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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

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**A Message from Bishop Cordileone
To the Clergy, Religious and Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Oakland
February 10, 2012**

The backlash provoked by the recent announcement of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services mandating all employers to provide insurance coverage for prescription contraceptives and sterilization is an encouraging sign that our nation's collective conscience is still around. People of all political and religious persuasions rightly understood this as an attack on our God-given and constitutionally-protected right to religious freedom, and the recent reaction of the Administration gives us hope that this right can still be protected when we join together to voice our common concern. Its willingness to reopen the discussion is a helpful start to reaching a resolution, although the details of any such revision will still have to be studied and evaluated as they are made known.

The possibility of such a resolution notwithstanding, I wish now to add my own voice of protest to those of over 160 of my brother bishops and to many other people of good will all across the political spectrum. Some people have asked why I have not done so sooner. I hope to make that clear with this statement.

The new federal mandate does allow an exemption for religious organizations, but it gives the most restrictive definition possible. To qualify as a "religious organization," the organization must (1) employ primarily people of its own faith, (2) serve primarily people of its own faith, and (3) have as its primary purpose the inculcation of religious values.

What many may not know is that the requirements of the HHS mandate are almost identical to a state law we have had in California for over ten years now. In fact, the 2004 decision of the State Supreme Court in the lawsuit challenging the law, *Catholic Charities of Sacramento vs. Superior Court of the State of California*, established quite explicitly that it is for the state, and not the Church, to decide for us who is and is not Catholic and what constitutes the "inculcation of religious values." Now the federal government has stepped way beyond the boundaries of its authority by deeply breaching the wall of separation between Church and state.

While our dioceses as such and our Catholic schools qualify as religious organizations even with this most narrow of definitions, the real problem lies with our institutions that are committed to serving all people in need regardless of their faith or lack thereof, especially our Catholic hospitals, institutions of higher education, and Catholic Charities agencies. Only very recently was it brought to my attention that, in order to continue serving the poor as only they can, our Catholic Charities of the East Bay made some accommodations in the insurance coverage it offers its employees. I judged that I could not issue my own statement in good conscience without first gathering information and assessing the situation, and then begin to take steps to correct it. That is exactly what I have been doing these last several days. I have now had an initial discussion with the leadership of CCEB, and will continue working with them to make the necessary adjustments. I pledge to do whatever may be possible to enable CCEB to continue its good work in a way that fully respects our moral principles, but it is quite possible that we will not be able to do so without making some changes to allow for increased expense for employee compensation.

There are those who would say that, if our social service agencies are going to accept government funding, then they must do the government's bidding. However, the government's bidding is not to invade the sanctuary of people's consciences. The role of the government is to "establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty." In this, faith-based organizations are the most helpful – and should be the most welcome – partners with government agencies, for they accomplish more with fewer resources in serving the poor, the sick and the marginalized, thus contributing to the promotion of justice and the common good. Here in the Diocese of Oakland we can be rightfully proud of all that our Catholic Charities and Catholic schools accomplish in showing the face of the compassionate Christ to those in great need. When we are pushed out of our ministry of serving the needy by not being allowed to do so with reasonable protections of our conscience, everyone loses.

I therefore call on all of you, our good people in the Diocese of Oakland, to write to your congressional representatives and urge them to pass legislation to reverse this mandate. I also ask you to contact President Obama and encourage him to continue to be open to putting into place robust protections of religious liberty for faith-based health, educational and social service organizations. The contact information to do this may be found on the Diocese home page at www.oakdiocese.org

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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 19, 2012

Second Collection: Eastern Europe
 Children's Liturgy of the Word
 6:30 pm Youth Confirmation Class in Gym/Hall

NEXT WEEK: Second Collection: Bishop's Appeal

CELEBRATING LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY February 22, 2012
 The times for the Masses on Ash Wednesday will be
7:00 am, 8:15 am, 9:30 am (School Mass)
5:00 pm, 7:30 pm
 (7:30 pm Mass will be bilingual)
Ashes will be distributed DURING the Masses.

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY DURING LENT

7:00 am and 8:15 am - Join us for morning Mass

THURSDAYS DURING LENT
SOUP & STATIONS

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Soup Dinner in Hall
 7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross in Church

Fast & Abstinence in Lent

The Season of Lent is a penitential season modeled on Jesus' 40 day fast in the desert. Traditionally, Lenten penance has included reducing the amount of food we eat and abstaining from meat. Why do we fast? We fast to allow our physical hunger to remind us of our spiritual hunger and our need for God. Not only that—but we are to be reminded of the needs of the hungry and the poor.
Fasting: One full meal (with minimum food at other two mealtimes) and no food in-between meals (for people 18-59 years).
Abstinence: Not eating meat (14 years & older)

Ash Wednesday is a day in which we observe the law of fast and abstinence.
All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.



