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.

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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
Meghan Anne Jorgensen
Principal
1650 Manor Blvd.
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TWENTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
August 14, 2011

Observe what is right, do what is just;
for my salvation is about to come,
my justice, about to be revealed.

— Isaiah 56:1

Assumption 2011

The dogma of the Assumption of Mary was solemnly defined in 1950 in the apostolic constitution, Munificentissimus Deus. It says, “...virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.”

In the Bible there is no explicit mention of the Assumption of Mary. However there is implicit belief that Christ took his mother to Himself at the moment of her leaving this life because she was declared “full of grace” and the “highly favored one” (Luke 1:28)

In early Christian tradition this feast was called the “falling asleep of Mary or dormition of Mary.” Early Christians believed that a body “fell asleep” at death and rested until it woke in the glory of the next life. By 5th century this feast was celebrated throughout the Byzantine Empire. It began to be called Assumption or “journey of the Blessed Mother of God into Heaven.” Gradually it was introduced in the west and by the 16th century, Assumption became a principal Marian celebration.

What does Assumption mean for us?
It reminds us of our own resurrection. At the second Vatican council, the bishops write in Lumen Gentium that Mary’s Assumption offers both a reminder of the bodily resurrection of all people at the end of time and comfort now for those grieving the death of a loved one. Catechism of the Catholic Church says, “The Church teaches that every spiritual soul...does not perish when it separates from the body at death, and it will be reunited with the body at the final Resurrection.”

In other words, while it seems almost certain each of us will experience our own “dormition”, “at the end of time we will have our own “assumption.” That’s the belief we profess each time we recite the Nicene Creed and pray that we “look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.”

Communion Cups
Our Communion Cups are in need of replacement. We need to purchase about four communion cups, each costing about $500.00. The Ones we have, now, are, probably, of poor quality; they barely lasted three years. This time we want to buy good quality cups that will last longer. You are more than welcome to donate the cups.

Father Augustine
**ASSUMPTION of the Blessed VIRGIN MARY**

**Events of the Week**

**Aug. 15 thru Aug. 20**

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**COLLECTIONS**

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Thank you for your generous donations.

**STEWARDSHIP**

Our Stewardship last week of $498.65 went to the Missionaries of the Poor in Atlanta, Ga.

This week our Stewardship will go to the Monastery of Our Lady of Guadalupe. (Mission Sisters in the Philippines)

**VOLUNTEER DINNER**

Don’t forget the Volunteer Dinner on Thursday, August 18!! All Volunteers in any of our many ministries will be honored.

We are asked to meet in the Church at 6:00 p.m. for a short prayer before the dinner, to give thanks to God for all these volunteers & the hard work they do for the Parish.

Come & enjoy getting together to relax and have a good time. Have fun!!

**Back To School**

School will be re-opening on Monday, August 22nd.

The first day of school will be from 9am to 12noon, with a Prayer Service at 11:15 a.m. in the Church.

Parent Orientation meetings will be held on August 22 for students from Kindergarten thru 5th grades, and on August 23 for Middle School students... each night from 6 to 7:30 pm.

**PARISH PICNIC**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Plans are underway to make this a fun time for all families in the parish.

Food and fun for all!

When: Sept 25, 2011

Where: City of San Leandro Chabot Park

Plan to attend the 10:30 "Mass in the Park" And stay for lunch and fun.

There will be NO 10:30 Mass in the church on that day!

Menu and additional details will follow!!
Pray for The Sick & Homebound:
PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED........
Dolores Angerome

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday: Js 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Js 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Js 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

R.C.I.A.
The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

- Do Catholics worship Mary?
- Why do Catholics pray to statues and have holy pictures? Doesn’t the Bible say we should have no graven images?
- I’m confused at your Mass. You sit, you stand, you kneel, you genuflect, you raise your hands. Why?
- Do Catholics believe everything the Pope says?
- Why do Catholics confess their sins to a priest—isn’t it enough to tell God you’re sorry?

These are typically the kind of questions that are frequently asked by those who are interested in the Catholic faith and are curious about Catholic beliefs and practices.

In the RCIA process we have the opportunity to explore the basis for our beliefs.

Perhaps you or someone you know is interested in the Catholic Church and would like to know more about it.

A new RCIA session will begin on August 31st at 6:30 pm in St. Mary’s Center.

For more information, call the Parish Office at 351-5244, ext. 283.

Love of our neighbor is included in the love of God.
Thomas Aquinas

Mass Intentions Aug. 14 thru Aug. 21

Sun. 8/14 7:30 am Jose, Maria, Luduina Silva †
9:00 am Maximo Mangahas †
10:30 am St. Felicitas Parishioners
12:15 pm Samira Gonzalez (Birthday)
Mon. 8/15 7:00 am Maria Hien Tran †
8:15 am Muriel Camozzi †
Tue. 8/16 7:00 am Cindy Lipton (Birthday)
8:15 am Jim & Mary Jane McSharry (Living)
Wed. 8/17 7:00 am Mr & Mrs Maximo & children
8:15 am Vincent Tu Nguyen
Thurs. 8/18 7:00 am Jules Smid †
8:15 am Maria Tubojan (Living)
Fri. 8/19 7:00 am Mark & Rosalyn Antonio
(5th Wedding Anniversary)
8:15 am Edward Ganje †
Sat. 8/20 8:15 am Hermilio Gonzalez †
4:30 pm St. Felicitas Parishioners
Sun. 8/21 7:30 am Michael Frazier †
9:00 am Peter & Maria Tran †
10:30 am RCIA Participants (rec’d Sacraments of Initiation)
12:15 pm Maria Elsa Carbajal †

Adult Confirmation Class
Preparation for Confirmation for adults begins on Tuesday, September 6, 2011. We meet at St. Mary’s Center. Candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation during the celebration of the Easter Vigil on April 7, 2012.

