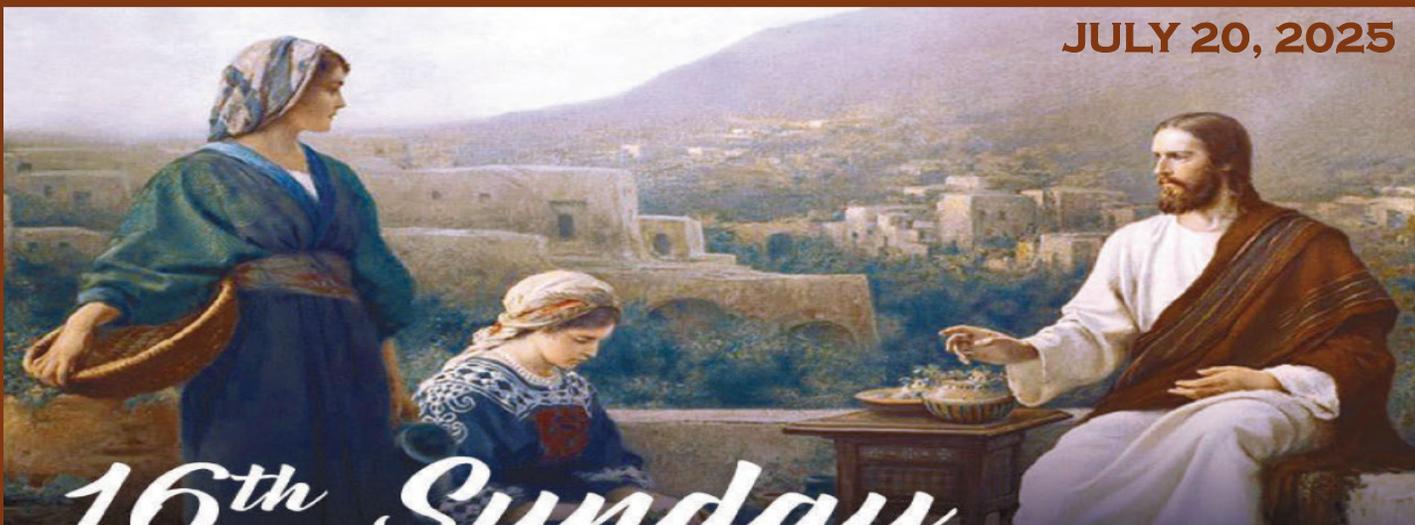


# St. Felicitas Catholic Church

JULY 20, 2025



## 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. - Lk 10:38-39

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### 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

*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.*

### 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 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

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

Rev. Peter D. Ngo, *Pastor* 347-1286

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### Parish School

Shannon Bellison, *Principal* 357-2530

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### Religious Education Office

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### Youth Ministry

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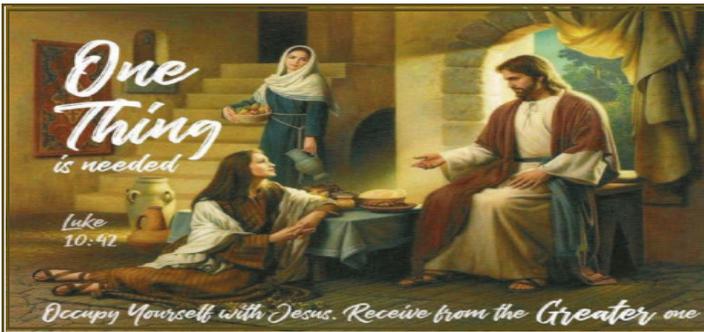
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### Reflection : Martha's Burdens

*It's time to admit it: I've been unfair to Mary in the past. Oooh, Mary, she's so holy. Well, do you like to eat, Mary? Who made your lunch? Yeah, that's right: it was Martha. Because you know what? It's the Marthas who get things done in the world.*

*And there you have it, folks: my bitterness on full display! I tend to identify with Martha, not with Mary, and I need to stop doing that. Because I am not Martha instead of Mary. I am both. We are all both.*