NOTE:

Your Attention Please

Sorry for the mistake in last week's bulletin that listed the "Soup and Stations" as being on Wednesdays instead of Thursdays! They will start on the week after Ash Wednesday, **(Thursday, March 1) !!**

Events of the Week Feb. 20 thru Feb/ 25			
MON 2/20		PRESIDENTS' DAY OFFICE CLOSED	
TUE 2/21	8:30 am 3:30 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	School Bell Choir CCD Parent Faith Share Adult Confirmation Children's Choir Catholic Daughters Spanish Catechist Meeting	AE Rm SMC SMC Church Hall AE Rm
WED 2/22	7:00 pm	ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES: 7, 8:15 & 9:30 am 5 and 7:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group	AE Rm
THU 2/23	7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Youth Ministry Meeting Spanish Youth Group Parent 1st Communion Mtg. Knights of Columbus	SMC Hall Church AE Rm
FRI 2/24	8:30 am 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	School Bell Choir Spanish Children's Choir Vietnamese Choir	AE Rm Hall AE Rm
SAT	3:15 pm	Confessions	Church
COLLECTIONS Our Weekly Need: \$11,500.00			
Feb. 12, 2012			
Sunday Collection		\$ 9,725.00	
Bishop's Appeal		\$ 3,386.00	

STEWARDSHIP
 Last Week's Stewardship of \$486.27 went to the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart
 This Week's Stewardship will go to the St. Anthony Dining Room.

There is one more thing I ask you to do. Our beloved nation has reached a critical point in finding its moral compass; we need God's help now more than ever. As we are now about to begin the holy season of Lent, I ask you to join me in offering your Lenten prayer and fasting in supplication to God. Please especially take fasting seriously this Lent; offer up your fasting both as a means for imploring God once again to grace this great land with His blessing and as a form of bodily penance in reparation for our sins, especially sins of negligence and omission. May God grant us the grace to truly "turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel," for the general welfare of our nation and the salvation of our souls.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Parishioners are asked to bring in your blessed palms from last year to be burned and used for ashes on Ash Wednesday.

Please bring them to the Parish Office any time during office hours.

Thank you.



Altar Servers

The new Altar Server Schedules are now ready. If you did not receive one by email or from the school, you may pick it up in the Parish Office during the Week.

Thank you parents & altar servers so much for your love & generous service you offer to God & to the people of God here at St. Felicitas. May God bestow upon you and your family abundant blessings & graces.

60TH ANNIVERSARY PARISH DIRECTORY

Schedule your appointment to have your portrait taken for the Parish Directory.

Signups will be after Mass today and every week through March 4th.

If a specific day and time is convenient for you or your family, sign up now to insure that day.

Young at Heart Luncheon

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

IT'S CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE TIME !!!

(If you've been to one of these lunches, you know you are in for a treat !)

MENU

Spring Salad /w Italian Dressing
Corned Beef and Cabbage
Red Potatoes / Carrots
Assorted Rye Breads
Cookies

Get your tickets at the Parish Office before Monday, Mar. 5.

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, Lisa Bigman, Lisa Dmoski, Rhodera Posa, Mia Lara, Elizabeth LeFargo, Ladale Rohles, Rosalie Keller, Juanita Estrella, Alejandra Reyes, Madeline Oberti, Antonie Catubig, Tomasa Torres, Bill Neveu, Stefanie Dugan Lowe, Jameson Munoz (4 yrs old) Crispina Veneracion, Marie Choury, Maria Gallo, Juanita Estrella, Lucy Laris, Hoa Tran, Mike Pestana, Clarence Costa, Mike Pestana, Tony Pontes,

Pray for the Departed Virginia Potestio, Jim Owen,

Mass Intentions Feb. 19 thru Feb. 26

Sun. 2/19	7:30 am	All Souls
	9:00 am	St. Felicitas Parishioners
	10:30 am	Nicholas Botelho †
	12:15 pm	Faustina Gomez & Eusebio Pena †
Mon. 2/20	7:00 am	Viola Litvinchuk †
	8:15 am	Urbano Estrellas Sr. †
Tue 2/21	7:00 am	Kathleen Myers †
	8:15 am	Geronimo Ramirez Family †
	Wed. 2/22	7:00 am
Wed. 2/22	8:15 am	Sid Acton †
	9:30 am	School Intention
	5:00 pm & 7:30 pm	Fr. Augustine's Intentions
	Thurs 2/23	7:00 am
Fri. 2/24	8:15 am	John Lassalle †
	7:00 am	Alice Pontes †
Sat. 2/25	8:15 am	John Kruletich †
	8:15 am	Linda Cordano †
Sun. 2/26	4:30 pm	Bob Smyth †
	7:30 am	Isidoro Iman †
	9:00 am	David Leon †
	10:30 am	St. Felicitas Parishioners
	12:15 pm	Ernest Zam & Christelle Sue (Living)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

