

# St. Felicitas Catholic Church

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## THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

His disciples recalled  
the words of Scripture,  
Zeal for your house will  
consume me. - Jn 2:17

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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

*The Blessed Sacrament is exposed everyday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Chapel at the St. Joseph's Center (the Parish Office). We encourage all our parishioners to visit the Chapel and spend time with our Blessed Lord.*

#### 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 Friday of the month at 7:00 pm - St. Mary's Center.

#### 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

#### Parish Staff /Nhân viên của Giáo xứ / Personal de la Parroquia

Rev. Peter D. Ngo, *Pastor* 347-1286

Fr. Rinto Puthussery - *In Residence*

Fr. Anthony Huong Le - *In Residence*

Deacon Timothy Myers, RCIA./Pastoral Care 347-1283

[timothykentmyers@gmail.com](mailto:timothykentmyers@gmail.com)

Sharon Clancey, *Office Secretary* 351-5244

Maria Castillo, *Spanish Coordinator* 347-1293

Mildred de Sousa, *Bookkeeper/Bulletin* 351-5244

#### Parish School

Shannon Bellison, *Principal* 357-2530

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#### Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)

Theresa Legaspi : [saintfelicitascyo@gmail.com](mailto:saintfelicitascyo@gmail.com)

#### Religious Education Office

Sandi Walton, *Director of Religious Education* 347-1282

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#### Youth Ministry

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November 09, 2025  
**The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**



*Sunday's Readings: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22*

**Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

Did you know there are churches in Rome older than St. Peter's? St. John Lateran is one of four major basilicas in the Eternal City, and it is by far the oldest. The land was donated by an ancient Roman family to the Emperor Constantine, who in turn gave it to the Church. For hundreds of years, St. John Lateran was the "mother church." Popes lived on the grounds through the 14th century. The church itself suffered from pillaging by invaders, fires, and earthquakes. It has been restored and rebuilt five times since the 300s. On this feast, we remember more than a building. We celebrate the resiliency of our faith. Though trials may come in our parishes, personal lives, and the world, the Church endures through the grace of Jesus Christ.

**Reflection** : *When I was 22, I entered St. Peter's Basilica for the first time. It floored me. I could hardly take it in, its grandeur, majestic arches, vibrant colors, and the light that danced through its high windows. Somehow, amidst such splendor, I felt an overwhelming sense of belonging, as if I had finally come home.*

*Jesus reorients how we Catholics see sacred buildings. In today's Gospel he says, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:13-22). His riddle implies, shockingly, that his own body is now the fundamental dwelling place of God and humanity. The temple in Jerusalem has been superseded.*

*In our churches today — whether they mirror the basilica's grandeur or embrace humble simplicity — we experience architectural symbols of Christ's risen body. It is no accident we call them "churches": they make visible in brick-and-mortar Christ's body which is made up of the living stones we call Christians. Each church building, like St. John Lateran in Rome, or St. Peter's, or any other, is meant to be a vibrant sign of Christ's resurrected body. We should cherish and protect our churches as places where heaven touches earth, where we, as a community, are raised to the fullness of life in Christ.*

Father John Muir ©LPi

**Readings for the week of November 9, 2025**

- Mon: Wisdom 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10; Luke 17:1-6
- Tues: Wisdom 2:23-3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Luke 17:7-10
- Wed: Wisdom 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Luke 17:11-19
- Thurs: Wisdom 7:22b-8:1; Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175; Luke 17:20-25
- Fri: Wisdom 13:1-9; Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18; Luke 17:26-37
- Sat: Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Luke 18:1-8

**Month of November is for All Souls**

There is a "Book of Remembrance" in our church by the Baptismal font for us to pray for our departed loved ones.

**A Prayer for the Month of the Holy Souls**

Cameron Bellm



In these days when we look back  
 Upon generations of the mercy of God,  
 Brilliantly lit in those who came before us,  
 I like to think, too,  
 Of the mercy that will stretch beyond us.  
 We have laid so many to rest this year  
 That our grief is ever present with us,  
 But so, likewise, are our loved ones—  
 The paths they walked, the prayers they prayed for us.  
 May we realize, too, that someday  
 We also will live on earth only in memory,  
 Carried in the hearts of those who loved us.  
 In remembering our death, may we move  
 through each day  
 With tenderness, with gentleness,  
 With love strong enough to stretch that  
 thin veil  
 Between heaven and earth into  
 transparency.  
 May we light the candles that will  
 brighten the lives  
 Of those who will come after us.  
 And may we always recognize  
 this truth:  
 That the goodness of God  
 is matched only by its might,  
 Ever transcending both life  
 and death.  
 Amen.



# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Parish Offering for November 02, 2025**

**Sunday Collection :** \$ 11,232.00  
**Maintenance** \$ 5,706.00

**Second Collection this Sunday :** *Archdiocese for the Military*

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

### Our Second Collection this Sunday is for The Archdiocese for the Military (AMS).

The AMS, which relies entirely on private donations, ensures that service members and their families are able to seek sacramental preparation, benefit from consultation with a priest, and to receive the sacrament of penance, as they defend our rights and face constant transition and uncertainty. These funds are critical for sustaining the AMS Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program, which nurtures priestly vocations to serve both the Church and the military chaplaincy. The AMS was created by Pope St. John Paul II. Please donate generously.



### Veterans Day - November 11th

*The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th for Veterans Day.*

#### Prayer

*Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces. Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.*



### Thanksgiving Day-Nov. 27th One Mass at 9.00 am

*We invite you and your family to join us on Thanksgiving Day to express our gratitude to the Almighty for the blessings we have received in the past year. We also invite you to bring the bread and/or wine from your Thanksgiving dinner to be blessed during Mass. By connecting the Lord's table with your family's table, we remember that all good gifts come from God and bring His blessings into our homes.*

*The Parish Office will be closed from Wednesday, November 26th to Friday, November 28th. We will re-open on Monday, Dec. 1st.*

## 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-Puleo at (510) 877-2888 or email her at [maripazlara2211@gmail.com](mailto:maripazlara2211@gmail.com)

### Faith Formation

**English:** Director of Religious Education - Sandi Walton  
 All Classes now in person. For information call (510) 347 1282  
**Spanish :** Marvin Ramos - President (510) 919-4314  
 Maria Castillo - CCD (510) 347-1293  
 Anavell Amezcua - Coordinator (510)825-2022  
 (Quinceaneras/ Weddings / Funerals)

**Vietnamese:** Mr. Hoang Hung

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

### OCIA-the Order 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 9:00 am : 2nd year Sunday at 11:30 am

### 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](mailto: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

**Knights of Columbus** - invites Catholic men to join. If interested please contact Carl Webb at (510) 8135957 or email [Carlwebb3@gmail.com](mailto:Carlwebb3@gmail.com)

**BSA and Cubs:** Come join the Cubs & Scouts-Ages 5 to 17. We meet every Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the Social Hall. If interested please contact Carl Webb at (510) 8135957 or email [Carlwebb3@gmail.com](mailto:Carlwebb3@gmail.com)

### Pray for those who serve in the armed forces



**Shianne Solomon - Sgt. Army**  
**Jamie Placheno - Sgt. Military**  
**Manuel Gonzalez-Cmdr. U.S.Navy**  
**Brian T. Lara - M.Sgt. Air Force**

**Troy Meno (Air Force)**

**Brittany Manglona (Air Force)**

**Ryland Toves - Navy**

**Joey Mesa - Navy**

**Julian Chan - Marines**

**Kaden Milner - Military**

**Capt. Matt Peñaranda-Army**

**Marquis Loto - Navy**

**Lt. Sam Davis - Navy**

**Enzo Barcelona - Army**

**MA Glory C.L. Newell - Navy**

**Guyon Ducker - Marines**

**1stSgt. Ron E. Hesson - Army**

**Christopher Pangilinan - Military**

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

### The Holy Father's November Prayer Intention

**For the prevention of suicide :** Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be opened to the beauty of life.

### Pope Leo XIV will engage in a live digital dialogue with young people at the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)

The encounter will take place on **Friday, November 21, at 10:15 am ET** at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. The encounter will be livestreamed via EWTN, the exclusive multi-cast provider.