*Mary was a woman; she was expected to do the serving, too. She shared that burden; she wasn't abandoning it, heaping her portion on Martha. And it's so wrong to assume that Mary didn't have the same cares and anxieties as Martha - perhaps she even had more!*

*Here's the difference: Mary, unlike Martha (and me, I guess) knew where to go with them.*

*We typically see our burdens as an impediment to a relationship with Christ. I'm so busy. I'm so overwhelmed. There are so many demands on me, on my time, on my person, on my finances. Take a number, Jesus. Get in line. But we're thinking the wrong way. Burdens aren't an obstacle that stands between us and Christ. Burdens are the straightest path to his feet. God knows about burdens, Aside from being all-wise and all-knowing, he basically completed a doctorate in suffering, taking on a human form (itself kind of a burden, if you think about it) and for 33 years lived among the hardest and heaviest burdens this world has to offer.*

*Why did he do this? Well, part of the reason was so that we could finally understand that our burdens aren't a barrier between us and God. On the contrary, they connect us to him.*

***Are you anxious about many things? Then you need to be right where Mary is: at the feet of Jesus, with all your burdens.***

*By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi*

### Prayer for Focus

Lord, help me to remember what matters and who matters. And then help me to prioritize rightly and wisely, with Your heaven as my guide.

### 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 20, 2025

*Sunday's Readings: Genesis 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a); Col 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42*

### Mission Appeal (next weekend)

July 26th & 27th, 2025

### Diocese of Long Xuyen, Vietnam

*Next weekend we welcome Fr. Joseph Hieu Do from the Diocese of Long Xuyen.*



Long Xuyen Cathedral

*Fr. Joseph will preach at all the Masses next weekend to tell us about the missionary works of the Diocese of Long Xuyen in Vietnam.*

*This visit is part of the national program, in which annually a representative of one of the missionary groups visits parishes of the Diocese, to invite the Parish to share in the works of the Universal Church. Each of us as baptized Catholics are called to share in the work of evangelization.*

*Below is a write up of the Diocese in Vietnam.....*

*The Diocese of Long Xuyen covers two provinces of An Giang and Kien Giang plus parts of two districts that belong to the City of Can Tho. This region is in the most south-western corner of Vietnam in the Mekong Delta. The Diocese spreads out to 196 parishes in the region and currently have around 337 priests, about 367 religious sisters, 133 religious brothers, 122 seminarians, 166 preparatory students and about 1634 catechists. In the 1950s because of the influx of the Catholic political refugees from North Vietnam the faithful increased from 30,000 to 93,739. Today, the Diocese takes care of over 236,000 faithful. Also the population is shifting from the countryside to industrial cities or rural lands and there are neither churches nor catechetical schools in these areas. This is their biggest concern.*

*The Diocese needs to build up to 5 chapels and many classrooms to accommodate these new Catholic Communities. They also need to train new catechists and volunteers to help with evangelization .*

*They need our help and support to help our brothers and sisters in Vietnam as well as to reach out to other non-Christians in the region. 100% of the funds we collect here at St. Felicitas will be utilized by the Diocese for the above purposes.*

*Please donate generously to help the Diocese.*

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Parish Offering for July 13, 2025:**

**Sunday Collection : \$ 7,933.00**

**Bishop's Appeal : \$ 3,549.00**

**Faith Direct for June 2025 : \$ 7091.75**

**Second Collection this Sunday : Building Fund**

**Second Collection next Sunday : Mission Appeal**

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

**Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick  
Saturday, August 02, at 10:00am**

**“Lord my God, I called to You for help,  
and You healed me.” Psalm 30:2:**

The Church encourages anyone who is ill, elderly, physically or mentally challenged, anyone preparing for or anticipating surgery, struggling with or recovering from addiction...to



**COME to MASS. During the anointing, we ask God to give strength, healing and grace to the person receiving the anointing.** The Anointing Mass is not only for the elderly or sick but for all of us, so that we too receive HEALING spiritually or physically from our Merciful God. It is through this sacrament that we gain strength to bear our suffering with patience and dignity.

There will be a reception after the Mass in the vestibule of the Church. Please join us.

