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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--12:00 noon

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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.
PENTECOST SUNDAY
MAY 23, 2010

[I]n one Spirit
we were all baptized into one body.
— 1 Corinthians 12:13a

PENTECOST

Pentecost is the great festival that marks the birth of the Christian church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost means "fiftieth day" and is celebrated fifty days after Easter.

Ten days after Jesus ascended into heaven, the twelve apostles, Jesus' mother and family, and many other of His disciples gathered together in Jerusalem for the Jewish harvest festival that was celebrated on the fiftieth day of Passover. While they were indoors praying, a sound like that of a rushing wind filled the house and tongues of fire descended and rested over each of their heads. This was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on human flesh promised by God through the prophet Joel (Joel 2:28-29). The disciples were suddenly empowered to proclaim the gospel of the risen Christ. They went out into the streets of Jerusalem and began preaching to the crowds gathered for the festival. Not only did the disciples preach with boldness and vigor, but by a miracle of the Holy Spirit they spoke in the native languages of the people present, many who had come from all corners of the Roman Empire. This created a sensation. The apostle Peter seized the moment and addressed the crowd, preaching to them about Jesus' death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins. The result was that about three thousand converts were baptized that day. (You can read the Biblical account of Pentecost in Acts 2:1-41).

Red is the liturgical color for this day. Red recalls the tongues of flame in which the Holy Spirit descended on the first Pentecost. The color red also reminds us of the blood of the martyrs. These are the believers of every generation who by the power of the Holy Spirit hold firm to the true faith even at the cost of their lives. A tradition of some churches in ancient times was to baptize adult converts to the faith on Pentecost. The newly baptized catechumens would wear white robes on that day, so Pentecost was often called "Whitsunday" or "White Sunday" after these white baptismal garments. Many Christian calendars, liturgies, and hymnals (particularly those from the Episcopal/Anglican tradition) still use this term.

There are three "mega-festivals" commemorated in the Christian calendar. The first two, Christmas and Easter, are well known to both believers and non-believers. But it's possible that even liturgical Christians may not be as familiar with the third, the festival of Pentecost. God the Father's wonderful Christmas gift of His one and only Son, and Christ's Easter triumph over the power of sin, death, and the devil would be of no benefit to us if the Holy Spirit did not give us the gift of saving faith. Through the Word and Sacraments, the Holy Spirit gives us the faith to believe and trust in Christ as our Savior. This precious gift of faith in the saving work of our Lord Jesus Christ, is the reason Pentecost is the third "mega-festival" of the church and why we celebrate it with such joy and thanksgiving.

Congratulations to all our young people who received the sacrament of confirmation on Pentecost. Bishop Garcia from the diocese of Monterey confirmed our youth with gifts and power of the Holy Spirit to live their Christian faith with fortitude and strength.

Fr. Augustine
Events of the Week: May 24 thru May 29

| MON 5/24 | 6:30 pm | St. Vincent DePaul meeting | AE Rm |
| TUE 5/25 | 3:30 pm | CCD Classes | School |
|          | 3:30 pm | CCD Parent Faith Share | SMC |
| WED 5/26 | 1:00 pm | Golden Glow Club | Hall |
|          | 7:00 pm | Spanish Ministries | AE Rm |
|          | 7:30 pm | RCIA | SMC |
| THU 5/27 | 7:00 PM | Sp. Adult Formation | AE Rm |
|          | 7:00 pm | Sp. Prayer Group | SMC |
| FRI 5/28 | 7:00 pm | Spanish Choir | Hall |
|          | 7:00 pm | Spanish Prayer Group | SMC |
|          | 8:00 pm | Vietnamese Choir | AE Rm |
| SAT 5/29 | 3:15 pm | Confessions | Church |

COLLECTIONS May 16, 2010

Our Weekly Need: $11,500.00

Sunday Collection $ 9,663.00
Children’s Collection $ 12.00
Catholic Charities $ 1,301.50

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

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

A PRAYER TO THE SPIRIT

Spirit of Jesus, poured out in flames of fire upon your disciples on the day of Pentecost,
We pray to you:

Set afire the hearts of your faithful
So that they will announce
In all the languages of the world
The wonders of the salvation of God.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

On Friday, June 11, (the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus) we will have a special Mass at 7:30 pm at which we will conclude the year of the daily recitation of the "Prayer for Priests.”

