Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 13, 2014

You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest.
— Psalm 65:12

Mission Cooperative Plan

We are all missionaries by baptism. “Go and preach the Good News to all nations was addressed to all baptized persons. On the weekend of July 12/13, 2014, we welcome Sr. Benedicta Wasonga of the Immaculate Heart Sisters of Africa (IHSA) to our parish. The charisma of the IHSA is to help in the conversion of Africa through mission works that the congregation undertakes according to the needs of the time.

Society for the propagation of faith (History of modern mission appeal)

It was founded in Lyons, France, in 1822, as a result of the distress of missions in both East and West. In 1815, Bishop Dubourg of New Orleans was in Lyons collecting alms for his diocese, which was in a precarious condition. To a Mrs. Petit, whom he had known in the United States he expressed the idea of founding a charitable association for the support of Louisiana missions, which suggestion she cordially embraced, but could procure only small alms among her friends and acquaintances. In 1820, Pauline Jaricot of Lyons received a letter from her brother, a student at the Seminary of St-Sulpice, in which he described the extreme poverty of the members of the Foreign Missions of Paris. She conceived the idea of forming an association whose members would contribute one cent a week for the missions. The membership rose to a thousand and the offerings were sent to Asia. In 1822, Father Inglesi, Vicar-General of New Orleans, was sent to Lyons by Bishop Dubourg to visit his benefactors and reanimate their zeal. Seeing the success of Miss Jaricot, they thought at first of establishing a similar society for American missions, but decided to unite, instead of dividing, efforts.

A meeting of the friends of the missions called by Father Inglesi was attended by twelve ecclesiastics and laymen, and on 3 May, 1822, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith was formally established. Its object was declared to be to help Catholic missionaries by prayers and alms. It was understood that the new association should be catholic, that is, endeavor to enlist the sympathy of all Catholics, and assist all missions, without regard to situation and nationality. However, it is not the aim of the society to help "Catholic countries", no matter how great their needs may be, for that reason France, Italy, Austria, Spain, Portugal, etc. have never received help from it. For the same reason, as soon as missions are able to exist by their own efforts the society withdraws its aid, because demands are many and resources inadequate. In 1823, a delegate was sent to Rome and Pius VII heartily approved the new undertaking and granted the indulgences and other spiritual privileges that permanently enrich the society, which judgment has been ratified by all his successors. In 1840, Gregory XVI placed the society in the rank of Universal Catholic institutions, and on 25 March, 1904, in the first year of his pontificate, Pius X recommended it to the charity of all the faithful, praising its work, confirming its privileges, and raising the feast of its patron, St. Francis Xavier, to a higher rite. A large number of provincial and national councils (especially the III Council of Baltimore, 1884), as well as thousands of bishops from all parts of the world, have likewise enacted decrees and published letters in favor of its development. It receives contributions from all parts of the Christian world.

(From Catholic Encyclopedia)
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No Children’s Liturgy of the Word during July and August

Second Collection
This week: Immaculate Heart Sisters of Africa
Next Week: Catholic University/Latin America

Events for the Week of July 14th

| MON. 7/14 | 10:00 am Book Club SMC | 6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul AE Rm. |
| 7/14 | 7:00 pm Vietnamese Cursillo Church |
| WED. 7/16 | 7:00 pm Span. Adult Choir Practice AE Rm. |
| THUR. 7/17 | 7:00 pm Spanish Youth Group Soc.Hall |
| FRI. 7/18 | 7:00 pm Spanish Children’s Choir Soc.Hall |
| 7/18 | 7:30 pm Vietnamese Choir Practice AE Rm. |

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 14TH

Monday: Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:34 — 11:1
Tuesday: Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 11:20-24
Wednesday: Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16;
Thursday: Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19;
Friday: Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8;
Saturday: Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21
Sunday: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19;
Romans 8:26-27;
Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]

FINANCIAL CORNER
July 6th, 2014

Our Weekly Goal $11,700.00
Sunday Collection $9,606.50
Amount needed to reach goal $2,093.50

Thank you for your generosity

Stewardship for July 6th — $480.33 went to the Quinhon Missionary Sisters in Vietnam.
This week’s Stewardship will go to the Dominican Sisters of Mary of the Eucharist, Ann Arbor.

COMING SOON

Our Annual Parish Picnic
When: Sunday, August 10th, 2014
Where: Lake Chabot Park (near Estudillo Avenue)

10:30 Mass will be celebrated in the park.
(There will not be a 10:30 Mass at Church)

TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE SOON

“Thank You Dinner”
Date: Tuesday, August 12, 2014

Time: 5:30 p.m. - Evening Prayer in Church
6:00 p.m. - Dinner in parish gym

Check your e-mail.
E-Mail invitations have been sent
Watch for your invitations in the mail soon.

We will no longer have Holy Hour on Monday through Thursday at 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm in St. Joseph’s Chapel
Pray for The Sick and Homebound

** If any person in this list passes away to eternity, please inform the parish office so that we can pray for the repose of his soul.

LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM
† Raymond Salazar
Who entered into eternal life
July 1, 2014
† Dolores Esculambre
Who entered into eternal life

First Reading — My word will achieve the end for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:10-11).

Psalm — The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest (Psalm 65).

Second Reading — We, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).

Gospel — Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]).


Mass Intentions for the week of July 13th to 20th

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St. Felicitas Catholic Church
Mission Statement
The parishioners of St. Felicitas Church, following in the Catholic Tradition, are dedicated to:
Worshipping God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Receiving Christ through Word, Eucharist and each other.
Fostering a faith community of Justice, peace and forgiveness
Supporting those in need Through prayer, alms and works of charity
Imitating the holiness of the Apostles and Saints.
INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Are you an adult who...
- is interested in being baptized Catholic?
- was baptized in another Christian tradition and would like to explore what being Catholic is all about?
- was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation?

If you answered “yes” to any of the above, please consider joining our ongoing inquiry sessions for a chance to ask questions, learn more about us and about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the process by which adults join the Church. No commitment is required. For more information, call the parish office at: 510-351-5244.

GIVING OF ONESELF

Scientists have recently begun to discuss the idea that the primary force behind all life in the universe is self-gift. This is how everything from galaxies to human babies are born and sustained.

If we read the opening of today’s passage from Isaiah correctly, we see that he anticipated twentieth-century scientists by over twenty five hundred years. Using the self-giving example of the rain and snow clouds that water the earth that then yields fruit, which in turn is given over to nourish creatures, Isaiah leads us to understand that the primary force behind all life is the word of God. The ultimate giving of that word, we believe, was Jesus Christ, who, in the greatest revelation of divine love, gave of himself on the cross.

To what degree are we in touch with that self-giving God in whose image we are made? To what extent do we really follow the self-giving example of Christ into whose death and resurrection we were baptized, whose ultimate self-gift we celebrate every week in the Eucharist? With God’s help, our lives can be like Isaiah’s rain and snow, and we will not return to heaven until we have done our part to make the earth fruitful.

Confirmation Pictures can be picked up in the Parish Office.
There are limited copies of DVD’s Available for $25.00
Please contact Geri Lara at 347-1285

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat Dates

Has an abortion left you with a broken heart? Join our next Post-Abortion Healing group which offers hope, help, and healing for the soul in a loving, supportive environment, and results in life-changing transformations.

Experience the healing love of Jesus Christ during a Rachel’s Vineyard healing retreat. Retreat begins July 21st.

Pre-registration is required. To register:
call 415-260-4406
or email christine4faith@gmail.com
For more information on Rachel’s Vineyard: www.rachelsvineyard.org
RENUNCIAR A SÍ MISMO

Los científicos recientemente empezaron a debatir el hecho de que la fuerza primordial detrás de toda vida en el universo es la entrega de sí. Eso es lo que hace nacer y lo que sostiene a todo, desde galaxias a bebés.

Si leemos la apertura del pasaje de Isaías de hoy correctamente, escuchamos que él se adelantó a los científicos por unos 2500 años. Usando el ejemplo de la lluvia y la nieve que dan su agua a la tierra para que pueda dar fruto, que a su vez da su fruto para alimentar las criaturas, Isaías nos lleva a entender que la fuerza primaria detrás de toda la vida, es la palabra de Dios. El mejor ejemplo de esa entrega de sí, creemos que fue Jesucristo, quien, en la revelación más grande del amor divino, se entregó en la cruz.

¿Hasta qué punto estamos en contacto con Dios que se entrega y en cuya imagen hemos sido creados? ¿Hasta qué punto seguimos el ejemplo de entrega de Cristo en cuya muerte y resurrección fuimos bautizados; cuya entrega suprema celebramos cada semana en la Eucaristía? Es de esperarse que nuestra vida sea como la lluvia y la nieve para Isaías, y que no volveremos al cielo hasta que hayamos contribuido a hacer la tierra más fértil.

LA PALABRA DE DIOS HOY

La Liturgia de la Palabra hoy se enfoca en escuchar la Palabra de Dios. Isaías nos recuerda que Dios no retiene que su palabra llegue a la tierra y regrese a Dios sin resultado. La palabra de Dios es como la lluvia y la nieve que bajan a la tierra haciendo la tierra fértil y fecunda. Esta imagen de la Palabra de Dios es un telón de fondo apropiado para las parábolas que escuchamos hoy y que escucharemos en las próximas semanas. La parábola del sembrador y la semilla, que nos es tan familiar, se proclama hoy. Esta parábola parte de la metáfora del texto de Isaías. El Evangelio nos compara con toda clase de terreno: superficial, pedregoso, espinoso y rico. En el camino de la fe, ese caminar de toda la vida a la escucha de la palabra de Dios, pueden haber una o toda clase de esos terrenos. Hoy es claro que debemos cultivar el terreno para que sea rico y fértil. Cuando la semilla, la palabra de Dios, cae en ese terreno fértil tiene más probabilidades de echar raíces y crecer.

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