



# St. Felicitas Catholic Church

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February 5, 2012 Fifth 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

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*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Times*  
*February 5, 2012*

The Lord tells the number of the stars  
and calls them by name.

Psalm 147:4



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### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

The story of Job seems at first hearing to be an extension of February's gloom into the liturgy. The monumental suffering of a good man is so horrific that the laments of the front page of modern newspapers barely measure up. The whole story is not long to tell, but its resolution is of great comfort. We can trace in its plot the stirrings of a belief in an afterlife, and in God's great power to right every wrong and raise human beings from suffering.

In the Gospel, we see the fulfillment of these longings in the hand of Jesus, grasping an ill woman by the hand and raising her up to vibrant life. Peter's mother-in-law becomes her best self, attentive to her guests, providing hospitality, the warmth of her laughter, the delights of her kitchen. Last week, at Candlemas, candles were blessed, including baptismal candles for some not yet born. Today is a day to check the fragile flame of your own baptismal candle. Against February's customary lethargy, its background whines and ailments, the liturgy summons us to life, grasps us by the hand, and sends us to serve in Christ's name.

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### **THE GOOD NEWS**

Today's readings begin with a few verses from the book of Job. First, Job complains that his nights drag on endlessly. Then, worse yet, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; / they come to an end without hope" (Job 7:6). Not exactly encouraging, these lamentations, not when taken alone.

Most of us have been there, though, and the antidote is the "good news" that Paul found so compelling that "an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!" (1 Corinthians 9:16). Paul felt driven to announce the gospel to as many people as possible, "to save at least some" (9:22).

This good news is the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who lifted Simon Peter's mother-in-law from her sickbed with a mere touch of his hand. "The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons" (Mark 1:33–34)). Our woes and demons are as real as Job's, and Jesus is our savior.

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 5, 2012

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Second Collection: Maintenance

6:30 pm Youth Confirmation Class in Gym/Hall

**NEXT WEEK:** Second Collection: Bishop's Annual Appeal

Events of the Week Feb. 6 thru Feb. 11			
<b>MON</b> 2/6	8:30 am 3:00 pm	School Bell Choir School Choir Practice	AE Rm AE Rm
<b>TUE</b> 2/7	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
<b>WED</b> 2/8	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	RCIA Spanish Prayer Group	SMC AE Rm
<b>THU</b> 2/9	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Parent Education Night Spanish Youth Group	Church Hall
<b>FRI</b> 2/10	8:30 am 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	School Bell Choir Spanish Children's Choir Vietnamese Choir	AE Rm Hall AE Rm
<b>SAT</b> 2/11	10:30 am 6:00 pm  3:15 pm	<b>HEALING MASS</b> <b>CRAB FEED</b>  Confessions	Church Gym  Church

<u>COLLECTIONS</u>		Our Weekly Need: \$11,500.00
<b>Jan. 29, 2012</b>		
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$10,195.00</b>	
<b>Children</b>	<b>\$ 42.00</b>	

<b>STEWARDSHIP</b>	
Last Week's Stewardship of \$509.75 went to Mercy Retirement Center.	
This week's Stewardship will go to the National Religious Retirement Office.	

**"HEALING MASS"**

**Saturday, February 11  
10:30 am in the Church**

The Church encourages all the faithful, especially the elderly and those experiencing bodily or emotional illness, to attend the **Holy Healing Mass** which occurs on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 10:30 am in the Church.

The Healing Mass is not only for the sick people, but for all of us to receive healing spiritually or physically from our Merciful God.

For more information, call the Parish Office at 351-5244. Thank you..

**Crab Feed and Silent**

**Auction**

**Saturday, February 11, 2012  
6:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m. in the School Gym**

Just reminding those of you who have tickets, of the date and time.

Sorry to tell everyone else that the tickets are **sold out**, so if you didn't get your tickets, you will miss a great time and a great feast !!

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



*We need to be aware that happiness can sometimes sneak in through the door we didn't know we had left open.*

## ST. FELICITAS SCHOOL

Our Saturday Open House and Spaghetti Feed was a huge success. Thank you so much for all the love, prayers, and support from the Parish to help kick off Catholic School's Week. On Saturday we celebrated the Eucharist with the community as a school. All students wore their uniform and we had a representative from each grade participate in the liturgy in some way. We also had the privilege of naming Brian Copeland as "*The St. Felicitas Distinguished Alumni*" for this year. Brian does a lot to support many of the Catholic Schools in the East Bay and has offered to help St. Felicitas School in any way he can. We appreciate all that he does for our Catholic Schools.

