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**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 26, 2017**

Mass Schedule

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

Saturday 8:15 am - 4:30 pm (Vigil)

Daily (Monday to Friday) 7:00 am - 8:15 am

Holy Days 7:00 am 8:15 am 7:00 pm

1st Friday Exposition – St. Joseph's Chapel
12:30 to 4:45 pm

Sacraments

Reconciliation—Saturday, 3:15 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. or
by appointment.

Baptism—4th Sunday of every month at 2:30 p.m.
Contact Parish Office for information

Marriage—Arrangements to be made 6 months
prior to the wedding.

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Friday 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

EMERGENCY NUMBER (510) 688-2527

(During non-office hours)

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 26, 2017

Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness
for the child of her womb? Even should she forget,
I will never forget you.

— *Isaiah 49:15*



My Dear Parishioners,

1. This weekend's readings powerfully remind us that trust in God is to the spiritual life what breathing air is to our physical life. Yet, most of us do not trust God, therefore we live our lives full of anxiety, restlessness and fear. We should learn from St. Augustine who said, "Our hearts are restless until we rest in you, Lord!" The responsorial psalm says, "God is our Rock, our stronghold. Rest in God my soul." If we completely put our trust in God, we will experience hope, safety, joy, glory and strength . . . How do you feel when you pray, "Our Father"? We should pray the prayer of mercy given to us by Jesus through St. Faustina. It is very simple. "JESUS I TRUST IN YOU." Please remember God loves us as his beloved children, with an everlasting love. We can depend on it! Our lives are in God's hands. Please remember God cares for what God creates. You are worth more than anything around you. You are the image of God and so is everyone else!

2. On Wednesday, February 15th, the St. Felicitas Parish Council hosted the very first Roundtable. The purpose of the Roundtable was to bring together leaders in all the different ministries and communities. It was a very simple night of prayer, fellowship, and communication. Along with some fun getting to know each other activities each group was asked to respond to three different areas: Our Parish strengths, some areas that the Parish could grow in, and what are some items you'd like to see happen in the Parish.

The feedback was outstanding. We will be compiling that information and sharing it with you very soon. We would like to thank all who helped set up, prepare for the event, and participated in the event. Your continuing support is a true blessing.

God bless you— Fr. Tom and the St. Felicitas Parish Council



The 2017 Bishop's Appeal begins this weekend and will continue throughout February and March. Bishop Barber has chosen *All God's People – United in Faith* as this year's theme.

We would like to thank all the parishioners who have given to the Bishop's Appeal in the past, as well as those who also gave, and continue to give, to the capital campaign. You will be receiving information and materials in the mail this coming week. Please review the materials mailed to you and consider making a gift. More information on the Appeal can be found by visiting

www.oakdiocese.org/giving

Catholics of the Diocese of Oakland are asked to pray for our fellow parishioners, our leadership and clergy, for those who are served by the many ministries and programs offered by the Church, and for the success of the 2017 Bishop's Appeal. The total budget for the Diocese of Oakland is approximately \$17 million, and of that, the budget for diocesan-wide ministries that serve all parishioners is \$7 million. The funds raised through the Bishop's Appeal provide for some of the money needed by these vital services.

Please review the materials sent to your home this past week and prayerfully consider a gift to this year's Bishop's Appeal. If you have not received any materials, please call 510-267-8358. Thank you for your previous support and prayers!

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 26, 2017

The Sisters of St. Paul are visiting us today

Fast And Abstinence



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ASH WEDNESDAY is a day of fasting and abstinence for adults between the ages of 18 and 59. Abstinence (not eating meat) is required starting at age 14. At age 18 fasting is required as well. Fasting is defined as one full meal with minimal food at the other two meal times. Exceptions are medical/poor health and those whose work necessitates 3 full meals.

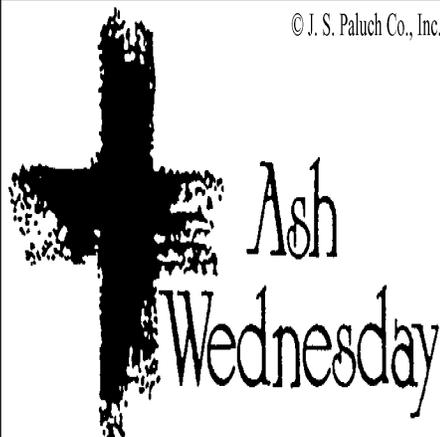
Fast & Abstinence in Lent

We fast in Lent to allow our physical hunger to remind us of our spiritual hunger and our need for God.

- **Fasting** ~ One full meal (with minimum food at other two mealtimes) and no food in-between meals (for people 18-59 years of age)
- **Abstinence** ~ Not eating meat (14 years & older)
- **All Fridays of Lent** are days of abstinence.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING FLOWERS TO THE CHURCH DURING THE LENTEN SEASON

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MASS SCHEDULE for March 1st

7:00 a.m.

