



# St. Felicitas Catholic Church

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November 27, 2011 First Sunday of Advent  
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## BLESSING OF THE GYM Monday, Nov. 28, 11:00am

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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

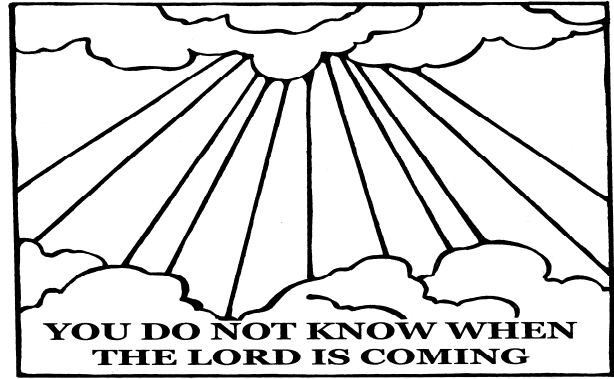
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# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27,, 2011

*Be watchful! Be alert!  
You do not know when the time  
will come.*

— Mark 13:33



## The Creed

It is the summary of what we believe. In the beginning it was very simple. It was as brief as “Jesus is Lord. (God)” With the passage of time there came about various heresies (wrong teachings of the faith); so it was felt that a summary of the faith was essential.

In 325 AD the leaders of the Church at that time gathered together at Nicene (in present day Turkey) and formulated the creed that we ordinarily recite on Sundays. It is called the Nicene Creed.

The new translation of the creed tries to be closer to the original Latin. It is no longer “we believe” but rather “I believe.” It emphasizes the fact that each one is responsible for one’s faith. The “I” makes creed more personal and challenges each individual to interiorized the faith. It expresses the faith of the Church professed personally by each believer. It is also reminiscent of the renewal of Baptismal vow. At each of the question, “Do you believe?...” we respond by saying, “I do.” It also unites us with rest of Catholic world that professes “I believe” in different languages of the earth.

During the creed, we bow at the words of Incarnation. At the words, **by the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man**, we bow. It is to show our respect and reverence for the God who became man.

Some of the other changes are the following:

**Visible and invisible:** The invisible realities also include angels, saints and our dear departed.

**Only begotten:** It means that Jesus was always there even before being born of the Virgin Mary; he was the Son of God.

**Consubstantial:** The new translation uses the word, “Consubstantial” instead of ‘one in being with the Father’. It means Jesus and his Father are one and the same God. It was defined at Nicene in 325 A.D to defend against Arian Heresy which stated that the Son was created by the Father from another substance and then adopted; there was a time when the Son did not exist. To guard against this heresy these expressions were used, “God from God, light from light, true God from true God and of same substance [homousios (Greek) – consubstantial.] Father, Son and Spirit are distinct divine persons existed from all eternity. (Holy Trinity) Incarnate: means given flesh; that is Jesus (God) became man or as we read in John’s Gospel the “word became flesh.”

Suffered death: It means Jesus really died on the cross

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## Blessing of the Hall and Gym

On Monday November 28th, The Most Reverend Bishop Salvatore Cordileone, Bishop of our diocese, will be at Saint Felicitas to celebrate Holy Mass at 11:00 AM and to bless the parish hall. The Holy Mass will be with the children of our parish school. All are welcome to the celebration and the blessing.

I wish to acknowledge and thank the generosity of many of the parishioners that made all this possible. May God bless and reward you for your charity to the Church. Because of you, our children and all of us have a nice place to enjoy.

