AUGUST 23, 2015
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS ETIQUETTE
Please,
Come to Mass early enough not to disrupt.
Leave late enough not to insult.
Worship reverently enough not to distract.
And dress proudly enough not to offend.

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 (Monday to Friday)  7:00 am - 8:15 am
Holy Days  7:00 am 8:15 am 7:00 pm
1st Friday Exposition  — 12:30 to 4:45 pm

Sacraments
Reconciliation—Saturday, 3:15 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.
Baptism—4th Sunday of every month at 2:00 p.m.
Contact Parish Office for information
Marriage—Arrangements to be made 6 months prior to the wedding.

Parish Office Hours
Monday - Tuesday  9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Wednesday - Thursday  9:00 am to 4:30 pm
Friday  9:00 am to 12:30 pm

EMERGENCY NUMBER  (510) 309-8097
(During non-office hours)
Welcome Back to Many New Beginnings

We have many exciting programs to begin as vacation time ends for most of us.

The new school year begins with a new preschool. We are grateful for all who have participated in its planning and look forward to introducing our youngest ones to the Lord's way.

There are workshops and formation meetings for the Lectors and Eucharistic ministers. There will be a commissioning for both the seasoned and the new ministers to look forward to.

The RCIA and Adult Confirmation Team have worked hard to prepare a program for those who want to know more about what Catholics do and why we do so. Those who are seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation will also be able to reach their goal of full consecration in our Faith.

We are in the process of preparing a new handbook for the organizations, ministries, and Faith Formation groups that include what was formerly known as Confraternity of Christian Doctrine for children who do not attend a Catholic School. We hope to introduce all to the many ways to become an active participant in our parish community.

The Youth Ministry for high school age students who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation is in the process of registration.

With so many opportunities for growth and giving, we are grateful to those who have spent the summer doing the Lord's work—giving of their time and talents. The vibrancy of parish life and community relies on the generosity of many hands contributing their energy, time and talent. “It takes a village”. . .is often quoted as what it takes to raise a child. That quote is pertinent to the product of parishioners participation.

May God bless all with the gifts of Peace, Love and Joy in these new beginnings.

Father Tom
Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 23rd, 2015

Confirmation: Mandatory Parent/Candidate Meeting
Next Sunday, August 30th in Church
Year 1—5:00 to 6:30 P.M.
Year 2—6:30 to 8:00 P.M.
No Children’s Liturgy during August

Second Collection
This Week: Capital Campaign

Spanish Mass
Please note that starting September 6th, 2015 the Spanish Mass will be At 12:30 P.M. instead of 12:15 P.M.

Events for the Week of August 24th, 2015

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FINANCIAL CORNER

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<td>Our Weekly Goal</td>
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Thank you for your continued generosity

Stewardship Report
Stewardship for August 16th of $470.28 went to a special need.

FREE BOOKS
There will be books on the table in the vestibule of the Church after all the Weekend Masses. Please feel free to help yourself.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING

When: Saturday, August 29th at 9 a.m.
Where: St. Felicitas Church

This will be a meeting and training for current Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion. Both Father Tom and Father Eddie have information about new procedures that will be implemented into the Liturgy. We will practice these procedures to make our privilege of serving flow more smoothly. If you are unable to attend this meeting we will schedule another meeting in the evening at a later date.

2015 — CONFIRMATION — 2016

We hope summer has been both fun and relaxing for you and your family!
As we begin our new confirmation preparation year, we would like to extend an invitation to all our newly confirmed youth to join us in making this year as blessed and memorable to our upcoming candidates. We are in talks of creating a youth group geared towards building camaraderie within the youth in our parish as well as creating more service opportunities for our youth and parishioners alike! This group can assist the youth ministry and will be meeting once a month. The goal is to have our youth practice their leadership skills and become a self-guided group who can represent the parish when needed. This group is set to be the stomping ground for our future Youth Leaders and Parish council.

Also please let me know if you are interested to join us (for a fee);
Nor Cal Youth Rally - 9/19/15 - Six Flags Discovery, Vallejo
St. Bede’s Youth Rally - 10/17/15
Walk for a Cure - 10/25/15 - Fort Mason, San Francisco

We hope you all are enjoying the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit and are now willing to share as you become the disciples of Christ! We appreciate your faith and support!

We miss you all. Please keep in touch! God Bless.

Geri Lara, Youth Ministry Coordinator, St. Felicitas Parish, 510-326-5693
If any person on this list is well and no longer in need of prayers please inform the parish office. If they pass away please let us know so we can pray for the repose of his or her soul.