A comprehensive digital experience will be available to all in preparation for the encounter! By registering for the Digital Experience, you'll receive access to:

- A **pre-event gathering** on November 11 at 9:00 pm ET, featuring special guests, prizes, exclusive content, and more
- Instructions for accessing the **livestream**
- **Post-event resources** to bring the Pope's message into your home, parish, or classroom



### Day of Reflection in the Jubilee Year of Hope

#### "The Door of Hope is Always Open"

St. Anne Catholic Church will host a day-long recollection for the Youth and Adults on November 15, 2025, from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm in this Jubilee Year of Hope. It would be an excellent preparation for every family in the coming Feast of Christ the King and the season of Advent. There will be Dynamic Speakers, Confession and Adoration.

For more information please call 510-4717766 or 510-3867737 or 510-4491350.

### The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - December 8th



The feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy day of Obligation.

The schedule of Masses for the 8th is as follows :

#### Masses in English :

7:00 am; 9:00 am (school children) & 5:00 pm

Bilingual Mass : 6:30 pm

Vietnamese Mass : 8:00 pm

			<b>Mass Intentions</b> <b>Ý Lễ trong tuần</b> <b>Intensions' para las</b>	<b>Week of</b> <b>November 08,</b> <b>2025</b>
Sat.	11/08	4:00 pm	Ligaya Alejandrio †	
Sun.	11/09	7:30 am	Parisioners	
		9:00 am	Ruth Pena †	
		10:30am	Agripino Pagdanganan†	
		12:30 pm	Carmen Garcia and Jose Asuncion Battienra †	
Mon.	11/10	7:00 am	Felicidad Javier †	
		8:15 am	Luna Jay Joy	
Tue.	11/11	7:00 am	Donald Trump (L)	
		8:15 am	Deceased Legionaries—Legion of Mary †	
Wed.	11/12	7:00 am	Sr. Madeline Cornelio †	
		8:15 am	Ann Chermack †	
Thur.	11/13	7:00 am	Marco Esnil Castro †	
		8:15 am	Andres Bordalo, Jr. †	
Fri.	11/14	7:00 am	Cecelia Khen & Maria Lan †	
		8:15 am	Al Falleiro †	
Sat.	11/15	7:00 am	Zenaida Bordalo (L)	
		4:00 pm	Marina Cuero †	
Sun.	11/16	7:30 am	Arturo Quinto †	
		9:00 am	Parishioners	
		10:30am	Norma Pagdanganan†	
		12:30 pm	Francisco Guzman & Antonia Godinez †	

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

### Pray for our sick relatives and friends

Denise Abero	Joseph Sanchez	Baby Paige
Jennifer L. Aguilar	Martin Indalecio	Mia Loto
Barbara O'Connor	Julie Chin	Tillie Gumataotao
Sal & Marlene Costilla	Donald Solomon	Gary Siu
David Boles	Leonie Solomon	John Lara Salvatierra
Joycelyn Garner	Grace Pehl	Gilbert Castillo
Gloria Muskopf	Ruben Aguayo	Pauline Pham
Michal Myers	Brian Keith Robinson	Mary Drayton
Tony Silveira	Jeff Ibrahim	Grace I. Robinson
Felisimia Toste	Dan Bautista	Tony Ysguerra
Geoffrey Salvatierra	Raymond Bautista	Evangeline Herrero
Luningning Hobbs	Jezza Mae Salvatierra	Ana Estaniel
Virgie Mercado	Ruben Reygoza	Patricia Coffey
Reynald Corldani	Maria G. Solis	Giana Sorbello
Zeneyd Cecilia Munoz	Gerald Reyes	Jim Freitas
Bernice Winslow	Bill Siem	Magali Lazcano
Oney Cort Hernandez	Jeff Ahlberg	Robin Homen
Laura Aruda	Erika Vargas	Deanna Dias
Catalino & Nenita S	Cathlyne Vargas	

### Healing Mass

**Our next Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick will be on Saturday, December 6th at 10:00 am. Please join us.**

