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.

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Mass Schedule:
Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am 12:15(Spanish) 4:30 (Vietnamese)
Saturday 8:15am, 4:30pm (Vigil)
Daily (Mon-Fri) 7:00am, 8:15am
Holy Days 7:00am, 8:15am, 7:00pm
1st Friday Exposition 12:30-4:45pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
3:00-4:15pm or by appointment

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

Marriage
Arrangements to be made 6 months prior to the wedding

Parish Office Hours
Mon-Thurs 8:30am-4:30 pm Fri 8:30am-12:00 noon

Parish School
Rodney Pierre Antoine
Principal
1650 Manor Blvd.
Ph. 357-2530 Fax: 357-5358
A little girl had been shopping with her Mom in WalMart. She must have been 6 years old, this beautiful red haired, freckle-faced image of innocence. It was pouring outside. The kind of rain that gushes over the top of rain gutters, so much in a hurry to hit the earth it has no time to flow down he spout. We all stood there, under the awning, just inside the door of the WalMart.

We waited, some patiently, others irritated because nature messed up their hurried day. I am always mesmerized by rainfall. I got lost in the sound and sight of the heavens washing away the dirt and dust of the world. Memories of running, splashing so carefree as a child came pouring in as a welcome reprieve from the worries of my day. Her little voice was so sweet as it broke the hypnotic trance we were all caught in. ‘Mom let’s run through the rain,’ she said. ‘What?’ Mom asked. ‘Let’s run through the rain!’ she repeated.

‘No, honey. We’ll wait until it slows down a bit,’ Mom replied. This young child waited a minute and repeated: ‘Mom, let’s run through the rain.’ ‘We’ll get soaked if we do,’ Mom said. ‘No, we won’t, Mom. That’s not what you said this morning,’ the young girl said as she tugged at her Mom’s arm. ‘This morning? When did I say we could run through the rain and not get wet?’ ‘Don’t you remember? When you were talking to Daddy about his cancer, you said, ‘If God can get us through this, He can get us through anything!’ ’ The entire crowd stopped dead silent. I swear you couldn’t hear anything but the rain. We all stood silently. No one left. Mom paused and thought for a moment about what she would say. Now some would laugh it off and scold her for being silly. Some might even ignore what was said. But this was a moment of affirmation in a young child’s life. A time when innocent trust can be nurtured so that it will bloom into faith.

‘Honey, you are absolutely right. Let’s run through the rain. If GOD let’s us get wet, well maybe we just need washing,’ Mom said. Then off they ran. We all stood watching, smiling and laughing as they darted past the cars and yes, through the puddles. They got soaked. They were followed by a few who screamed and laughed like children all the way to their cars. And yes, I did. I ran. I got wet. I needed washing.

Circumstances or people can take away your material possessions, they can take away your money, and they can take away your health. But no one can ever take away your precious memories...So, don’t forget to make time and take the opportunities to make memories everyday. To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven. I HOPE YOU STILL TAKE THE TIME TO RUN THROUGH THE RAIN.

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them. Repeat this story to the people you’ll never forget. Let them know that you’ll never forget them. Take the time to live!!! Keep in touch with your friends. You never know when you’ll need each other -- and don’t forget to run in the rain!

Anonymous
Events of the Week
August 9 thru August 14

MON 8/9
10:00 am
6:30 pm
7:00 pm
Book Club
St. Vincent DePaul
Vietnamese Cursillo
Group
SMC
AE Rm
Church

TUE 8/10
7:00 pm
7:30 pm
Spanish Prayer Group
Facility Meeting
AE Rm
SJC

WED 8/11
7:00 pm
Spanish Catechist Meeting
AE Rm

THU 8/12
6:00 pm
7:00 pm
Meeting in Church before
VOLUNTEER DINNER
Church
Gym

FRI 8/13
7:00 pm
7:00 pm
8:00 pm
Spanish Choir
Spanish Adult Formation
Vietnamese Choir
Hall
SMC
AE Rm

SAT 8/14
3:15 pm
Confessions
Church

COLLECTIONS
August 1, 2010
Our Weekly Need: $11,500.00
Sunday Collection: $ 8,934.00
Maintenance Collection $ 5,365.00
Children’s Collection $ 6.00
Church Painting $ 3,455.00
(Total so far: $47,599.00)

Thank you for your generous contributions.

STEWARDSHIP
Last Sunday, August 1, our Stewardship of $446.70 went to Bay Area Crisis Nursery.

