

Saint Philip Of Jesus

1572-1597

Feast: February 5th

First Mexican martyr, surrenders his life for Christ in Japan at 24 years of age.

Baptized by the name Felipe de las Casas. Born in Mexico City in May, 1572. His parents, Spanish immigrants: Antonio, Toledan of Illescas and Antonia, Andaluza of Seville . They gave him good upbringing. His childhood was so restless and mischievous that when decided to go to the convent of Puebla to become a Franciscan, his nanny exclaimed: "It will be when the fig tree sprouts". Alluding to a dry fig in the courtyard of the House. He arrived at the convent of Puebla, where the Beatified Sebastián De Aparicio resided. In fact, Philip lasted very little there. Not bearing that life and returned to his home.

He was then a silversmith without much success. When he was 18 years old, his father, Alonso de las Casas, sent him to the Philippines to try fortune. There he settled in the city of Manila. At the beginning he was dazzled by the worldly life, but soon again felt the call of the Lord: "If you want to come after me, renounced yourself, take up your cross and follow me" (Mt.16, 24). Philip entered with the Franciscan order of Manila. This time he had already matured and his conversion was wholeheartedly. He changed his name to Philip of Jesus. While studying he attended to the sick. He did everything with the dedication of a man living for Jesus.

In 1596 his superiors notified him that he could be ordained priest. As there was no Bishop in the Philippines, the ordination would be in Mexico, his hometown, along with his family and childhood friends. With that plan he embarked on Galleon San Felipe, with Fray John Poor and other Franciscans; but a great tempest diverted the ship until it was shipwrecked off the coast of Japan. Philip interpreted his shipwreck as a bliss. He could give himself more to Christ by the conversion of Japan.

SAINT PHILIP OF JESUS, PRAY FOR US

RULES IN THE CHURCH

San Felipe de Jesus parish sees the need to implement certain rules regarding the following points:

- 1.Installation of video and alarm system due to the disappearance of equipment and parish belongings.
- 2.Doors should be closed at all times. Not closing them raises the cost of cooling and the parish expenses.
- 3.The rules pertaining to the group meetings during the week will reviewed . Lights are sometimes left on, which affects the parish.
- 4.A review of Ministers that serve and have not had their fingerprints taken. Training dates will be set .

FIRST FRIDAYS OF THE MONTH

Notice to all apostolic groups, there will be Holy Hour every month at 6:00 p.m. followed by mass at 7:00 p.m. for all ministries, followed by a gathering or a study session according to the notice put out. This is being done to promote unity and gathering of all parish groups, through devotion to the Holy Eucharist. As customary, the Holy Eucharist will be exposed all day.



BAPTISMS

Baptisms will be held on Saturday, February 6th at 12:00 noon and Sunday, February 21st at 3:00 p.m. To register stop by the parish office.



COLLECTION



The amount collected last was \$3,810.96 and \$3,879.0 the week before. The parish goal is to collect \$5,000.00 a week to subsist, which equates to \$5.00 a week per family. Thank you for your generosity to the Church of Christ.

VOCATIONS RETREAT

The Diocese of Tucson vocations Office announces this year's vocations retreat; it will take place on July 18, 19 and 20, 2010, at *La Purissima Center* at Hereford, AZ, near Sierra Vista. The invitation is for all young people who are in their last year of High School (Seniors), and have some interest in the Catholic Priesthood. For more information call the parish or the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Tucson. Phone (520) 792-3410 or diocesetucson.org.

THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

We are currently in the educational weekend of the Annual Campaign. The following Sunday, February 14 is the commitment week. In the bulletin you will find brochures on the annual campaign. Please begin to consider what your promise will be. No amount is too small. Up to \$ 10.00 dollars a month (for ten months) can touch the lives of hundreds of people. In today's announcements, committed lay couples exhort on parishioners the support to the campaign.

FATHER ABRAHAM VISITING ECUADOR

Father Abraham will be on a trip to his native country, Ecuador from February 10 through 25, 2010 to visit his diocese and his family. We pray to God for a pleasant journey and safe return to our parish.

PARISH COUNCIL:

Changes in the meeting calendar

We inform the members of the Parish Council that the calendar of meetings for the year will have some changes: there will not be meetings in the months of June, July and August. The last meeting before the summer would be in May and resume in September. Make a note on your agendas.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN AND THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The campaign began in 2008 and is a 5-year commitment. The motto is: "Our Faith, Our Hope, Our Future". The goal was \$ 147,200.00 and the parish promised to give \$610,480.00 in five years. The parishioners give each month. The parish will receive a substantial amount for every dollar that is given in that period. Here the funds will be allocated to embellish the Church interior.

Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) is performed each year. This year 2010 the goal is to collect 3.7 million dollars. What for? To support the 26 Diocesan ministries. The parish goal is \$27,000.00. The motto is: "To Love and Serve One Another". Support according to your means. The weekend of February 14 will be the day of the official request during the Masses. With only \$ 10.00 per month (for 10 months) you can touch thousands of lives.

LENT IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

Lent starts Wednesday, February 17, 2010 with the imposition of ashes. The 2010 Holy week begins on Sunday, March 28 and Easter Sunday is on April 4th. Be on the lookout for an announcement of the religious practices of this season and traditional Lenten exercises. As tradition goes, the youth group is in charge of the live Way of the Cross on Good Friday.

THE FEAST OF SAN FELIPE DE JESUS

Last Friday we had the Mass in honor of San Felipe de Jesus. Thanks to all those who collaborated on the triduum and Solemn Mass. The celebration was a time and opportunity to gather once more as a parish family and renew commitments to Christ. We continue to pray to God that, by the inspiration of our Patron, we can continue as brave missionaries that carry the Gospel to the ends of the world.

WEEKEND IN AN AMERICAN SEMINARY

Would you like to spend a weekend at the seminary in Mundelein in Chicago, were future priests of the Church study? Please contact Father Vili. There will be a trip on the weekend of April 16, 17 and 18, 2010. You need to be of legal age, and have some interest in the Catholic Priesthood. There is also a discernment group, which you can attend, without a commitment. This group will meet in the parish on Wednesday, January 27th at 6.30 p.m. We are waiting for you. You have nothing to lose; God could have something special prepared for you.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE IN MASS?

Do you love to serve in the mass or other ministries during mass? If you are already a Minister or a Eucharist server registered at San Felipe de Jesus, consider this apostolate as a privilege. However, if you like serve, or have served in the past, here or elsewhere, but you don't have fingerprints, please, meet this requirement, established by the Bishops of American. It is an demanding established rule, we know, but we must obey the Bishop. Want to serve? Then fill the application, have your fingerprints taken, and report with the priest for training.