Our service day on Monday started with a prayer service and then each grade rolled up their sleeves and got their hands dirty cleaning the community, making sandwiches, and putting together toiletry bags. Tuesday, we honored all the staff members with special awards that came from the wonderful quotes of their students. Wednesday, the students were appreciated with free dress and various surprises in the classrooms and recesses, such as donuts and a freeze dance. Thursday, we were blessed with many talented parents and alumni who came to speak to our students about their different career choices. Finally, Friday we shared our classrooms with our Special People. Each class did an amazing job on their performances for them. Thank you to all the Special People who came and supported our students.

Abundant Blessings!

*Mrs. Meghan Jorgensen*

### NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Our Parish welcomes the following who were recently instituted as Eucharistic Ministers:

**Carissa Nieto**                      **Rhea Mallari**  
**Krissy Segismundo**           **Raquel Mall**

We thank each of you for your dedication to this Ministry. We pray that the Ministry will help you to grow in the warmth & loving knowledge of the Holy Eucharist.

### PRIZES !!!

St. Felicitas parishioners have been very generous in donating Prizes for the raffle held at each of the "Young at Heart" Lunches. The prizes at this time are very low and we hope that the generosity of the parishioners continues to help us. We very much appreciate all that you have done in the past. Thank you, thank you!!

### *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, 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, Debora Perakis, Charles Inzerilla, Jameson Munoz (4 yrs old) Crispina Veneracion, Leroy Naia, Eleanor Bollinger, Marie Choury, Maria Gallo, Juanita Estrelle,

**Pray for the Departed** - - - Joe Botelho, Edith Moniz, Margaret Diaz Chavez, Alice Louise Pestana,

### Mass Intentions Feb. 5 thru Feb. 12

Sun. 2/5	7:30 am	Jesus Montoya †
	9:00 am	Nick Botelho †
	10:30 am	Nicholas Botelho †
	12:15 pm	Elvira Ramirez †
Mon. 2/6	7:00 am	Viola Litvinchuk †
	8:15 am	Gerald Sheehan †
Tue 2/7	7:00 am	Viola Litvinchuk †
	8:15 am	Matthew Khiet Nguyen †
Wed. 2/8	7:00 am	Nieves Vilorio †
	8:15 am	Joseph & Anna Nguyen †
Thurs 2/9	7:00 am	All Souls †
	8:15 am	Pacita Lorvanag †
Fri. 2/10	7:00 am	Anna Nguyen †
	8:15 am	Paul Arnerich †
Sat. 2/11	8:15 am	Diem Ha (60 yrs.) & Duc Ha (35 yrs)
		Wedding Anniversaries
Sun. 2/12	4:30 pm	Louis Pande (Living)
	7:30 am	St. Felicitas Parishioners
	9:00 am	Nicolas Botelho †
	10:30 am	Gale DeVetter †
	12:15 pm	Ofelia Corral †

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45



The sacrament of reconciliation is a great gift, a sacrament we have the opportunity to receive each time we have failed or fallen short in our attempts to live the Christian life. Through this sacrament, which is also called “penance,” we are reconciled with God and the Church community.

On January 30, fifty children from our Parish Faith Formation celebrated for the first time the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

We want to help the children experience God’s forgiving love in the most positive way possible. We also want them to have a sense of unity~and recognize that we are all in need of forgiveness~through their celebration of the sacrament.

The Scripture story, which was chosen to emphasize some aspect of reconciliation, the Parable of the Lost Sheep (Luke 15:1-7) teaches us that God cares for all people and forgives our sins because of His love for us. The catechists helped the students see the connection between the story and their celebration of Penance.

The process for celebrating reconciliation includes: an examination of conscience, confessing our sins individually to the priest, accepting a penance, expressing our sorrow by praying the Act of Contrition, and receiving absolution. Using the Ten Commandments and age-appropriate examination of conscience helped the students begin to think about how they are living as God’s children.

