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
Rodney Pierre Antoine
Principal
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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
July 10, 2011

You have crowned the year with your bounty,  
and your paths overflow with a rich harvest

Psalm 65:12

I would like to thank the many people who worked hard for the visit of our Bishop, Most Reverend Salvatore J. Cordileone to our parish. Kindly read our Bishop’s thank-you letter to all of us:  

Fr. Augustine

Dear Father Augustine,

Please accept my sincere thanks for the very warm welcome you, Fr. Jayson, Fr. Dinh and your parishioners gave me during my pastoral visit there to St. Felicitas parish last weekend. You really treated me like royalty!

I enjoyed the fraternity with the priests in the house and the time I spent visiting with the sisters. That was a real treat. I was also happy for the opportunity to worship with your parishioners and visit with them after the Masses. The music ministry in particular I found to be pleasing and uplifting.

It is always a highlight for me to celebrate Confirmation for our young people, and St. Felicitas was no exception. It was a large group of alert and alive young Catholics, who seemed to blend well amidst all of their ethnic diversity—a fitting symbol of how the Church is called to live.

Finally, I appreciated the lunch with the parish and available school staff Sunday afternoon, as well as the dinner with the members of the parish advisory councils that concluded my visit. I was delighted to see how happy and dedicated your parish leadership is, and to know as well of the strong stability of the parish school.

It was a very encouraging visit, and I again thank you all for your love of the Church and for all of the kindness you extended to me last weekend.

Praying God’s continued blessings upon you and the entire parish of St. Felicitas,

I remain,

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

Most Rev. Salvatore Cordileone

Bishop of Oakland
Events of the Week
July 11 thru July 16

| MON 7/11 | 9:00 am | Vacation Bible School Book Club St. Vincent DePaul
| 10:00 am | 6:30 pm | SMC AE Rm ? AE Rm |
| 7/12 | 9:00 am | 7:00 pm | 7:30 pm | Vacation Bible School Spanish Catechist Mtg. Facility Meeting |
| TUE 7/13 | 9:00 am | 7:00 pm | Vacation Bible School Spanish Prayer Group |
| WED 7/14 | 9:00 am | 7:00 pm | 6:30 pm | Vacation Bible School Baptism Class Spanish Children Choir |
| THU 7/15 | 9:00 am | 8:00 pm | Vacation Bible School Vietnamese Choir |
| FRI 7/16 | 4:00 pm | Confessions St. Vincent DePaul Drive Collection |
| SAT 7/16 | Church | Church |

COLLECTIONS
Our Weekly Need: $11,500.00

Sunday Collection $ 9,452.50
Maintenance $ 5,523.00
Children $ 11.00

Thank you for your generous donations.

STEWARDSHIP
Our Stewardship last week went to the San Damiano Retreat House.

This week our Stewardship will go to the Dominican Sisters of Mary of the Eucharist —— Ann Arbor —— An 11 year old congregation with many young vocations.

Vacation Bible School

Starts tomorrow Morning. Be There!!!!
9:00 am

Life-Changing Fun in the Son!

This coming week at SonSurf Beach Bash VBS, the children will have a good time! They’ll love the cool beach crafts, awesome music, and delicious snacks. In the midst of all the fun, we will keep the focus on Jesus. We believe VBS is all about reaching kids for Jesus! The catchy music makes it easy for children to remember the Bible lessons and keep Jesus in their hearts! The teachers will share with the children five life-changing Bible verses, including John 14:6, to help them understand who Jesus is and why they need Him.~~Sandi

THEME VERSE: “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’”~John 14:6

Thank you so much for your generous donations!
The snacks that you have provided will be enjoyed by the children attending our Vacation Bible School program this week! You have helped make this program possible for the children of our parish. What a wonderful opportunity to make a difference in the childrens’ lives.

With much gratitude~Sandi
GOD'S WORDS

Each day we are bombarded with thousands of words. From the moment our clock radios click on in the morning, until the last moment of the day when the television is turned off or someone bids us "good-night," our life is filled with words. Some words that we hear bring news that leaves us feeling low. Some words lift our spirits. Many of the words we hear are trying to get us to buy something. Some words are hurtful. Today the Church focuses our attention on hearing the word of God. Are God's words just more of the same--part of the endless stream of words that flow into our ears each day? The challenge today is to allow God's word to inspire us in new ways so that our outlook and attitudes align themselves more closely with the heart and mind of Christ Jesus.

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A BIT OF HISTORY

The Rosary originated as a medieval devotion of the laity. Mostly illiterate, the laity desired simple prayers that they could memorize and repeat over and over to help them meditate. In this they sought to imitate monastic communities who prayed and meditated on the 150 Psalms with the aid of counting stones. The practice of meditating while using a sacramental (sacred object) to count repeated prayers spread among the laity. The practice shifted to meditation on the life of Christ and praying a combination of repeated Our Fathers and Hail Marys.

PRAYERS 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 Parichice. 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; 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;

PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED........