# St. Felicitas Parish -Spanish-Speaking Community

**Domingo:** Ez 47, 1-2. 8-9. 12/Sal 45, 2-3. 5-6. 8-9/1 Co 3, 9-11. 16-17/Jn 2, 13-22

**9 de noviembre de 2025**

**Dedicación de la Basílica de Letrán**

**Juan 2:13-22**

El Espíritu de Dios vive en nosotros. La dignidad humana radica en esto: en que somos templo vivo del Espíritu Santo. Este es el gran regalo de Dios a nosotros, otorgado por la gracia. El apóstol san Pablo nos ofrece una poderosa reflexión al respecto: “¿No saben que son templo de Dios y que el Espíritu de Dios habita en ustedes? Si alguno destruye el templo de Dios, Dios lo destruirá a él. El templo de Dios es sagrado, y ese templo son ustedes” (1 Corintios 3:16–17). Saber esto conlleva una gran responsabilidad para cada uno de nosotros. ¿Cómo cuida el templo de Dios que es mi cuerpo? ¿Qué tipo de cimientos sostienen su construcción diaria? Recuerda que su principal función es demostrar que allí habita el Dios vivo.

El pasaje del Evangelio nos presenta otra imagen de la hermosura y santidad del templo: “Jesús purifica el templo, y lo hace con el látigo en la mano. Se pone a expulsar las actitudes paganas, en este caso, de los mercaderes que vendían y habían transformado el templo en pequeños negocios. Jesús purifica el templo reprendiendo: ‘Está escrito: mi casa será casa de oración, no de otra cosa’. El templo es un lugar sagrado. Y nosotros debemos entrar allí, en la sacralidad que nos lleva a la adoración. No hay otra cosa. Hay dos templos: el templo material, lugar de adoración, y el templo espiritual dentro de mí, donde mora el Espíritu Santo” (Papa Francisco).

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**El 21 de Noviembre a las 10:15am. ET**

En una Era en la que la vida digital y espiritual se Cruzan, El papa Leon X IV, esta abriendo nuevos caminos.

Y por primera vez tendra un dialogo digital con jovenes de Estados Unidos. Este historico evento conectara al Papa desde el Vaticano con miles de jovenes que estaran en vivo en e estadio Lucas Oil de Indianapolis, Indiana, asi como con muchos que seguiran la transmission en vivo.

Puede participar en un dialogo en tiempo real de 45 minutos con el Papapa visitando el sitio Wed de NCYC.

**Misa de la Inmaculad Concepcion de Maria**

Es un día sagrado de obligacion



8 de Diciembre  
Misas 7:00am 9:00 am (Niños de Edad Escolar)  
Y 5:00pm

6:30pm Misa Bilingue  
8:00 pm Misa Vietnameses

**Misa de Uncion de los Emfermos**  
Nuestra proxima misa de Enfermos sera el 6 de Diciembre a las 10:00am. Estan cordialmente envidados

**Dia de los Veteranos—11 de Noviembre**

La oficina parroquial estara cerrada el martes 11 de noviembre por el dia de los Veteranos

**Dia de Accion de Gracias– 27 de Noviembre**



**Una misa a las 9:00 am**

Te invitamos a unirte a nosotros para nuestra misa de Accion de Gracias para agradecer el Todopoderoso.

Tambien esta invitado a traer el pan y/o el vino que servira para la cena del dia de Accion de Gracias para ser Bendecido en la misa.

**Dia de Accion de Gracias**

La oficina estara cerrada desde el miercoles 26 de Noviembre hasta el viernes 28 de noviembre. Re-abriremos el lunes 1 de Diciembre.

# St. Felicitas Parish Vietnamese Community

## MÙA THƯỜNG 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 Nguyện Thánh Giuse.

## CÁC BÀI ĐỌC TRONG TUẦN

Thứ 2, 10/11: Kn 1:1-7; Lc 17:1-6

Thứ 3, 11/11: Kn 2:23-3:9; Lc 17:7-10

Thứ 4, 12/11: Kn 6:1-11; Lc 17:11-19

Thứ 5, 13/11: Kn 7:22-8:1; Lc 17:20-25

Thứ 6, 14/11: Kn 13:1-9; Lc 17:26-37

Thứ 7, 15/11: Kn 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Lc 18:1-8

Chúa Nhật 16/11: Mt 3:19-20; 2 Tx 3:7-12; Lc 21:5-19

## Thông Báo

- Tiền giỗ (lần 2) trong các lễ Chúa Nhật tuần này sẽ được chuyển về Tổng Giáo Phận Quân Đội.

