

St. Felicitas Catholic Church

July 14, 2024



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.
- Mk 6:7, 13

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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

Mercey Zamora, 347-1293

Pastoral Associate, Spanish Ministry

Sr. Mary Hoang Phan, LHC 347-1283

Pastoral Care

Sharon Clancey, Office Secretary 351-5244

Mildred de Sousa, Bookkeeper/Bulletin 351-5244

Parish School

Sr. Faustina Pham, Principal 357-2530

1650 Manor Blvd. Fax: 357-5358

Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)

Theresa Legaspi : saintfelicitascyo@gmail.com

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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15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 14, 2024

Sunday's Readings: Amos 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8); Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10; Mark 6:7-13

Gospel Reflection : *Once I asked a fallen-away Catholic friend of mine what he remembered about the parish priest from his youth. He said, "He was a gentle, nice guy. Kind of vanilla. Kept to himself." It struck me that he, perhaps like many, perceive Catholic priests as the following: lonely, harmless, and self-sufficient. As a challenge both to this perception (accurate or not) and to us priests who perhaps feel a pull in that uninspiring direction, stands the mighty image of what we see in the Gospel this Sunday.*

Jesus sent out his apostles, "two-by-two, with power over demons, and without money belts." Two-by-two: they enjoyed deep fellowship and brotherhood. Power over demons: they were anything but harmless. These men wielded enormous power against evil. Without money belts: they were not self-sufficient. They needed others to help them. Not lonely, but in community. Not harmless but armed with massive spiritual energy. Not self-sufficient, but poor and in need of help.

This is a challenge to me, and perhaps to all of us, living in a rich, secularized, and individualized culture. Do I embrace my priestly ministry in deep fellowship with other priests? Do I speak and act boldly to drive out evil where it is found? Do I live poorly and simply, trusting in the help of those around me even for basic needs? The fruitfulness of priestly ministry largely depends on these three traits. Let's pray for all priests — and, by extension, all of us Christians — to live more like Jesus' communal, poor, and powerful apostles.

Father John Muir ©LPi

Readings for the week of July 14, 2024

Monday: Isaiah 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Matthew 10:34-11:1
Tuesday: Isaiah 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8; Matthew 11:20-24
Wednesday: Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15; Matthew 11:25-27
Thursday: Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21; Matthew 11:28-30
Friday: Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16; Matthew 12:1-8
Saturday: Micah 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14; Matthew 12:14-21

Bishop's Ministries Appeal Prayer Theme : Many Ministries One Church

Loving and merciful God, we are your family, brothers and sisters entrusted with the mission of your Church in the Diocese of Oakland.

Thank you for the precious gift of Your Most Holy Eucharist.

Thank you for transforming us by it, and for filling us with your Divine Love so we can help bring Your Presence to our families, friends, neighborhoods, and the world.

May our Blessed Mother, Queen of the World and patroness of our Diocese, lead us to You and walk with us in our challenges and struggles.

May our work, through the Bishop's Ministries Appeal, bring You joy and bring Your gentle mercy and care to all we serve. Amen

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Offering for June 30, 2024 :

Sunday Collection : \$7,731.00

Peter's Pence Collection : \$2,491.00

Parish Offering for July 7, 2024 :

Sunday Collection : \$8,768.00

Maintenance/Pews: \$5,383.50

Faith Direct for the month of June: \$ 7,157.80

Pews & Kneelers (Building/Maint.) : \$ 140,174.50

**Second Collection this Sunday : Mission Co-op.
(Salesian Sisters - India)**

**Second Collection next Sunday: Building Fund
Thank you for your continued generosity.**

The Holy Father's July Prayer Intention

For the Pastoral Care of the Sick : We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

**Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick
Saturday, August 03 at 10:00am**

**"Lord my God, I called to You for help,
and You healed me." Psalm 30:2:**

The Church encourages anyone who is ill, elderly, physically or mentally challenged, anyone preparing for or anticipating surgery, struggling with or recovering from addiction...to **COME to MASS & receive the Anointing of the sick.** The Anointing Mass is not only for the elderly or sick but for all of us, so that we too receive HEALING spiritually or physically from our Merciful God. It is through this sacrament that we gain strength to bear our suffering with patience and dignity.

There will be a reception after the Mass in the vestibule of the Church. Please join us.

