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Parish Office Hours
Monday—Tuesday                  9:00 am - 4:00 pm
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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 4:00 pm 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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Advent

Advent is a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. The term is an anglicized version of the Latin word adventus, meaning "coming".

Latin adventus is the translation of the Greek word parousia, commonly used to refer to the Second Coming of Christ. For Christians, the season of Advent anticipates the coming of Christ from two different perspectives. The season offers the opportunity to share in the ancient longing for the coming of the Messiah, and to be alert for his Second Coming.

The theme of readings and teachings during Advent is often the preparation for the Second Coming while commemorating the First Coming of Christ at Christmas. The historical coming of Jesus took place at the first Christmas at Bethlehem.

Some Advent customs
In England, especially in the northern counties, there was a custom (now extinct) for poor women to carry around the "Advent images", two dolls dressed to represent Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary. A halfpenny coin was expected from every one to whom these were exhibited and bad luck was thought to menace the household not visited by the doll-bearers before Christmas Eve at the latest.

In Normandy, farmers employed children under twelve to run through the fields and orchards armed with torches, setting fire to bundles of straw, and thus it was believed driving out such vermin as were likely to damage the crops.

In Italy, among other Advent celebrations is the entry into Rome in the last days of Advent of the Calabrian pifferari, or bagpipe players, who play before the shrines of Mary, the mother of Jesus: in Italian tradition, the shepherds played these pipes when they came to the manger at Bethlehem to pay homage to the infant Jesus.

In recent times the most common observance of Advent outside church circles has been the keeping of an advent calendar or advent candle, with one door being opened in the calendar, or one section of the candle being burned, on each day in December leading up to Christmas Eve.

Father Augustine
First Sunday of Advent  
November 30th, 2014

Father Augustine’s Farewell  
after 10:30 Mass in the Parish Hall  
Children’s Liturgy of the Word  
Second Collection  
Next Week: Maintenance

### Events for the Week of December 1st

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Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
Holy Day of Obligation  
Monday December 8th, 2014  
Masses are at: 7:00 am, 8:15 am, 9:15 am (school Mass) and 7:00 pm.

### Lost and Found
We have several items in our lost and found. Ladies black jacket, child’s colorful monkey, wool Kangol hat, SF cap, umbrella, several rosary beads, car keys (from 2 years ago), glass case, sunglasses, etc.

All items must be claimed by December 16th.

### Christmas Gift Drive
The St. Felicita, St. Vincent de Paul Conference is hosting a Christmas Gift Drive.

There will be an Advent Tree set up in the Vestibule after the 4:30 PM Masses on Saturday November 29th and Sunday November 30th.

There will be ornaments on the tree listing child specific clothing gifts needed. Please pick an ornament and provide your information to the SVdP member present at the tree.

Bring the unwrapped gift with the ornament back to the Church the following weekend Saturday December 6th and Sunday December 7th.

Our members will wrap and distribute the gifts to families in our area.

Thank you for making it possible for us to help those in need this Christmas season.

### Advent Reconciliation Services
December 3rd, Wednesday  
6:30—7:30 pm—CCD Students

December 9th, Tuesday  
3:45—4:45 pm—CCD Students

December 11th, Thursday  
10:30 am - 12:00 pm  
St. Felicitas Students

December 11th, Thursday  
1:30 pm to 2:30 pm  
Parishioners who cannot come to the  
Evening service on the 16th

December 16th, Tuesday  
7:00 pm—All Parishioners

### Reception for Father Augustine
Come and join us as we say “Good-Bye” to Father Augustine

When: November 30th, 2014  
after 10:30 am Mass

Where: Parish Hall

Bring your favorite “finger” food and let us celebrate Father’s time with us at St. Felicita Church. We wish you all the best, Father, and you will be missed.
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Let Perpetual Light Shine upon Them

† Trinidad Bigayan
Who entered into eternal life
November 18, 2014

† Agnes Loe
Who entered into eternal life

Come and join our Choir
for the Christmas Holidays.

Practice is at 7:00 pm in the St. Joseph’s Chapel. For more information contact Erik Krummell at: ekrummell@csdo.org or just join us for practice.
Guess Who’s coming to St. Felicitas?

St. Nicholas will be coming to visit the children in our parish on December 6th at the 4:30 pm Mass and on December 7th at the 9:00 and 10:30 am Masses. All the saints knew the joy of giving, but there is one saint who is the patron of giving gifts—St. Nicholas. He is the special patron of children and the poor. After his parents died, Nicholas gave all he had to the poor and needy. He loved Jesus very much and became a priest when he was nineteen years old. Later, he became the bishop of Myra. He showed his love for God by helping people. He was especially kind to poor people who had no one to help them.

In many parts of the world, children set their shoes outside the bedroom door on this night to be filled with treats. In the spirit of St. Nicholas, give an anonymous gift to someone who needs it—possibly an elderly neighbor or family member who is really feeling the budget crunch. Maybe a gift card or a box of candy with a card signed from “St. Nicholas” and spread the good cheer for which this saint has been known for.

St. Felicitas Parish Christmas Pageant

December 24, 2014
5:00 p.m. Mass

Children attending St. Felicitas School or Faith Formation Classes, from Kindergarten through sixth grade, are invited to participate in the Children’s Christmas Pageant at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. All interested children will be members of our choir; there are limited parts of the Nativity, which will be assigned randomly to the children. Practices will be held in the church on:

Wednesday, December 17 - 7:00 - 8:15 p.m.
Tuesday, December 23 - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

If your child/children are interested in participating in the Pageant, please contact Sandi in the Religious Education Office at: 483-4880.
Comunidad de la Iglesia Católica Santa Felicitas

El Ministerio Coordinador para la festividad de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, en Diciembre 12 del 2014, se regocija en invitar a todos y a cada uno, a participar en esta especial celebración. El HORARIO es siguiente:

4:45 A.M. Mañanitas en el templo
Iniciaremos las Mañanitas con una Matutina
Celebración de la Palabra y Oración a nuestra Señora.
Presidirá el Padre Alejandro Rodríguez.

5:00 A.M. Mañanitas y Loores a nuestra Madre Santísima. “Mariachi Serenatas Directo”

6:30 A.M. Recepción en el Salón Social.
(Mismo Mariachi)

Celebración de la Eucaristía
Presidirá Monseñor Antonio Valdivia y concelebrarán sacerdotes de la parroquia.-

Liturgia Musical: Mariachi “Colima”

6:45 P.M. Danza Azteca en honor a María de Guadalupe.

7:00 P.M. Celebración de la Eucaristía

8:30 P.M. Convivio Mariano en el Gimnasio “Monseñor McGinty.

¡Juntos como hermanos, miembros de una Iglesia e Hijos de María por herencia de nuestro Señor Jesucristo
¡Viva nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Patrona de México y Emperatriz del Continente Americano!

¡Todos en unidad Mariana como hijos de una misma Madre!