This Sunday, Aug 8, our Stewardship will go to the Missionaries of the Poor.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26
Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21 -- 19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2;
Ps 132; 1 Cor 15:54b-57;
Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,
10ab; Ps 45;
1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Parish Food Drive “Thank You”

The SVdP conference wishes to thank Father Augustine, our parish family, and the Vacation Bible School students for the generous donations of non-perishable items for the SVdP Food Pantry.

In the past year, we served 454 people with food in home visits. May God bless you for helping the needy in our community.

Dimas Resendez, President

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**R.C.I.A.**

If you or someone you know is interested in the Church and what it means to be a Catholic, St. Felicitas offers the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults process for those who wish to explore that possibility.

The RCIA process goes through distinct phases and rites. The first phase is the Pre-Catechumenate or the Period of Inquiry. Inquirers meet with the RCIA team in sessions to explore what the Church teaches and to ask questions about the Faith and Catholic beliefs and practices.

The sessions are informal and no commitment is required. A new Inquiry session will begin on Sept. 1st. Since the process for coming into the Church takes place over a period of time, now is the time to take the first step.

This period is the first step for those who will prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation next Easter.

For more information call the Parish Office at 352-5244, ext. 283.

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The one who walks in integrity walks securely.

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**Pray for...**


PRAY FOR THE DEPARED

Dena Maffei, Joaquin David-Malg

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**Mass Intentions** Aug. 8 thru Aug. 15

- **Sun 8/8** 7:30 am St. Felicitas Parishioners
- **9:00 am** Peter & Anna Nguyen
- **10:30 am** Virginia Baladad
- **12:15 pm** Arturo Don Lucas
- **Mon 8/9** 7:00 am Dominica Ramirez
- **8:15 am** Ruby Garibaldi
- **Tue.8/10** 7:00 am Theresa & Joseph Cao Huynh
- **8:15 am** Peter & Mary Tran
- **Wed.8/11** 7:00 am Mary Hien Tran
- **8:15 am** Ramon Fernandez, Sr.
- **Thurs8/12** 7:00 am Elias Posa
- **8:15 am** Alex Botello
- **Fri 8/13** 7:00 am Vincent Camacho
- **8:15 am** Lana Suarez (Birthday)
- **Sat 8/14** 8:15 am Viet & Nancy (Wedding)
- **4:30 pm** Angelina Faustino Aroma
- **Sun.8/15** 7:30 am Asuncion Villarigo
- **9:00 am** St. Felicitas Parishioners
- **10:30 am** Consuelo Vale
- **12:15 pm** Crisanto Aquino

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**RETOUVAILLE**

You Can Help Your Marriage - Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue…or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10’s of 1000’s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about, or to register for the September program beginning with a weekend on Sept. 10-12, 2010, call 510-648-7874 or email: Oakland@RetroCA.com or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com
ADULT CONFIRMATION

“Every baptized person not yet confirmed can and should receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, since Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist form a unity, it follows that “the faithful are obliged to receive this Sacrament at the appropriate time.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church.)

St. Felicitas Parish offers Confirmation preparation classes for adults. We will begin our next classes on September 7, 2010, in preparation for Confirmation at the Easter Vigil in 2011.

If you are interested, please call or visit the parish office @ 351-5244. Leave your name, number and request. The Confirmation team leader will contact you with more information.

Dear Father Augustine,

I would like to thank you very much for all supports you have given to support the Little Sisters’ ministries in Haiti. Since 2000, I came every summer to the Bay area in order to find new benefactors for our mission in Haiti.

We face many challenges right now about the earthquake last January 12. Everything is destroyed in my religious order. The work of 62 years has been destroyed in a few minutes.

Right now we need supports to rebuild and repair things. Our mother house was near the epicenter. I was on a balcony when the quake struck. I was lucky to be alive. We lost 4 sisters, 150 students, teachers, drivers and other employees.

We humbly write this request to you to ask you if you could help us. Any donation will be ok. I will be leaving on August 20 to get back to my country.

Correspondences are going to:
Little Sisters of St. Therese of the child Jesus, c/o Ms. Patricia Tilley, 7305 Ganges Courts, El Cerrito, CA. 94530.
We thank you by advance. May Our Lord bless you & your ministries.
Gratefully,
Sr. Denise

A Letter from Oakland Elizabeth House:

Dear Fr. Augustine & the Parish of St. Felicitas,

On behalf of the staff, volunteers and the women & children of Oakland Elizabeth House, thank you for your Parish’s generous donation of $496.48. Your financial support strengthens EHouse’s ability to continue with the daily work of opening our door to welcome families and provide a safe environment and a well-coordinated program to help families make real changes in their lives for a brighter future.