Sr. Guadalupe Martinez C.S.J
May 10, 1929 - June 8, 2024



Sr. Guadalupe served as principal of St. Felicitas School from 1985 to 1993. Sister passed on June 8th at the age of 95 after years of ministry in Catholic education. Please keep her in your prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto her Oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her, may she rest in peace. Amen

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: Mr. Hoang Hung

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 the Parish Office at (510) 351-5244 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 Placheno - Sgt. Military

Manuel Gonzalez- Cmdr. U.S. Navy

Troy Meno (Air Force)

Brittany Manglona (Air Force)

Ryland Toves - Navy

Joey Mesa - Navy

Julian Chan - Marines

Kaden Milner - Military

Capt. Matthew Peñaranda

Marquis Loto - Navy

Lt. Sam Davis - Navy

Enzo Barcelona - Army

If you know anyone who is serving please call the office

**Considering becoming Catholic ?
Interested in what Catholics believe?**
Then consider RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)
RCIA is the process for individuals to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation - Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. It is designed to fully incorporate a person into the Church
At St. Felicitas, a new RCIA session will begin in September. If you are interested, please call the parish office at (510) 351-5244 for more information.

**St. Felicitas Church - Youth Confirmation
Final Sacrament of Initiation**
The program starts in September. This is a 2 year program and is open to all youth, ages 13-17 years (must be in High School). The program is under the direction of The Youth Ministry Group of our parish which is made up of high school students. The group meets at least 2 Sundays per month from September to June. Classes begin from September 17th and each class is for about 2 hours. This program is a very spiritual, transformational as well as a fun faith journey.
We will be accepting registrations for the 2024 Confirmation program on the following two Sundays - August 11th and August 18th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the Gym. Registration forms will be available after the 10:30 am Mass on both Sundays. Please bring your Baptism and First Communion certificates along with registration fee.
**For information contact Geri Lara at
(510) 326 5693**

|  | | Mass Intentions <i>Ý Lễ trong tuần</i> <i>Intensions' para las</i> | Week of July 13, 2024 |
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| Sat. | 07/13 | 4:00 pm | Parishioners |
| Sun. | 07/14 | 7:30 am | Joy Mavis Dias † |
| | | 9:00 am | Luisa & Juan Chavez † |
| | | 10:30am | Leonor Mimi Duarte † |
| | | 12:30 pm | Ma Guadalupe Solis & Ruben Reynosa (H-L) |
| Mon. | 07/15 | 7:00 am | Zenaida Bordalo (H-L) |
| | | 8:15 am | Galli Carmen (L-B) |
| Tue. | 07/16 | 7:00 am | Raphael Lam Huynh † |
| | | 8:15 am | Citlaly Guadalupe Morales † |
| Wed. | 07/17 | 7:00 am | John & Viola Litvinchuck † |
| | | 8:15 am | Rogelio A. Chozas † |
| Thur. | 07/18 | 7:00 am | Martha Trong Cac † |
| | | 8:15 am | Francisco De Sousa † |
| Fri. | 07/19 | 7:00 am | Long Nguyen † |
| | | 8:15 am | Philip M. Bangloy † |
| Sat. | 07/20 | 7:00 am | Terry Clancey † |
| | | 4:00 pm | Elias Posa, Sr. † |
| Sun. | 07/21 | 7:30 am | Parishioners |
| | | 9:00 am | Gladys Directo Banayat & Cecilio Batac † |
| | | 10:30am | Rosa Maria Bargas (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

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| Denise Abero | Virgie Mercado | Athena Reed |
| Jennifer L. Aguilar | Saturnina Fuentes | Lois Belmessieri |
| Barbara O'Connor | Reynald Corldani | Mike Gomes-Figueira |
| Sal Costilla | Zeneyd Cecilia Munoz | Brian Keith Robinson |
| David Boles | Bernice Winslow | Billy Schmalfeldt |
| Gerry Bernardo | Oney Cort Hernandez | Jeff Ibrahim |
| Michell Duffey | Laura Aruda | James Sobrero |
| Joycelyn Garner | Catalino & Nenita Santos | Joyce Forsse |
| Susan Hernandez | Javier Martin Muñoz | Dan Bautista |
| Alice Huizar | Joseph Sanchez | Raymond Bautista |
| Susan Lara | Martin Indalecio | Edgar Oriel |
| Gloria Muskopf | Julie Chin | Jezza Mae Salvatierra |
| Kent Myers | Donald Solomon | Ruben Reygoza |
| Corazon Mislang | Irene Goyeneche | Maria G. Solis |
| Tony Silveira | Leonie Solomon | Oscar Luigi Nelson |
| Felisimia Toste | Grace Pehl | Julie Lassalle |
| Geoffrey Salvatierra | Beth Stern | Keith Balasuriya |
| Luningning Hobbs | Ruben Aguayo | |