Father Augustinø

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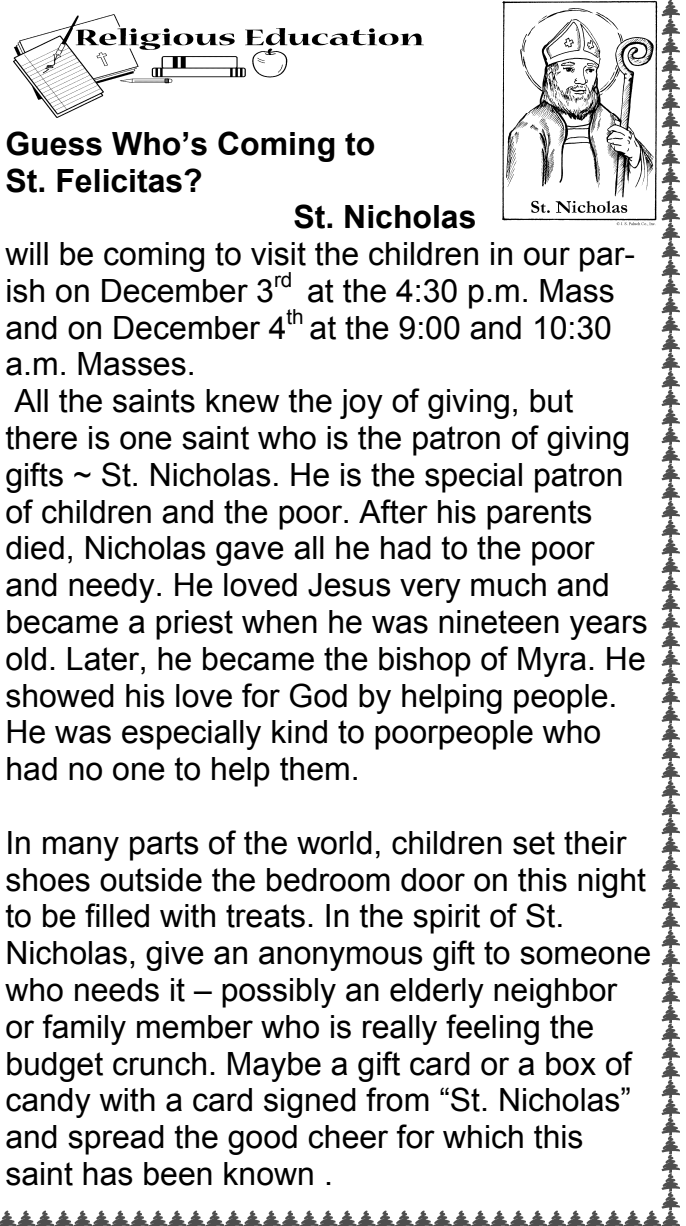
November 27, 2011

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

2:00 pm Baptisms  
6:30 pm Confirmation Class-  
Youth Ministry - Gym



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## Religious Education



St. Nicholas

### Guess Who's Coming to St. Felicitas?

#### St. Nicholas

will be coming to visit the children in our parish on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 4:30 p.m. Mass and on December 4<sup>th</sup> at the 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses.

All the saints knew the joy of giving, but there is one saint who is the patron of giving gifts ~ St. Nicholas. He is the special patron of children and the poor. After his parents died, Nicholas gave all he had to the poor and needy. He loved Jesus very much and became a priest when he was nineteen years old. Later, he became the bishop of Myra. He showed his love for God by helping people. He was especially kind to poor people who had no one to help them.

In many parts of the world, children set their shoes outside the bedroom door on this night to be filled with treats. In the spirit of St. Nicholas, give an anonymous gift to someone who needs it – possibly an elderly neighbor or family member who is really feeling the budget crunch. Maybe a gift card or a box of candy with a card signed from “St. Nicholas” and spread the good cheer for which this saint has been known .

Events of the Week Nov. 27 thru Dec. 3			
<b>MON 11/28</b>	8:30 am 3:00 pm 7:00 pm 6:30 pm	School Bell Choir School Choir Practice Jr. High Faith Formation St. Vincent DePaul	AE Rm AE Rm School AE Rm
<b>TUE 11/29</b>	8:30 am 3:45 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	School Bell Choir Faith Formation Classes Adult Confirmation Spanish Catechist Meeting	AE Rm SMC SMC  AAE Rm
<b>WED 11/30</b>	1:00 pm 2:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Golden Glow Club School Assembly RCIA Spanish Prayer Group	Hall Gym SMC AE Rm
<b>THU 12/1</b>	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Spanish Youth Group Liturgy Committee Mtg	Hall SMC
<b>FRI 12/2</b>	9:15 am 12:30 pm 4:15 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	<b>FIRST FRIDAY</b> School Mass Eucharistic Adoration Benediction Spanish Children's Choir Viet. Eucharistic. Adoration Vietnamese Choir	Church Church Church Hall Church AE Rm
<b>SAT 12/3</b>	9:00 am 1:00 pm 7:00 pm 3:30 pm	Stable Set-up Viet. Practice & Decoration Viet. Children's Choir Confessions	Church Church AE Rm Church

### COLLECTIONS

Our Weekly Need: \$11,500.00

Nov. 20, 2011

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Available at time of printing**

Thank you for your generous donations.

