You are cordially invited to celebrate Father Tom’s Silver Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood
When: Saturday, June 25th, 2016
Mass of Thanksgiving at 4:30 p.m. at St. Felicitas Church
Reception to follow in the Parish Hall

Please R.S.V.P. by June 17th to Father Tom or Sharon at stfelicitaschurch@comcast.net or (510) 351-5244
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 12, 2016

I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me.
— Galatians 2:20

Some more of Father Tom’s scattered thoughts . . .

It is clear that Jesus loves us and forgives us and invites us to walk with him!

**FAITH ---- REPENTANCE --- FORGIVENESS**

What is the key to forgiveness? Like King David and the woman in the Gospel, it is taking responsibility for our sins and being sorry for them. The Lord never tires of forgiving. It is we who are tired of asking Him for forgiveness. Forgiveness has no limits. Love overrules limits. As a follower of our Lord, Jesus Christ, love should be our foundation. A wonderful question for us to ponder this week is, “How much has been forgiven me?” We need to practice forgiveness every day in our lives.

“Lord Jesus, thank you for forgiving me, loving me, and accepting me just as I am.
Please help me to do the same for others by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen!”

After almost 7 years of dedicated service to our Pastoral Care Ministry for our sick and home-bound brothers and sisters, Sister Ancilla Marie has been reassigned to another ministry in her Congregation as a directress of Novices. We will miss her but we pray for God’s blessing in her new ministry. We are really grateful for her time and service to St. Felicitas.

We also want to welcome Sister Pauline Hang and Sister Elizabeth Diep to St. Felicitas Parish. Sister Pauline is now the Superior of the convent. She is not unfamiliar with us since she was assigned here a few years ago. Sister Elizabeth will be taking over the Pastoral Care Ministry. Please welcome them and pray for them.

As I celebrate my 25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination, I am very grateful to God and to the many people who have journeyed with me for the last 25 years. In order to express my gratitude to God and to you I would like to invite all of you to come to help me celebrate and give thanks to God on Saturday, June 25th, 2016 at 4:30 Mass to be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. Lots of food, music, beverages, and live entertainment.

_Gratefully,_

_Father Tom_
ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 12, 2016

Second Collection
Next Week: Catholic Voice

Events for the Week June 13th, 2016

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Lost and Found
We have glasses, sunglasses, rosaries, hats, clothing, gloves, a child’s jacket, jewelry, and miscellaneous other items. We only keep items for one month and then they are properly disposed of.

Jubilee Year of Mercy
June 12, 2016
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

On today’s Jubilee for Those Sick and Suffering Disabilities, Jesus encounters a woman who is “spiritually ill.” She is thus “disabled” from participating in Israel’s worshiping community or polite society. Bathing Jesus’ feet with tears, drying them with unveiled hair, anointing them (Luke 7:38) risk Jesus’ becoming “unclean.” Yet his mercy welcomes even such inappropriate behavior as her sincere manifestation of love: “Your sins are forgiven. Go in peace” (7:48, 50). Go not just in “peace,” but in shalom, the all-enveloping, life-changing assurance of God’s mercy. She is anonymous, “known in the city” only as “a sinful woman” (7:37). The character with name and religious title, “Simon the Pharisee” (7:36, 40), judges her harshly, but himself not at all, and thus forfeits God’s mercy. This Jubilee Year of Mercy challenges us to self-examination. In which role do we most often cast ourselves, humble sinner or judgmental Pharisee? Jesus declares that only by an unfailing willingness to show mercy to fellow sinners can we hope to obtain mercy ourselves (see Misericordiae Vultus, 9).

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**Readings for the Week of June 13th**

**Sunday**
- 7:30 am: Maria Ha Nhan †
- 9:00 am: FATHER’S DAY NOVENA
- 10:30 am: Philip Erlwein †
- 12:30 pm: Yarely Morena (B)

**Monday**
- 7:00 am: Peter Nguyen & All the Souls †
- 8:15 am: Father’s Day Novena
- 10:30 am: Father’s Day Novena
- 12:30 pm: Father’s Day Novena

**Tuesday**
- 7:00 am: Peter Nguyen & All the Souls †
- 8:15 am: Father’s Day Novena

**Wednesday**
- 7:00 am: Father’s Day Novena
- 8:15 am: Carlos Aguon †

**Thursday**
- 8:15 am: Father’s Day Novena

**Friday**
- 7:00 am: Father’s Day Novena
- 8:15 am: Father’s Day Novena

**Saturday**
- 8:15 am: Father’s Day Novena

**Sunday**
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- 12:30 pm: Father’s Day Novena

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Week of June 12, 2016**

**Financial Corner**

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- Stewardship of June 5th of $498.65 went to the Seminarians of the Oakland Diocese.

