: Jeremiah 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a); 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26

Observances for the week of February 9, 2025

Monday: St. Scholastica, Virgin
 Tuesday: Our Lady of Lourdes
 Friday: Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop; Valentine's Day

Welcome New Parishioners !

If you are not currently registered, please take a moment to fill this out and return it to the parish office, or you may drop it in the collection basket so we may contact you.

Name : _____ Phone: _____ Email : _____

Address : _____ City : _____ Zip Code : _____

Updating Parish Information New Parishioner Put on mailing list

Send Sunday Envelopes New Address

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Offering for February 02, 2025

Sunday Collection : \$8,674.00

Parish Maintenance : \$4,722.00

No Second Collection this Sunday

Second Collection next Sunday : Building Fund

Thank you for your continued generosity.

The Holy Father's February Prayer Intention

*For vocations to the priesthood and religious life:
Let us pray that the ecclesial community might
welcome the desires and doubts of those young
people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in
the priesthood and religious life.*



Valentine's Candy-grams & CDA Bake Sale

If you ordered for Candy-grams from The Junior Catholic Daughters, you can pick them up this Sunday, February 9th at the Bake Sale. Proceeds will be donated to the church building fund. The Bake sale will run from 8am to 12pm this Sunday, February 9th.

World Marriage Day - February. 9th

The observances of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 9) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. This year's theme is "Marriage: Source of Hope, Spring of Renewal. Pursue a Lasting Love!"



PARISH MINISTRIES & SCHEDULES

Adult Confirmation

Classes every Saturday, at 9:00 a.m. at the St. Mary's Center. For more information contact Maria Lara at (510) 877-2888 or email her at maripazlara2211@gmail.com

Faith Formation

English: Director of Religious Education - Sandi Walton
All Classes now in person. For information call (510) 347 1282
Spanish : Marvin Ramos - President (510) 919-4314
Maria Castillo - CCD (510) 825-2451
Anavell Amezcua - Coordinator (510)825-2022
(Quinceaneras/ Weddings / Funerals)

Vietnamese: Mr. Hoang Hung

Classes: Sunday 1:00pm, Vietnamese Language
3:00pm, Catechism

RCIA-the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Meetings held in person at the St. Joseph's Center at 6:30 pm -
Contact Deacon Timothy Myers

Youth Ministry

Youth Confirmation - Contact Geri Lara

Classes now in person on the following days :

1st year Sunday at 3:30 pm : 2nd year Sunday at 5:30 pm

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Every Wednesday morning after 7 am Mass

Rosary Devotion - Daily after the 7:00 am morning Mass

Catholic Daughters

Catholic Daughters invite you to meet on the 3rd Monday of each month in St. Mary's Center at 6:30 pm. Contact Lorine Bakowsky at (510)461-7317 or email cdacourtmgw@gmail.com for more information.

Legion of Mary : Meets every Wednesday at 5:00 pm in the St. Mary's Center. Contact the Parish Office at (510) 351-5244 for more information

St. Vincent de Paul : Meetings: 2nd & 4th Monday-6:30 pm in the Adult Ed. Room.

Knights of Columbus - invites Catholic men to join. If interested please contact Carl Webb at (510) 8135957 or email Carlwebb3@gmail.com



Pray for those who serve in the armed forces

*Shianne Solomon - Sgt. Army
Jamie Placheno - Sgt. Military
Manuel Gonzalez-Commander. U.S.Navy
Brian T. Lara - M.Sgt. Air Force*

*Troy Meno (Air Force) Brittany Manglona (Air Force)
Ryland Toves - Navy Joey Mesa - Navy
Julian Chan - Marines Kaden Milner - Military
Capt. Matt Peñaranda-Army Marquis Loto - Navy
Lt. Sam Davis - Navy Enzo Barcelona - Army
Glory C.L. Newell - Navy*

If you know anyone who is serving please call the office

St. Felicitas Catholic School

NEON NIGHTS CRAB FEED

FEBRUARY 22, 2025 **DOORS OPEN 5:00 PM**

RAFFLES AUCTIONS & MORE! **FOOD DRINKS MUSIC!**

PURCHASE TICKETS NOW! PRICES GO UP ON 2/1/25

TICKET PRICES:
INDIVIDUAL: \$75
TABLE: \$1000 (SEATS 14)