### STEWARDSHIP

Our Stewardship last week, in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ went to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association  
This week's Stewardship will go to the Holy Cross Sisters.

Thursday, December 8th is the feast of the Immaculate Conception a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses will be at 7 am, 8:15 am, A school Mass at 9:15 am and a Mass at 7:30pm.



Immaculate Conception

After a lot of years of friendly fun and fellowship, The **Golden Glow Club** will be retiring in December. Their last meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2011.

**ST. FELICITAS SCHOOL**

As our new Church year begins, I am excited to celebrate the season of Advent with our students. In the hustle and bustle of preparing for Christmas it is often hard to remember that we are called to slow down, reflect on our lives and connect with God in prayer more often. The pre-Advent readings have been reminding us that we need to live our lives in a manner that reflects our anticipation of Jesus' coming. We are called to continue to reflect on and live out God's light for others during Advent.

In order to emphasize the importance of prayer and action during Advent the school will be participating in stewardship and Monday morning prayer in the gym. We will begin each week lighting the advent wreath together and learning the symbols and prayers of Advent. Our students revealed their commitment to stewardship by donating over \$350 dollars before Thanksgiving to aid families from St. Vincent De Paul. During Advent we will continue our stewardship by collecting gift cards for needy families in our Parish.

I pray this advent season that our students truly recognize the importance of reflection and faith in action.

*"I said to my soul, be still, and wait...So the darkness shall be the light, and the stillness the dancing".*

**T.S. Eliot**

Abundant Blessings,  
Meghan Jorgensen

These past few months have passed so quickly! It's hard to believe Christmas is around the corner and with it the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. Yet, it's so important to remember the significance of Advent and what it means to wait and prepare for the coming of Christ Jesus.

**YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON**

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2011

Tickets on sale now in the Parish Office.

**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**

*Pray for The Sick & Homebound:*

Peggy Miller, Danel 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, Robin Lagatao, Elizabeth LeFargo, Paul DeFue, Sara Melin, Pat Boggs, Tom Alhaditi, Alejandra Reyes, Domico Le PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED.....

Anacleto Lisondra

**Mass Intentions Nov. 27 thru Dec. 4**

Sun: 11/27	7:30 am	Juan T. Fernandez †
	9:00 am	St. Felicitas Parishioners
	10:30 am	Larry Lucero
	12:15 pm	Ramiro Arechiga †
Mon .11/28	7:00 am	Natasha Merando (Living)
	8:15 am	Joseph Riccio †
Tue. 11/29	7:00 am	Giogi Morando (Living)
	8:15 am	Gary Noble †
Wed.11/30	7:00 am	Tita David (Living)
	8:15 am	Epifaia Balinget (Living)
Thurs 12/1	7:00 am	Julian Bahaoing
	8:15 am	Joseph Riccio †
Fri. 12/2	7:00 am	Catherine Do †
	8:15 am	Sr. Roser Sala †
	9:15 am	School Intention
Sat..12/3	8:15 am	Rev. Joseph Tieu Nguyen †
	4:30 pm	Raymond &Barbara Medeiros †
Sun. 12/4	7:30 am	Julia Andrade †
	9:00 am	Carlos Cardoso Family †
	10:30 am	St. Felicitas Parishioners
	12:15 pm	Thaddeus Ferrer & Rodolfo Gamboa †

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11  
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24  
 Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22  
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27  
 Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31  
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26;  
 Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8  
 Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85; 2  
 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

# 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



### Reconciliations: Advent 2011

#### Faith Formation

Tuesday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> – 3:45 pm  
Wednesday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 Pm

#### School

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

#### Parish Reconciliation

Thursday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> : 7:00 pm

## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS



The Catholic Daughters will be holding their Annual BAKE SALE next weekend after all the Masses.

Be sure to come prepared to stop and see all the goodies and take some home for your Dessert for the day!