**Who Entered into Eternal Life**

John O’Malley † — June 3, 2016

**Let perpetual light shine upon them**

**Pray the Rosary for World Peace**

- 7:30 am: Church (daily)
- 8:45 am: Church (Mon-Tues-Wed-Fri-Sat)
- 8:45 am: S.J. Chapel on Thursday

**Healing Mass**

Please note that there will not be a Healing Mass during the months of June or July. Next Healing Mass will be announced.

**Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

Come and join us for this devotion every Tuesday morning after the 7:00 a.m. morning Mass.

**Readings for the Week of June 13th**

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10 Reasons to Attend VBS

10 ~ Makes faith FUN with catchy music and songs!
9 ~ Builds community and new friendships among parishioners of all ages.
8 ~ Shares stories of our Catholic Saints.
7 ~ Engages families in parish life and helps them live their faith at home.
6 ~ Brings Scripture to life.
5 ~ Makes faith a priority in the summertime.
4 ~ Encourages children to reach out to the needy in their neighborhood and around the world.
3 ~ Welcomes all children and families to the parish.
2 ~ Teaches children the basics of our Catholic faith.
1 ~ And the #1 reason…VBS Reinforces the everlasting promise that God loves every one of us!

To register, pick up registration form at the parish office or school office. If you have any questions please call 510 347-1282.

FORGIVENESS

To forgive is to set a prisoner free and to discover that the prisoner is me.
—Anonymous

Calling All Women!

Magnificat, A Ministry to Catholic Women
Would like to invite all Catholic Women to our upcoming Prayer Breakfast.
June 18th 9:30-12:30
St. Mary’s Church Gymnasium
2039 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Walnut Creek
We are excited to welcome Cheryl Ward-Kaiser as she shares her inspirational journey from tragedy to forgiveness. In this Year of Mercy, Cheryl has so much to teach us.

Reservations are $21/ $25 after June 11th.
Please go to www.magnificatsoti.org for info or call Maribel at (925) 788-7762

Please join us the last Wednesday of every month for a Magnificat evening of Rosary, Praise, and Prayer. We begin at 7:00 in Our Place at St. Mary’s Church. Jim Crowley will lead us in prayer and song along with teachings on the gifts and charisms of the Holy Spirit.

HOPE AND FORGIVENESS

There were some interesting conceptions of sin prevalent in the time of the Hebrew scriptures. There was the belief that God punished sin immediately. Those who suffered disease or misfortune were, therefore, sinners getting their due from the Almighty.

Today’s first reading hints at another kind of God. When David admits his sin, Nathan declares, “The LORD on his part has forgiven your sin” (2 Samuel 12:13b). Here was not a vengeful God but a merciful God. What good news that must have been to David and those who, like him, could be honest enough to admit their sinfulness!

Jesus is the good news of God’s mercy and forgiveness incarnate. Without Jesus, perhaps the good news would have been too good to believe, too difficult to imagine. But there he is in today’s Gospel, the God-man, forgiving a sinner and declaring that she is forgiven because of her great love.

There is hope, then, for the rest of us sinners, if only we love enough!
Había algunas concepciones interesantes sobre el pecado que prevalecían en la época de las Escrituras hebreas. Estaba la creencia de que Dios castigaba inmediatamente el pecado. Los que sufrían alguna enfermedad o desgracia eran, por lo tanto, pecadores que recibían su merecido del Todopoderoso.

La primera lectura de hoy nos muestra a otro tipo de Dios. Cuando David admite su pecado, Natán declara: “El Señor te perdona tu pecado” (2 Samuel 12:13b). Aquí no hay un Dios vengativo sino un Dios misericordioso. ¡Qué buena nueva debe haber sido eso para David y para los que, como él, eran lo suficientemente honestos como para admitir su pecado!

Jesús es la buena nueva de la misericordia y el perdón de Dios hecho carne. Sin Jesús, quizás la buena nueva hubiera sido demasiado buena como para creerla, demasiado difícil de imaginar. Pero allí está en el Evangelio de hoy, el Dios-hombre, perdonando a una pecadora y declarando que está perdonada debido a su gran amor.

¡Hay esperanza, entonces, para el resto de nosotros pecadores, si tan sólo amamos lo suficiente!
— CONGRATULATIONS —
ST. FELICITAS CLASS OF 2016

David Adamson
Sean Beggs
Alexandre Best
Tyler Cabatan
Catherine Cacho
Cristian Chavez
Amanda Contreras
Alonso Corral
Elio Corral
Gianna Cosio
Cecilia Do
Izel Elias
Julia Ann Felarca
Andrea Garza
Ian Geronimo

Monique Guerrero
Clarissa Guevarra
Jerome Kabiling
Nelia Lechuga
Russell Marasigan
Amdanda Moral
Nathaniel Natividad
Christine Nguyen
Ramon Padilla
Christopher Pangilinan
Marcielo Sanchez
Joseph Segismundo
Austin Sweeney
Amalia Teixiera
Angel Varela