We encourage the students to pray the Act of Contrition daily. This practice will remind them to reflect often on our need for forgiveness and increase their desire to live as God asks us to live.~~~Peace, *Sandi*

## SPEAK LIFE

A group of frogs was traveling through the woods looking for a bigger pond when two of them fell into a very deep hole. The other frogs crowded around, and when they saw just how deep the hole was they shook their heads and started calling to the two frogs at the bottom that they were as good as dead. The two frogs ignored the shouting and with all their might kept trying to jump up out of the hole. The other frogs jeered at them and told them to give up as their efforts were useless. Finally, one of the frogs stopped jumping and, panting heavily, fell on his side. He lay still and soon died. The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could. The crowd of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and just give up and die. He jumped even harder, and finally made it out of the top of the hole. When he got out, the other frogs were astonished and asked him, “Didn’t you hear us?” The frog look puzzled and asked them to repeat what they had just said because he was a bit deaf. He thought they had been shouting encouragement to him! There is power in the tongue. An encouraging word to someone in difficult circumstances can lift them up and help them to make it through another day. Destructive words, on the other hand, can be all it takes to deprive them of hope and life. The power of words is much greater than we may think. Be careful what you say. Speak life to those who cross your path. The person who makes the effort to encourage another is special indeed.

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## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Reflection Question:** How can I allow God’s grace to fashion me into a pleasing dwelling for the Lord?

## PALABRAS DE VIDA

Un grupo de ranas iban por todo el bosque en busca de un charco más grande cuando súbitamente dos de ellas caen dentro de un hoyo bien profundo. Las otras ranas rodearon el hoyo y cuando vieron lo profundo que era hicieron un gesto de frustración con su cabeza y le gritaron a las ranas que estaban en el fondo que era imposible sacarlas. Las dos ranas, ignorando toda la gritería de sus compañeras, seguían intentando saltar fuera del hoyo con todas sus fuerzas. Las otras ranas se burlaban de ellas diciéndoles que se dieran por vencidas, pues todos sus esfuerzos serían inútiles. Por fin una de las ranas dejó de saltar y jadeando fuertemente cayó de lado; unos segundos más tarde murió. La otra rana continuó saltando tan alto como podía. Las demás ranas le gritaban que dejara de sufrir, se diera por vencida y se resignara a morir; pero la rana en el hoyo trataba aún más hasta que por fin su salto la sacó afuera. Las ranas quedaron asombradas y le preguntaron: “¿Es que no nos oías?” La rana estaba un tanto confundida y les pidió que repitieran lo que acababan de decir pues estaba un poco sorda. ¡Ella pensó que las ranas que estaban arriba le gritaban para darle ánimo! La lengua tiene mucho poder. Una palabra de aliento a alguien que pasa por una situación difícil puede levantarle su espíritu para poder seguir un día más. Las palabras destructivas, por otro lado, bien pueden descorazonar y quitarle toda esperanza a una persona. El poder de las palabras es mucho mayor de lo que podemos imaginar. Ten cuidado con lo que dices. Ofrece palabras vivificantes a aquellos con los que te cruces en el camino. La persona que hace un esfuerzo para animar a otra es verdaderamente especial.

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Jesús sanó  
a los enfermos



## LAS BUENAS NOTICIAS

Las lecturas de hoy comienzan con unos versos del libro de Job. En primer lugar, Job se queja de que sus noches se alargan indefinidamente. Y luego, aún peor, “Mis días corren más aprisa que una lanzadera y se consumen sin esperanza” (Job 7:6). No son precisamente alentadoras estas lamentaciones, no cuando se examinan por separado.

La mayoría de nosotros ha estado allí, sin embargo, y el antídoto es la “buena noticia” que Pablo encontró tan convincente que sentía que predicarla “era su obligación. ¡Ay de mí, si no anuncio el Evangelio!” (1 Corintios 9:16). Pablo se sentía impulsado a anunciar el Evangelio a tantos como fuera posible, “para ganarlos a todos” (9:22).

Esta buena noticia era que el misterio de la vida, muerte y Resurrección de Jesucristo, que levantó a la suegra de Simón Pedro de su lecho de enferma con un simple toque de su mano. “Todo el pueblo se apiñó junto a la puerta. Curó a muchos enfermos de diversos males y expulsó a muchos demonios” (Marcos 1:33–34). Nuestros males y demonios son tan reales como los de Job, y Jesús es nuestro salvador.

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Nuestra  
Señora  
de Lourdes