### Our Lady of Fatima Devotion-May -Oct. 2025

Our next devotion to the Blessed Mother will be on Wednesday, August 13th at 7:00 pm. Procession will start at 7:00 pm followed by Holy Mass and the Rosary. The Vietnamese Assoc. will lead the devotion. Please join us.

**Schedule of Masses : All Masses at 7:00 P.M.**

September 12 - Friday

October 13 - Monday

### Readings for the week of July 20, 2025

Mon: Exodus 14:5-18; Exodus 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Matthew 12:38-42

Tues: Songs 3:1-4b or 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4,5-6, 8-9; John 20:1-2, 11-18

Wed: Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28; Matthew 13:1-9

Thur: Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Matthew 13:10-17

Fri: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Matthew 20:20-28

Sat: Exodus 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Matthew 13:24-30

## 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 [cdacourtmqw@gmail.com](mailto:cdacourtmqw@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

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

**BSA and Cubs:**Come join the Cubs & Scouts-Ages 5 to 17. We meet every Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the Social Hall. If interested please contact Carl Webb at (510) 8135957 or email [Carlwebb3@gmail.com](mailto:Carlwebb3@gmail.com)

### Pray for those who serve in the armed forces



**Shianne Solomon - Sgt. Army**

**Jamie Placheno - Sgt. Military**

**Manuel Gonzalez-Cmdr. 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**

**Guyon Ducker - Marines**

**IstSgt. Ron E. Hesson - Army**

**If you know anyone who is serving please call the office**

## Saint Felicitas Catholic Church



**Faith Formation Registration 2025-26**  
Registration has begun for the 2025-2026 school year for Faith Formation classes

**Classes are for children in grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> who do not attend Catholic school.**  
**Time: Sunday from 9:15am-10:15am**

Please contact Sandi 510-347-1282 to make arrangements to complete the necessary forms to enroll your child(ren).

Registration forms must be processed and on file before your child(ren) can attend class. Faith Formation is a lifelong journey and does not end when a child receives the Sacrament of Eucharist.

**Considering becoming Catholic ?  
Interested in what Catholics believe?  
Then consider OCIA (the Order of Christian  
Initiation of Adults )**

**OCIA** is the process for individuals to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation - Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. It is designed to fully incorporate a person into the Church.

At St. Felicitas, a new OCIA session will begin in August. We will have orientation on August 12th at 6:30 pm and classes will begin on Aug. 26th at 6:30 pm.

If you are interested, please call the parish office at (510) 351-5244 for more information.

### St. Felicitas Church - Youth Confirmation Registration for 2025 – 2026

Registration for 2025 – 2026 year is open for our Youth Confirmation Year 1 & Year 2 Program. This is a two year program and starts in September. Youth must be between 13-18 years of age & must be a high school student. The group meets at least 2 Sundays per month from September to June.



We will be accepting registrations for the program on the following two Sundays - August 3 & August 10 from 3 pm - 6 pm., in the social hall. Forms will be available at the parish office and after all weekend masses starting on July 27th upto August 10th. If you need assistance or have questions, please contact Geri Lara : Tel. No:510-3265693 or email : [stfelicitasconfirmation@yahoo.com](mailto:stfelicitasconfirmation@yahoo.com)

		 <i>Weekly Mass Intentions</i>	<i>Mass Intentions</i> <i>Ý Lễ trong tuần</i> <i>Intensions' para las</i>	<b>Week of</b> <b>July 19,</b> <b>2025</b>
Sat.	07/19	4:00 pm	Philip Bangloy †	
Sun.	07/20	7:30 am	Elias Posa Sr. †	
		9:00 am	Librada Ortega †	
		10:30am	Parishioners	
		12:30 pm	Maria Rosario Padilla & Gerardo Ortiz †	
Mon.	07/21	7:00 am	John Salvatierra (L)	
		8:15 am		
Tue.	07/22	7:00 am	Nicanor Javier †	
		8:15 am	Lawrence B. Berroya †	
Wed.	07/23	7:00 am	Henry Cuerdo (L-B)	
		8:15 am	Thanksgiving - Dias Family	
Thur.	07/24	7:00 am	Matthew Lotto (L-B)	
		8:15 am		
Fri.	07/25	7:00 am		
		8:15 am		
Sat.	07/26	7:00 am	Richard & Emily Souza †	
		4:00 pm	Parishioners	
Sun.	07/27	7:30 am	Mari Hoang Thi Tor †	
		9:00 am	Helen Patrinos †	
		10:30am	Rosa Maria Bargas (L-B)	
		12:30 pm	Leopoldo Navarro & Joaquin Castellanos †	

