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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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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.
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
July 3, 2011

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”
— Matthew 11:28

PARISH NEWS

We thank Most Reverend Salvatore J. Cordileone, Bishop of the Diocese of Oakland, for his pastoral visit to Saint Felicitas. It was a very busy schedule for the Bishop, with little time for rest. Our Bishop is a man of prayer and spends much time praying before the Blessed Sacrament. He is our Good Shepherd and we pray that God blesses his ministry and grants him all the necessary graces for the care of our Diocese.

100 of our young adults received the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is an occasion of great joy. I thank God for the gift of our young people and rejoice with their families and friends for this singular event. May the Holy Spirit who has come upon them so powerfully continue to guide and direct them till the end of their lives. May they bear witness to their faith and be always proud of being a disciple of Jesus Christ.

This year Father Dinh Tran is celebrating the Golden Jubilee of his priestly ordination. It is an occasion of great joy and celebration for us. He ministered in Vietnam for 14 years before coming over to the United States. He continued his ministry here especially among the new immigrants. We are all immigrants and children of immigrants. Many of us understand the socio-cultural, economic, linguistic and other challenges faced by immigrants. Perhaps more than them all, are the spiritual challenges. Father Dinh was there to assist the people in their spiritual journey and guided them to God and our Church. He was the Spiritual leader, guide and inspiration for Bay Area Vietnamese Catholics. In the name of everyone I would like to thank Father Dinh for his ministry and dedicated life. He is a great help at Saint Felicitas and a good friend in the Rectory. May God continue to bless him and his ministry. Please keep Father Dinh in your prayers. (Kindly read about Fr. Dinh in his own words on Page 5.)

Some of the maintenance work we planned for summer is either completed or well underway. Thanks to our volunteers, we have been able to refinish the school patio floor and take care of landscaping around the rectory. We are in the process of replacing the windows of the gym, refinishing the floor and painting the outside. I would like to thank all the parishioners who sponsored a window. We had a great and enthusiastic response from many generous persons and groups. So far we have raised $59,000 for the work. We still need about $40,000 more to complete the work. We trust the generosity of everyone.

I thank all of you for your prayers and greetings. I had a good vacation. I spent time with my parents, took my mother for doctor appointments and for visiting with her family and friends and also celebrated a memorial Holy Mass for my aunt who passed away recently. In Germany I was supposed to do two weddings for my cousin’s daughters. But one got cancelled (I realize these things happen). So I did one wedding; the ceremony was half in German and half in English.

We celebrate the Fourth of July. We thank God for the freedom we enjoy; we pray for our country and all its people. May we also enjoy spiritual freedom from sin and evil. There will be only one Holy Mass on July 4th at 9:00 AM.

Fr. Augustine
**Events of the Week**  
**July 4 thru July 9**

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| MON 7/4 |  | INDEPENDENCE DAY  
OFFICE CLOSED |
| TUE 7/5 | 9:00 am | One Mass: 9:00 am |
| WED 7/6 | 9:00 am | Money Counters’ Pot Luck  
Spanish Prayer Group |
| | 7:00 pm | Hall  
AE Rm |
| THU 7/7 | 9:00 am | Vacation Bible School mtg.  
SMC |
| FRI 7/8 | 9:00 am | Vacation Bible School mtg.  
Spanish Children Choir  
Vietnamese Choir |
| | 6:30 pm | SMC  
Hall  
AE Rm |
| | 8:00 pm |  |
| | 3:15 pm | Vacation Bible School mtg.  
St. Vincent DePaul Food Drive  
Confessions |
| | 4:00 pm | SMC  
Church |
| SAT 7/9 | 9:00 am |  |
| | 4:00 pm |  |
| | 3:15 pm |  |

**COLLECTIONS**  
Our Weekly Need: $11,500.00  
June 26, 2011

Sunday Collection $10,816.50  
Children $11.00

Thank you for your generous donations.

**STEWARDSHIP**  
Our Stewardship last week of $540.82 went to the Seminarians of the Oakland Diocese.

This week our Stewardship will go to the San Damiano Retreat House to help with their necessary repairs and refurbishing.

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**UNITY**

“Therein join hand in hand,  
brave Americans all!  
By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall.”

—John Dickinson

There will be no PRAYER FOR PEACE this Monday, but as we celebrate the birth of our country, let us also remember those who have given their lives for the country and let us continue to pray for them and for peace in the world.  
PRAYERS is our hope for a better world.

**Vacation Bible School**

**LAST WEEK TO SIGN UP!!**

Are your children looking for some fun this summer? Then you’ll want to join us for a week of fun at Vacation Bible School. This exciting program is being offered from **July 11th to July 15th**, running each day between 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Everyone between the ages of Kindergarten and 6th grade is invited! So be sure to sign up this week!