If you have any questions about the class, please call Sheila Bickerton @ 510-351-8205.
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If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact me. Thanks, Sandi

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Shepherds Field
Olive Wood Handcrafts
A group from the Holy Land (Bethlehem & Jerusalem) will be here at St. Felicitas, on the weekend of August 27/28. They will be selling religious articles after all the Masses on behalf of the Christian Catholic families in Bethlehem.

These families work in small workshops to produce religious articles from olive wood that represent the Christian art of the Holy Land.

Sales will be used to help and support the Catholics in the Holy Land and to encourage them not to immigrate.

THANK YOU!

From Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist:

Dear Fr. Augustine:

Thank you for your generosity in remembering the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist through your financial assistance. Your donation is deeply appreciated.

We are grateful for your continued support of our mission—especially as we rely on this assistance to provide for the ongoing education and formation of our Sisters. Through the goodness of our friends and benefactors, we are working to expand our teaching apostolate to reach and form more children in the Catholic faith.

Please know that we remember you and your intentions in a special way every Friday in our prayers for benefactors.

Sincerely in Our Lady,
Sister Maris Stella, O.P.

Thank you for the 2011 Bundle Sunday & E-Waste Donations

The St. Felicitas St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) conference wish to thank Father Augustine, and our parish family for the Bundle Sunday and E-waste donations. The conference receives a $250 credit from the District Council of Alameda County SVdP for the full container of recycled e-waste and a $250 credit for a full container of donated clothing and items in gently used condition. Your donations directly help the community and the St. Felicitas St. Vincent de Paul conference. God Bless you.

Dimas Resendez, President
St. Felicitas SVdP Conference
¿POR QUÉ REZAR?

Los "extranjeros" que Isaías menciona, los "gentiles" de que habla Pablo, o los "cananeos" que cita Mateo son llamados a adorar en oración al verdadero Dios. Al escuchar las lecturas de hoy, tal vez nos sintamos tentados a preguntarnos: ¿Por qué rezar? Es una pregunta retórica; se equipara a preguntar por qué han de hablarse los amigos o los enamorados besarse. Rezar es una manera de relacionarnos con Dios, una manera de hablarle. Los apóstoles tuvieron la oportunidad de conversar en persona con Jesús encarnado. Nosotros tenemos la oportunidad de hablar con Dios en la oración. Nuestra relación con él debe ser entusiasta; no puede ser pusilánime. John Donne, un poeta y sacerdote inglés del siglo XV, supo cuáles eran las cualidades de una buena oración. Donne le pide a Dios que lo trate de manera diferente que a la mayoría de los cristianos. El poeta no quiere que Dios meramente "golpee, aliente, brille y repare", sino que también "rompa, sople, queme y me haga nuevo" (Holy Sonnets, XIV).

Se requiere una fe dinámica de nuestra parte para venir a Dios en oración. Como dijo Jesús una vez: "Toca a la puerta y se te abrirá" (Mateo 7:7). Tal vez requiera golpear la puerta hasta tumbarla, pero si perseveramos al igual que la mujer del Evangelio de hoy, veremos los resultados. (c) Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

El misterio de fe

El vocablo griego mysterion, no significa lo mismo que misterio en castellano. La palabra griega no describe algo imposible de entenderse, sino algo totalmente inagotable, infinito, que entre más se entiende o se vive, más consciente se es de su infinitud. Por ello es que la Eucaristía es un misterio, no en cuanto que no se pueda entender el ritmo y carácter de la celebración, o la presencia de Cristo en las acciones del pan y el vino, sino porque al entender la grandeza de Dios y su presencia en el sacramento, no agotamos esa infinita riqueza. Así pues, este misterio no es algo que sólo deba ser contemplado o aclamado; este misterio ha de vivirse diariamente por cada persona que lo ha celebrado. Los cristianos de los primeros siglos nos lo recuerdan: "no podemos ser cristianos sin la Eucaristía". No podemos ser discípulos de Cristo si no estamos dispuestos a vivir ese misterio en la vida diaria, a compartir el pan con quien tiene hambre y a vivir como Cristo vivió. Esta acción ha de transformarnos en lo que celebramos.

--Miguel Arias, (c)

Apreciados Padres de Familia o Guardianes

Después de nuestra celebración Eucarística, continuaremos distribuyendo aplicaciones para las inscripciones de preparación a la Primera Reconciliación y Primera Comunión.

También tendremos información para PERSONAS ADULTAS QUE ESTANBAUTIZADAS AUN NO HAN RECIBIDO LOS DEMÁS SACRAMENTOS.

Mas información? Comuníquese con Mercey Zamora (510) 347-1293 o bien, escribiendo Spanishmin@slstfelicitas.org