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

### Pray for our sick relatives and friends

Denise Abero	Santos	Erika Vargas
Jennifer L. Aguilar	Joseph Sanchez	Cathlyne Vargas
Barbara O'Connor	Martin Indalecio	Baby Paige
Sal Costilla	Julie Chin	Mia Loto
David Boles	Donald Solomon	Tillie Gumataotao
Joycelyn Garner	Leontie Solomon	Marlene Costilla
Gloria Muskopf	Grace Pehl	Gary Siu
Michal Myers	Beth Stern	Aniceta Lara
Corazon Mislant	Ruben Aguayo	John Lara Salvatierra
Tony Silveira	Brian Keith Robinson	Gilbert Castillo
Felisimia Toste	Jeff Ibrahim	Pauline Pham
Geoffrey Salvatierra	Dan Bautista	Mary Drayton
Luningning Hobbs	Raymond Bautista	Grace I. Robinson
Virgie Mercado	Edgar Oriel	Toni Ysguerra
Reynald Corldani	Jezza Mae Salvatierra	Evangeline Herrero
Zeneyd Cecilia Munoz	Ruben Reygoza	Ana Estaniel
Bernice Winslow	Maria G. Solis	Rufino Quicho
Oney Cort Hernandez	Gerald Reyes	Ernie Villasper
Laura Aruda	Bill Siem	
Catalino & Nenita	Jeff Ahlberg	

### The Holy Father's July Prayer Intention

**For formation in discernment :** Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

# St. Felicitas Parish -Spanish-Speaking Community

Domingo: Gn 18, 1-10/Sal 14, 2-3. 3-4. 5 (1)/Col 1, 24-28/Lc 10, 38-42

## 20 de julio de 2025 - XVI Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En este domingo, la liturgia de la Palabra nos invita a escuchar cuidadosamente la forma de recibir a los huéspedes. En la primera lectura, Abraham recibe al Señor con gran entusiasmo y le prepara un gran banquete. Dios se detiene, conversa con él y le hace la promesa de que, a su vuelta, Sara, su mujer, tendrá un hijo. *“Dentro de un año volveré por aquí, y entonces Sara, tu mujer, tendrá un hijo”* (Génesis 18:10). *“El Señor siempre nos sorprende: cuando empezamos a escucharlo realmente, las nubes se desvanecen, las dudas dan paso a la verdad, los miedos a la serenidad y las diferentes situaciones de la vida encuentran su lugar que les corresponde. El Señor siempre, cuando viene, arregla las cosas, incluso para nosotros”* (Papa Francisco).

San Agustín lo expresa de la siguiente manera en su Sermón 255: *“Esta dulcísima tarea había escogido para sí María, que se mantenía inactiva; a la vez aprendía y alababa. En cambio, Marta estaba ocupada en muchas cosas. Lo que hacía era ciertamente necesario, pero pasajero: cosas para el camino, aún no las propias de la vida futura; se ocupaba del viaje, aún no de lo que iba a poseer. Había recibido, en efecto, al Señor y a cuantos iban con él”*. Y continúa, diciendo, explicando el texto de este domingo: *“Se dignó ser recibido como huésped no por necesidad, sino por benevolencia. ¿Qué dará Dios a los que lo sirven, lo adoran, creen en él, en él ponen su esperanza y a él aman?”*

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## Misa de sanacion con uncion a los enfermos– Sabado 2 de Agosto a las 10:00am

“Señor, dios mio, te pedi ayuda, y tu me sanaste” Salmo 30:2

La iglesia alienta a cualquier persona enferma, anciana, con discapacidad física o mental, a cualquier persona que se prepare o anticipe una cirugía, que este luchando recuperandose de la adiccion... a venir a misa y recibir la uncion de los enfermos. La misa de uncion no es solo para ancianos o los enfermos, sino para todo nosotros, para que tambien recibamos sanacion espiritual o fisicamente de nuestro dios misericordioso.