**SonSurf** is a fun-filled, Gospel-centered Vacation Bible School program your children will love! Every day is packed with activities designed to explore God’s wondrous love and celebrate our life in Christian community with others. Each day the children will experience:

* Lively worship  
* Kid-friendly Bible stories  
* Cool games, videos, crafts, and songs  
* And lots of friends!

Throughout the coming week, you may come by the Religious Education Office or the Parish Office to pick up the necessary forms! They must be turned in before **July 6th**! So be sure to get your children registered now! If you should have any questions, please call Sandi at 483-4880.

Donations Graciously Accepted for Vacation Bible School

**Snack List**

- Apple juice  
- Chips ~ individual packs  
- Fruit roll-ups  
- Fun fruit snacks  
- Otter pops or popsicles  
- Granola bars  
- Animal Crackers  
- Rice crispy squares  
- Fish Crackers
SIDEBY SIDE

“Come to me, all you who labor” (Matthew 11:28). When we are overburdened, weary, confused, or sick Jesus’ invitation is music to our ears, except for a small hitch. Jesus says, “Take my yoke upon you” (Matthew 11:29). How does this give rest to our souls? For generations, farmers have yoked young plough animals alongside experienced ones. The experienced animal trains the other by example. An older and weaker animal may likewise be yoked to one in its prime, so the stronger partner takes on the strain. Jesus invites us to take on his yoke so he can walk with us, helping us to do things his way. He promised never to leave us to “pull” alone. When it all gets too much or we lose our way, he will be there beside us—gentle, humble, but infinitely powerful and wise. At times when we are strong, we in turn can yoke ourselves to someone who needs that extra pull to get to firmer ground.

PRAYMENTS FOR THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE

We would like to keep all who serve in the Military in our prayers and in our hearts. If you know of any of our parishioners who are in the Military Services, or have a son or daughter in the Service, please contact us at the Parish. We pray especially for Karen Inskeep, Air Force; Angelo Lisondra, Army; Nelson Pena, Army; Benjamin Sacramento, Jr., Navy; Aurelio Sandoval Jr., Army; Shiloh Morrison, Marine Corps; Steven Accardo, Marine Corps. Michael Saragosa, Green Beret; Bruce Holmes, Army; Brian Pontes, Air Force; Manuel Guevara, Marine Corps. Denis Charles Gafke, Jason Buscovich, Army; Victor Avilla, National Guard; Omar Tejeda, National Guard; Michael Roe, Army; Kevin I. Ontai, Army National Guard; Marvin Terlaje, Army; Kyle Swatman, Marine Corp; Megan McClain, Army Nat’l Guard;

There is no pit so deep that God’s love is not deeper still.
Corrie ten Boom

The Sick & Homebound:
Peggy Miller, Daniel Bautista, Josie Herrera, Miguel Bargas, Evelyn Lake, Shirley King, Nellie Rogge, Julie Chin, Oscar Bickerton, Jose Julian Garcia, Pellini Family, Jewel Sharma Mary Giannelli, Bailey Gendreau Mary Macklin, Jim Lachemeyer, John Vargas, Rafael Iglesias, Barbara Houston, Josephine Mendes, Mary Mosser, Cyd Kriletich, Jack Bollenger, Theresa Pellini, John Cooke, Richard Hulsmann, Ilvo Camozzi, Salvador Costilla, Cesar DeLeon, David Silva Jr., Andrew Musumeci, Audris Woo, Joyce Guaraglia, Virginia Turner, Fermina Andrade, Tom Cherimack,

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 18:16-33; Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27
Day: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Dt 7:6-11; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30
Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Lk 2:41-51
Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30
A Golden Reminiscence

As I reflect on my journey to priesthood, first and foremost I thank God for the gift of perseverance. Due to the political situation of my country I had a tough time all along my early life. I was displaced from my home a number of times, and twice interrupted from my seminary studies; then there was the so-called “decisive-exodus” from communist-north to nationalist-south in 1954. All these heavily overshadowed my life and journey to priesthood. However, these trials, tribulations and sufferings made me more and more convinced that I had a call from God.

I was ordained a priest on July 12th 1961. All these experiences prepared me to face future challenges as a priest.

After “fourteen glorious years” of serving God’s people in Vietnam, socio-political events turned for the worse; the tide of Vietnam War dramatically changed in favor of the North. I was in the South. It was just hopeless. So I decided to escape to the United States and arrived here on 09-23-1975. The diocese of Oakland sponsored me to come here and asked me to organize as well as coordinate pastoral ministry to the Vietnamese Catholic community scattered throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

Now I am a retired priest, 83 years old, voluntarily serving the Vietnamese Catholic Community of Saint Felicitas, San Leandro. To me retirement doesn’t mean stopping priestly ministry; it is just taking a different avenue. Priestly ministry never stops. I continue to serve those in need.

