



St. Felicitas Catholic Church

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January 29, 2012 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Mass Schedule:

Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am
12:15(Spanish) 4:30pm(Vietnamese)
Saturday 8:15am, 4:30pm (Vigil)
Daily (Mon-Fri) 7:00am, 8:15am
Holy Days 7:00am, 8:15am, 7:00pm
1st Friday Exposition 12:30 - 4:45pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 3:15 to 4:00pm or by appointment

Baptism

4th Sunday of every month 2:00pm
Contact Parish Office for information.

Marriage

Arrangements to be made 6 months prior to the wedding

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 8:45am-4:30 pm Fri 8:30am - 12:30pm

Parish School

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Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD
who made us.

— Psalm 95:6

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PARISH NEWS

Parish Jubilee: It is 60 years folks. Saint Felicitas Church is celebrating 60 years of its service to our community. It is a celebration of gratitude to God and the many people who sacrificed much to make it all possible. Our main celebration is planned for some time in August; the actual date will be made known as soon as it is finalized. I invite everyone to thank God for the gift of our church and participate in the celebrations wholeheartedly. Watch out for updates in the coming days.

We are currently in the process of selecting a theme for the parish jubilee year. Everyone is welcome to suggest suitable theme/slogan for the celebration. Those who have suggestions please contact me directly or call the parish office.

Floor cover for the parish Gym: We have purchased a floor cover for the gym through the combined efforts of CYO, School and the Parish.. Gym floor will be covered for all social functions. This would help us to protect the floor and avoid an expensive floor replacement.

Raise the roof campaign: The second building of the school (one facing Dayton street) requires replacement. The building was completed more than 50 years ago by volunteers because the contractor had walked off due to delayed payments. (This is the story I heard from reliable parishioners!) The roof has not been ever replaced. It has really deteriorated and it is unwise to delay the work any longer. We are planning to get the work done by June/July 2012. The total cost for the work is estimated to be around \$45,000. I invite everyone to contribute to this worthy cause so the project can be completed without financial burden to our school.

Father Augustine

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 29, 2012

Children's Liturgy of the Word

6:30 pm Youth Confirmation Class in Gym/Hall

NEXT WEEK: Second Collection: Maintenance

Events of the Week Jan. 29 thru Feb.1			
MON 1/30	8:30 am 3:00 pm 7:00 pm	School Bell Choir School Choir Practice 1st Reconciliation	AE Rm AE Rm Church
TUE 1/31	8:30 am 3:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	School Bell Choir CCD Parent Faith Share Parent Education Night Adult Confirmation Spanish Catechist Meeting	AE Rm SMC Church SMC AE Rm
WED 2/1	12:00 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Young at Heart Luncheon RCIA CCD 1st Reconciliation Spanish Prayer Group	Gym SMC Church AE Rm
THU 2/2	7:00 pm	Spanish Youth Group	Hall
FRI 2/3	8:30 am 8:30 am 9:15 am 8:30 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	FIRST FRIDAY Feast of St. Blaise Blessing of Throats School Mass School Bell Choir Spanish Children's Choir Vietnamese Adoration Vietnamese Choir	Church Church AE Rm Hall Church AE Rm
SAT 2/4	3:15 pm	Confessions	Church

COLLECTIONS

Our Weekly Need: \$11,500.00

Jan. 22, 2012

Sunday Collection **\$ 8,830.50**
Catholic Voice **\$ 1,509.50**
Children **\$ 9.00**

STEWARDSHIP

Last Week's Stewardship of \$441.52 went to Benedictine Sisters.

This week's Stewardship will go to Mercy Retirement and Care Center..

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK

January 28 to February 4

Open House at the school on Saturday, Jan. 28
 From 2:00 to 4:15pm followed by 4:30 Mass and
 The Spaghetti Feed in the Gym after Mass.