Habra una recepcion despues de la misa en el vestibulo de la iglesia. Porfavor acompanos.

## St.Felicitas– confirmacion de jovenes Registro para el 2025-2026

Las inscripciones para el año 2025-2026 estan abierta para nuestro programa de confirmacion juvenil año 1 y 2.

Este es un programa de dos años que comienza en septiembre. Los jovenes deben tener entre 13 y 18 años y debe ser estudiantes de high school. El grupo se reúne los Viernes de cada semana de 7:00pm a 8:30pm.

Aceptaremos inscripciones para el programa los siguientes domingos 20 y 27 de Julio y 3 y 10 de Agosto despues de misa de 12:30pm en el salon Santa Maria. Los formularios estaran disponibles despues de misa de 12:30pm de domingo a partir del 6 de Julio hasta 27 de Julio. Si necesita ayuda o tiene preguntas, ponganse en contacto con Mary Castillo: (510) 825-2451

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Grupo Guadalupano estara vendiendo boletos de rifa para recaudar fondos para la celebracion de La Virgen de Guadalupe en todas las Masas de los Domingos 7/20; 7/27, y 8/3. La rifa se estara llevando acabo en e/10 despues de Misa de las 12:30 pm anunciaremos los ganadores. Gracias por su apoyo!



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# St. Felicitas Parish Vietnamese Community

## MÙA THƯỜNG NIÊN

**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 Nguyện Thánh Giuse.

## CÁC BÀI ĐỌC TRONG TUẦN

**Thứ 2, 21/7:** Xh 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42

**Thứ 3, 22/7:** Dc 3:1-4; Ga 20:1-2,11-18

**Thứ 4, 23/7:** Xh 16:1-5,9-15; Mt 13:1-9

**Thứ 5, 24/7:** Xh 19:1-2,9-11,16-20; Mt 13:10-17

**Thứ 6, 25/7:** 2 Cr 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

**Thứ 7, 26/7:** Xh 24:3-8; Mt 13:24-30

**Chúa Nhật 27/7:** St 18:20-32; Cl 2:12-14; [Lc 11:1-13](#)

## Thông Báo

- Xin kính mời quý ông bà và anh chị em tham dự chương trình “Tôn Vinh Đức Mẹ Fatima,” bao gồm rước kiệu, lần hạt Mân côi, và Thánh lễ. Chương trình này sẽ được tổ chức theo thời khóa biểu sau:

- + Thứ Tư, ngày 13 tháng 8 (7h tối)
- + Thứ Sáu, ngày 12 tháng 9 (7h tối)
- + Thứ Hai, ngày 13 tháng 10 (7h tối)

- Trường St. Felicitas hiện đang nhận đơn nhập học cho chương trình “pre-school” và chương trình từ 4 tuổi đến lớp 7. Nếu phụ huynh có nhu cầu xin liên hệ với cô Maya theo số: 510-357-2530 hoặc truy cập vào trang: <https://stfelicitas-school.org/>.

- Thứ Bảy ngày 2/8, Giáo xứ có Thánh Lễ Xức Dầu Bệnh Nhân vào lúc 10h sáng.

- Giáo xứ sẽ tổ chức lớp Giáo lý Dự tòng vào tháng 9. Vậy những ai có nhu cầu, xin liên hệ văn phòng Giáo xứ theo số: 510-351-5244.

- Giáo xứ sẽ tổ chức lớp Giáo lý Thêm Sức cho các em từ 13-17 tuổi vào tháng 9. Giáo xứ bắt đầu nhận đơn vào các Chúa Nhật 3 và 10 tháng 8 từ 3h chiều đến 6h tối tại hội trường. Đơn sẽ có sẵn sau Thánh lễ 10h30 vào các Chúa Nhật này. Mọi chi tiết xin liên hệ Geri Lara: 510 326 5693.

