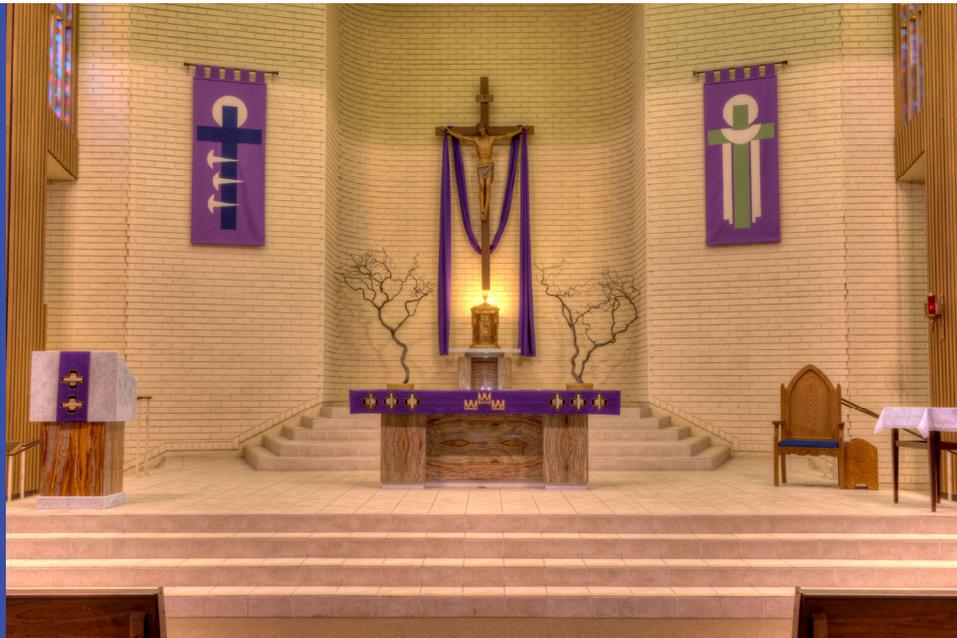




# St. Felicitas Catholic Church

1662 Manor Blvd. San Leandro • Email: stfelicitaschurch@comcast.net  
Tel.No. (510) 351-5244 • Fax (510) 351-5730

February 26, 2012 First Sunday of Lent



## Parish Staff

Rev. Augustine Joseph	286
Parochial Administrator	
Rev. Jayson Landeza	297
Parochial Vicar	
Rev Tran T Dinh , (In Residence)	
Vietnamese Ministry	288
Jose Prado Deacon (Retired)	
Mercey Zamora, Pastoral Assoc.	
(Spanish Ministry)	347-1293
Sr. Magdalena Duong,	287
Ministry (Vietnamese Community)	
Sr. Ancilla Marie	282
Pastoral Care	
Ida Valenzuela, RCIA	283
Sister Cecilia Chuong-Phan,	
Altar Servers	
Rosario Rivera, Secretary	281
Clare Zipp, Bulletin	284

## Religious Education Office

Sandi Walton	DRE	296
Mary Segismundo		285
Youth Services		
Ph.483-4880	Fax: 483-2626	
stfelicitasccd@comcast.net		

**Convent** 351-5577

**St Vincent de Paul** 706-1972

## 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.  
 Ph. 357-2530 Fax: 357-5358

*FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT*  
*February 26, 2012*

*Jesus remained in  
the desert for  
forty days*

*Your ways, O Lord,  
Make known to me;  
Teach me your paths.*



### **Come back**

The preparation for Easter used to be only a few days. Then it got extended to forty days, to remind us of the people of Israel in the wilderness and the time spent by Jesus fasting in the desert. Some people say Lent begins in earnest on the first Sunday. We can really start Lenten observances on Sunday!

Lent is springtime in the Churches, a time for rebirth and renewal. It is a time for drifters and wonderers to come home. I take it we all fit into that class, one way or another. There are men and women out there, as good or bad as the next, who may have just slithered away from the Church. I am sure that they have their reasons; but are they not missing something? "Come back to me with all your heart, fasting, weeping, mourning" (Joel 2). It is a cry from God's own heart, inviting us to turn around, get back on the track and do penance. It is a cry from the heart to God to our own hearts.

There are many cradle Christians that haven't come to terms with the demands of an adult Christianity. Lent is a time when God invites us to re-examine our faith, our commitments and return to HIM. Come back!

Some easy but helpful Lenten practices:

Attend daily Mass.

Pray daily Rosary.

Volunteer once a week at the local soup kitchen.

Extra devotional readings.

Spend more time in daily prayer & if applicable, pray as a family.

Spend less time on internet and use that time for reading the Bible instead.

Make a financial contribution to a charitable cause.

