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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.

March 7, 2010 Third Sunday of Lent
www.stfelicitassl.org

LENT 2010

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
1st Friday Exposition 12:30-4:45pm

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

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

Marriage
Arrangement to be made 6 months prior to the wedding

Parish Office Hours
Mon-Thurs 8:45am-5:00pm Fri 8:45am-12:00 noon

Parish School
Rodney Pierre Antoine, Principal
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These Forty days

The number forty has many Biblical references: the forty days Moses spent on Mount Sinai with God (Exodus 24:18); the forty days and nights Elijah spent walking to Mount Horeb (1 Kings 19:8); God made it rain for forty days and forty nights in the days of Noah (Genesis 7:4); the Hebrew people wandered forty years traveling to the Promised Land (Numbers 14:33); Jonah in his prophecy of judgment gave the city of Nineveh forty days in which to repent (Jonah 3:4).

Jesus retreated into the desert, where he fasted for forty days, and was tempted by the devil (Matthew 4:1-2, Mark 1:12-13, Luke 4:1-2). Jesus overcame all three of Satan’s temptations by citing scripture to the devil, at which point the devil left him, angels ministered to Jesus, and he began His ministry. Jesus further said that His disciples should fast "when the bridegroom shall be taken from them" (Matthew 9:15), a reference to His Passion. Since, presumably, the Apostles fasted as they mourned the death of Jesus, Christians have traditionally fasted during the annual commemoration of his burial.

It is the traditional belief that Jesus lay for forty hours in the tomb which led to the forty hours of total fast that preceded the Easter celebration in the early Church (the biblical reference to ‘three days in the tomb’ is understood as spanning three days, from Friday afternoon to early Sunday morning, rather than three 24 hour periods of time).

One of the most important ceremonies at Easter was the baptism of the initiates on Easter Eve. The fast was initially undertaken by the catechumens to prepare them for the reception of this sacrament. Later, the period of fasting from Good Friday until Easter Day was extended to six days, to correspond with the six weeks of training, necessary to give the final instruction to those converts who were to be baptized.

Converts to Christianity followed a strict catechumenate or period of instruction and discipline prior to baptism. In Jerusalem near the close of the fourth century, classes were held throughout Lent for three hours each day. With the legalization of Christianity (by the Edict of Milan) and its later imposition as the state religion of the Roman Empire, its character was endangered by the great influx of new members. In response, the Lenten fast and practices of self-renunciation were required annually of all Christians, both to show solidarity with the catechumens, and for their own spiritual benefit.

This year we have five persons who will be receiving Baptism during our Easter Vigil services. Let us pray for them and their families that they may grow in their Christian vocation and become active members of the Catholic Church.

Fr. Augustine
SUNDAY,
MARCH 7, 2010
9:00am Mass: School Children's Mass
10:30 Mass: Children's Liturgy of the Word
Second Collection: Maintenance

NEXT WEEK: Second Collection: Catholic Relief
Services (Bishops' Overseas Appeal)

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COLLECTIONS Feb 28, 2010
Sunday Collection $ 9,787.00
Children $ 28.00
Eastern Europe $ 1,676.00

Thank you for your generous contributions.
Please consider remembering us in your will.

STEWARDSHIP
This Sunday, Mar. 7, Third Sunday of Lent

NEXT SUNDAY: March 14
Daylight Savings Time begins
Set Your clocks ahead one hour! Be on time for the right Mass.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION 2010

Thursday, March 11 -
School Children - 10:00 to 11:30 am
(Parishioners unable to attend on Mar. 17 - ) 2:00 to 5:00 pm

Monday, Mar. 15
CCD Children 7:00 to 9:00 pm -

There will be extra priests on each of these days for your convenience in going to confession. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Alternate readings (Year A):
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41
[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

SOUP & STATIONS
Don't forget the Soup & Stations this Thursday
This week is hosted by the Catholic Daughters.
Bring your family & come meet other parishioners. The soup is free but you'll notice a donation box at the front of the gym.
Donations will be given to help those that been affected by the disaster in Haiti.
**HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2010**

**March 31 Wednesday**

11:00am to 3:00 pm Priests available in the Church for Sacrament of Reconciliation

