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
   1650 Manor Blvd.
   Ph. 357-2530 Fax: 357-5358
DEVOTED TO PRAYER

Today, as we await Pentecost, we come to the end of the baptismal homily from Peter that we have heard over the past few weeks. This homily was written by a realist who knew the joy and the glory of a resurrection faith, but also knew that the strength of that faith would be put to the test and tried in suffering. Earlier this year we heard Jesus preach, "Blessed are you when they insult you . . . because of me" (Matthew 5:11) and this is echoed today by Peter. These words are also formed in the image of Christ who prays to the Father in heaven today, a prayer that is placed in John’s Gospel right before Jesus endures his suffering and death. Our awaiting the Spirit, awaiting our mission for Christ means that we are, most likely, awaiting some sort of trial and suffering. We don't endure the same degree of persecution that Peter and John knew, but each of us has our faith put to the test eventually. And it is for this reason that we, like Jesus and like those faithful followers gathered in the upper room, devote ourselves to prayer.

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FEAST OF FAITH

Preparation of the Gifts

The altar is prepared, the gifts are received. Several brief rites follow with accompanying prayers, some prayed silently by the priest and deacon and others said aloud. We call this part of the Mass the "preparation." What kind of preparation is happening? First, the presider holds up the paten or bowl containing the hosts, and says words that Jesus must have said many times, since they derive from ancient Jewish meal prayers: "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation!" We have brought forward our gifts, our offering to God, and now we acknowledge that they are not really ours—the gifts that we give are God's gift to us. It is "through your goodness" that we have gifts to offer. It is significant that we offer not wheat and grapes, but bread and wine; "fruit of the earth and work of human hands." Bread and wine are both God's work, and ours. These preparatory rites also prepare us for what we are about to do in the Eucharist, a mystery in which divine and human meet; a holy collaboration in which our action is caught up into God's divine plan.

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
June 5, 2011
ASCENSION OF THE LORD

9:00 am Mass: School Children’s Mass
Second Collection: Maintenance
Hospitality Sunday
12:15 pm Vietnamese CCD Graduation in Gym
6:00 pm Youth Ministry in Gym

NEXT WEEK: 2nd Collection: Catholic Communications

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COLLECTIONS May 29, 2011
Our Weekly Need: $11,500.00

Sunday Collection $ 8,164.50
Children $ 17.00

Thank you for your generous donations.

**STEWARDSHIP**

Our Stewardship last week of $408.22 went to Interfaith Homeless Network

This week our Stewardship will go to “Building Futures for Women & Children” (Helps homeless and battered women with children who have experienced homelessness, violence, addiction or poverty)

**BISHOP’S VISITATION**

Bishop Salvatore Cordileone, shepherd & leader of our diocese, will be with us for the weekend of June 25th & 26th. He will preach at all the Holy Masses & preside at the 10:30 and the Spanish Holy Masses. He will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to about 100 of our young people.

Bishop will also do an official visitation of our parish & review its pastoral & administrative life.

We extend a warm welcome to our Bishop and pray that his leadership will continue to strengthen the faith-life of our diocese and of our Parish.

**RCIA**

This month the Church celebrates the great Solemnity of Pentecost which marks the great gift of the Holy Spirit to those God the Father calls to be His own.

Perhaps you can think of someone who longs to have a closer relationship with our Heavenly Father and is looking for a place to fulfill that desire. Do you know of someone whose search has raised an interest in the Catholic Church and wishes to know more about church beliefs and practices? Perhaps you can plant the seed of hope in our Father’s loving care and in His promises fulfilled in the sending of His Son and the indwelling of the holy Spirit.

The RCIA process invites those who have questions about Catholicism to participate in group sessions that involve sharing, prayer, reflection, questions, discussion.

A new inquiry session will begin in late August and is for those who are not baptized, those baptized in another Christian Church, or baptized Catholics who have not received Confirmation and First Eucharist.

For more information, call the parish office, 351-5244, ext. 283.
Pray for The Sick & Homebound:

ST. FELICITAS SCHOOL

It’s hard to believe this school year is soon coming to a close. We have had a wonderful year as we continued our mission to educate hearts, minds, and spirits. We have been truly blessed as our students have experienced tremendous spiritual and academic growth.