SCAN QR CODE TO PURCHASE



21+ EVENT ONLY
QUESTIONS? CONTACT EVENTSCOORDINATOR@SF-CS.ORG

SURCHARGE FEE WILL APPLY

**St. Felicitas - CYO
Track & Field - Girls Basketball**

St Felicitas CYO registration for Track and Field (grades K-8) and Girls Basketball (grades 2-8) is now open. Please register at:
<https://stfelicitascatholicyouthorganization.sportsengine-prelive.com>.

Adult Confirmation - Exciting News!

The second batch for Adult Confirmation 2025 is now open! Classes will begin on February 22 and meet every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Center, behind St. Felicitas Church.

Requirements:


- Ages 18 and above
- Must be baptized & have received first communion

Feel free to share this with anyone who might be interested!

For more information contact:
Maria Lara at 510-877-2888

**The Holy Season of Lent is fast approaching.
Ash Wednesday - March 05**

Please bring your blessed palms from last year to the church vestibule where baskets are available or you may bring them to the parish office by noon on Monday, March 03. They will then be burnt for ashes to be used on **Ash Wednesday, March 5th.**

	Mass Intentions <i>Ý Lê trong tuần</i> <i>Intensions' para las</i>	Week of February 08, 2025
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Sat.	02/08	4:00 pm	Parishioners
Sun.	02/09	7:30 am	Eulogio Gumataotao †
		9:00 am	Purita Isip †
		10:30am	Hector Castaneda †
		12:30 pm	Rodolfo Carranza & Jesus Manuel †
Mon.	02/10	7:00 am	Rosalina Posa †
		8:15 am	Souls in Purgatory †
Tue.	02/11	7:00 am	Leonchio Gutierrez, Sr. †
		8:15 am	Phero & Maria Thanh †
Wed.	02/12	7:30 am	Simon Ngo †
		8:15 am	Peter †
Thur.	02/13	7:00 am	Andres Bordalo, Jr. †
		8:15 am	Josefina R. Mata †
Fri.	02/14	7:00 am	Keira Gant (L-B)
		8:15 am	James Jackson †
Sat.	02/15	7:00 am	Anna Ngo †
		4:00 pm	Maria Octavia Silva (L)
Sun.	02/16	7:30 am	Parishioners
		9:00 am	Diane Dinh (L)
		10:30am	Ernesto La Rosa, Jr †
		12:30 pm	Juan Valdez & Eliseo Valdez †

L-Living †-Deceased A-Anniversary B-Birthday T-Thanksgiving H-Healing

Pray for our sick relatives and friends

<i>Denise Abero</i>	<i>Saturnina Fuentes</i>	<i>Jeff Ibrahim</i>
<i>Jennifer L. Aguilar</i>	<i>Reynald Corldani</i>	<i>Joyce Forsse</i>
<i>Barbara O'Connor</i>	<i>Zeneyd Cecilia Munoz</i>	<i>Dan Bautista</i>
<i>Sal Costilla</i>	<i>Bernice Winslow</i>	<i>Raymond Bautista</i>
<i>David Boles</i>	<i>Oney Cort Hernandez</i>	<i>Edgar Oriel</i>
<i>Gerry Bernardo</i>	<i>Laura Aruda</i>	<i>Jezza Mae Salvatierra</i>
<i>Michell Duffey</i>	<i>Catalino & Nenita Santos</i>	<i>Ruben Reygoza</i>
<i>Joycelyn Garner</i>	<i>Joseph Sanchez</i>	<i>Maria G. Solis</i>
<i>Susan Hernandez</i>	<i>Martin Indalecio</i>	<i>Patricia Coffey</i>
<i>Alice Huizar</i>	<i>Julie Chin</i>	<i>Robin Homen</i>
<i>Susan Lara</i>	<i>Donald Solomon</i>	<i>Gerald Reyes</i>
<i>Gloria Muskopf</i>	<i>Leonie Solomon</i>	<i>Bill Siem</i>
<i>Michal Myers</i>	<i>Grace Pehl</i>	<i>Jeff Ahlberg</i>
<i>Kent Myers</i>	<i>Beth Stern</i>	<i>Erika Vargas</i>
<i>Corazon Mislant</i>	<i>Ruben Aguayo</i>	<i>Cathlyne Vargas</i>
<i>Tony Silveira</i>	<i>Athena Reed</i>	<i>Baby Paige</i>
<i>Felisimia Toste</i>	<i>John</i>	<i>Mia Loto</i>
<i>Geoffrey Salvatierra</i>	<i>Lois Belmessieri</i>	<i>Tillie Gumataotao</i>
<i>Luningning Hobbs</i>	<i>Brian Keith Robinson</i>	<i>Marlene Costilla</i>
<i>Virgie Mercado</i>		

