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September 11, 2011 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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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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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.



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
September 11, 2011



We are concluding **“Prayer for Peace” on September 12th 2011** with a solemn Holy Mass at **7:00 pm**. It has been ten years since this devotion was started in our Church. It has brought peace, consolation, support, strength and above all the presence of the Lord Jesus into many hearts.

As with many devotions over the years the participation has waned; however the need to pray for peace is ever present. It is as urgent today as it ever has been. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen (the cause of his canonization is formally introduced) stated that in the history of human civilization there is hardly any time when there was no war or violence in some parts of the world. However war, violence or terrorism is not a solution. Peace is the only solution; that is why prayer for peace is so necessary and urgent. I invite all to pray for peace every day although we are concluding the devotional practice.

What causes war and violence? It is a billion dollar question. There are so many answers and sociological studies out there trying to make sense out of this senseless situation. Why is our human history so strewn with war, violence, terrorism, and oppression? Are people born to war and strife or to love and peace? It is same as the question are people naturally good or are they naturally bad?

Our experience teaches us that people are naturally good; majority of people I know are good people. Evil is the absence of this natural good in people. St. Augustine explains evil with the example of a cavity in our tooth. Cavity is the absence of that portion of the tooth which is to be there naturally. It is this absence of natural goodness in people that results in war, violence, terrorism and so on.

Bible reaffirms our experience. Genesis 1: 26 says, ‘we are created in the image and likeness of God.’ If we are made in the image and likeness of God we are naturally good. When humanity lost this natural goodness, God sent his Son into the world that the world might be saved. Jesus Christ our savior and redeemer came into the world and became a man for our sake. He suffered and died to save humanity. But that is not the end. He rose again to eternal glory, redeeming humanity from the shackles and fetters of sin and evil.

What is the gift of the risen Lord? It is peace. In the Post resurrection appearance of Jesus He greets his disciples with these words, “Peace be with you.” Peace is God’s gift to us. We need to work for it, pray for it and treasure it as a wondrous gift.

Let us pray with Saint Francis of Assisi:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Father Augustine

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"PATRIOT DAY"



Second Collection: Maintenance
 Hospitality Sunday after all Masses in Gym
 10:30 Children's Liturgy of the Word
 6:30pm Youth Ministry/ 2nd Year Students
 Welcome Back Meeting

NEXT WEEK: Second Collection: Cathedral Sunday

Events of the Week Sept. 12 thru Sept. 17			
MON 9/12	7:00 pm	Special Holy Mass To conclude "Prayer for Peace"	Church
	10:00 am 12:00 pm 6:30 pm	Book Club Marthas & Marys St. Vincent DePaul	SMC Hall AE Rm
TUE 9/13	6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 PM	Adult Confirmation Spanish Catechist Meeting Facility Meeting	SMC AE Rm SJCC
WED 9/14	1:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Golden Glow Club RCIA Spanish Prayer Group	Hall SMC AE Rm
THU 9/15	7:00 pm	Spanish Youth Group	Hall
FRI 9/16	7:00 pm	Spanish Children's Choir	Hall
SAT 9/17	3:15 pm	Confessions	Church

COLLECTIONS		Our Weekly Need: \$11,500.00
		Sept. 4, 2011
Sunday Collection	\$ 9,676.00	
Children	\$ 73.00	
Mission Co-op	\$ 2,822.00	
Thank you for your generous donations.		

STEWARDSHIP
 Our Stewardship last week, in the amount of \$ 483.80 went to St. Vincent DePaul (St. Felicitas)
 This week our Stewardship will go to the Hermanas Clarisas Capuchinas (Monetary help to repair the roof of their Church)



It's Time to Register for Faith Formation Classes...

Faith Formation Classes for 2011-2012 REGISTER NOW

We are available after all the Masses this weekend, **September 11th** and the following weekend, **September 18th** in the vestibule for you to complete the necessary forms to enroll your child for classes.... or please contact Sandi at 483-4880 in the Faith Formation office during the week for an appointment. *****

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION

Welcome/Registration Night

Welcome Back Second Year Confirmation Students **Sign up tonight (Sept. 11) at 7:00 pm In the gym.**

CONCLUSION OF "PRAYER FOR PEACE"

Monday, Sept. 12, is the Mass to conclude our "Prayer for Peace" services which have been held every first Monday of the month since the terrorist attacks 10 years ago. If you have a family member who is unable to be here in person, you are welcome to bring a photograph of that person so that they can be honored and blessed in their absence.

The Mass will be at 7:00 p.m. in Church.

