

St. Felicitas Catholic Church



August 6th, 2023

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. - Mt 17:1-2

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Mass Schedule

Chương Trình Thánh Lễ / Horario para Misas

Sunday / Chúa Nhật / Domingo

7:30 am - 9:00 am - 10:30 am (English)
12:30 pm (Spanish) 4:30 pm (Vietnamese)

Saturday / Thứ Bảy / Sábado

7:00 am - 4:00 pm (Vigil)

Daily / Ngày thường / Diariamente

(Monday to Friday) 7:00 am & 8:15 am

Parish Office Hours/Giờ làm việc VPGX / Horario de Oficinas

Monday / Thứ Hai / Lunes to 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Friday / Thứ Sáu / Viernes

Sacraments / Các Bí Tích / Sacramentos

Reconciliation / Giải Tội / Reconciliación

Monday to Friday - 7:30 am to 8:00 am
Saturday, 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

Marriage / Hôn Phối / Matrimonio

Arrangements to be made 6 months prior to the wedding.

Baptism : If you are planning to have your child baptized, parents must be registered members of the parish for at least six months. For more information call the parish office at (510) 351-5244.

We have Baptisms in English on the 4th Sunday of the month at 2:00 pm and Baptism classes for parents and godparents will be on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm - St. Mary's Center.

Parish Staff

Nhân viên của Giáo xứ

Personal de la Parroquia

Rev. Peter D. Ngo, Pastor 347-1286
Fr. Bento Tamang - In Residence
Deacon Timothy Myers, RCIA, timothykentmyers@gmail.com
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Sr. Mariann Bich Dam Le, LHC 347-1287
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Pastoral Care
Sharon Clancey, Office Secretary 351-5244
Mildred de Sousa, Bulletin 351-5244

Parish School

Sr. Faustina Pham, Principal 357-2530
1650 Manor Blvd. Fax: 357-5358

Religious Education Office

Sandi Walton, Director of Religious Education 347-1282
stfelicitasccd@comcast.net
Geri Lara, Youth Services 326-5693
stfelicitasconfirmation@yahoo.com
St. Vincent de Paul 706-1972
Convent 351-5577

The Chapel at the St. Joseph's Center (the Parish Office) is open for worship. We encourage all our parishioners to spend time with our Blessed Lord.

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The Transfiguration of the Lord - August 6, 2023

Today's Reading : Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Peter 1:16-19 Matthew 17:1-9

Reflection : What is Christianity finally about? These days if you ask almost anyone who doesn't know the Bible you'll probably hear an answer like this: "Being a good person" or "following the golden rule." No offense to the golden rule, but our faith is simply much stranger than that. This week's feast of the **Transfiguration of the Lord** is a luminous example of this. Jesus becomes radiantly and overwhelmingly beautiful. The glory of God literally shines forth from his body and even his clothes. Here we see that Christianity is not mainly a moral system, but a relationship with God in Christ, one that finally makes human beings gloriously beautiful.

Now we can see our good and bad deeds in a new and de-centered way. Our morality isn't about a heaven or hell scorecard. It's about lives open (or closed) to transfiguration, lives capable of revealing the glory of God in Christ to the world. Spouses, children, friends, co-workers, priests, consecrated women and men, and so on - we are all called to let the beauty of Jesus make our lives beautiful, little by little. His beauty in us is the center of our faith.

Father John Muir - ©LPI

Readings for the week of August 6, 2023

Monday: Numbers 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Matthew 14:13-21
Tuesday: Numbers 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13; Matthew 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Numbers 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23; Matthew 15:21-28
Thursday: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; John 12:24-26
Friday: Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21; Matthew 16:24-28
Saturday: Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51; Matthew 17:14-20

Solar Energy Project

We will be commencing work on our Solar Project very soon. The work on our school roof has already begun. The total cost for this project is around \$134,560.00 and so far we have collected \$36,805.00. We are slowly getting there... all thanks to the generosity of our dear parishioners. We still need lots more. I request you to prayerfully consider donating towards this project. The installation of the solar panels will dramatically reduce the cost of energy used at Church and school.

Any amount donated is a step closer to reaching our goal. All donations received will be assigned to the project and its maintenance. Please make out your checks to St. Felicitas Church and in the memo area please mention "Solar Energy Project". All donations are appreciated.