We are urged to continue to pray for vocations.

Dear Parents of Altar Servers,
The new Altar Server Schedules are available in the vestibule & in the parish office. Please remember to pick up a copy for your child if you did not get them via email.

Thank you for your cooperation. May God bestow upon you & your family with many blessings.

Much love, Sr. Cecilia, LHC

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

| Monday: | 1 Pt 1:3-9; Mk 10:17-27 |
| Tuesday: | 1 Pt 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31 |
| Wednesday: | 1 Pt 1:18-25; Mk 10:32-45 |
| Thursday: | 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Mk 10:46-52 |
| Friday: | 1 Pt 4:7-13; Mk 11:11-26 |
| Saturday: | Jude 17:20b-25; Mk 11:27-33 |
| Sunday: | Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15 |
I believe one of our students in the Faith Formation classes demonstrated this compassion and kindness.

As the children await in line for their Religions classes to begin, I noticed one student, Sarah Sullivan, had a new hair cut, so I told her it was a cute style on her. Her hair was long just a week before. She replied “I grew it long and then had it cut and donated it to ‘Locks of Love’ so a child can have a hairpiece.”

It really warmed my heart and moved me to see this young girl live out her Christian faith! By her kind gesture and thoughtfulness a child will be able to have a hairpiece. ~ Sandi

Locks of Love is a public non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children in the United States and Canada under age 21, suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis. They meet the needs for children by using donated hair to create hair pieces.

Potluck for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

All Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, who serve both during the week and on weekends, are invited to join in a ‘potluck’ on Thursday, June 17, 2010 at 6:30 P.M. in Church.

This potluck is a good opportunity for us to share our ministry experience with each other and more importantly, to get to know each other. Your presence will be a source of support to other ministers and help all to be more rooted in God. You will be helping to build up the church of Christ in our parish community.

Bring your favorite dish. If you wish, also bring your recipe to share.

If you have any question or concern, please call Sr. Magdalena Duong at 347-1287 or Sheila Bickerton at 351-8205, or Debi Parker at 483-4865

See all of you there! In Christ, Sheila Bickerton, Debi Parker, and Sr. Magdalena
ST. FELICITAS SCHOOL

Our school community gathered in church on Tuesday for May Crowning, a wonderful devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary.

May crowning is a traditional Catholic ceremony that occurs every year during the month of May.

Mrs. Whitsitt, Mrs. Stephano, and Mrs. Jacala coordinated this beautiful prayer service that began with offerings of roses to our Blessed Mother.

The second graders, dressed in their first communion garb, served as an honor guard with raised flowers.

Following the crowning, our students led everyone gathered in a living rosary. The prayer was a wonderful devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

May our Holy Mother continue to watch over you and your families.

Rodney Pierre-Antoine

THANK YOU!

A letter from DeMarillac Academy:

Dear Father Augustine:

On behalf of DeMarillac Academy, I want to thank St. Felicitas Church for its gift of $486.70.

We continue the fourth quarter with a tremendous debt of gratitude to you for your commitment to our students and alumni. As many of our families continue to struggle with the current economic crisis, job loss and stressed budgets, your generous support is helping fulfill a dream of a high-quality Catholic school education for their children.

Thank you so much for your heartfelt support.

Gratefully yours,

Michael Daniels

YOUTH MINISTER

We are looking for a new Youth Minister to lead our youth in their faith.

We will be accepting applications at this time.

Anyone interested in applying, may call the Parish Office at 351-5244.

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.

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 Parish Office.

Parish Picnic

Would you like to Help?