- Chương trình Giáo lý (2025-2026) dành cho các em từ lớp 1 đến lớp 8 (hiện không theo học tại các trường Công Giáo) đã bắt đầu nhận đơn đăng ký. Xin mời quý phụ huynh ghi danh hoặc liên hệ Sandi: 510-347-1282.

- Vào các Thánh Lễ Chúa Nhật (26-27/7), Cha Giuse Đỗ Hiếu, thuộc Giáo phận Long Xuyên, sẽ đến thăm, chia sẻ Lời Chúa và các công việc loan báo Tin Mừng của Giáo phận Long Xuyên cho Giáo xứ chúng ta. Đồng thời, ngài cũng kêu gọi sự trợ giúp từ tấm lòng hảo tâm của quý vị cho sứ mạng này.

## CHÚA NHẬT TUẦN XVI-MÙA THƯỜNG NIÊN

**Lc 10:38-42**

### VIỆC DỄ BỎ QUA NHẤT

**Suy niệm:** Việc chị Ma-ri-a “ngồi bên chân Chúa mà nghe lời Người dạy” tưởng chừng như chuyện vô tích sự, vậy mà lại được Chúa Giê-su khen là biết chọn phần việc tốt nhất. Tốt nhất vì trên đời này, không gì cao trọng bằng việc ta phải thực hiện ý Chúa thay vì ý mình, sống cho Chúa thay vì cho mình, hướng về Chúa thay vì hướng về cái tôi của mình. Muốn thực hiện ý Chúa, ta phải có những giây phút ở bên Chúa, có mối tương giao thân thiết với Ngài, để lắng nghe, lĩnh hội ý Ngài trước khi hành động. Chúa Giê-su không cho rằng việc hiếu khách của Mác-ta là không cần thiết, nhưng trước hết, phải có tâm tình như Ma-ri-a. Hơn nữa, ta dễ bị cám dỗ bỏ qua việc phải làm để chỉ làm việc mình thích, chỉ làm những việc bề ngoài, dễ được thiên hạ thấy mà khen tặng. Cám dỗ chạy theo công việc như thế khiến người ta đặt giá trị ưu tiên cho hình thức bên ngoài, tâm hồn dần dần trở nên trống rỗng; hệ quả là người ta sẽ đánh mất nhân cách của chính mình, một thứ tha hoá cần phải tránh.

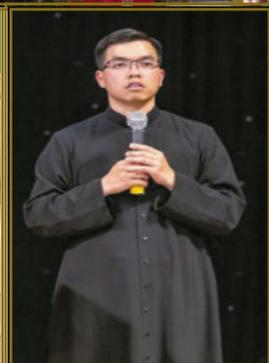
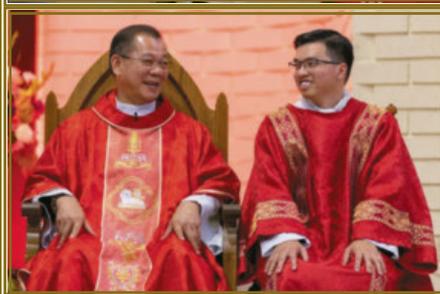
**Mời Ban:** Tựa như chị Ma-ri-a, bạn hãy xác tín mối tương quan với Chúa là cần thiết nhất trong cuộc đời bạn. Xác tín thứ hai là Chúa biết rõ bạn, tỏ tường hơn là chính bạn. Thế nên, bạn hãy sống và làm theo những gì Ngài dạy bảo để mãi được bước đi trong ánh sáng của Ngài, đạt đến cùng đích cuộc đời.

**Sống Lời Chúa:** Anh/chị lo lắng về nhiều chuyện; nhưng hãy xét xem: chuyện nào đáng để bạn quan tâm nhất hiện nay?

**Cầu nguyện:** *Lạy Chúa, xin giúp con phân định các bậc thang giá trị trong cuộc sống làm người và làm con Chúa. Amen.*

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