Thank you.

DOLLAR-A—DIP DINNER



Saturday, August 19 at 6:00 pm

Help St. Felicitas raise funds for the Solar Panel Project by participating in a Dollar-A-Dip Dinner. This means getting to know your neighbor, as well as enjoying a buffet style dinner where each "dip" (spoonful) is a dollar. This event comes together in the form of donated dishes and wonderful volunteers who help us serve. Sign ups to bring a dish or volunteer will be after Masses on August 5th & 6th or call Lorine at 510-461-7317.

More information to come.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Offering for July 30th :

Sunday Collection - \$ 7,861.00
Solar Energy Project - \$36,805.00

Second Collection this Sunday - Maintenance
Second Collection next Sunday - The Assumptionists
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Attention All Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

Geri Lara will now be taking care of scheduling for Masses. Please contact Geri Lara - (510)326-5693, with your contact information and also your Mass availability preference thru December 2023 as soon as possible.

Free Pancake & Sausage Breakfast this Sunday, August 6th, 2023 Knights of Columbus - St. Felicitas Parish

Fr. Peter and the Knights of Columbus invites you and your families to a free Pancake and Sausage Breakfast this Sunday, August 6th, 2023 from 8:30 am to 12 noon in the St. Felicitas Gym.

All are welcome. No reservations or tickets required. Donations are appreciated.

Our Lady of Fatima Devotion Friday, August 11th, 2023

(Please note since August 13th falls on Sunday, our devotion this month will be on August 11th)

Please join us on Friday, August 11th at 7:00 pm for our Devotion to the Blessed Mother. Procession will start at 7:00 pm with the recitation of the Rosary. At the same time the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed inside the church. We will conclude with Mass and Benediction in the Church.

*Our next devotion will be Wednesday,
September 13th.*



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - August 15th

August 15th, Tuesday is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are as follows :

Vigil Mass in Vietnamese : August 14th at 7:30 pm

*Masses in English : August 15th at 7:00 am; 9:00 am;
5:00 pm and 7:00 pm (bilingual)*

PARISH MINISTRIES & SCHEDULES

Adult Confirmation

Classes every Saturday, at 9:00 a.m. at the St. Mary's Center. For more information contact Maria Lara at (510) 877-2888 or email her at maripazlara2211@gmail.com

Faith Formation

English: Director of Religious Education - Sandi Walton
All Classes now in person. For information call (510) 347 1282

Spanish: Director, Mercey Zamora, Pastoral Associate,
For more information contact Ms. Zamora (510) 347-1293

Vietnamese: Sr. Mariann Le

Classes: Sunday 1:00pm, Vietnamese Language
3:00pm, Catechism

RCIA-the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Meetings held in person at the St. Joseph's Center at 6:30 pm -
Contact Deacon Timothy Myers

Youth Ministry

Youth Confirmation - Contact Geri Lara

Classes now in person on the following days :

1st year Sunday at 3:30 pm : 2nd year Sunday at 5:30 pm

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Every Wednesday morning after 7 am Mass

Rosary Devotion - Daily after the 7:00 am morning Mass

Catholic Daughters

Catholic Daughters invite you to meet on the 3rd Monday of each month in St. Mary's Center at 6:30 pm. Contact Lorine Bakowsky at (510)461-7317 or email cdacourtmqw@gmail.com for more information.

Legion of Mary : Meets every Wednesday at 5:00 pm in the St. Mary's Center. Contact Ms. L. Legaspi at (510) 909-4474 for more information

St. Vincent de Paul : Meetings: 2nd & 4th Monday-6:30 pm
Knights of Columbus - invites Catholic men to join. If interested please contact Carl Webb at (510) 8135957 or email Carlwebb3@gmail.com

Phone Nos./Emails - refer to 1st page of the Bulletin.



Pray for those who serve in the armed forces

Lorenzo Blandon Zamora - Navy

Shianne Solomon - Sgt. US Army

Jamie Plachenon - Sgt. Military

Manuel Gonzalez- Cmdr. U.S. Navy

Jericho Meno (Navy)

Thomas Meno (Army)

Troy Meno (Air Force)

Brittany Manglona (Air Force)

Ryland Toves - Navy

Joey Mesa - Navy

Julian Chan - Navy

**If you know anyone who is serving please
call the office**

Faith Formation Registration 2023-24

Faith Formation classes are for children who do not attend Catholic school. We offer classes for children in grades 1st through 8th on Sunday from 9:15am-10:15am.

