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December 11, 2011 Third Sunday of Advent



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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 8:45am-4:30 pm Fri 8:30am - 12:30pm

Parish School

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Communion and Concluding Rite

Communion rite begins with the Lord's Prayer. It has no changes; through many years of use the prayer has reached a level of Holiness that cannot be replaced.

The prayer that is said immediately before receiving Holy Communion has the phrase "under my roof". It has a direct reference to Matt.8:8 & Luke 7:6. The expression "roof" does not mean a place where you live. It reflects our unworthiness. Jesus will not avoid us because of our sins, but will come to us on the strength of God's grace. The Word of God can heal and make us worthy to welcome the Lord.

Practical points:

In Holy Communion we partake of the Body and Blood of Christ, receiving our nourishment for the week ahead. The following points will help us with the smooth reception of the sacrament.

General considerations

One should receive Holy Communion worthily. That is to say, if one is conscious of a serious sin (mortal sin) one should not receive Holy Communion without first receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Traditionally, serious sins are understood as murder, adultery and apostasy (professing a faith other than the Catholic Christian Faith.) Holy Communion is restricted to Catholics and those who practice the Catholic Faith. Please read the inside front cover of the Missalette (Today's Missal in our pews) to understand a full explanation regarding non-Catholics and Holy Communion.

Those not receiving Holy Communion are welcome to come up for a blessing. They should clearly indicate that they are coming up for a blessing by crossing their arms across their chest. It is helpful to teach our children, too, who are not receiving Holy Communion, to do so.

It is not permitted to give Holy Communion to children who have not yet received their First Communion. Parents are not allowed to give pieces of the Holy Eucharist to their little children to pacify them or for any other purpose. If you notice anyone giving communion to little children, it is proper to remind them that it is not allowed.

Before receiving Holy Communion

One should approach the sacrament reverently keeping in mind the sacredness of the Holy Eucharist. As the person in front of you is receiving the sacrament it is proper to "bow"; genuflecting or kneeling at this time is not recommended because it might cause the person behind you to trip and fall.

The proper way to receive Holy Communion is to place one open palm of your hand over the other and extend them forward to the minister; Holy Communion is to be received and not taken from the minister. Your hands need to be clean and bare (with no gloves.)

When the Minister says, "The Body of Christ" the response is: "Amen."

It is very important that as soon as the Holy Eucharist is placed in your hands you must consume it into your mouth. You are not allowed to carry the consecrated Host to the pews; in case you observe anyone doing so please correct them gently.

It is proper to receive Holy Communion in the mouth.

Stand sufficiently close to the Minister so that they need not over extend their hands while distributing Holy Communion.

Hands should be held at a level that is sufficiently high so that the Minister need not bend down while distributing Holy Communion. This applies particularly to children.

It is a custom in the United States that **Intinction**, or dipping of the consecrated host into the Precious Blood, is not permitted during Holy Communion.

The Precious Blood is a common chalice; while consuming the Precious Blood we need to be mindful of others.

After communion:

After receiving Holy Communion, return to the pews and kneel or sit and pray; please remain kneeling until the Tabernacle is closed.

Spend time in silence thanking God for the blessings and for the gift of the Holy Eucharist.

It is considered appropriate and proper to remain in the Church immediately after receiving Holy Communion.

Communion to the sick.

It is proper for a family member to bring Holy Communion for their home bound relatives. However it should be done with the permission of the pastor. Ordinarily, a consecrated Host should be placed in the pix while transferring from the Church to another location.

