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.
Holy Mass – Introductory Rites
As we have noticed the flow of the Mass is not changing – the words of the prayers have changed. The following is an explanation of the Holy Mass.

Mass begins with the procession. We stand before the entrance procession begins. It is an act of honor; when an important person enters the assembly we stand up as sign of respect. The procession is led by the Cross; it reminds us that we are here because of Jesus' death and resurrection. The Book of the Gospel is held high - we honor it as it contains the Word of God. The Song or the hymn we sing help us to be united as a community of believers.

Presider begins the Holy Mass with the Sign of the Cross. The sign of Cross is the sign of a Christian. One becomes a Christian by Baptism. We are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. [No one is born a Christian. We become a Christian through baptism. If one is not baptized that person is not a Christian.] Sign of the Cross tells us that we always belong to God – we are God’s Children.

The greeting The Lord be with you is not just an expression of personal greeting like Good Morning or “Howdy”. It is a Biblical greeting found in the Book of Ruth 2:4 and in the Letters of Saint Paul. It expresses the desire that the Lord be present to the spirit of the entire community. It is a greeting to cheer up people and to encourage them. It tells us “take courage”, the Lord is with you.

And with your Spirit. When a man is ordained a priest, the Holy Spirit comes upon him in a unique way. “And with your Spirit” acknowledges the Spirit’s activity through the priest during sacred liturgy. We are filled with the spirit of God. Holy Spirit make us into a Church. It reminds us that the risen Christ is with us and we are entering a Holy Time of prayer.

Penitential Rite: Lord have mercy or Kyrie eleison (Greek). Mercy means kind and forgiving. God’s mercy has a twofold function - not only does it wipe away our sins but it replenishes it with virtue and other spiritual gifts.

The prayer, “I confess” has some changes. It includes the phrase “greatly sinned” and repeats fault. It helps us to cultivate a more humble, sorrowful attitude toward God. Repetition fully expresses our sorrow. In serious matters we deeply feel sorrow over our actions and apologize several times. This prayer recognizes that sinning against God is no light matter. Repetition helps a Christian express a heartfelt contrition and humbly admit that one has sinned.

Gloria: it is a joyful hymn of praise and honor. Bible tells us that God showed his glory to his people, that is, made himself visible to the people. God has done great things for us. God gave us life, a world to live in, the beauty of creation, and his Son, Jesus, who redeemed and saved us. Gloria is the Church’s song of awe and praise of God who continues to show himself to us. Most words in this prayer are taken from the Bible.

The collect: It is the expression, “Let us pray.” It is called the collect because it collects all the prayers of the assembly and offers to God. After saying, ‘Let us pray’ the presider pauses, giving time for the people to silently place all that is dear to their heart in the prayer to God.

Father Augustine
Events of the Week
Nov. 21 thru Nov. 26

| MON 11/21  | 8:30 am | School Bell Choir | AE Rm |
|           | 3:00 pm | School Choir Practice | AE Rm |
|           | 7:00 pm | Jr. High Faith Formation | School Hall |
|           | 7:00 pm | Catholic Daughters | Hall |
| TUE 11/22 | 8:30 am | School Bell Choir | AE Rm |
|           | 3:45 pm | Faith Formation Classes | School |
|           | 6:30 pm | Adult Confirmation | SMC Hall |
|           | 7:00 pm | Spanish Catechist Meeting | Hall |
| WED 11/23 | 6:00 pm | Faith Formation Classes | School |
|           | 7:00 pm | Spanish Prayer Group | AE Rm |
| THU 11/24 |            | THANKSGIVING DAY OFFICE CLOSED | |
|           |            | ONE MASS: 9:00 A.M. | |
| FRI 11/25 | 8:30-am | School Bell Choir | AE Rm |
|           | 7:00 pm | Spanish Children's Choir | Hall |
|           | 8:00 pm | Vietnamese Choir | AE Rm |
| SAT 11/26 | 3:30 pm | Confessions | Church |

Collections
Our Weekly Need: $11,500.00

Nov. 13, 2011

Sunday Collection $10,248.50
Children $ 19.00
Catholic Voice $1,241.50

Thank you for your generous donations.