**APRIL 1 – HOLY THURSDAY**

8:15 am Morning Prayer  
*(No morning Mass)*

7:30 pm MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER  
ADORATION Follows until 12:00 pm

**APRIL 2 – GOOD FRIDAY**

8:15 am Morning Prayer  
*(No morning Mass)*

12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross in the parish hall  
*(By school children)*

3:00 pm LITURGY OF THE LORD’S PASSION  
7:30 pm VENERATION OF THE CROSS  
*(Trilingual celebration)*

**APRIL 3 – HOLY SATURDAY**

8:15 am Morning Prayer  
*(No morning Mass, no confessions  
No afternoon Mass)*

8:00 pm SOLEMNITY OF THE EASTER VIGIL

**APRIL 04 – EASTER SUNDAY**

7:30 am Mass  
9:00 am Mass  
10:30 am Mass  
12:15 pm Spanish Mass  
4:30 pm Vietnamese Mass

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**EUCHARISTIC MINISTER MEETING**

All Eucharistic Ministers are required to attend the Eucharistic Minister Meeting which has been changed from Tuesday to **Monday, March 22nd, 2010** at 7:00PM in the Church. This meeting is part of the ministers’ spiritual formation, as well as an opportunity to review your ministry as ministers of the Holy Eucharist. If you have any question or concern, please call Sr. Magdalena Duong at 351-5577, Ext.287 or Debi at 483-4865. Thank you for your dedicated and wonderful service at the table of the Lord. May God bless you and your family with God’s abundant love and grace during this Holy Lenten Season.  

In Christ,  
Debi & Sr. Magdalena

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**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:**

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9:00 am Geraldine Lewis †  
10:30 am Walter Maceda †  
12:15 pm Felix Jasso † |
| Mon 3/8 | 7:00 am Peter Ha Van Ban †  
8:15 am Peter Zeffard † |
|Tue.3/9 | 7:00 am Peter Ha †  
8:15 am Marge Sirgo †  
Wed.3/10 | 7:00 am Rebecca Valdez  
8:15 am Olivia Aban & Evelyn Hernandez † |
|Thurs3/11 | 7:00 am Fr. Augustine’s Intention  
8:15 am Joyce1n Hernandez (liv) |
| Fri. 3/12 | 7:00 am Benefactors of Holy Cross Sisters  
8:15 am Fr. Pathiyil’s Intention |
|Sat. 3/13 | 8:15 am Rosario Rivera (Birthday)  
4:30 pm William Houston †  
Sun. 3/14 | 7:30 am St. Felicitas Parishioners  
9:00 am Ramona Langner †  
10:30 am Virginia Mortesano †  
12:15 pm Celia Barrera † |
CONGRATULATIONS
ST. FELICITAS SCHOOL

Last Tuesday, St. Felicitas Catholic School celebrated Dr. Seuss’ 106th birthday and the National Education Association's "Read Across America" Day. The school day began with a reading of "The Cat in the Hat": to the student body during morning announcements. Following the announcements, Mrs. Thompson read "Green Eggs and Ham" to our Kindergarteners. After listening to the story, the students each cracked their own eggs, mixed in green food coloring and fried the eggs on an electric skillet. The students delighted in their delicious meal of Green Eggs and Ham. I closed the day quoting First Lady Michelle Obama's reading pledge for all of our students:

"I promise to read, each day and each night. I know it's the key to growing up right. I'll read to myself, I'll read to a crowd. It makes no difference if it’s silent or loud,"

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!!!

Thank you for your continued prayers and support and we wish you an your families continued blessings during this Lenten Season.

Peace and God Bless,
Mr. Pierre-Antoine

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 L. Ontai, Army National Guard; Erica Ontai, Army National Guard;

Parish Food Drive

The SVdP conference is asking for donations from our parish family. We will be holding a parish wide food drive to assist the families in our community. SVdP donation boxes will be available at the church the weekend of March 13-14, 2010. We are requesting specific food items of chicken & beef soups, pasta sauce, juices, tuna, chili, pork & beans, and jelly.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Dimas Resendez, President
St. Felicitas SVdP Conference

R. C. I. A.

On the first Sunday of Lent, those who have been accepted as candidates for Easter Baptism. They are now called the “Elect” On the Second Sunday of Lent, they were anointed with the Oil of Catechumens, one of the oils blessed by the Bishop at the Chrism Mass.