8:15 a.m. (with School Children)

5:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Trilingual

(English — Spanish — Vietnamese)



Volunteer Dinner

When: March 7, 2017
at 5:30 P.M.

Where: School Gym

If you were a volunteer and did not receive an invitation please call the office at (510) 351-5244 no later than Monday, February 27th.

Novena to Saints Felicity and Perpetua

February 27th to March 7th

All daily and weekend Masses

Stations of



the Cross

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will begin on Wednesday, March 8th at 7:00 pm. We will not have soup this year.

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BIBLE STUDY

INTRODUCTION TO STUDYING THE BIBLE

— With Father Eddie

Would you like to learn more about the bible and the meaning of the scriptures? Join us every Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m. in St. Joseph's Center starting on March 2nd ending on April 6th. Spend 30 minutes of class time followed by a discussion period and refreshments.

Cost is \$25.00 for the study kit.

Class size is limited to 15 people.

We still have a few openings left. Please call.

Remember the Sick



Mass Intentions For The Week



Week of
February 26, 2017

Ivan Ayro	Melblena Latorre	Lyndon Cortes Ruffly
Thelma Ayro	Irmina Torres Llamas	Jorge Salloman
Harold Barber	Barbara Malone	Patricia Salloman
Ed Braun	Clarisse Mascarenah	Floyd Schexnayder
Alice Camozzi	Tom Mendes	Richard Smid
Sr. Roberta Carson	Peggy Miller	Marilyn Sutton
Gary Clough	Thom Obergafell	Maryjane Tanner
Mary Clough	Barbara O'Connor	Mary Valladon
Marie Dent	Oliver Olimpiada	Cathlyne Vargas
Noel Desouza	Corazon Orille	Maria Jesus Vargas
Jeanne Gordillo	Catherine Pellini	Wilson Vigman
Connie Guaraglia	Sophia Pointer	Julie Whittaker
Mae Heasley	Peter Purificacion	Zack Ziegler
Vincent Jacques	Amelia Ramos	
Marie James	Myriam Rodriguez	

Sun.	2/26	7:30 am	John The Baptist †
		9:00 am	Parishioners
		10:30 am	Juana Gravador † Antonio Gomes †
		12:30 pm	Miguel Madrigal † Christ & Eric Z. Mellar (Birthday)
Mon.	2/27	7:00 am	Don Frazier †
		8:15 am	Dino Biggi †
Tues.	2/28	7:00 am	Fe R. de Guzman & Vicente Yu †
		8:15 am	Gracie Dias †
Wed.	3/1	7:00 am	Natividad Salinas †
		8:15 am	Anita Dangpos †
		5:00 pm	Parishioners
		7:00 pm	Parishioners
Thurs	3/2	7:00 am	Paterio La Rosa †
		8:15 am	Dee Darbo †
Fri.	3/3	7:00 am	Deceased Members of the Gatmaitan Family †
		8:15 am	Benefactors of Holy Cross Sisters Living and Deceased
Sat.	3/4	8:15 am	Antone Lawrence †
		4:30 pm	Marsha R. Lesh †
Sun.	3/5	7:30 am	John the Baptist †
		9:00 am	Mercedes Laxa Garcia †
		10:30 am	Parishioners
		12:30 pm	Gregorio & Santiago Ramirez †

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

A name posted in dark print was added to the prayer list this week!

Do you have a seriously ill family member or friend? If you have the person's permission, you may request that their name be printed in the bulletin for prayers. Names will be deleted after one month. Call the parish office at 351-5244 to leave the name of the family member who is in need of prayer.

WHO ENTERED INTO ETERNAL LIFE

Peter Tu Nguyen † — February 15, 2017
Father of Sister Bernadette

LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Come and join us for this devotion every Tuesday morning after the 7:00 a.m. Mass.

FINANCIAL CORNER

Our Weekly Goal	\$ 11,700.00
Sunday Collection —February 19th	\$ 8,146.11
Amount needed to reach our goal	\$ 3,553.89

Stewardship of February 19th of \$407.31 went to SPRED—Special Religious Education Department to integrate people with developmental disabilities into the faith an life of the Church.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27th

Monday:	Sirach 17:20-24; Psalm 32:1-2, 5-7; Mark 10:17-27
Tuesday:	Sirach 35:1-12; Psalm 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mark 10:28-31
Wednesday:	Joel 2:12-18; Psalm 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Corinthians 5:20 — 6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1:1-4, 6; Luke 9:22-25
Friday:	Isaiah 58:1-9a; Psalm 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Matthew 9:14-15
Saturday:	Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 86:1-6; Luke 5:27-32
Sunday:	Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Psalm 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Matthew 4:1-11



CRS Rice Bowl

This Lent the families with children in the Faith Formation program will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that will help them experience Lenten spirituality by living in solidarity with people in need around the world.