- Văn phòng Giáo xứ sẽ đóng cửa vào thứ Ba, ngày 11 tháng 11 (ngày Cựu Chiến Binh).

- Vào thứ Năm ngày 27 tháng 11, Lễ Tạ Ôn, Giáo xứ chỉ có 1 Thánh Lễ duy nhất vào lúc 9h sáng. Quý vị nào có nhu cầu làm phép bánh mì và rượu, sẽ được dùng trong bữa ăn tối hôm đó, xin vui lòng mang đến.

Văn phòng Giáo xứ sẽ đóng cửa từ thứ Tư (26/11) đến thứ Sáu (28/11). Làm việc trở lại vào thứ Hai (1/12).

- Thứ Bảy ngày 6 tháng 12, Giáo xứ có Thánh Lễ Xức Dầu Bệnh Nhân vào lúc 10h sáng. Xin kính mời quý ông bà và anh chị em, đặc biệt là các bệnh nhân, đến tham dự.

- Năm nay, Lễ Đức Mẹ Vô Nhiễm Nguyên Tội sẽ được mừng trọng thể vào thứ Hai, ngày 8 tháng 12, với thời gian cụ thể như sau: 7h, 9h sáng, và 5h chiều (tiếng anh); 6h30 chiều (song ngữ), và 8h00 tối (tiếng Việt). Vì đây là lễ Buộc, nên xin kính mời quý vị tham dự.

## AI TÍN

### TRONG NIỀM TIN VÀO CHÚA KITÔ PHỤC SINH

Cộng đoàn Nữ Vương Hòa Bình, thuộc Giáo xứ

St. Felicitas

Kính Báo



LINH MỤC GIOAN BAOTIXITA TRẦN THỨC ĐỊNH

thuộc Giáo phận Oakland

đã an nghỉ lúc 13 giờ 11 phút, ngày 31 tháng 10 năm 2025

Hưởng thọ 97 tuổi, 64 năm Linh mục.

Xin quý ông bà và anh chị em hiệp ý cầu nguyện.  
Chi tiết về chương trình Tang lễ sẽ được thông báo sau.

## CHÚA NHẬT TUẦN XXXII-MÙA THƯỜNG NIÊN

### Ga 2:13-22

### THÁNH HIẾN ĐỀN THỜ

**Suy niệm:** Đền thờ là nơi thờ phượng, tôn kính Thiên Chúa. Thế nhưng giờ đây đã bị tục hoá, bị xúc phạm vì cảnh tượng đảo điên, nhếch nhác của việc mua bán chiên bò, bồ câu, đôi tiền, v.v... Chúa Giê-su đã phản ứng hết sức mạnh mẽ để bảo vệ sự thiêng thánh, tinh tuyền của Đền Thờ, là “Nhà của Cha Ngài,” là nơi cầu nguyện, chứ không phải là “chỗ buôn bán” hay là “sào huyệt của bọn cướp” (Mc 11,17). Làm như thế, Ngài khẳng định Đền Thờ vật chất này là dấu chỉ một Đền Thờ đích thực “sẽ bị phá huỷ đi và nội trong ba ngày sẽ xây dựng lại”, đó là chính Thân Thể Ngài, tuyệt đối tinh tuyền thánh thiêng, là nơi Thiên Chúa hằng hiện diện.

**Mời Ban:** Tâm hồn chúng ta nhờ bí tích Rửa tội cũng trở nên ngôi đền thờ thiêng liêng, nơi Chúa ngự trị. Chúng ta đừng để vì bận tâm đến những ngôi đền thờ vật chất to lớn lộng lẫy huy hoàng mà quên tô điểm cho ngôi đền thờ tâm hồn được tẩy sạch mọi tội lỗi và tinh huết xấu để luôn tinh tuyền thánh thiện và thắm đầy lòng yêu mến chân thành. Chúa đâu cần những lễ vật bò câu, chiên bò béo tốt nhưng Ngài muốn chúng ta hiến dâng lên Ngài tấm lòng chân thành, mến yêu và phó thác để Ngài thánh hoá nên ngôi đền thờ thiêng liêng nơi Ngài ngự trị.