Conclusion: Liturgical gestures and postures help our common prayer life. They help us to pray as a community of believers. Different gestures and postures during Holy Mass would be a source of distraction for the praying community; it could adversely affect our community prayer life. Therefore, it is highly recommended that we follow the same procedures; it will help everyone to pray better.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 11, 2011

Second Collection: Religious Retirement

9:00 & 10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

12:15; OLG Eucharistic Celebration —

1:30 pm OLG Festivities in Gym

6:00pm OLG Festivities in Church & Gym



Events of the Week Dec 12 thru Dec. 17			
MON 12/12	5:00 am 7:00 am 8:30 am 10:00 am	OLG MANANITAS OLG Gathering School Bell Choir Book Club Meeting	Church Hall AE Rm SMC
TUE/ 12/13	8:30 am 12:00 pm 3:45 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	School Bell Choir School Advent Practice CCD Parent Faith Share Adult Confirmation Spanish Catechist Mtg. Facility Meeting	AE Rm Church SMC SMC AE Rm SJC
WED 12/14	1:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Golden Glow Club (Last Meeting) RCIA meeting Spanish Prayer Group	 SMC AE Rm
THU 12/15	6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Youth Advent Reconciliation Knights of Columbus Adult Reconciliation	SMC Hall Church
FRI 12/16	8:30 am 12:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	School Bell Choir School Advent Practice Spanish Children's Choir Vietnamese Choir	AE Rm Church Hall AE Rm,
SAT 12/17	1:00 pm 7:00 p,m 3:15 pm	Vietnamese Practice & Decoration Vietnamese Children's Choir Confessions	Church AE Rm Church

COLLECTIONS	Our Weekly Need: \$11,500.00
	Dec. 4, 2011
Sunday Collection:	\$10,920.31
Children:	\$ 14.00
Maintenance	\$ 6,197.50
Thank you for your generous donations.	

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship of \$546.01 for Dec. 4, went to Casa Vincentia
 This week's Stewardship will go to S.P.R.E.D.
 (Special Religious Education Dept.; to integrate
 people with developmental disabilities into the faith
 & life of the Church.)

The Committee of Our Lady Guadalupe Festivities & the Spanish Community of our Parish would like to invite all of the parishioners to the Mananitas & to the Eucharistic Celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Schedule

December 11:
 12:15 am Concelebrated Mass
 1:30 pm Reception in Gym (live music)
 6:00 pm Festivities in Church & Gym

December 12
 5:00 am Songs of praise at dawn
 (with Rondalla Guadalupana)
 5:45 am to 6:00 am Morning Prayer
 6:00 am to 7:00 am Mananitas—Tribute to Mary
 (with Mariachi)
 7:00 am Gathering in the Social Hall
 (live music)

**We welcome you to give tribute & honor to
 Our Lady of Guadalupe.**

CONGRATULATIONS

To our own *SR. MAGDALENA* who has been elected **Provincial Superior** for the sisters of the Holy Cross !

We wish her the very best and offer our prayers for her in her new position. We know she will be a great success !

Reconciliations: Advent 2011

School
 Dec. 13th – 9:30 to 12:00
 (1:00 pm to 2:30 pm for those who cannot attend the parish reconciliation)

Parish Reconciliation
 Thursday, Dec. 15th : 7:00 pm

Let your gentleness
 be evident to all.
 The Lord is near.

**St. Felicitas Parish Christmas Pageant
December 24, 2011
5:00 p.m. Mass**

Children attending St. Felicitas School or Faith Formation Classes, from Kindergarten through sixth grade, are invited to participate in the Children's Christmas Pageant at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve.

There are limited parts of the Nativity, which will be assigned randomly to the children. Practices will be held in the church on:

Tuesday, Dec. 20—7:00 to 8:15 pm

Thursday, Dec. 22—7:00 to 8:15 pm

If your child/children is interested in participating in the Pageant, please contact Sandi Walton in the Religious Education Office @ 483-4880

Any of you who enjoy sewing, we would like to ask you to help in making angel costumes for the Pageant. Each Christmas Eve, the children re-enact the Birth of Jesus. If you would like to help, please contact Sandi @ 483-4880.



Thank you for your help!

R. C. I. A.

At the 9:00 am Mass on Dec. 4, the parish community welcomed participants from the RCIA class as they were received into the order of Catechumens through the "Rite of Acceptance." We also received one candidate for full initiation in the "Rite of Welcome." They will now begin a more intense period of preparation for receiving the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. The Catechumens and candidate will deepen their understanding and appreciation of the faith with time spent on Church teachings and with Scripture reflection.

