MISSION STATEMENT

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.
Second Sunday of Easter
(Divine Mercy Sunday)

April 11, 2010

Once I was dead, 
but now I am alive forever and ever.

--Revelation 1:18a

During the Easter season, we give thanks to God for the waters of Baptism that brought us new life in Christ. We give thanks to God for assuring us of our own resurrection to eternal life. We want others to share in that same Easter hope. Let us share it with them.

Easter is about death and new life. We should not separate the two, for without death, new life is not possible, and without life, death is the reduction of all meaning to meaningless extinction. Nature around us proclaims the glory of Easter. Easter is the real proof for what the Lord said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (John12:24)

We experience new life in many ways. Beautiful scenery, gorgeous sunset, spring time in full bloom, change in our attitudes and life style and so on give us a glimpse of new life, an experience of new life.

How is the resurrection experience different from experience of new life? When we read carefully the texts of our scriptures, that is not quite how it seems to have been understood, either in the Pauline letters, our earliest texts, or in the tradition of thecanonical Gospels. The resurrection was not a return to how things had been in the past. Paul speaks only of appearances of the risen Christ. The presence of Christ is a spiritual experience of the Holy Spirit: any physical presence is something which will be experienced only at the end time. The earliest part of the Gospel tradition speaks only about the empty tomb. It is in the later layers that we find narratives about a physical presence, and even then it is a mysterious presence, a body which, on the one hand, can eat and be touched, but, on the other hand, can appear and disappear and perhaps be in places far apart almost simultaneously.

Resurrection is completely different from any human experience we have. Even the raising of Lazarus from the dead is very different from the resurrection experience.

Although we cannot fully know, understand or experience the resurrection, we get a peek into its reality. Every time we forgive someone, share with the needy, or stretch out a helping hand we experience resurrection in a personal way!

— Revelation 1:18a

Father Augustine
**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**
**April 11, 2010**

9:00 & 10:30  Children’s Liturgy of the Word

5:30 pm     Youth Ministry in Church & Gym

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**Events of the Week: April 12 thru April 17**

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

**Sunday:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**
**April 11, 2010**

**Young at Heart**
**Wednesday, April 14, 2010**
Parish Hall - Doors open 11:30 am

**MENU**
Garden Salad, Meat Loaf w/Mushroom Gravy
Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, Rolls, Pudding Cups

Tickets on sale in the Parish Office
Deadline for tickets is Monday, April 12.

**FIRST COMMUNION**
**May 1st and May 8th**

We would like to encourage family, friends and members of the parish community to join us in prayer for the children of our parish that will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on May 1st and May 8th.

Prayer cards of the students that have been preparing for First Communion are available now and we ask our parishioners to take one of these cards home and remember that child in their prayers.

If you choose to pray for one of these children, we welcome you to send a card to that child. Please write the child’s complete name on any cards that you send. Cards for our First Communion students can be dropped off at the Religious Education office or St. Joseph Center by April 29th and we will forward these to the children.

Sandi Walton
The Sick & Homebound: For all who are ill that through the touch of Jesus, they may be restored to the fullness of life, especially for our Parishioners at this time:

PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED:
Estelle Souza, Aantonia Stengel, Nicasio Revilla, Febe Montoya

Mass Intentions April 4 thru April 11
Sun 4/11 7:30 am Amancio Vale †
9:00 am Narcisa Estrellas †
10:30 am St. Felicitas Parishioners
12:15 pm Brothers Villamizar & Carbajal (Living)
Mon 4/12 7:00 am Hoang Din (Living)
8:15 am Betty Griffin †
Tue.4/13 7:00 am
8:15 am Katherine Schmit †
Wed.4/14 7:00 am Benito Go †
8:15 am Angela Souders †
Thurs4/15 7:00 am
8:15 am
Fri 4/16 7:00 am Jose Goulart Silveira †
8:15 am Mary Guyette (Liv.)
Sat 4/17 8:15 am Clarita Presa Campana †
4:30 pm John Lassalle †
Sun. 4/18 7:30 am Jose & Edwina Silveira †
9:00 am Chuong Tran †
10:30 am Johnny Martinez †
12:15 pm Marbella Mejia (Living)