President's Day

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 17th for Presidents' Day. We will be open on Tuesday, February 18th at 9:00 am.

St. Felicitas Parish -Spanish-Speaking Community

5º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

9 DE FEBRERO DE 2025

Querido Jesús,
Cuando me lames a lugares donde no estoy familiarizado,
acompañame.
Cuando me invites a una misión para la que me sienta mal equi-
pado, dame tu fuerza.
Ayúdame a dejarlo todo y seguirte.
Amén.

Reflexión del Evangelio | 5º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

¿Cuántas veces en la jornada laboral nos hemos decepcionado, trabajamos mucho, nos cansamos y pareciera que no avanzamos nada? Qué decepción nos embarga cuando esto pasa, nos lamentamos diciendo, lástima de cansancio. Y, a empezar de nuevo. Algo parecido le pasó a Pedro en su jornada laboral, había sido inútil el esfuerzo. De tal forma que, cuando Jesús le dice que navegue de nuevo mar adentro, Pedro le dice: **“hemos trabajado toda la noche y ha sido en vano. No hemos pescado nada. Pero, confiando en ti, lo haré”**. Y se obtuvo el resultado de la pesca milagrosa. **“Y pescaron tal cantidad de peces, que las redes se rompían” (Lucas 5:6).**

La respuesta de Pedro fue impetuosa y se arrodilló ante Jesús: **“Señor, apártate de mí, que soy un pecador. Dios siempre se adelanta, y siempre nos espera. Jesús es el Señor, es la manifestación de Dios, y por ello Simón Pedro piensa que debe de haber una distancia entre el pecador y el Santo. Y es por su condición de pecador por lo que Jesús no se aleja de él. Si eres pecador, el Señor te espera aún más” (Papa Francisco)**. ¿Por qué será que la bondad y la misericordia de Dios nos asustan? Pedro, en lugar de correr y abrazar a Jesús y darle las gracias, le dice: **“Señor, apártate de mí, que soy un hombre pecador” (Lucas 5:8)**. Sin embargo, la respuesta de Jesús es atrayente: **“No temas; en adelante serás pescador de hombres” (Lucas 5:10)**. ¡Señor, quédate en mí, aunque soy pecador! ©LPi

Las lecturas de la semana:

Domingo: Is 6, 1-2. 3-8/Sal 137, 1-2. 2-3. 4-5. 7-8
(1)/1 Co 15, 1-11 o 15, 3-8. 11/Lc 5, 1-11
Lunes: Gn 1, 1-19/Sal 103, 1-2. 5-6. 10 y 12. 24 y
35/Mc 6, 53-56
Martes: Gn 1, 20-2, 4/Sal 8, 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/Mc 7, 1-13
Miércoles: Gn 2, 4b-9. 15-17/Sal 103, 1-2. 27-28. 29-
30/Mc 7, 14-23
Jueves: Gn 2, 18-25/Sal 127, 1-2. 3. 4-5/Mc 7, 24-30
Viernes: Gn 3, 1-8/Sal 31, 1-2. 5. 6. 7/Mc 7, 31-37
Sábado: Gn 3, 9-24/Sal 89, 2. 3-4. 5-6. 12-13/Mc 8,
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Deportes

¡Inscripción abierta para atletismo (K-8) y baloncesto femenino (2-8) de St. Felicitas CYO! Inscríbese **antes del 2 de Febrero:**

<https://stfelicitascatholicyouthorganization.sportsengine-prelive.com>.