Lenten Prayer (From Catholic Digest)

"Lord, cleanse my heart, heal my soul, guide my steps, that I may proclaim your goodness and mercy always and everywhere. As day begins, may I praise You. As day continues may I honor You. As day ends may I bless You. Help me make my baptism a living reality. You live and reign for ever and ever, Amen

### **Lent specials at Saint Felicitas**

**Soup and Stations:** It is simple soup dinner on Thursdays of Lent at 6:00 PM followed by Stations of the Cross in the Church. It is free; all parishioners are welcome.

**A Special Evening with Marie Lawson Fiala (March 6<sup>th</sup> 2012):** We would like to invite you to an evening with the Catholic author of "*Letters from a Distant Shore*" - Marie Lawson Fiala - Her very special true story of faith, family and the miraculous power of prayer.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (March 27<sup>th</sup>):** When we think of Lent the image that comes to mind for most us is fasting from some food. The true meaning of Lent is much more than that. It primarily means fasting from sin and evil. If we are aware of something that is holding us bondage to evil, Lent is an opportunity for freedom and deliverance. This is where the sacrament of Reconciliation is important.

Father Augustin

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 26, 2012

Second Collection: Bishop's Appeal  
Children's Liturgy of the Word

6:30 pm Youth Confirmation Class in Gym/Hall  
**NEXT WEEK:** Second Collection: Maintenance



## MONDAY THRU FRIDAY DURING LENT

7:00 am and 8:15 am - Join us for morning Mass

## THURSDAYS DURING LENT

### SOUP & STATIONS

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Soup Dinner in Gym

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross in Church

\*\*\*\*\*

### Fast & Abstinence in Lent

The Season of Lent is a penitential season modeled on Jesus' 40 day fast in the desert. Traditionally, Lenten penance has included reducing the amount of food we eat and abstaining from meat.

Why do we fast? We fast to allow our physical hunger to remind us of our spiritual hunger and our need for God. Not only that—but we are to be reminded of the needs of the hungry and the poor.

**Fasting:** One full meal (with minimum food at other two mealtimes) and no food in-between meals (for people 18-59 years).

**Abstinence:** Not eating meat (14 years & older)

**All Fridays** of Lent are days of



Events of the Week Feb. 27 thru Mar. 3			
<b>MON</b> 2/27	8:30 am 3:00 pm 6:00 pm	School Bell Choir School Choir Practice Spanish 1st Reconciliation Prac	AE Rm AE Rm Church
<b>TUE</b> 2/28	8:30 am 3:30 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	School Bell Choir CCD Parent Faith Share Adult Confirmation Children's Choir Spanish Catechist Meeting	AE Rm SMC SMC Church AE Rm
<b>WED</b> 2/29	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	RCIA Spanish Prayer Group	SMC AE Rm
<b>THU</b> 3/1	6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm 7:30 pm	<b>SOUP &amp; STATIONS</b> Soup dinner Stations of the Cross Liturgy Meeting Spanish Youth Group	Gym Church SMC Hall
<b>FRI</b> 3/2	9:15 am 12:30 4:30 pm 8:30 am 7:00 pm 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	<b>FIRST FRIDAY</b> School Mass Adoration Benediction School Bell Choir Spanish Children's Choir Vietnamese Lenten Service Vietnamese Choir	Church Church AE Rm Hall Church AE Rm
<b>SAT</b> 3/3	3:15 pm	Confessions	Church

<b>COLLECTIONS</b>	Our Weekly Need: \$11,500.00
	<b>Feb. 19, 2012</b>
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 9,505.50</b>
<b>Eastern Europe</b>	<b>\$ 1,540.50</b>
<b>Children</b>	<b>\$ 27.00</b>

<b>STEWARDSHIP</b>	
Last Week's Stewardship of <u>\$ 475.27</u> went to the St. Anthony Dining Room.	
This Sunday: First Sunday of Lent	

Faithfulness in little things  
Is a big thing

**60TH ANNIVERSARY PARISH DIRECTORY**

*Schedule your appointment to have your portrait taken for the Parish Directory. Signups will be after Mass today and every week through March 4th. If a specific day and time is convenient for you or your family, sign up now to insure that day.*

**Parish Food Drive**

The St. Felicitas Chapter of St. Vincent de Paul is asking all parishioners to bring "non-perishable" items to assist the families in our community. SVdP Volunteers and donation boxes will be available at all the Masses next weekend: **March 3-4, 2012.** Thank you in advance for your donations.

Dimas Resendez, President  
St. Felicitas SVdP Conference

# Young at Heart Luncheon

**Wednesday, March 7, 2012**

**IT'S CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE TIME !!!**

(If you've been to one of these lunches, you know you are in for a treat !)

## MENU

Spring Salad /w Italian Dressing  
 Corned Beef and Cabbage  
 Red Potatoes / Carrots  
 Assorted Rye Breads  
 Cookies



Get your tickets at the Parish Office before Monday, Mar. 5.