Although we are concluding the devotional practice, prayer for peace is still necessary and urgent. We invite all to pray for peace every day!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10
 Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17
 Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 98; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
 Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3
 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15
 Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a



Youth Choir

We are in the process of starting a youth choir for the parish during 9:00 am Holy Mass. It is open to all parishioners. Choir director will be the young man, Albert Bellefeuille, who is a trained musician. Parents who want their children to be in the choir, please sign up. We will have only a limited number of children in the choir on a first come first served basis. Please find detailed information below:

- Open to all boys and girls grades 4-8
- No experience necessary
- Must be registered parishioners
- Sign-ups through the month of September
- Choir formation meetings scheduled October 4, 5, and 6
- Practices will be on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in the Church (starting Oct. 11)
- First performance on November 27
- Contact the Parish Office for sign up

ST. FELICITAS SCHOOL

Many of our students here at St. Felicitas Catholic School were not alive when we had our terrorist attack on American soil on September 11th 2001. Any students who were alive were merely babies or toddlers. Even though they did not live through it, it is a very important day to remember in our history as a country. It is also important in our Catholic Faith that we remember and identify, for our children, the fact that even in the midst of a catastrophic event, God brought hope to many. God revealed his Spirit by working through an overwhelming amount of courageous people that day and many days after. I had the opportunity to visit the Church across the street from Ground Zero a few years ago. I was overwhelmed by the astounding representation of the power of God in all the visuals and memorabilia. The visuals told the stories of so many amazingly selfless people that worked tirelessly on September 11th and many weeks after.

We honored the victims and heroes of September 11th on Friday as a whole school with a prayer service and special ritual of raising the flag to half-mast. In community, we acknowledged God's everlasting hope and prayed for peace in all parts of our world. We look forward to continuing our prayers at the September 11th 9:00 mass in unity with the Parish Community.

Meghan Jorgensen, Principal

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING 2011

The 3 year cycle for Safe Environment Training Certification is ending this year. ALL parish Ministry volunteers are required to renew their certifications this year. Please make time to attend our next Training:

**Wednesday, September 21, 2011
at 7:00 pm in the church.**

STOP AND THINK

Some of us come to Mass and try not to get involved. We hang back for many reasons: fear we will be pressured into long-term commitments, or we will be asked to do what we have no aptitude for. Reluctant volunteers may be generous in other ways, through the weekly collection or donations to good causes. Are you hesitant to volunteer? What are your God-given abilities? Are you a leader, a team player, or a behind-the-scenes worker? Are you sick, homebound, or a frequent traveler? You can pray more. There is something only you can do for your parish! Are you a ministry leader? Do you communicate to parishioners the value of what you do? Are you welcoming and appreciative to new people? If you are a volunteer, do you share your enthusiasm with other parishioners and invite them to join you? Our parish *survives* if only a few are committed, but it *thrives* if everyone is included.

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What does it mean to be Catholic? What do Catholics believe about God, Jesus, the Bible, the Saints? Often, people have questions about the Church as they ponder whether it is for them.

Meetings to explore the possibility of entering into full communion with the Catholic Church through the RCIA process have begun. It is not too late to join us and have your questions answered.

We welcome you to join with others who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. The RCIA process prepares adults interested in the Church for the reception of Baptism and/or Confirmation & Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

It is for those who are not baptized, baptized in another Christian Church, or baptized Catholic but have not received Confirmation & Eucharist.

We meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in St. Mary's Center. For more information, call the Parish Office 351-5244, ext. 283.

PERDÓN

Unos diez años antes, un padre e hijo se distanciaron cuando el negocio en el que eran socios se fue a bancarrota. El hijo culpó al padre. No se hablaron más.

Entonces el padre se puso gravemente enfermo. La madre llamó al hijo y le dijo que viniera a verlo pronto. El hijo entró con vergüenza a su habitación en el hospital. El padre hizo un gesto para que se acercara y susurró: "¿Acaso pensaste que podrías hacer algo que me hiciera dejar de amarte?".

El rencor y la cólera son abominables, nos dice la primera lectura de Sirácide. Piensa en tu fin. Deja de odiar. Vive conforme a los mandamientos. Como escribe san Pablo en Romanos, para el Señor vivimos y para el Señor morimos.

En el décimo aniversario del 11 de septiembre de 2001, para nosotros en Estados Unidos todavía no nos es fácil perdonar. Sin embargo, la parábola de Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy nos recuerda la compasión de Dios. El inmenso pecado de la humanidad ha sido perdonado y borrado del libro. Tenemos que perdonar a otros de igual manera.

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*Somos
del
Señor*



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FIESTA DE LA FE

La paz sea contigo

Mientras que el Padrenuestro es una oración que nos dispone a la paz con Dios y con los demás, es una oración que también nos lleva en sí misma a ofrecer el perdón y a recibir el perdón. El darnos la paz es una forma clara de comunión, de cumplir el mandato de Cristo. El gesto exterior de la paz es una expresión del perdón mutuo y de la necesidad de renovar nuestras relaciones humanas. Este espíritu de caridad y justicia va acompañado de un saludo (antes era con un beso) luego de que la Iglesia ha implorado la "paz y la unidad para sí misma y para toda la Iglesia" (IGMR, 82). Esta misma expresión de paz y perdón es el requisito mínimo de quien quiere presentarse ante Dios para compartir su banquete o bien, para pedir el perdón para sí mismo. Este rito y este gesto encierran en sí mismos la radicalidad del cristianismo, de amar como Jesús amó, plenamente y para siempre. Por ello nos deseamos la paz de verdad, mirándonos a los ojos y deseando para nuestro prójimo que la paz habite en sus corazones.

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Apreciados Padres de Familia o Guardianes

- Después de nuestra celebración Eucarística, este Domingo continuamos distribuyendo y recibiendo aplicaciones para las inscripciones de preparación a **la Primera Reconciliación y Primera Comunión.**



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