Schedule of Masses -Our Lady of Fatima Devotion
All Masses at 7:00 P.M.
August 13 - Tuesday
September 13 - Friday
October 11 - Friday

Saint Felicitas Catholic Church

Faith Formation Registration 2024-25
Registration has begun for the 2024-2025 school year for Faith Formation classes
Classes are for children in grades 1st through 8th who do not attend Catholic school.
Time: 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

St. Felicitas Parish -Spanish-Speaking Community

14 de julio de 2024

- 15° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario



Con frecuencia escuchamos de los sacerdotes de nuestras parroquias o de nuestros padres e inclusive de amigos la siguiente frase: “*Confiar siempre en Dios*”. Claro que confiamos, cuando nos va bien, cuando tenemos bonanza en nuestra vida. Pero, si llega una enfermedad, si nos quedamos sin trabajo, si muere un ser querido...

¿Confiamos?

La respuesta va de acuerdo a nuestra relación personal con Dios, a nuestra fe y confianza que hemos desarrollado en nuestra vida hacia El. Ser fiel y confiar en Dios, es contemplar su rostro en cada circunstancia, en cada PRUEBA que pasamos y también en las cosas gratas de la familia y comunidad. ©LPi ¿Cuál es la enseñanza de Jesús para nosotros?

No olvidemos que Dios nos concede su gracia, bondad, su misericordia y su amor.

Domingo: Am 7, 12-15

Sal 84, 9-10. 11-12. 13-14 (8)

Ef 1, 3-14 o 1, 3-10

Mc 6, 7-13

En el Evangelio de hoy, vemos cómo Jesús envía a sus apóstoles para continuar su obra misionera. Y se relaciona estrechamente con la vocación del profeta Amós: “*Yo no soy profeta ni uno de los hermanos profetas; soy cuidador de rebaños y trato los sicómoros*” (Amós 7:14). Todo trata de la confianza plena en Dios para cumplir con lo que nos toca hacer. Siempre se muestra la misericordia de Dios al cumplir su voluntad. El Señor muestra su bondad y su amor en todo momento; pero, hay que estar alerta a su voz y a su pedido y además no llevar nada para el camino. Ahora nos diría, ni siquiera el celular ni la computadora. **Solo el corazón bien dispuesto para trabajar en su viña. ¿Podremos?** La tecnología debe estar a nuestro servicio, no nosotros al servicio de ella.

“Jornada de Formación en la Fe”

Ambos programas de “Primera Comunión” y Confirmación, se iniciarán en Septiembre y Octubre respectivamente. Las clases para ambos programas, se imparten los días Viernes por la tarde, ya sea para Primero como para Segundo Año. El horario es de 7:00 P.M. a 8:30 P.M. semanalmente.

Las formas de inscripciones se distribuirán después de Misa en Español, de 12:30 P.M. en los domingos: **28 del mes de Julio** y **04 de Agosto**.

Tendremos reunión de “Orientación” en las fechas arriba mencionadas, en el salón Saint Mary Center, situado en la parte posterior del templo, en el estacionamiento.

Requisitos Básicos para la admisión:

- Estar registrados en esta parroquia.
- Copia del “acta de bautizo” del niño o niña, Para candidatos a la confirmación.
- Copia del “acta de primera comunión”
- La edad requerida es de 13 a 17 años de edad.
- Cuota de contribución para la inscripción.

Bienvenidos a esta “Jornada de Fe” o “Encuentro con Jesús”.



HORARIO DE MISAS EN HONOR A NUESTRA , AGOSTO, Martes 13

SEPTIEMBRE, Viernes 13

OCTUBRE, Viernes 11

La procesión será a las 7:00 P.M.

A continuación, el rezo del santo Rosario y celebración de la Eucaristía.

St. Felicitas Parish Vietnamese Community

CHÚA NHẬT TUẦN XV-MÙA THUỜNG NIÊN

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 (9 giờ sáng đến 4 giờ chiều). Cùng với thời gian này, sẽ có Châu Thánh Thể trong Nhà Nguyễn Thánh Giuse.