Join our faith community and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States, in a life-changing Lenten practice with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's cardboard CRS Rice Bowl from the parish office or on the tables at the doors of the church.

As we, the global Church, prepare for this holy season of Lent, it is especially appropriate to come together in prayer as a family, reflecting on the role we each have to play in building up God's one human family.

Please consider these suggestions in shaping your own family's Lenten plan:

* Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar daily to guide your Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

* As a family, read the Stories of Hope and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey—and guide your Lenten almsgiving.

* Prepare simple meatless meals on Fridays throughout Lent, in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world.

Be sure to visit crsricebowl.org to watch videos of the people and communities your Lenten gifts are changing through CRS Rice Bowl.

We will be collecting your CRS Rice Bowls at the end of Lent. Thank you for participating in CRS Rice Bowl with your family this Lent.

"The Good News is no mere matter of words...It is about leaving ourselves behind and encountering others.

—Pope Francis

CRS Rice Bowl is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. CRS is motivated by the example of Jesus Christ to serve poor and suffering people around the world.

Emergency update for the sick and dying:

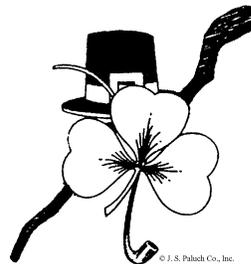
Our emergency number is a cellphone number —

510-688-2527

During non-office hours, you can call or send a text message to this number with the name of the person, address, and the rites needed: anointing of the sick, viaticum or the last rites.

Events for the Week February 26, 2017

Sun 2/26	9:15 am	Faith Formation	School
Mon 2/27	6:30 pm	St. Vincent de Paul	AE Room
	6:45 pm	Faith Formation	School
Tues 2/28	3:45 pm	Faith Formation	School
	6:30 pm	Adult Confirmation	SMC
	6:30 pm	RCIA	SJC
	7:00 pm	Spanish Meeting	AE Room
Wed 3/1		ASH WEDNESDAY	
	7:00 pm	Trilingual Mass	Church
Thurs 3/2	9:00 am	Bible Class	SJC
	7:00 pm	Spanish Catechist Mtg.	SMC
Fri 3/3	12:30 pm	Adoration until 4:45 pm	SJ Chapel
	7:00 pm	Spanish Youth Group	SMC
	7:00 pm	Spanish Children's Choir	Soc. Hall
	7:30 pm	Vietnamese Choir Practice	AE Room
	7:30 pm	Vietnamese Exposition, Mass & Confession	Church



Young at Heart Luncheon

When: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at noon.
Doors open at 11:30

Where: Gym

Menu: Corned Beef & Cabbage
Red Potatoes
Carrots
Rye Bread
Dessert
Beverage

Tickets are available in the office for \$6.00
Last Day to Purchase Tickets is Friday, March 10th
Remember the office closes at 12:30 pm on Fridays.
Tickets will **NOT** be available at the door.
Tickets are no longer available in the office on Mondays.

Don't forget to wear green



UNA PREGUNTA DE LEALTAD

Fuertes imágenes acerca de Dios están presentes en las lecturas de hoy: una madre amorosa (Isaías), un fuerte refugio (Salmo 62), un padre que alimenta (Mateo). Estas imágenes nos recuerdan que Dios primero nos promete amor y lealtad. En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos invita a "buscar primero el reino" dentro de la promesa de Dios.

Cuando Jesús describe el Reino, el menciona una palabra que además de estar en las Escrituras, es una palabra de uso diario. Para muchos es esa parte del mundo antiguo, la palabra "Reino" no era estrictamente para referirse a un área geográfica, como cuando uno cruza de un reino a otro. Reino era un asunto serio en cuanto a la lealtad hacia la persona que era el rey (o la reina). Uno "vive" en un reino permaneciendo leal al rey o a la reina, sin importar el lugar donde uno se encuentre.

La elección difícil que presenta Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy, entre el dinero y Dios, es una pregunta que involucra la lealtad. ¿Quién o qué recibe tu lealtad en primer lugar? ¿Por cuáles propósitos comprometes tu vida?

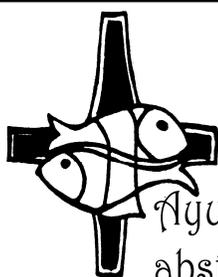
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ANGUSTIA O ESPERANZA

A través de los evangelios, Jesús toca profundos sentimientos del corazón. En el Evangelio de hoy, él menciona los miedos escondidos y las angustias de quienes lo escuchan. Es muy probable que muchas de aquellas personas que lo oyen vivan en la pobreza, con pocas posibilidades de tener que comer o que vestir. Jesús no trivializa sus necesidades físicas. Con compasión, él los invita a que confíen sus necesidades al cuidado de Dios.