Please contact Sandi 510-347-1282 to make arrangements to complete the necessary forms to enroll your child(ren). Registration forms must be processed and on file before your child(ren) can attend class.

Faith Formation is a lifelong journey and does not end when a child receives the Sacrament of Eucharist.

Start children off in the way they should go and even when they are old, they will not turn from it.....Proverbs 22:6

Youth Confirmation Program Registration for 2023-24

Sunday August 13th & Sunday,
August 20th, 2023

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Gym.

The program starts in September. This is a 2 year program and is open to all youth who in September will be a high school freshman or above.

Registration forms will be available after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on all Sundays. Please bring your completed registration form, Baptism and 1st Communion Certificates along with registration fee.


Call Geri Lara for more information at 510-3265693.

Considering becoming Catholic ? Interested in what Catholics believe?

Then consider RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation).

- Would you like to get a better idea of what it means to be Catholic and what is involved in becoming fully initiated into the Catholic Church?
- Are you unbaptized and feel the need for a spiritual dimension in your life?
- Are you baptized in a different Christian tradition and would like to explore Catholic beliefs and practices?
- Are you married to a Catholic and attend Mass, and would like to take the next step to become Catholic yourself?
- Are you a baptized Catholic but have not received First Communion or Confirmation?

If you have answered "yes" to any of these questions the RCIA may be for you. A new RCIA session will begin in **August**. If interested please call the parish office at (510) 351-5244 for more information.

		<i>Mass Intentions</i> <i>Ý Lễ trong tuần</i> <i>Intensions' para las Misas</i>		Week of August 05, 2023	
Sat.	08/05	4:00 pm	Peter Han †		
Sun.	08/06	7:30 am	Lydia Quintero T †		
		9:00 am	Lazarus Ogudo †		
		10:30am	Parishioners		
		12:30 pm	Spanish Mass		
		4:30 pm	Vietnamese Mass		
Mon.	08/07	7:00 am	Estrella Sacramento †		
		8:15 am	Lydia Quintero T †		
Tue.	08/08	7:00 am	Garry Nagrampa †		
		8:15 am	Rakesh Chand †		
Wed.	08/09	7:00 am	Maria Phuong Tran †		
		8:15 am	Ignes Blougouras †		
Thur.	08/10	7:00 am	Emilio Nagrampa, Jr. †		
		8:15 am	Peter Nguyen †		
Fri.	08/11	7:00 am	Mary Te Phan †		
		8:15 am	Liam O'Connor †		
Sat.	08/12	7:00 am	Giuse Maria Trang †		
		4:00 pm	Parishioners		
Sun.	08/13	7:30 am	Lazarus Ogudo †		
		9:00 am	Carlos Carino †		
		10:30am	Giancarlo Baculo (L-B)		
		12:30 pm	Spanish Mass		

L-Living †-Deceased A-Anniversary B-Birthday T-Thanksgiving H-Healing

Pray for our sick relatives and friends

Denise Abero	Gloria Muskopf	Laura Aruda
Jennifer L. Aguilar	Genesis Miranda	Catalino & Nenita Santos
Barbara O'Connor	Kent Myers	Lilia Garcia Santos
Sal Costilla	Corazon Mislang	Javier Martin Muñoz
David Boles	Yolanda Pasadas	Ma. Guadalupe Solis
Evelyn Becker	Tony Silveira	Saung Loeung
Barbara Becker	Mary Torres	Ruben Raygoza
Alfonso Chavez	Felisimia Toste	Ernesto Tiglao
Diane Delucchi	Geoffrey Salvatierra	Joseph Sanchez
Michell Duffey	Luningning Hobbs	Violet Chancey
Joycelyn Garner	Virgie Mercado	Martin Indalecio
Robin Homen	Saturnina Fuentes	Julie Chin
Susan Hernandez	Reynaldo Corldano	Donald Solomon
William Keany	Zeneyd Cecilia Munoz	Ken Pestana
Joan Kellogg	Martin Munoz	
Susan Lara	Bernice Winslow	
Maria Leonard	Oney Cort Hernandez	

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for August
For World Youth Day - We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives. You are invited to answer the Pope's request and pray with people worldwide for this intention.