Please Pray for . . .

Roseann Adam
Jesse Aguon
Dan Bautista
Raymond Bautista
Nelson Baylosis
Maria Beam
Yitikhan Behnke
Robert Billmire
Carol Boles
Ruth Brennan
Olivia Camcam
Pearle Cezaire
Julie Chin
Suzanne Cook
Angelita Corral
Dee Darbo
Gwendolyn DeVries
Monica Dias
Richard Duenas
Beverly Dunn
Maria Escobar
Juanita Estrellas
Conceicao Farinha
Dorothy Feich
Margarita Ferreira
Jeanette Frazee
Joe Fresquez
Aliston Goodwin
Rudy Griego
Connie Guaraglia
Joyce Guaraglia
Matilde Guerrero
Tillie Gumataotao
Mae Heasley
Linda Holt
Mary Lou Iannarelli
James Jandik
Sharon Jandik
Bertha Jardine
Sara Le Fargo
Virgilio Legaspi
Agnes Lemos
Joseph Leo
Barbara Maloon
Carmen Marinacchio
Madeline Marks
Ed & Rose Matty
Mary Jane McSharry
Joey Medeiros
Mel Mederious
Peggy Miller
Val Mumford
Teresa Nelson
Khoat Nguyen
Maria Nguyen
Tu Nguyen
Wyatt Norell
John O’Keefe
Ella Pennington
Mao Pham
George Peraldi
Paul Prado
Peter Purificacion
Joe Rivera
Dora Romero
Edgar Romero
Max Romero
Brandon Lee Salazar
Joseph Sanches
Darryl Shields
Peter Smith
Sheryl Smith
Toni Soulis
Anne Tran
Mary Valladon
Elisabeth Valdez
Daniella Varella
Maria Jesus Vargas
Mariah ‘Mia’ Vicedo
Jayla Walker
Denise Wehrman
Joyce White
Mary Young
Joe Zipp

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Who Entered into Eternal Life
Please pray for the souls in purgatory
Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them

Please pray for
Alex Bradley and his brother, Preston Ridgway, who are serving in the Middle East

Mass Intentions

For the Week of August 23rd to 30th

Sun. 8/23 7:30 am Donald Frazier †
9:00 am Edgardo Julian †
10:30 am Parishioners
12:15 pm Felipe Amezciua †

Mon. 8/24 7:00 am Jesse Telmo †
8:15 am Floro Cordero, Jr. †

Tues. 8/25 7:00 am Joseph †
8:15 am James Arro †

Wed. 8/26 7:00 am Marie Choury †
8:15 am Luis Rodrigo †

Thurs 8/27 7:00 am John Bai Phan †
8:15 am Julia De Sousa †

Fri. 8/28 7:00 am John Bai Phan †
8:15 am Julia De Sousa †

Sat. 8/29 8:15 am Stanley Dias †
4:30 pm Parishioners

Sun. 8/30 7:30 am Maria and Peter Ban Hà †
Marybeth Schewska †
9:00 am Ken Griffin †
Larry Lucero †
10:30 am Eric Castañeda †
Nenita dela Cuera †
12:15 pm Families: Ventura, Wense, Martínez, Vasquez, Perez. †

( L ) Living ( † ) Deceased
( A ) Anniversary ( B ) Birthday ( T ) Thanksgiving

Readings for the Week of August 24th

Monday: Revelation 21:9b-14; Psalm 145:10-13, 17-18; John 1:45-51

Tuesday: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Psalm 139:1-6; Matthew 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Psalm 139:7-12ab; Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Psalm 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Matthew 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Psalm 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Psalm 98:1, 7-9; Mark 6:17-29

Sunday: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; Psalm 15:2-5; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
It’s Time to Register for Religious Education Classes

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Registration for 2015-2016

All children, Kindergarten through 8th grade, who are not attending Catholic School should be attending Faith Formation classes. We offer classes for children in Kindergarten through 6th grade on the following days:

Tuesday 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. or Sundays 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

Junior High students (7th and 8th grade) meet on Monday from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.

We will be available after the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses the weekend of September 5th in the vestibule for you to complete the necessary forms to enroll your child for classes or please contact Sandi at 347-1282 in the Religious Education office during the week for an appointment.

MANDATORY PARENT/CANDIDATE CONFIRMATION MEETING

(At least one parent must be present)

Sunday, August 30th, 2015 at Church

Year 1—5:00 to 6:30 P.M.
Year 2—6:30 to 8:00 P.M.