### **R.C.I.A. Rite of Welcome/Acceptance**

The initial phase of the RCIA will be moving into the second stage as our participants go through "Rite of Acceptance" (for the unbaptized) & the "Rite of Welcome" (one seeking full communion with the Church).

These Rites will take place on Sunday, Dec. 4 at the 9:00 am Mass. The participants are now ready to publicly declare their intention to continue their journey toward becoming Catholics.

At this Rite they are asked to more fully embrace the Gospel message & they will be signed with the Cross to show that they now belong to Christ.

The Rites place these catechumens in a formal relationship with the Church. We welcome you to take an active role in welcoming our catechumens & candidates in praying for them & in teaching by example as they now enter into a period of deeper formation in the RCIA process.

*Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI on September 19, 2010.*

Remember this celebration by attending

#### **J. H. NEWMAN SYMPOSIUM II:**

#### **His Life, and His Friends**

Sunday, December 11, 2011  
Dominican Sisters Motherhouse  
43326 Mission Blvd., Fremont  
(behind the historic Mission)

Time: 1:00 ~ 4:30 pm

Sponsored by Dominican Mission San Jose & the  
John Cummins Institute,  
St. Mary's College of California

Reservations required (Deadline: Monday, Dec. 5)

Phone S. Katherine Jean @ 510-933-6322 or  
email [mmiller@msjdominicans.org](mailto:mmiller@msjdominicans.org)

**Apreciada Comunidad**

**El Comité organizador para las festividades de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, de nuestra parroquia, desea comunicarles el Programa para la celebración de este año.**



***DICIEMBRE 04***

Durante la celebración Eucarística, los jóvenes de nuestra parroquia, coordinados por la señora Maria Arechiga, harán la representación de las apariciones de la Virgen.

***DICIEMBRE 11***

**Tendremos la celebración Eucarística a las 12: 15 P.M.**

seguido de una recepción en el gimnasio de la parroquia.

La liturgia musical estará a cargo del Mariachi Coalcomán y de la Rondalla del señor Ramón Padilla.

En la recepción tendremos también Mariachi y música en vivo.

**La RIFA se hará esta tarde, después de la comida.**

***DICIEMBRE 12***

**Tendremos Liturgia Matutina y las Mañanitas de 5:00 A.M. a 7:00 A.M.**

Seguidamente compartiremos un sabroso desayuno en el Salón Social de la parroquia.

Por la tarde no tendremos ningún evento especial, pero pueden venir al templo para visitar a la Santísima Virgen que permanecerá en su **altar especial** durante todo el día.

*Sean todos bienvenidos a esta celebración.*

*Igualmente siéntase bienvenido para participar en cualquiera de los Comités donde usted desea cooperar.*

*Que nuestra Señora de Guadalupe bendiga a nuestra Iglesia, a nuestra parroquia, a nuestro pueblo y a cada uno de los que la veneramos con amor.*

*Comité Organizador de la Festividad .*

*Mercezy Zamora.*



**EL JESÚS DE SAN MARCOS**

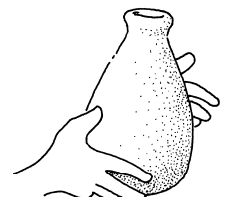
El Evangelio según San Marcos es el más corto y terso de los cuatro. Los discursos de Jesús tienden a ser concisos también. El retrato de Jesús que nos da Marcos no tiene nada de la poesía del Sermón del Monte o del Sermón de la Llanura como en Mateo ni Lucas, ni la extensión y reflexión de los “Yo Soy” los discursos en Juan. El Jesús de Marcos “va al grano”, diríamos hoy.

Esto se refleja muy bien en el pasaje de hoy.

No es una casualidad que el diálogo de Jesús en este momento en el Evangelio según San Marcos, las palabras finales sobre el fin del mundo, inmediatamente antes de su pasión, esté plagado de signos de exclamación y una sensación general de urgencia.

**Haríamos bien en remodelar nuestra manera de vivir este Adviento, ya que vivimos en un mundo con necesidad urgente de escuchar el mensaje que Jesús proclamó.**

**Es hora de que nos “despertemos” y salgamos al mundo para hacerlo.**



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ERES EL  
ALFABERO**