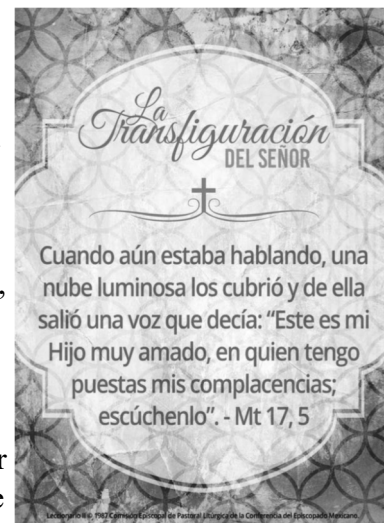
St. Felicitas Parish -Spanish-Speaking Community

La Transfiguración de Jesús

Nuestra vocación cristiana tiene su raíz en la revelación del amor de Dios por medio de Jesús. Este domingo, pidámosle a Dios, que nos dé el regalo de seguir escuchando su voz y profundizar en su Palabra: “*¡Este es mi Hijo, el Amado; éste es mi Elegido, ¡escúchenlo!*” (Mateo 17:5). Señor, tres discípulos tuyos fueron los elegidos para acompañarte al monte y ser testigos de verte transfigurado. Hoy, también a nosotros nos ofreces momentos íntimos para estar contigo, para admirar todo lo que haces por nosotros en el vivir de cada día. Nuestro compromiso de cristianos es estar bien atentos a tu diaria presencia en nuestra vida.

Jesús, antes de su Pasión, nos muestra su Transfiguración para que estemos listos a entender el misterio de su sufrimiento. El misterio de amor, dar su vida por nosotros. Gloria y sufrimiento se unen mostrando el infinito amor de Dios. Ante el sufrimiento, no debemos tener miedo, sino fijarnos cómo Jesús es valiente en aceptar la voluntad de su Padre. La experiencia de los discípulos fue de gozo y de miedo, sin embargo, Jesús anima diciendo: “*Levántense, no tengan miedo. Ellos levantaron los ojos, pero ya no vieron a nadie más que a Jesús*” (Mateo 16:7-8). Él nos levantará de todos nuestros sufrimientos y miedos.

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Las lecturas de este Domingo 6 de Agosto de 2023

Dn 7, 9-10. 13-14/ Sal 96, 1-2. 5-6. 9/
2 Pe 1, 16-19/Mt 17, 1-9

Apreciada Comunidad,

La Parroquia está llevando a cabo un “Proyecto-Solar” muy importante para economizar “energía”, lo cual repercutirá además en bienestar económico.

El proyecto tiene un presupuesto de \$ 134.560, lo que representa un desafío para todos nosotros como miembros de la Comunidad Parroquial de Santa Felicitas. La contribución que usted aporte, será muy valiosa.

Por favor escriba el cheque a nombre de Saint Felicitas Church.

Dios en su inmensa bondad, recompensará con creces su generosa contribución.

EDUCACION EN LA FE

**PREPARACION PARA LA 1a. COMUNION
PREPARACION PARA CONFIRMACION**

EL Domingo 3 de Septiembre estaremos repartiendo las formas para las inscripciones, de preparación a la Primera Comunión como para la Confirmación. Se requiere copia del Certifc de Bautizo.

Domingo 17– Despues de misa de Epañol, Tendremos ORIENTACION para padres de familia en el Salon Santa Maria.

**22 de Septiembre
Iniciamos las clases para la primera comunión.
Horario: Viernes 7:00 P.M. a 8:30 P.M.
Excepto días festivos o cuando la parroquia tenga celebraciones especiales.**

**Primer Dia de clases para la Confirmación será el 6 de Octubre.
Se requiere certificado de Bautizo, y de Primera Comunión.
Para ambas aplicaciones, es necesario estar registrados en la Parroquia.**

St. Felicitas Parish Vietnamese Community

CHÚA NHẬT: LỄ CHÚA HIỂN DUNG

Chúa Nhật: Thánh Lễ lúc: 4:30 chiều
Thứ Sáu: Châu Thánh Thể lúc: 7:30 tối và
Thánh Lễ lúc: 8:00 tối

Văn phòng giáo xứ mở cửa từ thứ 2 đến thứ 6 từ
lúc 9 giờ sáng đến 4 giờ chiều.

