Come Visit our new Candle Room

Parish Staff
Rev. Augustine Joseph Ext. 286
Parochial Administrator
Rev. Thomas Khue Ext. 297
Parochial Vicar
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Mass Schedule
Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am
12:15 pm (Spanish) 4:30 pm (Vietnamese)
Saturday 8:15 am, 4:30 pm (Vigil)
Daily (Mon-Fri) 7:00 am, 8:15 am
Holy Days 7:00 am, 8:15 am, 7:00 pm
1st Friday Exposition 12:30 pm to 4:45 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday, 3:15 to 4:00pm or by appointment

Baptism
4th Sunday of every month at 2:00 pm
Contact Parish Office for information.

Marriage
Arrangements to be made 6 months prior to the wedding

Parish Office Hours
Monday—Tuesday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Wednesday—Thursday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Friday 9:00 am - 12:30 pm
Sunday 8:45 am - 12:00 pm

Parish School 357-2530
Meghan Anne Jorgensen, Fax: 357-5358
Principal
1650 Manor Blvd.

Emergency 875-9163
(during non-office hours)
Thank you

We have installed electric candles in the candle room. We thank God and the members of our parish for making it possible. We have had an overwhelming response from our community. We have paid off the entire expense for the electric candles. Thank you for your generosity.

What is in lighting a candle?
Lighting a candle has meaning only when attached to sacrifice. As a candle burns itself out in the giving of the light, so our donation is meant to be a sacrificial offering to God to express our love and prayers.

Please light only one candle to embrace all your intentions.

No Fire Please
Kindly do not bring any fire or materials for making fire into the candle room. Consequently, it is not allowed to bring matches, lighters or wax candles into the candle room. Please do not bring flowers into the candle room as well. In case anyone notices people bringing wax candles/flowers into the room kindly remind them that it is not permitted.

How to light the electric candle?
Each candle has a switch in front of it. Please press and hold the switch for a second or so to light the candle. Once you light the candle it is controlled by a computer chip. You are not able to turn it off manually!

Donations for lighting the candle
We will notice two types of candles in the room - large ones and small ones. The large ones are white in color and the small ones come in two colors, red or blue. Donation for lighting large candle is (white in color) is $3; it burns for three full days. Donation to light the small candle (red or blue) is $1; it burns for a full day.

Transitions are always fraught with difficulties. We pray that everyone gets used to the change gradually with peace and joy. May our devotions continue to grow and help us in our spiritual growth.

Father Augustine
Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
August 3rd, 2014

No Children’s Liturgy of the Word during August.

Second Collection
This Week: Maintenance
Next Week: The Catholic Voice

FINANCIAL CORNER
July 27th, 2014

Our Weekly Goal $11,700.00
Sunday Collection $9,024.00
Amount needed to reach goal $2,676.00

Thank you for your generosity

Stewardship Report

Stewardship for June 29th of $451.20 went to our Parish St. Vincent de Paul.

Stewardship for July 13th of $480.33 went to the Dominican Sisters of Mary of the Eucharist, Ann Arbor.

This week’s Stewardship will go to the Missionaries of the Poor.

Next week’s Stewardship will go to the Missionaries of Our Lady of Guadalupe-Philippines.

Volunteer “Thank You” Dinner

Date: Tuesday, August 12, 2014
5:30 pm Evening Prayer in Church
6:00 pm Dinner in Parish Gym
If you have accepted our invitation please Mark Your Calendar!
We look forward to seeing you.

Our Annual Parish Picnic
When: Sunday, August 10th, 2014
Where: Lake Chabot Park
10:30 Mass will be celebrated in the park.
(There will not be a 10:30 Mass at Church) Mass will be celebrated in the park
Tickets will be available in the office until Tuesday, August 5th
CONFIRMED in Christ?

Let’s continue to awaken God’s light in you……

Come join our

St. Felicitas Youth Group

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

And be a part of an exciting, spiritually centered, fun, service oriented and meaningful team.....#YTP

(Earn service hours in the company of your friends)

We are looking for great Youth Leaders & team members!!!!

Interested: Attend the Meeting on Sunday 8/10/14 @ 7 pm

@ St. Mary’s Center (St. Felicitas Parish)

Contact: Geri 510-326-5693

LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM

† David Rocha
Who entered into eternal life
July 12, 2014

SIGN-UPS

**Sign-up for Confirmation classes**

Who: Baptized Teens between the ages of 14 and 18 years old.

When: August 10th and August 17th

Where: Religious Education Center

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

For more information contact:

Geri at 510-326-5693
“All is grace.”