Pilgrimage to Italy for the Year of Mercy in honor of Mary, the Mother of God!

Join me, Father Thomas Czeck, OFM Conv. for an 11 day Pilgrimage to Italy from December 28th to January 7th. I do not believe you can find a better price ($3,399.00 from San Francisco) from the West Coast for an 11 day pilgrimage of the year of Mercy. This will be my 3rd Pilgrimage to Italy. Father Jacob Carazo, who lived and studied in Italy, will be co-leading our group. We will begin in Venice and go on to Florence and Assisi before ending in Rome. We are taking reservations until September 19th or when full! For more information contact Our Lady of Grace Church at 510-537-0806.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

—Saint Francis of Assisi

Adult Confirmation and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is a process designed for adults who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the living God and enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts. By God's help they will be strengthened spiritually during their preparation and at the proper time will receive the sacraments fruitfully. Introduction to the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

Adult Confirmation is for those who are eighteen years of age or older, who have been Baptized and received First Eucharist but have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Often those people have not been practicing Catholics for a while. Many questions that those who are inquiring about the Catholic faith are questions that those seeking Confirmation have about their faith, as well.

This year the RCIA team is pairing the two groups in order to make use of their knowledge and other Gifts of the Holy Spirit. If you, or someone you know, is seeking more information about being a Catholic or is a candidate for Confirmation, please contact the parish office. The number is 510-341-5244.

Please pray for those who will be joining this group and for the team as they all begin their journey. We begin on Tuesday, September 1st, 2015. We will meet in St. Mary's Center at 6:30 p.m.
Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

Josué apremia a las tribus de Israel en Siquén: “Si no les parece bien dar culto al Señor, elijan hoy a quién desean dar culto”. Y el pueblo respondió: “No tenemos ninguna intención de abandonar al Señor para dar culto a otros dioses”, y empezaron a mencionar todo lo que el Señor había hecho por ellos ( Josué 24:15, 16).

Siglos más tarde, después de escuchar a Jesús definirse a sí mismo como el pan que debe comerse, los descendientes del pueblo de Siquén dijeron: “Esta doctrina es inadmisible. ¿Quién puede aceptarla?” Y muchos de sus discípulos “ya no andaban con él”. Jesús le preguntó entonces a los Doce si ellos también querían irse. Simón respondió: “Nosotros creemos y sabemos que tú eres el Santo de Dios” (Juan 6:60, 66, 69).

Nuestra respuesta es simple, pero tiene mucho peso al decir Amén (que significa “así sea”). Cuando la hostia consagrada es elevada acompañada de las palabras “el Cuerpo de Cristo” y cuando el cálib se ofrece junto a las palabras “la Sangre de Cristo” se nos pide el todo por el todo en nuestra fe cuando decimos “Amén”.

¿Acaso la familiaridad ha engendrado cierta conformidad? ¿Estamos tan acostumbrados a este misterio que ya raramente tenemos un sentido de asombro o de sobrecogimiento ante tal prodigio? El primer acto de fe es creer que Dios está presente en todas las cosas, aun en algo tan ordinario como el pan y el vino. Nosotros creemos que el pan y el vino se convierten en el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo. ¿Qué clase de conversión o cambio en nosotros debe acompañar el recibir al Señor?

Dios sueña con una familia compuesta de hijas e hijos amantes, que se reúnen alrededor de una mesa y dicen “Amén”, para después vivir la comunión en un mundo de cuerpos destrozados, de sangre derramada, de corazones heridos y de espíritus quebrantados. Cuando decimos “Amén” a este misterio, ¡cuánto pudiera suceder!

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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Vivamos la Palabra de Dios

Jesús, tú que viniste del Padre y volviste al Padre, y que permaneces para siempre en el corazón del Padre; tú que eres siempre la Palabra y la promesa del Padre que nos ama, concédenos ser “Amén” a la voluntad del Padre, tal como lo fuiste tú. Amén.

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Apreciada Comunidad,
Por favor tomen nota de la siguiente información:
A partir del Domingo 06 de Septiembre, la celebración de nuestra Eucaristía en Español, cambiará de horario. En vez del horario habitual de las 12:15p.m., comenzaremos nuestra celebración quince minutos más tarde. O sea a las 12:30 P.M.
Esperamos que este cambio sea benéficos para todos en nuestra parroquia.
Gracias por su entendimiento.
St. Felicitas Prayer Group
after 8:15 a.m. Mass