We extend our congratulations to the Class of 2011 who graduated Friday evening. We wish them all well as they transition to high school next year. They are ready for their next challenge and we wish them all the best. The Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated last Friday morning. The liturgy was dedicated to our graduates. The 8th grade also participated in this Sunday’s 9:00 A.M. Children’s Liturgy.

Kindergarten graduation will be on Tuesday, June 7th at 7:00 P.M. Tuesday will be the final day of school for our Kindergarten class. Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Stephano, and Mrs. Degrano are extremely proud of their accomplishments this year.

Friday, June 10th will be our last day of school, which will begin at 8:45 A.M. and conclude at 10:00 A.M. We will close with a prayer service in the church at 9:00 A.M. followed by our final awards assembly in the gym.

We wish you summer blessings and look forward to the beginning of the next school year on Monday, August 22nd. Thank you all for your help and support.

Peace and God Bless,
Mr. Pierre-Antoine

Mass Intentions May 29 thru June 5
Sun. 6/5 7:30 am St. Felicitas Parishioners
9:00 am Austin Felarca (Birthday)
10:30 am Armado Jasso †
12:15 pm Cesar Berroya (Birthday)
Mon. 6/6 7:00 am Maria Hoa Nguyen †
8:15 am Alice Pontes †
Tue. 6/7 7:00 am Francisco Sousa †
8:15 am Peter Bong Ha †
Wed. 6/8 7:00 am Sylvia de Brussel (Birthday)
8:15 am Eugene W. O’Connor †
Thurs. 6/9 7:00 am Dominic Ramirez †
8:15 am Benjamin Laxamana †
Fri. 6/10 7:00 am Maria Dao Luong †
8:15 am Claiborne Whitworth †
Sat. 6/11 8:15 am Fred & Ursula Santos (Living) (Wedding Anniversary)
Sun. 6/12 7:30 am Veronica & Manuel Silveira (40th Wedding Anniversary)
9:00 am Diane Dolan †
10:30 am Francisco DeSousa †
12:15 pm Ignacio & Ruben Flores †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b7,12-13; Jn 20:19-23

NEW SCHEDULE FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We will begin the next four months rotation for Eucharistic Ministers on June 5, 2011. Please pick up your schedule in the vestibule office on the weekend or at the parish office during the week. We are grateful for your faithful & joyful service to our community. May God constantly bless you and your family with holiness, peace and love during this summer.

Debi Parker,
Sr. Magdalena Duong
**Vacation Bible School**

Planning your summer vacation?

Be sure to mark your calendars for the week of July 11th through July 15th.

Each day from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, all children between the ages of Kindergarten and 6th grade are invited to attend The Vacation Bible School — FUN for all!!

For more information, call Sandi at 483-4880.

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Donations Graciously Accepted for Vacation Bible School

Each summer our Religious Education Department provides one week of vacation Bible school for the children of our parish. This is a wonderful time filled with fun when the children are taught important Bible stories. Thanks to our generous parishioners we are able to do this ministry at no cost to the parents. Each day the children are given a snack. If you would like to help with the snacks here is our wish list:

- Apple juice
- Chips ~ individual packs
- Fruit roll-ups
- Fun fruit snacks
- Otter pops or popsicles
- Granola bars
- Rice crispy square
- Animal crackers
- Fish crackers

If you would like to contribute, please call Sandi at 483-4880 to see which items are still needed. All of these items are available at Costco.

Thank you for your generosity! — Sandi Walton

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**TIME FOR A CHECK-UP**

We all are given many blessings by God, but if we are not aware of what those blessings are, it requires some effort on our part to uncover them. This calls for periodic self-assessment. How often do you take time to reflect on the things you’re grateful for? Once a month? Once a week, at church perhaps? Maybe you say grace at mealtimes. Many of us would agree that counting our blessings is worthwhile, and several scientific studies have found that gratitude is linked to positive emotions and attitudes. However, experiments to investigate whether showing gratitude causes these things are harder to come by. Recently two psychologists studied a group of healthy students, and a group of adults with neuromuscular diseases. Participants completed daily questionnaires. Just writing down the things they were grateful for each day appeared to cause an improved outlook. Those in the group with disabilities also reported getting more sleep and feeling more refreshed when they awoke next morning. The researchers speculate that simply creating a daily gratitude list might also ease mild depression. Another researcher conducted a study comparing the well-being of lottery winners with people who had become suddenly paralyzed. Following the initial excitement over their newfound wealth, the lottery winners were no happier than the accident victims. The paralyzed individuals had to adjust to the shock of their new physical limitations but, after this early distress eased, they were much better able to appreciate the small pleasures and victories of life than those who were overnight millionaires, and they felt more optimistic about the future. This research may offer some additional insight into earlier research that showed that people with religious faith tend to be happier than non-religious people. Perhaps simple gratitude to God is more powerful than we acknowledge.