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE
We would like to keep all who serve in the Military in our prayers and in our hearts. If you know of any of our parishioners who are in the Military Services, or have a son or daughter in the Service, please contact us at the Parishice.
We pray especially for Karen Inskeep, Air Force; Angelo Lisondra, Army; Nelson Pena, Army; Benjamin Sacramento, Jr., Navy; Aurelio Sandoval Jr., Army; Shiloh Morrison, Marine Corps; Steven Accardo, Marine Corps. Michael Saragosa, Green Beret; Bruce Holmes, Army; Brian Pontes, Air Force; Manuel Guevara, Marine Corps. Denis Charles Gafke; Jason Buscovich, Army; Ruben SanJuan, National Guard; Victor Avilla, National Guard; Omar Tejeda, National Guard; Michael Roe, Army; Kevin I. Ontai, Army National Guard; Erica Ontai, Army National Guard;

RCIA

Did the Easter celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord place in your heart the desire to participate fully in the life of His Church?
Did you witness the joy of the newly baptized at the Easter Vigil?
Perhaps you brought friends or relatives to Church with you and they had questions about the Catholic Faith. If so, St. Felicitas welcomes them to join with others who are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church.
Meetings to explore the Catholic Faith through the RCIA process have begun and we welcome those interested to join us.
This initial phase allows much time for asking questions with no commitment required.

If you are not baptized, baptized in a non-Catholic Church, or baptized but have not received Confirmation & Eucharist, then these classes are for you.

Call the parish office, 351-5244, ext. 283 for more information.

Vacation Bible School
Planning your summer vacation?
Be sure to mark your calendars for the week of July 12th through July 16th and plan to have your children attend. Each day from 9:00 am to Noon.

Everyone between the ages of Kindergarten and 6th grade are invited!
If you should have any questions, please call Sandi in the CCD Office, 483-4880
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**Ministry at Convalescent Home**

On the surface, this ministry may appear only to be providing entertainment for the sick, but on the deeper level, it is so much more. We reach out and touch their hearts and heal their wounds by our loving care. We cheer them up as Jesus did during His ministry on earth. Our presence and recognition of the sick is more important than voices to sing.

**Who:** Everyone is welcome to join this Ministry.

**What:** We present sing-along songs.

**Where:** At Sunbridge & Redwood Convalescent Home

**When:** 2nd Wednesday monthly - 9:30 - 11:30 am

If you are interested in becoming a part of this Ministry, we welcome you. Please contact Sr. Mary Anh at 351-5244 Ext. 282

**Opportunity to Join a New Ministry**

Join us for St. Felicitas Mother’s group. Our group will present informal discussion topics on strengthening our vocation of motherhood & faith formation for our children in a warm & supportive atmosphere.

The second hour of our format will consist of informal mother-to-mother support for issues on raising children of all ages.

**All mothers are welcome to attend.**

New, expectant, and nursing mothers are especially encouraged. We also need the advice & expertise of you experienced moms!

Please call for further details or e-mail Jackie at jrf4jc@yahoo.com

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**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

**Married Couples:** Not church bells, not school bells, not wedding bells, but perhaps a ‘wake-up bell’, realizing that faith, knowledge and married love WILL grow by attending a “World-Wide Marriage Encounter” weekend!

Join us for our next weekend on May 14 - 16.

For more information, call: Ray & Roberta @ 916-806-4601 or Joe & Sue @ 925-680-7767 or go to www.rekindleyourmarriage.org

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**THANK YOU!**

Dear Father Augustine,

As each donation arrives and I sign the thank-you letter, I offer a prayer of gratitude for every donor who so generously supports the “Retirement Fund for Religious”. Your thoughtfulness and support of the Appeal as well as the generosity of the parishioners in donating $583.63 from the stewardship ministry means so much. It says to elder religious that the parishioners of St. Felicitas treasure the dedication and selfless sacrifice of the religious who worked in the community over the years. This gift is a wonderful reminder that God touched their lives through them. Your commitment to them is a heartfelt testimony to their faithfulness. Each religious, young and old, are grateful for your support!

Your support and the support of your parishioners are essential to the fund’s continued success. We are most grateful for all you do! You can surely rely on the prayers of the over 35,000 religious now over age 70 and the ever increasing numbers of religious who will be retiring very soon.

May God bless you as only He can!