As a parish community, we are called to support them with our prayers and by graciously welcoming them into our midst as they seek to enter into the life of the Church. Please welcome & pray for:

May Lee Taliaferro-Bell, Richard Kellar, Cody Kellar, Karen Fleming, Elsie Franca, My Lin Ha, Connie Chan-Soriano, Tammy Dong Le, Sarah Ulloa, Lory Stark, Linda Coats and Confirmation candidates: Daniel Coats & Lenora Pena.

Pray for The Sick & Homebound:

Peggy Miller, Daniel and Raymond Bautista, Josie Herrera, Evelyn Lake, Shirley King, Julie Chin, Oscar Bickerton, Jose Julian Garcia, Jewel Sharma, Bailey Gendreau, Jim Lachemeyer, John Vargas, Barbara Houston, Jack Bollinger, John Cooke, Cesar DeLeon, David Silva Jr, Audris Woo, Amanda Jean, Theresa & Mario Pellini, Roseta Laguana, Elaine Desa, Gerard Poyatos, Dolores Smith, Lisa Bigman, Lisa Dmoski, Rhodera Posa, Joseph Andrade, Viola Litvinchuk, Mae Zeffaro, Hortense Prado, Mia Lara, Elizabeth LeFargo, Paul DeFue, Sara Melin, Ladale Rohles Alejandra Reyes, Madeline Oberti, Ladale Rohles, Antonie Catubig, Mick Carson, Mary Giannelli,
PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED.....

Mass Intentions Dec. 11 thru Dec. 18

Sun. 12/11	7:30 am	Anthony & Maria Pham †
	9:00 am	David Leon †
	10:30 am	Maria Monsor (Living)
	12:15 pm	Carlos Ruano & Jacinta
Jimenez†		
Mon .12/12	7:00 am	Louis & Lena Gonzales †
	8:15 am	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tue. 12/13	7:00 am	Rev. Joseph Nguyen †
	8:15 am	Carol Taylor †
Wed.12/14	7:00 am	Norma Pagdanganan (Liv)
	8:15 am	Wallace Scott †
Thurs 12/15	7:00 am	Francisco Sousa †
	8:15 am	Rita David-Malig (Birthday)
Fri. 12/16	7:00 am	Maximo Mangahas †
	8:15 am	Stephen Greene †
Sat..12/17	8:15 am	Vincent Tu Nguyen †
	4:30 pm	Cyrus dela Cruz +
Sun. 12/18	7:30 am	St. Felicitas Parishioners
	9:00 am	Edgar Walters (Living)
	10:30 am	Gale DeVetter †
	12:15 pm	Francisco & Santiago

Fr. DINH

50th JUBILEE

On Sunday, December 18, we will have a Celebration in honor of Fr. Dinh's 50th Anniversary in the Priesthood, with prayers at the 10:30 Mass and a celebration in the Gym after Mass.

Parishioners are asked to bring finger food to be enjoyed at the celebration.

Thank you.

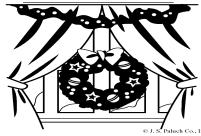
CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

5:00 pm	Children's Mass — (Children's Pageant)
7:00 pm	Vigil Mass
9:00 pm	Vietnamese Mass
11:30 pm	Christmas Carols
12:00 am	Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

7:30 am	
9:00 am	
10:30 am	
12:15 pm	Spanish Mass
4:30 pm	Vietnamese Mass



NEW YEAR'S DAY
(Mary, Mother of God)
Regular Sunday Mass Schedule
Including Vigil Mass on Sat. 12/31
at 4:30 pm