Stewardship
Our Stewardship last week, in the amount of $512.42 went to the Christmas Cheer Project in Peru

This week’s Stewardship will go to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association

Today, we take up a Collection that helps fight poverty at its roots. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development has provided funding for groups that make lasting change & uplift the poor in the U.S. The Collection has helped secure funding for low-income day care centers, programs that emphasize education, and affordable housing in low-income neighborhoods. It has contributed to efforts to implement laws that enforce fair wages. Fight poverty in America. Defend human dignity.

Give to the CCHD Collection.

Thanksgiving
On Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 24th) we will have only one Mass at 9:00 a.m.

You are invited to bring any of your own thanksgiving feast items for a blessing at the Mass.

You are asked to write notes claiming what you are most thankful for and place them in a basket which will be placed on the altar and included in the prayers of the Mass.

The Church Office will be closed on that day.

The Shepherd King
The job of shepherd and the job of king couldn’t be more different from each other. Shepherds are on the lowest rung of society, kings are at the top. But God says, through the prophet Ezekiel, that the Messiah will lead in a way very different from earthly authorities who lord it over their people and cause harm with their poor leadership.

Our King takes on the job himself. Christ, like a shepherd, will give rest, seek out the lost, bring back the strayed and scattered ones. He will heal the wounded and bind up the injured. He does not delegate, but will “shepherd them rightly.” We have a king who cares for us and who is not afraid to “judge between one sheep and another” (Ezekiel 34:17).

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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 Lachmeyer, 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 Zefferaro, Hortense Prado, Mia Lara, Robin Lagatao, Elizabeth LeFargo, Paul DeFue, Sara Melin, Pat Boggs, Tom Alhaditi, Alejandra Reyes, Domonico Le

PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED……
Jesus Montoya

Mass Intentions Nov. 20 thru Nov. 27

Sun. 11/20 7:30 am St. Felicitas Parishioners
9:00 am Gary Gonzalez †
10:30 am Manuel & Helen Estes
12:15 pm Goiyta Cortedher †

Mon. 11/21 7:00 am Rose Lon Hoang †
8:15 am Angelito Salloman †

Tue. 11/22 7:00 am Peter Mary Ng Tran †
8:15 am All Souls †

Wed. 11/23 7:00 am Paul Nguyen
8:15 am Virgilio Labilles (Birthday)

Thurs 11/24 7:00 am Lucy Tarin (Birthday)
8:15 am Florentine Mamuyac †

Fri. 11/26 7:00 am Francisco Sousa †
8:15 am Joe & Mary Harmeyer
(56th Wedding Anniversary)

Sat.. 11/26 8:15 am Rosa Hoang †
4:30 pm Hermnio Gonzaga †
Sun. 11/27 7:30 am Juan T Fernandez †
9:00 am St. Felicitas Parishioners
10:30 am Larry Lucero †
12:15 pm Ramiro Arcografia †

ST. FELICITAS SCHOOL

In the spirit of Thanksgiving this month, I continue to feel very lucky to be working at such a vibrant community. Last month, I took the opportunity to visit over a dozen of the preschools in the area and make them aware of all the wonderful characteristics of our school. I was able to connect with teachers and directors and ask them to reach out to the preschool parents to attend our Kindergarten Information Night. We ended up filling the library with interested families, many of which signed up for a Kindergarten visit. Last week, 12 children and their parents visited kindergarten and enjoyed music, art, P.E. and even hot lunch! As a result, applications for the 2012-2013 school year have already started pouring in. We encourage interested families to call the school office to arrange for a Kindergarten visit and as always, we welcome students from all grades to check out the school Open House in January.

As I look forward to the upcoming holidays, I give thanks for the opportunity to serve alongside the incredible staff here at St. Felicitas Catholic School and for the dedicated families who entrust their children into our care.

I pray that you and your family have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving!
Abundant Blessings,
Meghan Jorgensen

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON

The Young at Heart Luncheon for December will feature Caesar Salad, Ham w/Pineapple Sauce, Candied Yams, Buttered Carrots, Corn Bread and Dessert.
Tickets on sale now in the Parish Office.

PS: We are looking for a few volunteers to help with the set-up and clean-up at these luncheons. If you can help in any way, please call the Parish Office and leave your name and phone #.