CÁC BÀI ĐỌC TRONG TUẦN

Thứ 2, 15/7: Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34-11:1
Thứ 3, 16/7: Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24
Thứ 4, 17/7: Is 10:5-7,13-16; Mt 11:25-27
Thứ 5, 18/7: Is 26:7-9,12,16-19; Mt 11:28-30
Thứ 6, 19/7: Is 38:1-6,21-22,7-8; Mt 12:1-8
Thứ 7, 20/7: Mk 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21
Chúa Nhật 21/7: Gr 23:1-6; Ep 2:13-18; Mc 6:30-34

Thông Báo

- Giáo xứ sẽ tổ chức lớp Giáo lý Dự tòng vào tháng 9. Vậy những ai có nhu cầu, xin liên hệ văn phòng Giáo xứ theo số: 510-351-5244.

- Giáo xứ sẽ tổ chức lớp Giáo lý Thêm Sức cho các em từ **13-17** tuổi vào tháng 9. Giáo xứ bắt đầu nhận đơn vào các Chúa Nhật ngày **11** và **18** tháng **8** từ **4h** chiều đến **7h** tối tại phòng “gym.” Đơn sẽ có sẵn sau Thánh lễ **10h30** vào các Chúa Nhật này. Khi đi ghi danh, xin mang theo các chứng chỉ Rửa Tội và Rước Lễ lần đầu cũng như phí ghi danh. Mọi chi tiết xin liên hệ Geri Lara: 510 326 5693.

- Chương trình Giáo lý (2024-2025) dành cho các em từ lớp 1 đến lớp 8 (hiện không theo học tại các trường Công Giáo) đã bắt đầu nhận đơn đăng ký. Xin mời quý phụ huynh ghi danh hoặc liên hệ Sandi: 510-347-1282.

- Sr. Guadalupe Martinez, CSJ, nguyên hiệu trưởng trường St. Felicitas, đã về nhà Chúa vào ngày 8 tháng 6 vừa qua. Xin mọi người hiệp ý cầu nguyện cho linh hồn của Soeur.

- **Thứ Bảy** ngày **3** tháng **8**, Giáo xứ có Thánh Lễ Xức Dầu Bệnh Nhân vào lúc **10h sáng**.

- Chương trình Tôn Vinh Đức Mẹ Fatima:
+ Thứ Ba, ngày 13 tháng 8 (7h tối)
+ Thứ Sáu, ngày 13 tháng 9 (7h tối)
+ Thứ Sáu, ngày 11 tháng 10 (7h tối)

CHÚA NHẬT TUẦN XV-MÙA THUỜNG NIÊN

Mc 6:7-13

HÀNH TRANG ĐƠN GIẢN

Suy niệm: Chúa Giê-su sai Nhóm Mười Hai đi rao giảng và chỉ thị cho các ông “*không được mang gì đi đường, chỉ trừ cây gậy và đôi dép*”. Phải bỏ lại đằng sau không chỉ những hành trang linh kinh, mà cả những vật dụng hết sức cơ bản và thiết yếu cho cuộc sống cũng như cho hành trình sứ mạng. Chúa muốn dạy các tông đồ phải hoàn toàn tin tưởng, phó thác vào Chúa, chứ không cậy dựa vào những phương tiện của con người. Một lý do khác, đó là tính khẩn trương, cấp bách của sứ mạng: phải lên đường rao giảng ngay chứ không đợi đến lúc có đủ điều kiện, phương tiện mới loan báo Tin Mừng.

Mời Ban: Quả thực, các phương tiện kỹ thuật giúp ích nhiều cho công cuộc loan báo Tin Mừng. Tuy nhiên, người tông đồ dễ rơi vào cạm bẫy ngọt ngào là giản lược việc loan báo thành việc phô diễn kỹ thuật hoặc trì hoãn các kế hoạch sứ mạng với lý do thiếu thốn các phương tiện. Là những ‘môn đệ thừa sai’, bạn được mời gọi đặt hết niềm tin tưởng vào Chúa và rao giảng Tin Mừng lúc thuận cũng như lúc nghịch.

Sống Lời Chúa: Tôi tập phân định dưới sự hướng dẫn của Chúa Thánh Thần để sử dụng những phương tiện giúp cho việc loan báo Tin Mừng và cũng sẵn sàng từ bỏ chúng nếu chúng kèn càng ngáng trở sứ mạng.

Cầu nguyện: *Lạy Chúa Giê-su, hành trang con mang theo trên đường sứ mạng là chính Chúa. Xin giúp con giữ tâm hồn đơn sơ, thanh thoát và luôn vững tin vào Chúa để loan báo Tin Mừng mọi lúc, mọi nơi.*

DỰ ÁN BẢO DƯỠNG GHẾ VÀ BÀN QUỖY

Các dãy ghế và bàn quỳ trong nhà thờ đã hao mòn theo năm tháng. Cụ thể, việc sử dụng hóa chất để lau chùi trong đợt dịch vừa qua càng làm quá trình hư hại diễn ra nhanh hơn.