**YOUNG AT HEART
LUNCHEON**

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Doors open at 11:30 am
 Lunch served at 12:00

MENU

Tossed Salad /w Island Dressing
 Hearty Beef Stew / Carrots & Potatoes
 Biscuits
 Assorted pudding Cups

Don't miss this delicious lunch for only \$6.00..
 Buy your tickets today or on Monday in the
 Parish Office

BLESSING OF CANDLES

On Thursday, February 2, we will have the
 "Blessing of Candles" at the 7:00 and 8:15 morning
 Masses. The candles will be in the boxes at
 the front of the church near the baptismal font un-
 til then. You may buy one of the candles for
 \$5.00 and place it in the basket. All candles will
 be blessed on Thursday, as well as any candles
 you may wish to bring with you from home that
 morning.

BLESSING OF THROATS

We celebrate the feast day of St.
 Blaise on Friday, February 3 at the
 7:00, 8:15 and 9:15 am Masses.

It has been said that
 St. Blaise had helped a mother with
 her small boy, who was choking on a fishbone stuck
 in his throat. St. Blaise prayed over the child and he
 was healed. Every year on St. Blaise's feast, two
 candles tied with ribbon in the shape of St. Andre's
 cross (X) are used to bless throats. In the prayer,
 the church prays that those blessed may be deliv-
 ered from diseases of the throat and from every
 other illness.



Mark your Calendar ~

**Join us for a Special Evening
with Marie Lawson Fiala**

We would like to invite you to an evening with the Catholic author of *Letters From A Distant Shore* ~ Marie Lawson Fiala ~ Her very special true story of faith, family and the miraculous power of prayer. About *Letters From A Distant Shore* ~ Tragedy shattered Marie Lawson Fiala's life as a wife, mother, and lawyer when her 13-year-old son, Jeremy, was felled by a massive hemorrhage from a ruptured artery deep in his brain. Within an hour, Jeremy was in a coma, sustained only by machines. This memoir of a mother's ferocious care and fierce determination to bring her child home alive and functioning despite devastating loss will win the hearts of families who have ever suffered from physical trauma with loved ones. Readers will find their own faith in things unseen as Marie tells her tale of Jeremy's recovery and homecoming. *Letters From a Distant Shore* is both a profoundly spiritual work and gripping read. Marie will visit St. Felicitas on Tuesday, **March 6, 2012, @ 7:00 p.m.** in the Church and lead a faith-filled discussion and sign her book. We will have a few books available for purchase and it is available on amazon.com
Questions? Contact Sandi – 483-4880.
All are welcome!

From the Diocese

“Those of you who signed up two months ago, to receive the weekly Friday afternoon newsletter from the Catholic Legislative Network, should be now receiving it. If in fact this not the case, please first check your SPAM folder, as automatic filtering systems sometimes place this publication in there. If you do not find it there, then the data entry people could not read your e-mail address. Please pick up a card in the vestibule of the church today, fill it out carefully and send it in as indicated so that you will not miss out on this important source of information regarding key social justice issues in our state. You can also register on line at: www.cacatholic.org.”

Pray for The Sick & Homebound.

Peggy Miller, Daniel and Raymond Bautista, Josie Herrera, Evelyn Lake, Shirley King, Julie Chin, Oscar Bickerton, Jose Julian Garcia, Bailey Gendreau, Jim Lachemeyer, Barbara Houston, Jack Bollinger, John Cooke, David Silva Jr, Audris Woo, Amanda Jean, Roseta Laguana, Gerard Poyatos, Dolores Smith, Lisa Bigman, Lisa Dmoski, Rhodera Posa, Mia Lara, Elizabeth LeFargo, Ladale Rohles, Rosalie Keller, Juanita Estrella, Alejandra Reyes, Madeline Oberti, Antonie Catubig, Mick Carson, Mary Gianelli, Tomasa Torres, Bill Neveu, Stefanie Dugan Lowe, Debora Perakis, Charles Inzerilla, Ann Reilly Josephine Salcedo, Jameson Munoz (4 yrs old) Crispina Veneracion, Jeanne Babik, (niece of Clare Zipp) Leroy Naia, Eleanor Bollinger, Joe Botelho