Fiesta de San Blas - Bendición de Garganta | 3 de Febrero - Lunes

En la fiesta de San Blas, e cx el 3 de febrero de 2025, tendremos la Bendición de Garganta después de ambas Misas.

San Valentín

Sean todos invitados a la cena baile de San Valentín presentada por los Caballeros de Colon, **el Sabado 8 de Febrero a la 6 de la tarde**. La cena sera Pochetta, Pasta al Limone, Pan de Ajo, y Nieve. La mitad de las ganancias sera para la renovacion del piso del salon social. Compren sus boletos despues de misa en el patio de enfrente.

Gramitas de San Valentín / Venta de Pasteles

Si ordenó Candy-grams de las Hijas Católicas Junior, puede recogerlos este domingo, **9 de Febrero, en la Venta de Pasteles**. Las ganancias serán donadas al fondo de construcción de la iglesia. La Venta de Pasteles se llevará a cabo de 8 am a 12 pm este domingo, 9 de Febrero.

Misa y Unción del Día Mundial del Enfermo

10 de Feb. de 2024, 11 am, **Catedral de Cristo de la Luz**.

Se ofrecen oraciones por sanación y esperanza para los enfermos, sus familias, cuidadores y proveedores de atención médica.

Incluye bendición de cuidadores, unción de enfermos y agua bendita de Lourdes.

¡Buenas noticias! ¡El segundo grupo para la Confirmación de Adultos ya está abierto!

Las clases comenzarán el 22 de Febrero y se reunirán todos los sábados de 9:00 a.m. a 10:00 a.m. en el Centro St. Mary's, detrás de la Iglesia St. Felicitas.

Para más información contacte a
María Lara al 510-877-2888

¡Siéntete libre de compartir esto con cualquier persona que pueda estar interesada!

La Santa Cuaresma se acerca rápidamente. Miércoles de Ceniza - 5 de marzo

Por favor, traiga sus palmas benditas del año pasado al vestíbulo de la iglesia donde hay canastas disponibles o puede traerlas a la oficina parroquial antes del mediodía del lunes, 3 de Marzo.

Luego serán quemadas para obtener las cenizas que se usarán el Miércoles de Ceniza, 5 de Marzo.

St. Felicitas Parish Vietnamese Community

MÙA THƯỜNG NIÊN C

Chúa Nhật: Thánh Lễ lúc **4:30 chiều**
Thứ Sáu: Châu Thánh Thể lúc **7:30 tối** và
Thánh Lễ lúc **8:00 tối**

Văn phòng Giáo xứ mở cửa từ thứ 2 đến thứ 6 (9 giờ sáng đến 4 giờ chiều). Cùng với thời gian này, sẽ có Châu Thánh Thể trong Nhà Nguyễn Thánh Giuse.

CÁC BÀI ĐỌC TRONG TUẦN

Thứ 2, 10/2: St 1:1-19; Mc 6:53-56
Thứ 3, 11/2: St 1:20-2:4; Mc 7:1-13
Thứ 4, 12/2: St 2:4-7,15-17; Mc 7:14-23
Thứ 5, 13/2: St 2:18-15; Mc 7:24-30
Thứ 6, 14/2: St 3:1-8; Mc 7:31-37
Thứ 7, 15/2: St 3:9-24; Mc 8:1-10
Chúa Nhật 16/2: Gr 17:5-8; 1 Cr 15:12,16-20; Lc 6:17, 20-26

CHÚA NHẬT V

Lc 5:1-11

TIN VÀO SỨC MẠNH LỜI CHÚA

Suy niệm: Phê-rô Ngư Phủ đánh bắt cá giỏi hơn Giê-su Thợ Mộc, đó là điều chắc chắn. Thế nhưng, với Phê-rô còn có một điều chắc chắn hơn: sức mạnh kỳ diệu của Lời Đức Giê-su, Lời đã chữa cho mẹ vợ ông khỏi cơn sốt (Lc 4,39). Vì tin vào sức mạnh của Lời ấy, ông gạt bỏ đi kinh nghiệm nghề nghiệp lâu năm của mình, cũng như vượt thắng sự mệt nhọc sau một đêm trắng tay. Mẹ cá dự dặt mình chứng cho niềm tin đúng đắn của ông, đồng thời khai mở cho ông một cái nhìn mới. Từ nay Đức Giê-su không chỉ là một vị thầy (5,5), nhưng còn là Chúa của ông (5,8). Ông không còn là người chuyên đánh bắt cá nuôi sống bản thân và gia đình, nhưng là người thụ phục người khác về cho Chúa. Niềm tin vào Lời Chúa đã đổi hẳn đời ông.