Dearest Father Augustine, Father Dinh, Father Thom, Sisters, staff, and parishioners at St. Felicitas,

I am deeply touched by God’s love and grace, which He has bestowed upon me through the love you showed me at the farewell mass and reception on July 6. And He wanted me to continue to experience more deeply how blessed I have been during the last eight years ministering at St. Felicitas Church as I entered my annual retreat with my sisters in the days following July 6. Indeed, for me, the last eight years at St. Felicitas have been eight years of grace, for I have been welcomed and embraced by your love. Your words of encouragement, your prayers, and your support as I carry out my ministries with Eucharistic ministers, lectors, RCIA members, and money counters, have helped me fulfill my ministries. There is a Vietnamese proverb that says “một cây làm chẳng nên non, ba cây chum lại thành hòn núi cao” - one person cannot do anything, but a group of people can make a difference. I have learned so much from each minister that I have been blessed to work with. Eight years at St. Felicitas has been an invitation to grow in charity. Indeed, the shining example and commitment of the parishioners, the dedicated spirit to serve of the ministries, and the unity and love of the ministers, have given me much joy in the living Church of Christ. I have been especially impressed and happy to see the hospitality of the ministers and parishioners through the warm greetings, smiles, and hugs, which I feel is the distinct beauty of St. Felicitas. This beauty has helped me experience more fully the power of being united in prayer and love, which strengthens the faith of each member of the community and the conviction of having one another. I firmly believe that where there is charity, there is the living presence of God. Eight years at St. Felicitas has also been an opportunity for me to learn to serve selflessly. I still remember the very wise and holy words of a minister at the parish. When I asked her why she did not take a break after continuous days serving at Young at Heart and Loaves and Fishes, she said “God has given me so much. As long as I have the energy, I will continue to serve Him until the day I cannot do anything anymore.” Indeed, ministering at St. Felicitas has added joy to my religious life because I believe that I am contributing my small part along with many other fervent souls in building up the parish. Eight years sharing the ups and downs with St. Felicitas has been eight years of growing in religious life, of joyfully receiving and of joyfully giving. With grateful heart, I would like to express my gratitude to:

- Father Wayne Campbell, Father Augustine Joseph, Father Dinh Tran, Father Thom for providing me with the opportunity to minister at St. Felicitas
- The QuiNhon Missionary Sisters of the Holy Cross for your constant love and support, which has helped me to fulfill my ministry duties
- The staff members whom I have had the opportunity to share my ministry with
- All the ministers for your dedication and collaboration with me
- All parishioners and friends, for your love, encouragement, and prayers for me

In a special way, I would like to thank Father Augustine, staff, ministers, and parishioners for organizing my farewell mass and reception. I would also like to thank all of you who have given me words of encouragement and support as well as meaningful gifts. May God bless each of you in your Christian vocation, and may the beauty of St. Felicitas continue to flourish, so that you may bring every living soul closer to God. You are always in my daily prayers.

In Jesus Christ Crucified,

Sr. Magdalena Duong, LHC,

1685 Humphrey Drive, Concord, Ca 94519

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 8/4

Monday: Jeremiah 28:1-17; Matthew 14:22-36
Tuesday: Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Matthew 14:22-36 or
Wednesday: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Matthew 17:1-9
Thursday: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 16:13-23
Friday: Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Matthew 16:24-28
Saturday: Nahum 1:12 — 2:4; Matthew 17:14-20
Sunday: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33
LA GRACIA ESTÁ EN TODAS PARTES

La gracia está en todas partes. La gente de fe actúa según esa creencia. Los cristianos estamos llamados a buscar dentro de lo más profundo de nuestro ser para encontrar la presencia de Dios allí. Estamos llamados también a buscar afuera de nosotros para encontrarlo allí también.

La realidad de la gracia ha sostenido y alimentado a la gente por encima de todo. La Iglesia nunca se cansa de contar la historia de los panes y los pescados. Se cuenta seis veces en los cuatro evangelios. Nos podemos imaginar a los dudosos Apóstoles metiendo la mano en las canastas y encontrando pan y más pan. Anticipamos el final. Los Apóstoles se cansaron antes de que se acabara el pan.

En otro tiempo y lugar, Isaías también habló de una abundancia, esta vez de agua, miel y rica leche. Dios siempre es un dador de dones y nosotros los beneficiarios. Nuestra respuesta es la doxología o alabanza. En la segunda lectura Pablo proporciona las palabras y la actitud. La alabanza está en todas partes.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — A ver ustedes, que andan con sed, ¡vengan a tomar agua! Isaías 55:1-3).

Salmo — La mano del Señor nos alimenta; responde a todas nuestras necesidades (Salmo 145 [144]).


Evangelio — Todos comieron hasta saciarse (Mateo 14:13-21).

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Esta semana celebramos la fiesta de la Virgen de Copacabana. Copacabana es la capital de Manco Cápac, Bolivia. En dicho lugar, un descendiente de los reyes incas, Francisco Tito Yupanqui buscó esculpir una imagen de la Candelaria. Su primera imagen fue colocada en la iglesia por su párroco, pero llegó un nuevo párroco quien la sacó del templo por tosca y fea. El pobre de Tito viajó a Potosí, Bolivia, donde emprendió cursos de escultura. Con el tiempo esculpió otra imagen de la Candelaria. Esta vez estudió varias imágenes de María y mandó ofrecer una Misa a la Santísima Trinidad pidiéndole la inspiración necesaria para esculpir una imagen digna de la Virgen. Los años de práctica en su arte, unidos a su devoción, le ayudaron a esculpir una imagen fina y bella que en 1583 fue colocada en su propio santuario.

La Virgen de Copacabana tiene uno de los primeros santuarios marianos en América Latina. Curiosamente, se celebra el 5 de agosto, día que María hizo nevar en la antigua ciudad de Roma, Italia, para mostrar dónde deseaba tener su primer templo.

ORACIÓN Y HUMILDAD

Ármate con oración en lugar de espada; vístete con humildad en lugar de ropa fina.

—Santo Domingo de Guzmán