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The Assembly isn’t at these scrutinies simply to observe. Everyone is called to think about their own life. The prayers for the elect become everyone’s intense prayer When we join in these prayers we participate in the preparation for the celebration of the paschal mystery (Jesus' life, death and resurrection). The scrutinies are rites for soul searching and repentance for the whole community.

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Estos Cuarenta Días.

El numero cuarenta tiene muchas referencias biblicas: Los cuarenta dias que Moises paso con Dios en el Monte Sinai. (Exodo 24:18); los cuarenta dias que Elias paso caminando hacia el Monte Horeb (1 Reyes 19:8); Dios hizo que lluviera durante cuarenta dias y cuarenta noches en los dias de Noe (Genesis 7:4); el pueblo Hebreo peregrino por cuarenta anos en su travesia hacia la tierra prometida (Numeros 14:33); Jonas en su profecia del juicio le dio a la ciudad de Ninive, cuarenta dias para que se arrepintieran (Jonas 3:4). Jesus se retiro al desierto, donde ayuno por cuarenta dias y fue tentado por el demonio (Mateo 4: 1-2; Marcos 1:12-13; Lucas 4: 1-2) Jesus venció las tres tentaciones de Satanás, mencionandole las escrituras, al diablo; al momento que el demonio lo dejo, los angeles sirvieron a Jesus y El inicio su ministerio. Después Jesus dijo que sus discipulos podrian ayunar “cuando el novio fuera apartado de ellos” (Mt. 9:15) como una referencia a su pasion. Después que probablemente los apostoles ayunaron como en duelo por la muerte de Jesus, los cristianos tradicionalmente ayunan durante la anual conmemoracion de de su sepultura.

De acuerdo a la tradicion se cree que Jesus permanecio sepultado en la tumba, durante cuarenta horas, lo que origino un total ayuno de cuarenta horas que precedia la celebracion de la Pascua en la primitiva Iglesia( la referencia biblica de los “tres dias en la tumba” es entendida como una prolongacion de tres dias, desde la tarde del Viernes hasta la madrugada del Domingo, en vez de un periodo triple de 24 horas.

Una de las mas importante ceremonias de la Pascua, fue el bautismo de los neofitos que se efectuaba en la víspera de la Pascua. El ayuno fue inicialmente emprendido por los catecumenos, con el fin de prepararse para la recepcion de este sacramento. Después, el periodo de ayuno que comprendia desde el Viernes Santo hasta el dia de Pascua, fue extendido hasta seis dias, que corresponde con los seis dias de entrenamiento, era necesario proporcionar la instruccion final a a los convertidos que serian bautizados.

Los Cristianos convertidos, anterior al bautismo, seguian un catecumenado o periodo de estricta instruccion y disciplina. En Jerusalem, cerca de la cuarta centuria, durante la Cuaresma, las clases se mantuvieron diariamente por tres horas. Con la legalizacion del Cristianismo (por el Edicto de Milan) y mas tarde por el establecimiento como la religion del imperio Romano, su caracter fue puesto en peligro por la gran influencia de los nuevos miembros. En respuesta, el ayuno Cuaresmal y practicas de individual-privacion, fueron requeridas anualmente para todos los Cristianos, ambas para demostrar solidaridad con los catecumenos y para sus beneficios espirituales.

Fr. Augustine Joseph.

Traduccion: Mercay Zamora

FELICIDADES A LOS NIÑOS DE NUESTRA EDUCACION RELIGIOSA QUE EL PASADO MIERCOLES HICIERON SU PRIMERA CONFESION.

Por favor anote en su calendario, las siguientes fechas para el mes de Marzo.

Viernes 12  VIA-CRUCIS (Grupo de oracion parroquial)
Lugar: En el templo, a las 7:30 P.M.

Miercoles 17  Servicio de Reconciliacion (confesion) en el templo
Tendremos Sacerdotes bilingues en Ingles y Español
Hora: 7:00 P.M.

Viernes 26  Conferencia “Somos familia de Cristo” (Hna. Mariana)
Lugar: En el templo a las 7:00 P.M.

POR FAVOR RECUERDEN INVITAR A SUS FAMILIARES Y AMIGOS.