Fermina Andrade, Mary Mosser, John Dela Houssaye,

Mass Intentions July 3 thru July 10

Sun. 7/10 7:30 am Lee Mello †
9:00 am St. Felicitas Parishioners
10:30 am Francez Suarez (Living)
12:15 pm Fr. Peter Nguyen
(25th Priestly Anniversary)
Mon .7/11 7:00 am Juvy Dedios Carpio (Living)
8:15 am Earl Granahan †
Tue.7/12 7:00 am Joe Riccio †
8:15 am Pilar Masikap †
Wed.7/13 7:00 am Charles Moscardini †
8:15 am Paul Dent †
Thurs 7/14 7:00 am Fr. Augustine's Intention
8:15 am Katherine Bonnici †
Fri. 7/15 7:00 am Benito Go †
8:15 am Bartly & Bernice Keany †
Sat.. 7/16 8:15 am Bill Sobrero †
4:30 pm Maria Nhan Ha †
Sun. 7/17 7:30 am Michael Frazier †
9:00 am Maria & Cecilia Tran †
10:30 am St. Felicitas Parishioners
12:15 pm Crisanto & Rosa Aquino & Ramon Avalos †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34 -- 11:1
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Ex 11:10 -- 12:14; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]
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

A keen sense of humor helps us to overlook the unbecoming, understand the unconventional, tolerate the unpleasant, and outlast the unbearable.

Billy Graham

THANK YOU!

A letter from St. Mary’s Center:

Dear Fr. Augustine,

Thank you for your contribution of $512.27
To St. Mary’s Center. Making a new ending is the goal at St. Mary’s Center for all we serve from preschool children to seniors.

At St. Mary’s there is a spirit that anything is possible. We offer the opportunity to change the direction of one’s life. There is immediate help for those in crisis and ongoing support to help people break old habits. Change is not easy; having a community of support makes it possible.

These are difficult times for many, especially the poorest in our community. Your generosity is like the sun pouring through the window. It builds our spirit and extends our reach. Together we are part of an amazing community where the darkest moments turn to light! On behalf of those we serve ~ our thanks.

Thanks so very much to all of the people of St. Felicitas.
Sincerely,
Carol Johnson
Executive Director

Challenge to Change

At this time of the year it is easy to see today’s Gospel in practice. Farmers and gardeners sowed, weeded, fertilized, and watered, and now begin to see the fruits of their labor. They sowed more seed than they actually needed, as nature is generous but also wasteful: no one who grows plants can tell you how many will survive and produce seed of their own. The parable of the sower, like all Jesus’ parables, stands conventional wisdom on its head and offers layers of new meaning. In Jesus’ day, the way of righteousness was spelled out in the Jewish scriptures. The person who lived as a pious Jew, following the Law of Moses, could be assured of many blessings. Yet, as Jesus often demonstrated, following the rules and living the life are not the same thing. Why does the seed of the word not bear fruit in everyone who hears it? Jesus quotes the prophet Isaiah, who describes people as dull of hearing with their eyes shut. Jesus explains this as a form of self-protection. If people really hear and really see, they might have to change. We may hear this Gospel with a hint of complacency. It is possible to hear this parable and enjoy it as a simple tale. After all, we understand it, and we are not like the rest. But is this true? Do we really hear the word? Are we really seeking its meaning for us? Do we allow it to take root in the good soil in our lives, or do we push it to the edges or let it get choked out by other priorities? Disciples are the ones who water and nurture it, and ask Jesus to help them produce abundant fruit.

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LAS PALABRAS DE DIOS

Cada día somos bombardeados por miles de palabras.
Desde el momento en que suena el despertador en la mañana, hasta el último momento del día cuando apagamos el televisor o alguien nos dice "buenas noches", tenemos la vida llena de palabras.

   Algunas palabras nos traen noticias que nos deprimen.
   Algunas palabras nos levantan el espíritu.
   Muchas de las palabras que escuchamos tratan de hacernos comprar algo.
   Algunas palabras son hirientes.

Hoy la Iglesia nos hace prestar atención a la Palabras de Dios.

¿Son las Palabras de Dios igual que las demás -parte de una corriente sin fin de palabras que fluyen por nuestro oídos todos los días?

El reto de hoy es permitir que las Palabras de Dios nos inspiren renovando nuestra perspectiva y actitudes para que estén en mayor consonancia con el corazón y la mente de Cristo Jesús.

El dinero y otros dones

Durante la presentación de las ofrendas, junto con el pan y el vino se trae la colecta.
El pan y el vino se llevan al altar y el dinero se queda en un lugar apropiado.

San Justino, en el siglo II, nos recuerda que al reunirnos a celebrar la Eucaristía no podemos "dejar de pensar en los pobres y necesitados"; este mismo dinero se da para "los pobres o para la Iglesia" y "se considera también como dones" (IGMR, 73).

El dinero como don, no es sucio y tiene mucho sentido compartirlo.
No hay que compartir lo que sobra, eso es limosna; la caridad como una corresponsabilidad por el pobre y por las necesidades de la Iglesia, sale desde el corazón. Damos a la Iglesia y a los pobres de lo que tenemos para vivir. Lo damos como agradecimiento por lo que hemos recibido.
No damos limosna al pobre para desentendernos de él, de sus necesidades y luchas; vivimos la caridad con él o ella como hermano que es, damos desde el corazón interesándonos por su calidad de vida, por su necesidad humana inmediata. Vivimos la caridad desde la compasión, no desde la lástima como se hace con la limosna. Dar limosna empobrece; vivir la caridad enriquece, porque sale desde el corazón y, como la viuda del Evangelio, damos cuanto tenemos para vivir.

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