Mời Ban: Bạn có thể dựa vào kinh nghiệm sống để cho rằng Lời Chúa viển vông, không khả thi trong thực tế. Cũng có thể do ngã lòng quá sớm, mệt mỏi trong cuộc sống, bạn không muốn thực hiện theo Lời Chúa dạy. Cuộc đời của Phê-rô hôm nay có thể giúp bạn có một cái nhìn mới về Lời Chúa.

Chia sẻ: Người Ki-tô hữu Việt Nam cần làm gì để Lời Chúa có một vị trí tương xứng hơn trong cuộc đời của họ?

Sống Lời Chúa: Chọn một câu Lời Chúa như kim chỉ nam cho sinh hoạt của mình, và nỗ lực sống theo Lời ấy.

Cầu nguyện: *Lạy Chúa Giê-su, Chúa không ép ông Phê-rô chèo ra chỗ nước sâu mà thả lưới bắt cá, nhưng chỉ gợi ý mời gọi ông. Ngày hôm nay, con tin chắc Chúa cũng đang đưa ra những lời gợi ý mời gọi tương tự như vậy. Xin cho chúng con, tựa như ông Phê-rô, tin tưởng tuyệt đối vào sức mạnh của Lời Chúa và hết lòng thực hiện Lời ấy. Amen.*

Thông Báo

- Lớp Giáo lý Thêm Sức (dành cho người Công Giáo trên 18 tuổi) sẽ khai giảng vào ngày 22 tháng 2. Quý vị nào có nhu cầu xin liên hệ Maria Lara: 510-877-2888.

- Xin mời quý vị tham dự **Thánh Lễ: Ngày Thế Giới Bệnh Nhân, tại nhà thờ Chính Tòa, vào lúc 11h sáng, thứ Bảy, ngày 10 tháng 2.** Trong Thánh Lễ sẽ ban bí tích Xức dầu Bệnh nhân, cũng như một vài nghi thức phụng vụ khác.

- Trường St. Felicitas xin kính mời quý vị tham dự sự kiện "Neon Nights" vào **thứ Bảy ngày 22 tháng 2 lúc 5h chiều.** Giá vé: \$75/1 người hoặc \$1,000/ 1 bàn gồm 14 người. Số tiền thu được sẽ được chuyển trực tiếp vào nhà trường.



Lạy Cha trên trời,

Xin cho ơn đức tin mà Cha ban tặng chúng con trong Chúa Giêsu Kitô, Con Cha và Anh của chúng con, cùng ngọn lửa đức ái được thắp lên trong tâm hồn chúng con bởi Chúa Thánh Thần, khơi dậy trong chúng con niềm hy vọng hồng phúc hướng về Nước Cha trị đến.

Xin ân sủng Cha biến đổi chúng con thành những người miệt mài vun trồng hạt giống Tin Mừng. Ước gì những hạt giống ấy biến đổi từ bên trong nhân loại và toàn thể vũ trụ này, trong khi vũng lòng mong đợi trời mới đất mới, lúc mà quyền lực Sự Dữ sẽ bị đánh bại, và vinh quang Cha sẽ chiếu sáng muôn đời.