Được sự cho phép của Giáo Phận, Giáo xứ đã bắt đầu dự án bảo dưỡng và sửa chữa các dãy ghế và bàn quỳ. Tổng chi phí cho dự án này là: \$185,521.00 đô-la.

Xin mọi người cùng chung tay, góp sức tùy theo khả năng của mình, để Giáo xứ chúng ta sớm hoàn thành dự án như đã hoạch định.

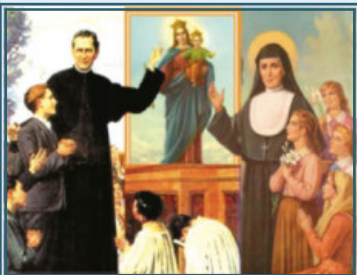
Xin Thiên Chúa trả công bội hậu cho lòng quảng đại của Quý Vị!

BISHOP'S APPEAL 2024

- Chương trình “Bishop’s Appeal” năm **2024** đã bắt đầu với chủ đề “Many Ministries, One Church.” Mục tiêu của Giáo xứ chúng ta trong chương trình năm nay là **\$34,300**. Xin quý vị rộng tay đóng góp, để cùng với Đức Giám Mục, chúng ta xây dựng và phát triển Giáo phận.

The Salesian Sisters - India

This weekend July 13th & 14th, Mr. Thomas LeClair, a Lay Person who knows and works well in collaboration with the Salesian Sisters of Mumbai, will be preaching at all Masses to tell us about the missionary works of the **Salesian Sisters in Mumbai, India**. Together with lay collaborators, the salesian sisters are dedicated to the education and evangelization of young people and their families through schools, camps, retreats, catechesis, youth and young adult parish ministries, oratories, and after-school programs. They share Christ's mission in the Church especially through Christian education in the style of the Preventive system – a system of loving kindness, drawn from the heart of Christ Himself.



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. Please donate generously! Below is a write up about the Sisters and their work.....

Empowering Young Girls: From Poverty to a New Life in India

In this year's mission appeal on the weekend of July 13,14, we will learn how we can **dramatically change the lives of poor girls in India**. In Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India – a poverty-stricken area – Salesian sisters want to build a hostel that will house poor girls as they train for new careers and a real life. **Without this hostel, girls will be married at 13 or 14 and have more children than they can care for. Or, a girl could be traded for a pig, just to support a family. Or she could be captured by ruthless sex traffickers and condemned to a horrible life. With the hostel, she will have the chance for a real life, a real career. It is that simple and that dramatic.**



Here are two village girls; both were born to grinding poverty in a poor Indian village.

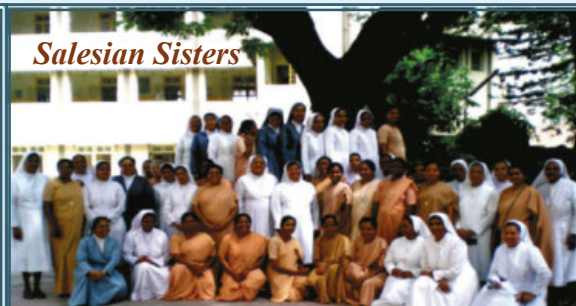


One girl will never leave her village. ➡ She will drop out of school, be forced to marry young, and will work for \$3 a day at back-breaking labor for the rest of her life.

↩ **Hemlata, the other girl, trained by the sisters, is now on staff at a hospital. With your help, many more Hemlatas will have dignity, a good job and a real future. If we can help build, the Salesians sisters in Gandhinagar will educate hundreds of girls just like her. These girls will break the cycle of poverty that has plagued their families for generations.**

Don't you want to give these poor girls a chance? Your generous donations will build these girls a home and a future.

As a special thank you: your donations will be memorialized with the name of your parish on a Stepping Stone that will lead to the new hostel. The sisters and girls will pray those stones – much like a rosary-- for you each day. Imagine: **a prayer for you each day** – just when you might need it the most. And, you'll find out how you can have your own Stepping Stone. **For more information: Paul Wilkes (910) 538-4544 or mission@homeofhopeindia.org**





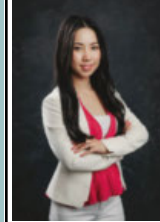
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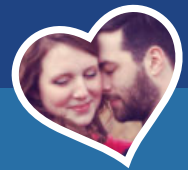
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