Châu Thánh Thể từ 9 giờ sáng đến 4 giờ chiều
trong Nhà Nguyện Thánh Giuse (thứ 2 đến thứ 6).

CÁC BÀI ĐỌC TRONG TUẦN

Thứ 2, 7/8: Ds 11:4-15; Mt 14:13-21
Thứ 3, 8/8: Ds 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36
Thứ 4, 9/8: Ds 13:1-2, 25; 14:1, 26-29, 34-35;
Mt 15:21-28
Thứ 5, 10/8: 2 Cr 9:6-10; Ga 12:24-26
Thứ 6, 11/8: Đnl 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28
Thứ 7, 12/8: Đnl 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20
Chúa Nhật 13/8: 1 V 19:9,11-13; Rm 9:1-5;
Mt 14:22-33

LỚP GIÁO LÝ VIỆT NGỮ NĂM 2023-2024

Các lớp Giáo lý-Việt ngữ sẽ khai giảng vào
ngày 10 tháng 9 năm 2023, vào lúc 1 giờ chiều
tại trường học.

Xin quý phụ huynh ghi danh. Đơn ghi danh sẵn
có tại văn phòng giáo xứ và trên trang mạng:
<http://truonghoabinh.org>

DỰ ÁN NĂNG LƯỢNG MẶT TRỜI

Giáo xứ đang trong tiến trình làm dự án
Năng Lượng Mặt Trời. Tổng chi phí là
134,560.00 Đô-la. Xin mọi người ủng hộ
và đóng góp theo lòng quảng đại và khả
năng của mình để Giáo xứ chúng ta
hoàn thành dự án như đã hoạch định.

*Xin Thiên Chúa trả công bội hậu cho
lòng quảng đại của Quý Vị!*

*Sau khi đem bản thân mình dâng
hiến cho Thiên Chúa, thì không
những con được Thiên Chúa, mà
còn được sự sống đời đời nữa.
(Thánh Francis of Sales)*

CHÚA NHẬT: LỄ CHÚA HIỂN DUNG

Mt 17: 1-9

ĐỈNH CAO HÔM NAY-ĐỈNH CAO NGÀY MAI

Suy niệm:

Bản văn của thánh Mát-thêu trình bày một kinh nghiệm thần bí vượt trên những thực tại hữu hình, qua những con người và biểu tượng. Bản văn là một mặc khải về một mẫu nhiệm: căn tính của Đức Giêsu.

Việc Đức Giêsu biến đổi hình dạng không phải chỉ là một trình thuật để nghe, nhưng còn là một bức tranh để chiêm ngắm, tựa như hình ảnh ngăn ngừa về một thế giới thần thiêng và bí nhiệm, rất gần gũi mà cũng rất xa xăm. Trên dung nhan của con người đang bị bóng tối từ thần đe dọa, đã bùng lên ánh sáng chói lòa của ngày Phục Sinh.

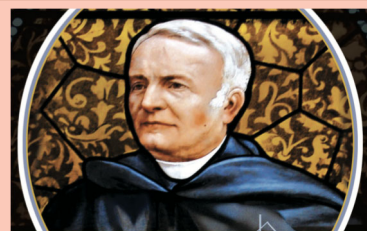
Một tuần lễ trước khi xảy ra biến cố này, Phêrô đã thử tìm một con đường dẫn đến vinh quang mà không có Thập giá. Giờ đây, ông nghĩ rằng việc Hiển Dung có thể là con đường tắt để thực hiện ơn cứu độ. Ông hiểu đôi chút về điều đang xảy ra, có một cái gì đó rất lớn lao, và một lần nữa, ông cố gắng thuyết phục Đức Giêsu đừng đi Giêrusalem, bằng cách xin dựng lầu ở trên núi này. Với Đức Giêsu, vinh quang hôm nay chỉ là chốc lát, chỉ là khởi đầu, chỉ là lời báo trước cho vinh quang vĩnh cửu sau cuộc Khổ Nạn. Còn với Phêrô, đây là vinh quang của ơn cứu độ, và ông phải dấn mình vào: ông tưởng rằng không cần có thập giá vẫn có vinh quang. Mãi đến sau này, sau biến cố Phục Sinh, ông mới hiểu rõ và thuật lại toàn bộ sự kiện (xem 2 Pr 1,16-20).