## CLEAN SWEEP

Lent again, we may say with a sigh. What shall we give up this year? If we think only of depriving ourselves, however, we miss the point. Lent is a time for spiritual spring cleaning in preparation for Easter. The Church recommends three things for this season: fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. The purpose of these practices is to help us simplify our lives, to convert our hearts more closely to God, and to grow and develop as disciples of Jesus. Fasting may not only mean eating less, it could mean eating healthier foods. We can also fast from behaviors that damage others and ourselves, such as gossiping and anger, sexual immorality, misuse of alcohol and drugs, or smoking. Increasing or deepening our prayer during Lent is not just a matter of saying more prayers. If you are in the habit of prayer, try a different style of prayer: pray a psalm, try a new devotion, or silently sit in God's presence. Add morning and evening prayer to your day, pray with your family, be more mindful during Mass. Lent has been a traditional time of helping the poor and doing acts of charity and mercy. While we are supposed to be doing this year-round, Lent is a good time get involved and put ourselves to work. Giving alms can be done in more ways than just giving out money to people on the street. It can be done by helping family, friends, and neighbors out of tight situations or being more generous to employees. If you are able to give money at this time, increase what you give to your parish and to some of the many worthy charities such as the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, Catholic Relief Services, or Catholic Charities.

Copyright © 2011, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

## Pray for *The Sick & Homebound.*

Peggy Miller, Daniel and Raymond Bautista, Josie Herrera, Evelyn Lake, Shirley King, Julie Chin, Oscar Bickerton, Jose Julian Garcia, Bailey Gendreau, Jim Lachemeyer, Barbara Houston, Jack Bollinger, John Cooke, David Silva Jr, Audris Woo, Amanda Jean, Roseta Laguana, Lisa Bigman, Lisa Dmoski, Rhodera Posa, Mia Lara, Elizabeth LeFargo, Ladale Rohles, Rosalie Keller, Juanita Estrella, Alejandra Reyes, Madeline Oberti, Antonie Catubig, Bill Neveu, Stefanie Dugan Lowe, Jameson Munoz (4 yrs old) Maria Gallo, Juanita Estrella, Lucy Laris, Hoa Tran, Mike Pestana, Clarence Costa, Tony Pontes, Jack Kenny, Maritess Sanchez, Rose Pimentel, Barbara Holt, Eddie Enoiki Vy Thi Dinh, Peter Anh Nguyen

**Pray for the Departed :** Mason Yet Lontoc

## Mass Intentions Feb. 26 thru Mar 4

Sun. 2/26	7:30 am	Isidoro Iman †
	9:00 am	David Leon †
	10:30 am	St. Felicitas Parishioners
	12:15 pm	Ernest Zam & Christelle Sue (Living)
Mon .2/27	7:00 am	Melinda Mangahas DeLeon †
	8:15 am	Willie Alameda. †
Tue 2/28	7:00 am	Helen Silveira †
	8:15 am	Gracia Dias †
Wed.2/29	7:00 am	Pacifico Bigayan (Liv.)
	8:15 am	Natividad Salinas †
Thurs 3/1	7:00 am	Stanley Langnor & Leonard Vahey †
	8:15 am	Fran Schmitt †
	7:00 am	Brendan Murray †
Fri. 3/2	8:15 am	Miguel Bargas †
	8:15 am	Barbara Folse (Birthday)
Sat..3/3	4:30 pm	St. Felicitas Parishioners
	7:30 am	Jesus Montoya †
Sun. 3/4	9:00 am	Edna, Leo, Francis Jeanminette †
	10:30 am	Lucy Valenzuela
	12:15 pm	Glorialba Castillo & Dolores Potosme †

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46  
**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15  
**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32  
**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12  
**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26  
**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48  
**Sunday:** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

## Mark your Calendar ~

### Join us for a Special Evening with Marie Lawson Fiala

We would like to invite you to an evening with the Catholic author of *Letters From A Distant Shore* ~ Marie Lawson Fiala ~ Her very special true story of faith, family and the miraculous power of prayer. About *Letters From A Distant Shore* ~ Tragedy shattered Marie Lawson Fiala's life as a wife, mother, and lawyer when her 13-year-old son, Jeremy, was felled by a massive hemorrhage from a ruptured artery deep in his brain. Within an hour, Jeremy was in a coma, sustained only by machines. This memoir of a mother's ferocious care and fierce determination to bring her child home alive and functioning despite devastating loss will win the hearts of families who have ever suffered from physical trauma with loved ones. Readers will find their own faith in things unseen as Marie tells her tale of Jeremy's recovery and homecoming. *Letters From a Distant Shore* is both a profoundly spiritual work and gripping read. Marie will visit St. Felicitas on Tuesday, **March 6, 2012, @ 7:00 p.m.** in the Church and lead a faith-filled discussion and sign her book. We will have a few books available for purchase and it is available on amazon.com.