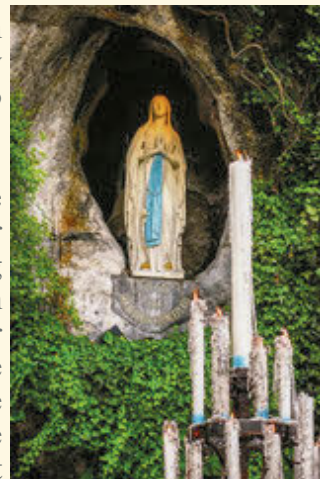
Xin cho ân sủng của Năm Thánh này khơi dậy trong chúng con, là Những Người Lữ Hành Hy Vọng, niềm khao khát kho tàng ở trên trời. Đồng thời cũng làm lan tỏa trên khắp thế giới niềm vui và sự bình an của Đấng Cứu Chuộc chúng con. Xin tôn vinh và ngợi khen Cha là Thiên Chúa chúng con, Cha đáng chúc tụng mãi muôn đời. Amen.

Pope's Message for World Day of the Sick: February 11th, 2025

"Hope strengthens us in times of trial"

The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes commemorates the apparition of the Virgin Mary to Bernadette on February 11, 1858. The World Day of the Sick - February 11th was established by Pope John Paul II to raise awareness of the sick and to encourage people to help those in need.

In his **Message** for the 33rd World Day of the Sick, Pope Francis grapples with the profound questions that confront those who are suffering and those who care for them. "How can we be strong when our bodies are prey to severe, debilitating illnesses that require costly treatment that we may not be able to afford? How can we show strength when, in addition to our own sufferings, we see those of our loved ones who support us yet feel powerless to help us?" Although true hope "does not disappoint," and in fact "strengthens us in times of trial," this confidence can often prove perplexing in real situations of suffering. "In these situations," the Pope says, we sense our need for a strength greater than our own. We realize that we need God's help, His grace, His Providence, and the strength that is the gift of His Spirit." The Holy Father goes on to invite the faithful to reflect on three particular ways God remains close to those who are suffering: "**Encounter, Gift, and Sharing.**"



Encounter :The Pope recalls that when Jesus sent the 72 disciples on mission, He told them to tell the sick, "The Kingdom of God has come near to you," that is, "to help the sick see their infirmity... as an opportunity to encounter the Lord." This encounter, he explains, can be transformative, helping us to discover "a solid rock to which we can cling amid the tempests of life, an experience that... makes us all the stronger because it teaches us that we are not alone."

Gift : This leads us to experience God's closeness in our suffering as a gift, the Pope continues. "More than anything else, suffering makes us aware that hope comes from the Lord. It is thus, first and foremost, a gift to be received and cultivated, by remaining 'faithful to the faithfulness of God'."

The Pope goes on to explain that "only in Christ's resurrection does our own life and destiny find its place within the infinite horizon of eternity." The "great hope" that nothing can separate us from Christ "is the source of all those small glimmers of light that help us to see our way through the trials and obstacles of life," Pope Francis explains, quoting his predecessor, Benedict XVI.

Sharing : Finally, God is close to us through *sharing*, which is often seen in places of suffering. "How often, at the bedside of the sick, do we learn to hope!" he writes. "How often, by our closeness to those who suffer, do we learn to have faith! How often, when we care for those in need, do we discover love!"

The Pope emphasizes the need "to learn how to appreciate the beauty and significance of these grace-filled encounters" between patients, doctors, caregivers, family and friends. "All these are rays of light to be treasured; even among the dark night of adversity, they give us strength, while at the same time teaching us the deeper meaning of life, in love and closeness."

An important role in the Jubilee : Pope Francis concludes his Message with a special word for those who are sick and suffering, reminding them that they have an "especially important" part to play in the Jubilee. "Your journey together is a sign of hope for everyone, 'a hymn of dignity, a song of hope'." And he thanks them for their witness, in the name of the whole Church and in his own name, assuring them that they are always in his prayers, and extending to them his blessing. ☺

Prayer

O Brilliant star of purity, Mary Immaculate, Our Lady of Lourdes, glorious in your assumption, triumphant in your coronation, show unto us the mercy of the Mother of God, Virgin Mary, Queen and Mother, be our comfort, hope, strength, and consolation. Amen. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

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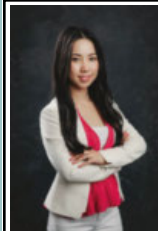
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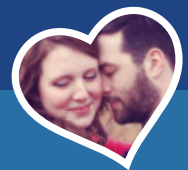


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