We are blessed by your generous support of the women and children of Elizabeth House. Thank you! You help us provide the opportunity for the mothers and their children to grow stronger as a family. This opportunity is one in which the mothers learn to become better parents, the children build their self esteem, and the mothers learn more about themselves to gain the skills and confidence they need to provide a healthy future for their families.

This can be difficult for a woman to accomplish alone, but is possible in a program like EHouse. We are ever so grateful to have you with us each step of the way to build a future for the families at EHouse.

Sincerely yours,
Lori Ottolini Geno
Executive Director

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 Buscovitch, Army; Ruben SanJuan, National Guard; Victor Avilla, National Guard; Omar Tejeda, National Guard; Michael Roe, Army; Kevin I. Ontai, Army National Guard
Dios ama a los que dan alegremente

Nuestra Iglesia es como un viejo guerrero. Ha tenido que enfrentar temporales, muchas tormentas y vientos, lluvias, rayos solares y demás elementos. Esta agrietada, tiene hendiduras y esta envejecida, pero aun así, allí ella está para nosotros – siendo un lugar de refugio y fortaleza, un lugar de oración y alabanza, de alegría y regocijo y un esencial símbolo de nuestra conexión con el Altísimo. Fuera de nuestra hogar, es nuestro hogar espiritual.

Nuestra Iglesia ha estado allí para nosotros. Es tiempo para que nosotros cuidemos de este monumento de nuestra fe, para hacerla lucir nueva. Es una reafirmación de nuestra fe, es retomarle a Dios el regalo de lo que somos y de lo que tenemos. Es el espíritu de gratitud lo que debe ser la fuerza motivadora que nos impulse en nuestra necesidad de dar y de ser parte de la renovación y pintura de nuestra Iglesia.

Ahora hemos comenzado el trabajo. El costo total del proyecto es de $81,440.00. Hemos dado los tres diferentes edificios a tres diferentes contratistas, después de haber estudiado los meritos de sus ofertas o estimaciones. El trabajo en la rectoría ha sido terminado. Las oficinas parroquiales, casi están terminadas y todavía están trabajando en la Iglesia. El trabajo stara terminado a mediados de Agosto. Invitamos de todo corazón a cada uno de los miembros de nuestra parroquia para que nos ayuden, especialmente dándonos soporte con sus oraciones, para que todo resulte bien.

Hemos seleccionado el color de los edificios, teniendo en mente la arquitectura, los alrededores, estética y otros factores relevantes. Pero aun teniendo en cuenta todos estos factores, para la selección que hemos hecho, estoy seguro que va a haber alguien a quien pueda no gustarle. A como decía Shekespeare “La belleza esta en los ojos de los que la contemplan.”

El financiamiento es ciertamente un factor serio cuando se considera cualquier trabajo. Yo espero y hago oración para que cada miembro sienta así “el trabajo es bueno para mi y para mi Iglesia y necesito contribuir”. No estamos haciendo ninguna colecta especial para la pintura, pero contamos con la generosidad de cada quien para completar el trabajo. Al presente, tenemos $4, 144.00 específicamente donado para el trabajo de la pintura. Invito a cada uno a ser parte del trabajo de pintura y a contribuir para eso. Puedes traer tu contribución a la oficina de la parroquia o depositarlo en la canasta de la colecta. Por favor escribe que es “para la pintura de la Iglesia.”

Muchas gotas forman el majestuoso y poderoso Oceano. Cuando cada uno, participa y contribuye a como el o ella pueda, es fácil completar el proyecto. A como dice la Sagrada Escritura “Cada hombre o mujer debe lo que decidió personalmente, no de mala gana o a la fuerza, pues Dios ama al que da con corazón alegre.” (2 Corintios 9:7)

Mientras tanto yo invito a cada uno a orar para que el trabajo sea completado bien, ordenadamente y en el tiempo establecido.

Fr. Augustine Joseph

Traducción: Mercey Zamora

ANUNCIO IMPORTANTE!

A partir de este Domingo estamos aceptando inscripciones para la preparacion a la Primera Confesion y Primera Comunion. Las aplicaciones se repartirán después de misa de 12:15 P.M. y se recibirán de igual manera. También pueden visitar a la Sra. Mercey en la oficina parroquial. Si necesita mayor información puede llamarla al número directo en su oficina (510) 437 - 1293 o bien al (510) 351-5244 ext. 293 Clases comenzaran el 26 de Septiembre, 2010.

Si el niño o niña asiste por primera vez, debe presentar copia del acta de bautizo y de nacimiento.

BIENVENIDOS A LA EDUCACION RELIGIOSA!

Mercey Zamora