Pray for the Departed - - -

<i>Mass Intentions</i> Jan. 29 thru Feb. 5		
Sun. 1/29	7:30 am	Anacleto Lisondra †
	9:00 am	Diane Dolan †
	10:30 am	St. Felicitas Parishioners
	12:15 pm	Sixta Prado †
Mon. 1/30	7:00 am	Amparo Barrios †
	8:15 am	Lillie Schexnayder †
Tue 1/31	7:00 am	Viola Litvinchuk †
	8:15 am	Paul Arnerich †
Wed. 2/1	7:00 am	Viola Litvinchuk †
	8:15 am	Vincente & Maria †
Thurs 2/2	7:00 am	Charles de Brussel Asse †
	8:15 am	Joel DeLeon †
Fri. 2/3	7:00 am	Hazel Maleiro †
	8:15 am	Manuel V. Zarcal †
Sat. 2/4	8:15 am	Gregorio DeDios †
	4:30 pm	St. Felicitas Parishioners
Sun. 2/5	7:30 am	Jesus Montoya †
	9:00 am	Nick Botelho †
	10:30 am	Nicholas Bothelo †
	12:15 pm	Elvira Ramirez †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
- Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him.

Tickets are now available for the annual

Crab Feed and Silent Auction

Saturday, February 11, 2012

6:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m. in the School Gym

The menu will consist of salad, pasta with homemade sauce, dessert and lots of fresh, delicious crab!

Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased now at the Parish and School Offices.

This event sells out quickly, so get your tickets today!



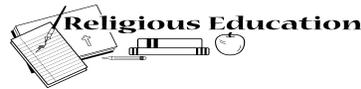
ST. FELICITAS SCHOOL

We have a lot of wonderful events happening to celebrate the gift of Catholic Education this week during Catholic Schools Week. **Monday** we will have a “Day of Service” for the entire school beginning with a school-wide prayer service. Grades K-2 will be taking care of God's creation in the community by walking to a local park and cleaning the grounds. Grades 3-5 will be making lunches for a low-income preschool and homeless shelter. And, grades 6-8 will be putting together toiletry bags for April Showers in San Leandro. **Tuesday** will be parent and staff “Appreciation Day” where our students will honor their parents as their primary educators and the staff for their inspiring dedication. **Wednesday**, we will celebrate our wonderful students with free dress and various surprises throughout the day. **Thursday** will be “St. Felicitas Day” where we will listen to guest speakers talk about all the different possibilities for careers and vocations for our students. **Friday** will be “Special Persons Day” with participation in classrooms, Mass, and class performances. You are more than welcome to attend our Mass at 9:15 am on Friday and join us in the gym afterwards to enjoy performances from each grade. Please keep all Catholic Schools in your prayers this week as we continue to work to change the world by educating and nurturing minds, hearts and spirits.

WHOSE AUTHORITY?

Many door-to-door proselytizers have good intentions. They want to convert you to the “truth”—as they see it. They believe the Bible is the sole authority for the Christian faith. Some are taught that Catholics are prohibited from reading the Bible. However, not only do we have full access to the scriptures, we hear them proclaimed every time we celebrate Mass. In today's readings Jesus and Moses are recognized as speaking and acting with the authority of God. Both Jesus and Moses acted as a bridge between the people and God. For us the scriptures are a bridge for God's truth, but so are the sacraments and the experience of the Church—what we call Tradition. It is part of our responsibility as Jesus' disciples to listen attentively at Mass, to read scripture prayerfully for ourselves, and to learn more about the Bible through reading, studying, and learning with others.

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Offering Envelopes Especially for Children

It is important to begin to teach our children early about stewardship and what it means to be abundantly blessed by God and give joyfully back to our Lord.

The children's envelopes are a fun way to pass along the importance of giving back to God part of what He has blessed us with. We are good stewards when we recognize that everything belongs to God. With the New Year this is a perfect time to re-evaluate our personal stewardship. Have we reduced our gifts to God into occasional acts of charity, random volunteer work and meagerly giving or have we embraced the true concept of stewardship whole-heartedly and given happily and freely back to God? Through stewardship, children discover what a difference stewardship makes in their daily lives, and what they can do to make a difference in the lives of others.