**Sống Lời Chúa:** Thường xuyên dọn sạch đền thờ tâm hồn bạn qua Bí tích Hòa giải để luôn xứng đáng là Đền thờ thanh sạch của Thiên Chúa.

**Cầu nguyện:** Lạy Chúa, xin cho đền thờ tâm hồn con luôn tinh tuyền xứng đáng là nơi thánh để Chúa ngự trị. Amen.

### Tháng 11: Cầu Nguyện Cho Các Đẳng Linh Hồn

- Xin mời quý vị ghi tên những người đã qua đời, muốn được cầu nguyện trong các Thánh lễ trong tháng 11, trên các phong thư có sẵn tại các hàng ghế và gần cửa ra vào.

## Announcement of the Death of Fr. Dinh

It is with sadness and a heavy heart, we announce the passing of our beloved Fr. Dinh on Friday October 31, 2025 after 64 years of priestly ministry.



LINH MỤC GIOAN BAOTIXITA  
**TRẦN THỨC ĐỊNH**  
1928 - 2025

Below is a write-up of the life of Fr. Dinh.

**Born: July 11, 1928 – Returned to the Father: October 31, 2025**

### A Life of Faith and Service

Born at Thọ Ninh Parish, Đức Thọ, Hà Tĩnh, Vietnam, on July 11, 1928.

He began his priestly formation at Xuân Phong Preparatory Seminary (1942–1944) and Xã Đoài Minor Seminary (1944–1946) in Nghệ An.

When the seminary was closed, he taught at his home parish until 1948, then resumed studies at Xã Đoài until 1952.

From 1952 to 1955, he assisted in parish ministry and taught at Xuân Phong Seminary.

### Journey South and Priesthood

In 1955, after the Geneva Accords divided Vietnam into North and South, along with more than a million Vietnamese Catholics, he left the Communist North and migrated to the South to have the freedom to practice his Catholic faith.

He continued his studies at the Vinh Seminary for Refugees in Saigon and the St. Thomas Institute in Gia Định (1956–1961).

He was ordained to the priesthood on July 12, 1961, in Ban Mê Thuật by Bishop Paul-Léon Seitz.

### Pastoral Ministry in Vietnam

1961–1964: Parochial Vicar at Thuận Nghĩa and Vinh Phú Parishes, Phan Thiết, Diocese of Nha Trang.

1964–1971: Pastor of Hòa Tân Parish, Khánh Hòa; Chaplain to the Special Forces at Đồng Bà Thịn Base, Cam Ranh.

1971–1975: Founding Pastor of Hòa Do Parish, Cam Ranh. During this time, he was appointed by Bishop François Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuận as Naval Chaplain at Cam Ranh Bay with the rank of Navy Captain.

### Journey Abroad and Service in the United States

In 1975, when the Communist forces invaded South Vietnam, being a Catholic priest and chaplain in the South Vietnamese military, he would undoubtedly have been sought for revenge. Father Định escaped by boat via Cam Ranh – Phú Quốc – Thailand and later resettled in the Diocese of Oakland, United States.

He ministered faithfully to the Vietnamese Catholic communities in the Diocese of Oakland for the next five decades:

1975–1983: Pastoral care for Vietnamese Catholics, Diocese of Oakland.

1983–1993: Bishop's Delegate for Vietnamese Catholics and Director of the Vietnamese Pastoral Center, Diocese of Oakland.

1993–2016: Administrator of the Vietnamese Community at St. Felicitas Parish, San Leandro, California.

2016–2025: Retirement in Oakland, continuing to serve in prayer and example.

### A Faithful Servant of Christ

After 97 years of life and over 64 years of priestly ministry, Father John Baptist Trần Thức Định was called home to God at 1:11 p.m. on October 31, 2025, in Oakland, California.

### Services for Fr. Dinh are as follows:

**Vigil with Rosary and Mass at St. Felicitas Church on Thursday, Nov. 20, 2025**

**Visitation and Rosary : 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Vigil Mass : 7:00 pm**

**Funeral Mass at St. Felicitas Church (celebrated by our Bishop) on Friday, November 21st at 10:30 am.**

Edward Jones

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