Looking back at the past 50 years my prevailing emotion is one of gratitude. Half-century of priesthood is a remarkable gift. I can’t help but express my gratitude to the Lord for granting me this privilege of a life time. I am and always have been happy in my priesthood. I have had a tremendously happy and satisfying ministry. Thank you Lord.

Some memorable dates

Born: 7-11-28 Vietnam
Minor Seminary: 1944-1952 Vietnam
Pastoral Years 1952-1955 Vietnam
Major Seminary 1955-1961 Vietnam
Ordination: 7-12-61 Vietnam
Parochial Vicar 1961-1964 Vinh-Phu Parish
Pastor 1964-1970 Hoa-Tan Parish Vietnamese Ministry (Retired)
St. Felicitas Church 1993-

Back to School Drive

The St. Felicitas St. Vincent de Paul Conference knows children whose families need to spend their money on rent and utilities and cannot afford to buy their children the items necessary to do well in school or to do their homework. The weekend of July 9th-10th, we ask you to take an apple from our “Learning Tree” and donate items to children so that they can have what it takes to succeed in school. They need pencils, paper, pens, crayons, pencil cases, backpacks for both home and school. Last year we distributed over 30 backpacks filled with supplies and the children were thrilled and excited to receive them. When you see “buy one-get one,” think about “giving one” too. The collection is July 16-17th at the church. Thank you in advance for your kindness. Please be generous, as you always are.

Dimas Resendez, President
St. Felicitas SVdP Conference
El Vino

Mientras que el pan nos da la fuerza, el vino nos da la alegría. Su consumo no es tan esencial como el agua, pero al compartirlo hace sacra la vida aún más, refirma la amistad y significa también la vitalidad humana. El vino es la plenitud de la vida, es símbolo de la felicidad y prosperidad. Siendo el nuevo Israel, la Iglesia, es el nuevo vino que en ofrenda se presenta ante el altar. En el Antiguo Testamento el mismo pueblo de Dios fue comparado con una viña (Isaías 5:1 - 7). Al presentar el vino con el pan al altar, estamos simbolizando nuestra humanidad total, en sus procesos de cambio y aspiraciones más profundas. Este vino que ofrecemos, nos recuerda lo más íntimo y sagrado de un ser humano: su sangre y con ella la vida en todo sentido. Como cristianos, beberemos este mismo vino, siendo ya Sangre del Señor, porque con esta acción estamos dispuestos a beber su cáriz, a compartir su suerte, a asumir su cruz. Ofrecer pan y vino en el altar es ofrecer nuestra propia vida a hacernos pan para que todos coman: vino para que todos tengan vida en abundancia.

—Miguel Arias, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

COMPÁNERO DE CAMINO


¿Cómo puede esto darle descanso a nuestro espíritu? En otro pasaje del Evangelio Jesús reprende a los fariseos por ponerle muchas cargas de reglamentos religiosos a la gente y no hacer nada para ayudarlas con tal peso. Jesús no agobia a sus discípulos con enseñanzas que no pueden cumplir, sino que los invita a tomar su yugo y aprender de él, que es manso y humilde de corazón. Por muchas generaciones los agricultores han acostumbrado poner en su yunta un animal joven y sin experiencia en el arado junto a otro bien entrenado. Este último entrena al otro con su ejemplo y el animal novicio va poco a poco aprendiendo hasta que puede hacerlo por sí solo. Igualmente pueden poner a un animal ya al final de su vida laboral junto a uno que se encuentra en plena flor de su tiempo, para que el esfuerzo mayor caiga sobre el compañero más fuerte. Así sucede con nosotros. Jesús nos invita a tomar su yugo a fin de que él nos pueda enseñar, no poniéndonos más peso, sino caminando a nuestro lado y ayudándonos a hacer las cosas según su ejemplo. Él nos promete que nunca nos dejará para “tirar” solos de la yunta. Cuando el todo se convierta en demasiado o cuando perdamos el camino, él estará ahí junto a nosotros, con su mansedumbre y humildad, pero también con su infinito poder y su sabiduría. Y en esos momentos en que nos sentimos más fuertes podemos ponernos en yunta con alguien que necesita un empujoncito para alcanzar una tierra más firme. Copyright © 2010, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

CADA VEZ QUE HACES ALGO POR OTRA PERSONA, ESTAS AYUDANDOLA A "TIRAR" DE SU PESADA YUNTA. OFRECELE A JESUS CUALQUIER OBRA BUENA QUE HAGAS HOY, YA SEA GRANDE O PEQUENA.

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