HELP WHILE YOU SHOP

Help Saint Felicitas church/school or a charity while shopping . Why not make a difference while purchasing your Christmas presents this year? The online shopping mall **GoodShop.com** donates up to 30% of each purchase to your favorite cause, while working with thousands of retailers and non-profits. Similarly, with every search conducted on the yahoo-powered **GoodSearch.com**, approximately one penny is donated to your favorite charity. For more information, visit **GoodSearch.com**

ST. FELICITAS SCHOOL

In the true spirit of Advent our school is overflowing with prayer and service. For the last two weeks we have gathered as a school community in the gym to light the advent wreath together in song and prayer. Our teachers have been encouraging our students to do random acts of kindness for each other throughout each day. The students have also done an amazing job donating Target Gift Cards to St. Vincent de Paul. Most impressively, our middle school students have submitted their proposals for their service projects. Some of them will be working in homeless shelters, food banks, community schools, and the library. They really went out of their comfort zone to reach out to the community. Some of our students will also be paired up with some parishioners who are in need of extra help around the house. I am really proud of all the students who are demonstrating their true understanding of the meaning of Advent.

We will be joining together as a community on December 19th to reveal the spirit of Advent through song and prayer at our Advent program in the Church at 7:00pm. All are welcome and encouraged to attend and pray with us. God Bless you in this Advent Season!
Mrs. Meghan Jorgensen

SCHOOL FUND RAISER
PORKEY'S PIZZA PARLOR
Tuesday, Dec. 20
4:00 to 9:00 pm

Help support St. Felicitas School with **Porky's Fundraiser Night.** The school will receive 20% of all dining sales. You must present fundraiser flyer to Porky's when placing order. Please pick up a copy of the flyer from the parish or school office.



Contribution Envelopes for 2012 are now in the Vestibule for all to pick up. A big "thank you" to all who helped in getting them set up, especially to Mel Abero, Olivia CamCam and Girlie Mamuyak.

We ask that all parishioners pick up the envelopes as soon as possible, as we will have to clear the Vestibule before Christmas Thank You !!

JUAN EL BAUTISTA

En una casa abierta de la escuela se escuchó a una mujer presentando a su marido a algunos de los otros padres. “Oh, José, me gustaría que conozcas al padre de Juanito. Y aquí, esta es la mamá de María, ya sabes la niña que juega fútbol con nuestra Elena”.

Con satisfecha resignación Bill se presentó no por su nombre sino: “Soy el padre de Elena”.

Es bueno saber quién es uno. Si somos el padre o la madre de alguien, hijo o hija, esposo o esposa, es importante que aceptemos el sentido pleno de nuestras diferentes funciones.

Juan Bautista sabe quién es. Y quién no es. No es el Cristo. No es Elías. Tampoco igual a ningún otro profeta que el pueblo de Dios hubiese visto.

Juan Bautista sabe que su misión es divina. Está más que satisfecho de ser el que anuncia la venida del Reino de Dios. El Cristo está cerca. Enderecen sus caminos.

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UNA NAVIDAD MAS SENCILLA

Olvidate de la Navidad “ideal y pon el énfasis en Jesús. Deja de hacer cualquier actividad navideña que Detestas. Vas a ofrecer una comida navideña? Que la familia te ayude y que los invitados traigan algo.

No gastes lo que no tienes. Hazte un presupuesto limitado y no te desvíes de él.

Considera un intercambio familiar de regalos, una donación benéfica o algo similar. Dona tu talento y tu tiempo.

Establece tus propias tradiciones: Un nacimiento, velas navideñas, asistir a Misa, leer narraciones de la Navidad, servir en un comedor público.

No esperes que la gente se comporte de una manera específica ni que te den los regalos que deseas. No pelees con la familia, menos que nada acerca de quien va o no a la Iglesia.

No hagas nada en exceso como regalos, fiestas, tomar o beber.

VIVE LA NAVIDAD CON JESUS.



VIVA NUESTRA MADRE MARIA DE GUADALUPE !!

VIVA SAN JUAN DIEGO. VIVA LA IGLESIA!

!VIVA MEXICO!

VIVAN LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA

VIVA LATINOAMERICA