Todos estamos consientes que el futuro es incierto. Aquello que hoy parece fuerte podría evaporarse mañana. Jesús conoce nuestras angustias, tanto quien como aquello que es digno e indigno. Podemos crear mecanismo de defensa físicos, financieros o emocionales para protegernos de un daño futuro. O confiar en Dios y alcanzar nuestra vulnerabilidad, podemos crear relaciones de cuidado y afecto mutuo con los demás. Podemos vivir con angustia o con esperanza. Así como Jesús lo indica, podemos elegir servir a Dios o servir al dinero.

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Cada año durante los dos tiempos litúrgicos de nuestra Iglesia, Adviento y Cuaresma somos especialmente muy bendecidos porque nuestra parroquia nos brinda la oportunidad de acercarnos con un corazón arrepentido, al sacramento de la Reconciliación, para recibir de Dios el "perdón" por nuestras faltas y por el que amorosamente nos acercamos más a El.

Este día "Miércoles de Ceniza" es tiempo de ayuno, de penitencia, de oración y de una renovada conversión. Somos "señalados en nuestra frente con la imposición de la ceniza, signo de humildad y de nuestra necesidad de fortalecernos en Jesús, nuestro Salvador, por medio de la Eucaristía, nuestro banquete de amor.

Tendremos liturgia trilingue a las 7:00 p.m.

El Martes 11 de Abril, tendremos confesiones a las 7:00 P.M.

También tendremos en Español, la meditación y reflexión del santo Via-Crucis, los días miércoles a partir del 8 de Marzo hasta el miércoles 05 de Abril, a las 7:30 P.M. Acompañemos a Jesús nuestro Salvador en este tiempo de Cuaresma para caminar con El en su pasión y resucitar con El en su gloriosa Resurrección.

Mercey Zamora

Lecturas del día:

Isaías 49:14-15; Salmos 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Corintios 4:1-5; Mateo 6:24-34

SAINTS FELICITY & PERPETUA



LIVES OF SAINTS FELICITY AND PERPETUA

Perpetua and Felicitas were two 3rd century Christian martyrs. Perpetua was a 22-year old mother with a son a few months old. Felicity, her slave, was pregnant with child. They were from Carthage, a Roman Province in North Africa. Perpetua and Felicitas were arrested and imprisoned, along with three other Christians in 203 A.D. Their crime was defying the Emperor Septimus Severus (193-211), himself of Phoenician origin. He had been a Roman general whose bold military exploits led him to be proclaimed emperor by the army after the death of the immoral Commodus, son of Marcus Aurelius. By Severus' decree, all imperial subjects were forbidden under severe penalties to become Christians or Jews, although only recent converts were affected. While the five (along with their instructor in faith) were being held awaiting execution, Perpetua's father urged his favourite child to save her life and the life of her baby by renouncing her faith. "Father," she answered, "do you see this vessel – waterpot or whatever it may be?...Can it be called by any other name than what it is?" "No," he replied. "So also I cannot call myself by any other name than what I am – a Christian." At a trial shortly afterwards, Perpetua refused to offer a sacrifice for the prosperity of the emperors. When the court asked "Are you a Christian?" she answered, "Yes, I am," thereby condemning herself to death.

Felicity, meanwhile, had been afraid she would not suffer with the rest, because Roman law forbade the execution of pregnant women (on the basis that the unborn child was innocent of any crime). However, in answer to her prayers, her child was born while she was in prison and promptly adopted by a Christian couple. Perpetua had managed to convert their jailer to Christianity, and so the captives were treated well in their final days. The prisoners turned their last meal into an agape, a love-meal and spoke of the joy of their own sufferings thus astonishing most witnesses, and even converting some of them. When the day of the games arrived, Perpetua and Felicity went to the amphitheatre "joyfully as though they were on their way to heaven", as Perpetua sang a psalm of triumph. The guards attempted to force the captives to wear robes consecrated to Roman gods, but Perpetua resisted so fiercely that they were allowed to wear their own clothes. A wild heifer was sent against the women. The heifer tossed Perpetua, who got up, straightened her hair, and helped Felicity regain her feet. Absorbed in ecstasy, Perpetua was unaware that she had been thrown, and did not believe it until Felicity showed her the marks on her body. Having survived the animals, the women were to be executed. They exchanged a final kiss of peace. Although the execution in the Coliseum was intended as entertainment, and enjoyed as such by most of the jeering crowd, some of the spectators, inspired by the martyrs' fearlessness, became converts. And these spectators were not the last who would be encouraged by Perpetua and Felicity, who, even at the cost of their lives, worshipped God and not the state. The bodies of the martyrs were interred at Carthage.

Felicitas and Perpetua (mentioned in that order) are two of seven women saints commemorated by name in the second part of the First Eucharistic Prayer.