Parish Staff
Rev. Augustine Joseph
Parochial Administrator
Rev. Joseph Pathiyil, Associate
Rev Tran T Dinh, In Residence (Vietnamese Ministry)
Jose Prado Deacon (Retired)
Rosario Rivera, Secretary
Sr. Mary Anh Cong, Pastoral Care
Mercey Zamora, Pastoral Associate (Spanish Ministry)
Sr. Magdalena Duong, Ministry (Vietnamese Community)
Ida Valenzuela, RCIA
Sister Cecilia Chuong Phan, Altar Servers
Clare Zipp, Bulletin
Religious Education Office
Sandi Walton, DRE
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Faith Formation
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Convent       351-5577
St Vincent de Paul  706-1972

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
1650 Manor Blvd.
Ph. 357-2530  Fax: 357-5358

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.
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
MAY 16, 2010

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,  
the first and the last,  
the beginning and the end.”  
— Revelation 22:13

Ascension

Forty Days after the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the *Acts of the Apostles*, chapter one, records Jesus' ascension into heaven. It is also narrated in Mark 16:19, and Luke 24:51. Jesus himself spoke about his ascension. Thus, in John 6:63, Christ asks the Jews: "If then you shall see the son of Man ascend up where He was before?" and 20:17, He says to Mary Magdalene: "Do not touch Me, for I am not yet ascended to My Father, but go to My brethren, and say to them: I ascend to My Father and to your Father, to My God and to your God." Again, in Ephesians 4:8-10, and in Timothy 3:16, the Ascension of Christ is spoken of as an accepted fact.

The ascension is an important Christian feast attesting and celebrating the reality of the God-Man Jesus Christ's returning to the Father, to return again in the future *parousia* (second coming). The Ascension is the final component of the *paschal mystery*, which consists also of Jesus' Passion, Crucifixion, Death, Burial, Descent Among the Dead, and Resurrection. Along with the resurrection, the ascension functioned as a proof of Jesus' claim that He was the Messiah. The Ascension is also the event whereby humanity was taken into heaven. Finally, the ascension was also the "final blow" so-to-speak against Satan's power, and thus the lion (Jesus) conquering the dragon (Satan) is a symbol of the ascension. Early Christian art and iconography portrayed the ascension frequently, showing its importance to the early Church.

The Catholic Catechism summarizes three important theological aspects (with which most Christian churches agree) of the Ascension concisely:

Christ's Ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, whence He will come again (cf. Acts 1:11); this humanity in the meantime hides Him from the eyes of men (cf. Col 3:3).

Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we, the members of His Body, may live in the hope of one day being with Him forever.

Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit (665-667).

Ascension of Jesus is a certain guarantee that one day we too shall be with God in heaven just as Jesus the God-Man is at the right hand of God the Father in heaven.

Fr. Augustine
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
May 16, 2010

Second Collection: Catholic Charities
9:00 & 10:30  Children’s Liturgy
9:00 am Spanish CCD Awards &
Closure in gym

Events of the Week:
May 17 thru May 22

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COLECTIONS  May 9, 2010
Our Weekly Need:  $11,500.00
Sunday Collection  $11,109.00
Children’s Collection  $ 16.00

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

Bishop’s Appeal Amt. to date:  $15,665.00 (51%)

STEWARDSHIP
Last Sunday, May 9, our Stewardship of $555.45 went to St. Mary’s Center.

This Sunday, May 16, our Stewardship will go to the St. Vincent DePaul chapter of our parish.

Please join us next Tuesday, May 18th, at 9:30 A.M. in the church for our annual May crowning. This is a wonderful devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary. After the ceremonial crowning of Mary, students from fourth through eighth grade will lead the school in a living rosary.

We hope to see you there.

Next Sunday, May 23, is PENTECOST SUNDAY.
Since the Liturgical color for Pentecost is RED, everyone is urged to wear RED to Mass that day.

On the day of Pentecost, the disciples and other women, including Mary the mother of Jesus were gathered together in an upper room. The Holy Spirit appeared to them in tongues of fire and rested upon each one of them. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different languages as the Holy Spirit enabled them to proclaim. It was to every one’s surprise that they spoke in different languages and were understood by all.

To relive the same Pentecost Spirit, St. Felicitas Church invites parishioners of all nationalities to participate in the prayers of the faithful at the Mass of Pentecost which will be celebrated on May 22nd and 23rd.