If you would like to participate on one of the Picnic Committees, please contact Denise Abero. Send an email to: theaberos@comcast.net or phone 510-357-0601. There will also be a sign up sheet in the Parish Office.

The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.
PENTECOSTES

Pentecostes es la gran festividad que señala el cumpleaños de la Iglesia Cristiana por medio del poder del Espíritu Santo. Pentecostes significa “el día Quincuagesimo” y es celebrado cincuenta días después de la Resurección.

Diez días después de que Jesús ascendió al cielo, los doce apóstoles, la madre de Jesús, la familia y muchos otros de Sus discípulos se congregaron en Jerusalén para el festival Judío de la fertilidad, que fue celebrado en el día cincuenta de la Pascua Judía. Mientras ellos estaban orando se escuchó un sonido como el de unas ráfagas de viento que lleno toda la casa y unas lenguas de fuego descendieron y se posaron sobre cada una de sus cabezas. Este fue el derramamiento del Espíritu Santo sobre el ser humano que Dios había prometido por medio del profeta Joel. (Joel 2: 28-29) . Los discípulos fueron repentinamente fortalecidos para proclamar el evangélio de la resurrección de Cristo. Ellos fueron por las calles de Jerusalén y comenzaron a predicar a las muchedumbres que se habían reunido para el festival. No solamente los discípulos predicaron con valentía y vigor, pero por milagro del Espíritu Santo, ellos hablaron en diferentes lenguas nativas de todos los que se encontraban presentes, muchos de los cuales habían venido de todas las regiones del Imperio Romano. Esto creó una gran sensación. El apóstol Pedro aprovechó la ocasión y se dirigió a la multitud, predicándoles acerca de la muerte y resurrección de Jesús, que El había padecido para el perdón de los pecados. El resultado fue que cerca de tres mil personas se convirtieron y fueron bautizadas ese día. (Puedes leer la Biblia acerca de Pentecostes en Hechos de los Apóstoles o Actas 2: 1-14)

Rojo es el color litúrgico para este día. El rojo recuerda las lenguas de fuego en las que el Espíritu Santo descendió en el primer día de Pentecostes. También el color rojo nos recuerda la sangre de los mártires. Estos son los creyentes de cada generación, que por el poder del Espíritu Santo se mantuvieron firmes en la verdadera fe aun a costa de sus propias vidas.

Una tradición de las iglesias en tiempos remotos, fue la de bautizar en Pentecostes, a los adultos que se convertían a la fe. Los nuevos catecúmenos bautizados podían vestir togas blancas en ese día, de tal manera que Pentecostes fue llamado a menudo “El Día Blanco” después de usar estas vestituras blancas bautismales. Muchos calendarios cristianos, liturgias e himnarios (particularmente las tradiciones Episcopales/Anglicanas) todavía usan este término.

Existen tres “grandes-festividades” conmemoradas en el calendario Cristiano. Las primeras dos, Navidad y Resurrección, son bien conocidas por creyentes y no creyentes. Pero es posible que aún las liturgias Cristianas no estén familiarizadas con la tercera, que es la fiesta de Pentecostes. El maravilloso regalo de Dios de la Natividad de Su único Hijo, y el triunfo de la Resurrección sobre el poder del pecado, de la muerte y del demonio, podrían no habernos beneficiado, si el Espíritu Santo no nos hubiera concedido la fe para creer en Cristo como nuestro Salvador. Este regalo precioso de la fe en la salvación de Cristo Jesús, nuestro Señor, es la razón para que Pentecostes sea la tercera “Gran-festividad” de la Iglesia y el por que, de que nosotros la celebramos con gran regocijo y agradecimiento.

Felicitaciones para todos nuestros jóvenes que han recibido el sacramento de la Confirmación en el día de Pentecostes. El Obispo García, de la diócesis de Monterey, confirmó a nuestros jóvenes con los dones y el poder del Espíritu Santo, para que vivan su fe Cristiana con valor y fortaleza.

Father Augustine Joseph
Traducción: Mercey Zamora.