Gratefully,
Sister Janice Bader, CPPS
Executive Director
LLAMADOS A SER TESTIGOS

Tomás probablemente sería el tipo de hombre que uno quisiera tener de su lado en un tribunal de justicia real. Aunque estuvo dispuesto a seguir a Jesús hasta la muerte (Juan 11:16), no se lanzaría a ir al mundo ahora e intentar dar testimonio de Cristo resucitado cuando sólo cuenta con "relatos de tercera mano" de otros apóstoles. No, él quiere evidencia inmediata, experiencia directa de Cristo resucitado y presente. Al final, Cristo resucitado le provee a Tomás la experiencia y la prueba que él necesita.

Muchos, cuando luchamos con nuestra fe y o con lo que creemos, nos podemos identificar con Tomás. Pero aunque nuestra fe fuera bastante sólida, encontramos a personas que son un poco como Tomás, que no creerán sí no pasan por una experiencia creíble de Cristo resucitado. Entonces, somos llamados a dar testimonio. Como Cristo, no podemos avergonzarnos de mostrar las heridas del Cuerpo de Cristo, la Iglesia. Hasta tenemos que permitir a otros que toquen y examinen las heridas. Pero también debemos saludarlas con la "paz" y saber que, en la gloriosa vida eterna de Cristo resucitado de entre los muertos, nuestras heridas no serán nuestro destino final. Nuestra alegría final es una vida transformada por toda la eternidad.

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EL MILAGRO DE LA RESURRECCION

Cada vez que celebramos la Pascua de Resurreccion escuchamos la alegre y esperanzadora proclamacion de que “Jesus ha resucitado” y naturalmente todos estamos de acuerdo; pero aunque conocemos de sobra estas palabras, es posible que el anuncio no siempre transmita la expectative que deberia causarnos. Pero el milagro de la Pascua encierra en si mismo el poder que es capaz de llevarnos hacia las profundidades del Corazon de Jesus. La resurreccion de Jesus contiene la promesa de que nosotros mismos podremos experimentar la resurreccion en forma palpable, que se manifiesta en una vivencia renovada del amor a Dios y al projimo, la gracia necesaria para PERDONAR Y LA FUERZA ESPIRITUAL PARA LLEVAR UNA VIDA CONSAGRADA A DIOS.

Al comenzar esta temporada de Pascua, imitemos la actitud de Maria de Betania, la hermana de Marta, que se sentaba a los pies de Jesús para escucharle, y pidamosle al Señor que nos enseñe a meditar detenidamente en el milagro de la Pascua. San pablo nos dice que la obra mas notable que Jesús realizo aquella primera Pascua fue ganar para nosotros la vida eterna: “Nosotros somos ciudadanos del cielo y estamos esperando que del cielo venga el Salvador, el Señor Jesucristo, que cambiara nuestro cuerpo miserable para que sea como su propio cuerpo glorioso” (Filipenses 3, 21). En otras palabras el mundo en que vivimos no es nuestro hogar definitivo; aquí somos extranjeros, inmigrantes, y eso significa que debemos vivir como asilados; es decir trabajar con gran esfuerzo para que este mundo sea mejor, valorar mucho la educacion y ayudar a quienes lo necesiten, Pero este mundo no es nuestra meta final, ni nuestro destino final. Somos ciudadanos del cielo y hacia alla es donde deben estar dirigidos los anhelos mas profundos de nuestro corazón.

Este ofrecimiento de la ciudadania celestial es lo que hace que la Pascua sea tan especial; esta es precisamente la razon por la cual Cristo vino al mundo. Dios nos amo tanto que envio a su Hijo a salvarnos “para que todo aquel que cree en El no muera, sino que tenga vida eterna” (Juan 3, 16). En efecto, el mensaje de la Pascua nos lleva a dirigir la mirada hacia el cielo, no una sola vez, sino en todo momento.

(Fragmentos tomados de La Palabra entre nosotros) Preparado por Mercey Zamora.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Los apóstoles hacen muchas señales y maravillas entre la gente. (Hch 5:12-16).
Salmo — La misericordia del Señor es eterna. Aleluya (Salmo 118 [117]).
Segunda lectura Juan, contagiado por el Espíritu, tiene una visión del Señor glorificado (Apocalipsis 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).
Evangelio — Jesús resucitado visita a los discípulos con su paz y con el Espíritu. Tomás, ausente, duda de la aparición de Jesús (Juan 20:19-31).

AYUDAR AL PRÓJIMO

Si de veras quieres ayudar el alma de tu prójimo, debes primero acercarte a Dios con todo tu corazón. Simplemente pide a Dios que te llene de caridad. . . con ella podrás lograr lo que quieres. —San Vicente Ferrer