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*Everything I possess of any worth is a direct product of God’s love*  
Beth Moore
LA ASCENSION DEL SEÑOR

Entre voces de jubilo, Dios asciende a su trono, Aleluya!!!

Cristo glorificado es el hombre Nuevo. Entre todos los evangelistas, San Lucas es quien da mas realce a la Ascension de Cristo al cielo. Con ella termina su Evangelio y con ella inicia el libro de los Hechos de los Apostoles. Con esto san Lucas quiere afirmar que la Ascension cierra “el tiempo de Jesus” e inaugura “el tiempo de la Iglesia”. La Ascension es misterio u objeto de fe.

Es claro que sube quien antes habia bajado. Asi se muestra que Jesus bajo a este mundo y que ha ascendido como Cristo glorioso.

El final continuo es la glorificacion o Gloria, que es experiencia de Dios y culminacion de felicidad.

La ascension debe ser una “fiesta”. Con la Ascension, Jesus no ha partido, no se ha “ausentado”, sino que, por el contrario, se ha establecido para siempre en medio de nosotros. La Ascension es por lo tanto, una intensificacion de la presencia de Cristo, no una ascension local, que lo alejara de nosotros. Como el no ha abandonado al Padre viniendo a nosotros, mediante su encarnacion en el seno de la Virgen Maria, asi no se ha separado de nosotros para volver al Padre. No ha restablecido las distancias entre el cielo y la tierra, mas bien, todo lo contrario, ha restaurado las comunicaciones entre cielo y tierra, de manera estable.

Pero… si ya no es visible, Como sera creible en el mundo? Como actuaran los hombres para creer en esta su presencia? La respuesta es: !El, que quiere hacerse visible a traves de sus discipulos! Los Apostoles quedan en la Ascension como la Iglesia que edifica el Reino, sin evasiones de la realidad humana y esparcidos por el mundo.

Y seran mis testigos... Si todos debemos ser testigos, es necesario saber quien es y que debe hacer un testigo. Testigo es uno que “atestigua”, que “afirma” una cosa. Pero no todos los que atestiguan una cosa son testigos, solamente quien refrenda algo que ha visto y ha oido en persona. Es muy actual la frase de Pablo VI: “El mundo tiene necesidad de testigos, mas que de maestros”. La sociedad esta llena de maestros, ya sean verdaderos o falsos, pero escasean los testigos. Entre los dos roles hay una diferencia muy grande. El testigo es uno que habla con la vida. En este sentido el modelo de todo testigo es Cristo mismo, quien ante el procurador Pilato se defino como “testigo de la verdad”. Jesus ha vivido hasta la ultima coma o punto de lo que ha enseñado y ha dado su propia vida para ser testido de la verdad. Muchisimos hombres lo han seguido en este camilno; la Iglesia los ha llamado desde siempre: “martires”.

La Carta a los Efesios es uno de los textos del Nuevo Testamento, mas ricos en cuanto a su tema, que es fundamentalmente acerca de la Iglesia, nueva creacion y humanidad nueva, edificio compacto y cuerpo en crecimiento, Pueblo de Dios. El texto de la segunda lectura pide luz para la Esperanza; es un escrito que colinda con las ilmagenes del Apocalipsis, pero lleno de ideas tan sublimes que escapan un tanto a la explicacion: Cristo es presentado como manifestacion de la fuerza ponderosa de Dios, que le hace resucitar y subir al cielo, por encima de todo lo creado; la Iglesia es la plenitud de la obra de Dios, la que completa a Cristo, Cuerpo de Cristo, plenitud y consumacion de todo.

(Tomado de “Pan de la Palabra” 2010 —celebraciones dominicales y dias festivos)

Mercedes Zamora