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 cWe had a wonderful Crab Feed last Saturday. Thank you so much to all of you that participated and contributed to the great celebration of our community. Thank you also to those who have been planning for months and worked so hard on the committee, especially Geri Lara, Nina Villalobos, and Anh Dang. Mr. and Mrs. Caselli also worked very hard doing all the cooking for the event. Thanks to the hard work of our committee and all the volunteers that night, it was a fantastic evening. We don't have solid figures yet but we have estimated about \$6500 in profit, which is what we planned so we continue to be well on our way to "Raising" the Roof. Don't forget to mark you calendars for the Talent Show (4-26) and Casino Night (5-19)! As we continue to move through this year, we are making a few other structural changes to our Parent Association Board and our School Board. Many of our officers have been loyally serv-

November 2012 Ballot - Two Critical Initiatives

The Bishops of California have endorsed two state initiatives before they qualify for the ballot in the 2012 election:

The Parental Notification Initiative (PNI) requires a doctor to notify parents 48 hours prior to an abortion being performed on their minor daughter.

The SAFE California Initiative (SAFE) will replace the use of the death penalty for a capital crime with life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

The Bishop has asked that we gather signatures for both initiatives on the weekend of February 25-26 at our parish. We will have signature sheets available if you chose to support these initiatives.

Bishop Salvatore Cordileone has written a Catholic Voice column on the PNI in the January 23 edition, and a column on the SAFE initiative in the February 6 edition of the Voice. (www.catholicvoiceoakland.org)

ST. FELICITAS SCHOOL

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Please contact me at mjorgensen@cndo.org if you are interested.

GREETERS

New Greeters' Schedules are now ready to be Picked up in the Vestibule Office.

For more information:

California Catholic Conference ~
(www.cacatholic.org)

SAFE California Ends death Penalty ~
(www.safecalifornia.org)

PNI: Parental Notification Initiative ~
(www.caparentalrights.org)

EL PERDÓN DE LOS PECADOS



Isaías anunció la palabra del Señor: “Yo voy a realizar algo nuevo” (Isaías 43:19). ¿Y qué era esta cosa nueva? Una promesa para un pueblo que “no me [ha] invocado” y que “me [cansó]” (43:22); una promesa de perdón. “Si he borrado tus... crímenes y no he querido acordarme de tus pecados” (43:25).

Pablo dijo a los corintios –y nos dice a nosotros– que Jesús es el “sí” de Dios, y que todas las promesas de Dios se cumplen en Jesús. ¿Incluye esto la promesa de Dios de perdonar los pecados? Marcos da la respuesta cuando relata cómo algunas personas bajaron a un parálítico a través de un agujero en el techo, en busca de curación.

Por lo que sabemos, nadie pidió que se le perdonaran los pecados al hombre. Pero eso es lo que Jesús hizo, tal y como había anunciado Isaías. Entonces, para que no quedara duda de su autoridad en la Tierra para perdonar los pecados, Jesús le dijo: “Recoge tu camilla y vete a tu casa” (Marcos 2:11). El hombre “se levantó inmediatamente, recogió su camilla y salió de allí” (2:12)

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Por favor vea el horario de Misas para este Miércoles de ceniza. La Misa será bilingüe en Inglés y Español a las 7: 30 P.M.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

La cuaresma tiene sus raíces en la preparación para el bautismo de adultos y en el arrepentimiento de pecadores públicos. Ambas se centran en la **conversión** y en especial en los tres pilares de la misma.

La cuaresma nos da la oportunidad de encontrarnos de manera fuerte y vital con estos tres pilares: **ayunar, ayudar y orar**. Éstas son las prácticas cuaresmales que la iglesia ha ido proclamando y practicando desde tiempos antiguos. Son prácticas que los cristianos **deberíamos** emplear todos los días de nuestra vida, pero con **mayor fervor** durante la cuaresma para poder celebrar dignamente las fiestas de la **Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de nuestro Señor Jesucristo**.

La **conversión es un proceso por el cual regresamos a participar de la vida divina que recibimos en el bautismo**. Dios Padre mandó a su Hijo para salvarnos. He allí el por qué, el ayuno, el altruismo y la oración es colaborar con Dios. Dios mismo colabora con nosotros derramando su Espíritu en nuestros corazones. Con el poder del Espíritu Santo podemos practicar el ayunar, ayudar y orar de manera vital.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co

Mercey Zamora