We will have the envelopes in the vestibule of the church this weekend or you may come by the Religious Education office or St. Joseph Center to pick up a box for your child. Encourage your children to use these envelopes. ~Sandi

¿CON QUÉ AUTORIDAD?

Un hombre llega a la puerta de tu casa con una Biblia en la mano:

“Buenos días. ¿Podiera compartir unas palabras de la verdad cristiana con usted?”

“Por supuesto. ¿De dónde saca usted esa verdad?” respondes tú.

“De la Biblia, por supuesto”.

“¿Es ésa su autoridad? ¿La Biblia?”

“Sí, es la única autoridad para los cristianos”.

“¿Puede usted probar eso con la Biblia?”

“¿Qué quiere decir?”

“Quiero decir que yo no creo que la **Biblia diga ser la única regla de la fe**. Por favor, **enséñeme dónde en la Biblia dice eso**”.

Algunas veces la conversación se pudiera dar de esta otra manera:

“Buenas tardes. ¿Podiera compartir unas palabras de la verdad cristiana con usted?”

“No, soy Católico”. -La puerta se cierra-

Muchos proselitistas que van de puerta en puerta tienen buenas intenciones: desean convertirme a la “verdad”, tal como ellos la ven. Desde la perspectiva de ellos la Biblia es la única autoridad para la fe cristiana. A algunos de ellos se les ha enseñado que a los católicos se les prohíbe leer la Biblia o que no saben nada acerca de las Escrituras. Sin embargo, no sólo nosotros tenemos acceso a la Biblia, sino que también escuchamos segmentos de ella en las lecturas que se proclaman en la celebración de la Misa. En la primera lectura de hoy Dios le concede a Moisés el derecho a hablarle al pueblo de Israel con autoridad divina. Las lecturas de hoy reconocen que Jesús y Moisés hablan y actúan con una autoridad que viene de Dios. Tanto Jesús como Moisés actuaron como puente entre el pueblo y Dios. Para nosotros las Escrituras son un puente para llegar a la verdad de Dios, pero también lo son los sacramentos y la experiencia de la Iglesia vivida a través de todas las generaciones, o sea, lo que llamamos la Tradición. Parte de nuestra responsabilidad como discípulos de Jesús es aprender de las Escrituras, esto es, escuchar atentamente durante la Misa, leer las Escrituras en una actitud orante, y aprender más acerca de la Biblia mediante la lectura, y el estudio individual y grupal.

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FALSOS PROFETAS, VERDADEROS PROFETAS

Hoy nos enteramos en Deuteronomio de que las palabras de Dios llenaran la boca de un profeta verdadero, pero un profeta falso, en cierto modo, pone meras palabras mortales en boca de Dios. En el Evangelio según san Marcos, vemos las enseñanzas de Jesús y la curación como obra de un verdadero profeta, uno, lleno de la autoridad de la propia voz de Dios, el Santo de Dios.

La historia de nuestra Iglesia está llena de profetas, verdaderos y falsos. Pero en el Evangelio de hoy nos enteramos de que la fama de Jesús se extendió porque **ENSEÑABA CON AUTORIDAD**; su autoridad no procedía de que Él fuera popular o famoso. También aprendemos de Él, en sus enfrentamientos en el desierto cuando fue tentado por Satanás, que cualquiera puede citar la Sagrada Escritura, incluso en contra de los propósitos de Dios. Y hoy nos enteramos de que su autoridad no era como la de los escribas, que ocupaban los cargos oficiales de autoridad religiosa de aquella época. Nuestro trabajo consiste en hacer nuestro mejor esfuerzo para **DISCERNIR LOS VERDADEROS PROFETAS** que hay en medio de nosotros y también **nosotros mismos ser verdaderos profetas**. El salmista nos dice cómo hacerlo: No endurecer nuestro corazón cuando Dios habla. **Si de verdad escuchamos a Dios**, serán las palabras de Dios las que llenaran nuestra boca.

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