If you feel inspired to be a part of this Liturgy, please contact Sr. Mary Anh Cong at the Parish Office (510) 351-5244 - ext. 282 before May 18.
Congratulations!
To our First Communicants

The Sacrament of Eucharist is one of the sacraments of Christian initiation. “Those who have been raised to the dignity of the most royal priesthood by Baptism and configured more deeply to Christ by confirmation, participate with the whole community in the Lord’s own sacrifice by means of the Eucharist.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1322)

The Eucharist is the ritual, sacramental action of giving thanks and praise to the Father. It is the sacrificial memorial of Christ and his body, the church, and is the continuing presence of Christ in his Word and in his Spirit. (National Directory for Catechesis, #36, A3)

We would like to congratulate these children of our parish community who received Holy Communion for the first time during the celebration of the Eucharist on May 8th; it was a memorable experience for the children and their families. ~ We pray that they continue to come to the table of the Lord to be fed with the Bread of Life. ~ ~ Sandi

Ryan Aranda  Alicia Uarez
Julian Arraya  Carlos Juarez
Aeron Biscocho  Jerome Kabiling
Tyler Cabatan  Hannah Ly
Catherine Cacho  Matthew Lundy
Anna Castillo  Russell Marasigan
Leah Castillo  John Marples
Alyssa Celzo  Nathaniel Natividad
Mira Celzo  Dylan Navarrete
Mia Corpuz  Ramon Padilla
Alonso Corral  Leticia Palazzo
Elio Corral  Giselle Sacro
Julia Felarca  Alanna Shafer
Olivia Fields  Ashley Silveira
Monique Guerrero  Aaron Solis
Clarissa Guevarra  Krystal Toverada
Joshua Guevarra  Thi Tran
Alyssa Hayward  Rachel Valdez
Anthony Huerta  Rebekah Valdez
Manuel Huerta  Andrea Villanueva
Victor Huerta  Daniel Williams
Sofia Zamora  

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19
Jn 21:15-19
Sunday: Vigil: Gnt 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104;
1 Cor 12:3b-7,
12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26
CONGRATULATIONS
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

YOUTH MINISTER
We are looking for a new Youth Minister to lead our youth in their faith and preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation
We will be accepting applications at this time.
Anyone interested in applying, may call the Parish Office at 351-5244.

PARISH PICNIC
MARK YOUR CALENDAR
When: August 8, 2010
Where: City of San Leandro
Chabot Park
Plan to attend the 10:30 Mass in the Park and stay for lunch and fun.

The will of God never takes you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.
La Ascencion


Jesus mismo habló acerca de su ascensión. Así que en Juan 6:62, Jesus pregunta a los Judíos: “¿Qué será, entonces, cuando vean al Hijo del Hombre subir al lugar donde antes estaba?” y en 20:17, le dijo a María Magdalena: “Sueltame, pues aun no he subido al Padre, pero vete donde mis hermanos y diles: Subo a mi Padre, que es vuestro Padre; a mi Dios, que es vuestro Dios”. De nuevo, en Efesios 4:8-10 y en Timoteo 3:16, se habla de la ascensión de Cristo como un hecho consumado.

La ascensión es una importante fiesta cristiana, que testifica y celebra la realidad de Dios y Hombre, del retorno de Jesucristo al Padre, para regresar de nuevo en el futuro -parusía-(segunda venida o plenitud de los tiempos).

La Ascensión es el componente final del misterio pascual que consiste también en la Pasión de Jesús, Crucifixión, Muerte, Sepultura, Descendimiento entre los muertos y la Resurrección. Junto con la resurrección, la ascensión, actúa como una prueba en la afirmación de Jesús de que El era el Mesías. La Ascensión es también el suceso mediante el cual, la humanidad es llevada al cielo. Finalmente, la Ascensión fue el hecho culminante que pregonó contra el poder de Satanás; de esta manera, el león (Jesús) fue el vencedor del dragon (Satan) y es el símbolo de la Ascensión. El arte de los Primeros Cristianos y la iconografía retrató frecuentemente la Ascensión, mostrando su importancia para la Primera Iglesia.

El Catecismo Católico, sintetiza concisamente, tres importantes aspectos teológicos de la Ascensión (con el que la mayoría de las Iglesias Cristianas, están de acuerdo)

La Ascensión de Cristo, marca la definitiva entrada de la humanidad de Jesús dentro del dominio celestial de Dios, desde donde el vendrá de nuevo (confrontar Actas 1:11); Esta humanidad mientras tanto lo esconde de los ojos de los hombres. (cf. Colosenses 3:3)

Jesucristo, la Cabeza de la Iglesia, nos precede en el reino glorioso del Padre, de tal forma que los miembros de su cuerpo puedan vivir con la esperanza de algún día estar con El para siempre.

Jesucristo, habiendo entrado de una vez y por todas, en el santuario del cielo intercede sin cesar por nosotros como el mediador que nos asegura permanente la efusión del Espíritu Santo. (665-667)

La Ascensión de Jesús es una garantía segura de que algún día nosotros también vamos a estar en el cielo, con Dios al igual que Jesús, Dios y Hombre esta a la diestra de Dios, el Padre del cielo.

Fr. Augustine Joseph
Traducción: Mercey Zamora