Questions? Contact Sandi - 483-4880

## November 2012 Ballot - Two Critical Initiatives

The Bishops of California have endorsed two state initiatives before they qualify for the ballot in the 2012 election:

**The Parental Notification Initiative (PNI)** requires a doctor to notify parents 48 hours prior to an abortion being performed on their minor daughter.

**The SAFE California Initiative (SAFE)** will replace the use of the death penalty for a capital crime with life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

The Bishop has asked that we gather signatures for both initiatives on the weekend of February 25-26 at our parish. We will have signature sheets available if you chose to support these initiatives.

Bishop Salvatore Cordileone has written a Catholic Voice column on the PNI in the January 23 edition, and a column on the SAFE initiative in the February 6 edition of the Voice.  
([www.catholicvoiceoakland.org](http://www.catholicvoiceoakland.org))

## SOUP & STATIONS

### SOUP SUPPER

Bring your family for a simple soup supper. Followed by Lenten prayer. Eating lighter, simpler meals is a Lenten tradition. Fasting & almsgiving go together. When we give up something during Lent, or eat simpler & less food, we can put aside money that is saved & give it to the poor. Please join our parish community on Thursday evenings during Lent & share in this traditional Lenten practice.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross are one of the oldest devotions in the Church. Pilgrims go to trace the via dolorosa (the way of sorrows) in Jerusalem where Jesus followed from Pilate's house to Golgotha—the hill on which He was crucified—and finally to His tomb. Those of us who cannot go to Jerusalem have the opportunity to make this pilgrimage journey in our own church. This is in the popular Lenten devotion. At each station, we pause to remember the event that took place there. Join together with the parish community to participate in this devotion on the Thursdays in Lent.

### FAMILY ACTIVITY

Periodically during Lent, take your child to the church and pray the stations. You could have your child draw a picture of each station (or choose one each week) or have them create one from modeling clay. If you would like a copy of the stations with reflections. Please stop by the Religious Education Office and we will provide you with one.

Sandi

## GREETERS

New Greeters' Schedules are now ready to be Picked up in the Vestibule Office.

For more information:

**California Catholic Conference** ~  
([www.cacatholic.org](http://www.cacatholic.org))

**SAFE** California Ends death Penalty ~  
([www.safecalifornia.org](http://www.safecalifornia.org))

**PNI:** Parental Notification Initiative ~  
([www.caparentalrights.org](http://www.caparentalrights.org))

## ARREPIÉNTANSE Y CREAN EN EL EVANGELIO

La Cuaresma es la época del año que dedicamos a examinar nuestras vidas a la luz de nuestro Bautismo en la muerte y Resurrección de Jesús. Las lecturas de hoy son un catecismo abreviado de lo que significa estar bautizados. Como Noé pasó por las aguas del diluvio a una alianza con Dios, así también nosotros entramos en una alianza, una relación con Dios, mediante nuestro Bautismo.



La carta de Pedro da una explicación explícita de lo que nuestro Bautismo significa: un llamamiento que hacemos a Dios para que nos dé una conciencia tranquila. ¿Cómo podemos obtener esta conciencia tranquila? Las palabras proclamadas por Jesús inmediatamente después de su tentación nos muestran cómo: “Arrepiéntanse y crean en el Evangelio” (Marcos 1:15). Podría ser un buen ejercicio espiritual mantener estas lecturas ante nosotros durante todo el tiempo de Cuaresma, un medio que nos ayude a volver a una vida vivida por las promesas bautismales. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Regresando a los tres pilares de la conversión, el ayuno es mucho más que el simple hecho de no comer, es aprender a negarme a mí mismo para que ya no sea yo quien vivo, sino Cristo que vive en mí. Es el negarme de ciertas cosas para dar vida a los demás.



El ayudar es poner en práctica la caridad y la justicia social. Es buscar el cargar con nuestra propia cruz y ayudar a los demás con la de ellos. En otras palabras, es practicar la misma generosidad de Dios quien hace caer la lluvia sobre los buenos y los malos, es amar sin distinción de personas.

Contemporáneamente, el orar es entrar en conversación con Dios, es recogerse para entrar en la presencia de Dios, con todo lo que uno es y todo lo que uno tiene, poniendo todo en las manos misericordiosas del Padre que nos ama.

Esta cuaresma procuremos hacer lo que debemos hacer todo el año: ayunar, ayudar y orar. Es difícil, pero no nos desanimemos porque el Espíritu Santo viene a nuestro alcance porque donde somos más débiles, Cristo es nuestra fuerza.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glez, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

*Mercey Zamora*