Help Saint Felicitas church/school or a charity while shopping GoodSearch.com. 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 nonprofits. 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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28
Thanksgiving Day–Suggested:
1 Kgs 8:55-61; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 1:39-55
Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37
Reconciliations: Advent 2011

Faith Formation
Tuesday, Dec. 6th – 3.45 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 7th – 6:30 Pm

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

A KING LIKE NO OTHER

We have not elected God as president. There are no referendums on God’s will, and no chance of recall votes. God as King seems strange in our democratic, individualistic society. Jesus experienced oppressive rulers—think of Herod and Pontius Pilate—but he connected his kingly status to humble service, and instructed his followers to be servants. He humbled himself, became human, suffered, and died for us. The Lord of glory hung on a cross of shame to free us from the bondage of sin and death.

He is Lord, King, and Judge, but his justice is intended to lead to our repentance and ultimate salvation. We believe “he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.” The scriptures say that God delays Christ’s return so we all have time to repent. Christ our King offers us true freedom as the beloved children of God.

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WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE PRAYERS AT MASS?

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent., Catholic parishes in the United States will be, for the first time in about forty years, using a new English translation of all the prayers. These prayers are found in The Roman Missal, the large book that we are accustomed to seeing the priest use at our Eucharistic liturgies. In the early part of this century, the late Blessed Pope John Paul II called for the original Latin Missal (the official prayer book for Mass for the entire Catholic Church worldwide) to be re-translated into the various languages prayed throughout the world. In particular, he and other Church leaders felt that the English translation could be improved. He called for new translations that would be much more like the Latin texts upon which they are based, so that all Catholics throughout the world would become more closely united by praying translations that were closer to the original. The words that we pray at Mass express our beliefs; it is important that the translations capture and express these beliefs clearly. The translation process has come to a culmination now, and today we begin using this new translation at Mass.

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INVITACION

La tarea del pastor y la tarea del rey no pueden ser más diferentes la una de la otra. Los pastores están en el último escalón de la sociedad, mientras los reyes están en el más elevado. Pero Dios dice, por medio del profeta Ezequiel, que el Mesías regirá de manera muy diferente a las autoridades de la tierra que oprimen a su pueblo y le causa daño por ser malos gobernantes.

Nuestro Rey asume el trabajo por sí mismo. Cristo, como un pastor, dará reposo a sus ovejas, buscará a la extraviada, traerá de vuelta a las perdidas y dispersas. Curará a las heridas y venderá a las lesionadas. **Él no delega, sino que las apacentará “con justicia”**. Tenemos a un rey que vela por nosotros y que no tiene miedo de “juzgar entre oveja y oveja” (Ezequiel 34:17).

La misa no termina

El sacerdote nos saluda una vez más, como nos saludó al principio. Nos da la bendición y luego, el sacerdote o diácono despide a la asamblea con una encomienda muy propia, ir en paz. La misa no se da por concluida, como quien rompe lo sagrado y lo separa de lo no-sagrado.

Es un envío pleno que hace el ministro ordenado para que vayamos al mundo, a nuestra vida diaria a ser el pan que hemos partido y compartido; a ser el vino alegre que lleva a la vida a los ambientes más distantes que, a veces, son los nuestros. La asamblea ha de ir animada por la Palabra de Dios que se le ha proclamado a ser la palabra viva de Dios en medio del pueblo mismo. Vamos fortalecidos por la comunidad eclesial con la que nos hemos hecho uno en comunión y con quienes hemos compartido de un mismo pan; vamos a ser comunidad en nuestros barrios y lugares de trabajo, a compartir nuestro pan con quien tiene hambre y a vivir la comunión aún por encima de nuestra diversidad de pensamiento.

Somos enviados a transformar el mundo, a “cristificarlo”, a hacer que sea como Cristo, a quien hemos recibido en la comunión.

Apreciada Comunidad:

El **Padre Nicanor Sarmiento**, quien ha venido presidiendo nuestra Eucaristia Dominical, por cerca de un año, ha terminado en Berkeley, sus **Doctorado en un ramo de la Teología**. Amablemente el nos está invitando para la presentacion publica de su tesis, que será el **Martes 22 de Noviembre a as 6:00 P.M., seguido de una cena y fiesta musical**.

La dirección es 4025 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Oakland Ca 94609. Tel del Padre (510) 655-9210

Sería muy hermoso que si esta dentro de nuestras posibilidades, lo acompañemos en señal de solidaridad con el y agradecimiento a Dios. Sus palabras son: **“Todos son bienvenidos para compartir mi regocijo”**

Merecy Zamora.