Bởi vậy, trước khi đạt đến vinh quang đích thực, Đức Giêsu phải rời ngọn núi để tiếp tục con đường lên Giêrusalem. Ngài còn phải đến vườn cây Dầu, còn phải lên đồi Gôn-gô-tha. Mặc dù bóng tối của đồi Gôn-gô-tha có che khuất khuôn mặt vinh quang, như là chẳng còn nhìn thấy gì, chẳng còn chi hi vọng; nhưng điều đó chỉ xảy ra trong giây lát, trong một thời gian ngắn. Ánh sáng đã một lần bùng lên thì không phải là điều ảo tưởng, điều đã xảy ra trên núi không phải là giấc mơ. Biến cố Phục Sinh sẽ cho thấy rằng sự sống có thể nảy sinh từ sự chết.

Biến cố Hiển Dung của Đức Giêsu thực là một kinh nghiệm cho tất cả những ai muốn cùng được tham dự vào vinh quang của Người: Chính kinh nghiệm này là chìa khóa, là sức mạnh giúp chúng ta dám chấp nhận những hi sinh, những từ bỏ để càng lúc càng gần bó hơn với Đức Kitô. Biến cố này thực là một cuộc xuất hành tiến về Đất Hứa, xuyên qua những thử thách. Ai không chấp nhận xuất hành, không cùng đi với Đức Giêsu trên con đường lên Giêrusalem, người ấy sẽ không được tham dự vào vinh quang vĩnh cửu. Mỗi người sẽ có thể có một kinh nghiệm nào đó về Đức Giêsu, nhưng đó chưa phải là tất cả. Đỉnh cao này còn chờ một đỉnh cao nữa. **Lm. Giuse Nguyễn Cao Luật**



THE ASSUMPTIONISTS AUGUSTINIANS OF THE ASSUMPTION



**Fr. Emmanuel d'Alzon
Founder**

Next weekend August 12th and 13th, a priest from **The Assumptionists - Augustinians of the Assumption**, will be preaching at all Masses to share with us about the missionary works of the Church throughout the world and ask for help. The Assumptionists, formally known as the Congregation of the Augustinians of the Assumption is a worldwide congregation of Catholic priests and brothers. It is active in many countries. This visit is part of the national program, in which annually a representative of one of the missionary groups visits parishes of the Diocese, to invite the Parish to share in the works of the Universal Church. Each of us as baptized Catholics are called to share in the work of evangelization. Below is a write up about the Assumptionists and their work.....

**"Our very reason for being, as Assumptionists, is to be found in our motto:
Thy Kingdom Come"**

From the very beginning, the Assumptionists have been engaged in a wide variety of apostolic works. All that advances the coming of the Reign of God has always been deemed worthy of our apostolic energy.

It's a preference for poor, in response to the Gospel and to the Church calling us today to be on their side. For us too it's a consequence of our own vow to live as poor men. Some will dedicate themselves full-time to this work: with marginalized people of every kind, in hospitals and in prisons, "worker priests" or volunteers in different organizations..... But all of us try to live in union with the poor, because "the poor will always be with us", because the poor are too often neglected even within the Church. This is a bias that the Assumption encourages.

Our Province of North America and the Philippines is specifically responsible for the missions in East Africa (Kenya and Tanzania), Mexico and the Philippines. We provide personnel and financial assistance that is indispensable in order to maintain our charitable works (schools and nurseries) and formation programs for both laity and clergy in these countries. Many of our apostolates in these countries specifically work to better the living conditions of the impoverished brothers and sisters we live with and minister to. In the Philippines, we sponsor education and aid programs for underprivileged villages both in the Manilla area and other mission centers. Our newly founded parish in Orizaba, Veracruz Mexico, ministers to an underserved indigenous community.

Your support to this worthy cause will be a great encouragement to the Augustinians as they continue to spread the good news and continue their charitable works of providing personnel and financial assistance to schools and formation programs in East Africa, Mexico and the Philippines.

**Please respond generously to The Assumptionists' appeal. To find out more about them visit
www.assumption.us**

God Bless you all



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Philippines