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Stations of



the Cross

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Mar. 30, 2014 *FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT*
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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 9:00am- 4:30 pm
Friday 9:00am - 12:30pm
Sunday 8:30am 12:00 pm

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Emergency (during non-office hours)

875-9163

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 30, 2014**

**The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
— Psalm 23:1**



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LAETARE SUNDAY

What is Lent about? It seems like a redundant question. Most people know that it is about fasting, penance, giving up things, prayer and almsgiving. While all these are true, Lent is more about our commitments to strengthen our worldly and heavenly relationships.

The Cross is a powerful image for the Lenten season. The vertical beam of the Cross reminds us of our relationship with God. It upholds the Cross. The horizontal beam stands for our relationship with one another. "Truly, I say to you as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" Matt.25:40. Just as the horizontal beam gives stability to the Cross, our relationships give stability to our lives. Relationships adorn the fabric of our lives. It enables us to see Christ in others and have others see Christ in us.

Finding ways to strengthen our relationship with Christ, our God is very important. Our relationship with God affects every other relationship in our lives. How can we do it? Prayer, devotional practices, meditation, etc. are opportunities for strengthening our relationship with Christ. Reading the Gospels is another important way to do it. By listening to the Word of God we are spiritually strengthened to do God's will in our lives.

Relationship with others, perhaps, is more of a challenge than anything else. There are people in our lives we do not relate to well. It could be family members or friends. It may not be easy to heal or mend all at once. As the saying goes 'time is the best healer.' Meanwhile we can pray for people with whom we have a difficult relationship. In some unseen and incomprehensible way, one may say, prayer works its way through, slowly but steadily and relationships improve.

We can also Strengthen our relationships with others by focusing on family members when they ask for our attention, volunteering our services to the needy and by being present to the people around us. Even simple acts of love and charity, a kind word, or giving preference for another while standing in line all help to build up relationships.

With focus on a deepened relationship with God and with others, the Easter season ushers into our hearts a beauty that is reflected in the spring around us. As the poet P.B. Shelly wrote, "If winter comes can spring be far behind." The winter of our sin and evil is left behind at the end of this 40 days of Lenten journey and we grow the spiritual spring flowers for Easter.

Today is **Laetare Sunday**. It is a name often used to denote the fourth Sunday of the season of Lent. It means a Sunday of rejoicing because Easter is coming closer. The introductory antiphon for Mass says, "Rejoice, O Jerusalem: and come together all you that love her: rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow: that you may exult, and be filled from the breasts of your consolation."

Father Augustinø

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 30th, 2014

Children ' s Liturgy of the Word

7:00 pm Confirmation Class in Church

NO SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

NEXT WEEK: Maintenance

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

TUESDAY
APRIL 8TH
7:30 P.M.

In the spirit of the Lenten Season, plan to join the parish community for our celebration of God's forgiveness! An opportunity for all of us to confess our sinfulness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be Tuesday evening. We will have 12 priests here for confessions (English, Spanish & Vietnamese).

If you are unable to attend in the evening you are welcome to come on Thursday, April 3rd from 1:00 to 2:00 P.M. in the afternoon.

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Monday March 31st, 2014
Cesar Chavez Day
OFFICE CLOSED

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON

Tuesday, April 1st, 2014

MENU

Garden Salad
Meat Loaf with Mushroom Gravy
Garlic/Basil Buttered Noodles
String Beans
Rolls
Chocolate Cake

Tickets are on Sale in the Parish Office
Be sure to purchase your ticket by
Sunday as the office is closed Monday.

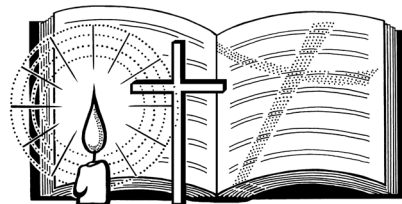
SOUP & STATIONS

Thursdays

SOUP SUPPER STARTS AT 6 PM IN GYM
STATIONS ARE AT 7 PM IN CHURCH

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16
Wednesday: Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30
Thursday: Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47
Friday: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53
Sunday: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11;
John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]



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FINANCIAL CORNER

March 23rd, 2014

OUR WEEKLY GOAL: \$ 11,700.00

Sunday Collection: \$ 9,822.50

Amount needed to reach \$ 1,877.50
goal:

Thank you for your generosity

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Julie Chin, Connie & Joyce Guaraglia, Teresa Tran, Maureen Nolan, Maria Silva, Louis Valenzuela, Alice Martinez, Jim Lachenmeyer, Maria Nguyen, Rachel Bonjorno, Mimi Duarte, Lucy Ferreira, Vincent Jacques, Joe Zipp, Sr. Rosa, John Vargas, Arlene Pershing, Jim Hackmeier, Josie Herrera, Mary Valladon, Priscilla Shelton, Constance Pierce, Evelyn Thude, Mitchel Estrelles, Fran Victorran, Keith Long, Barbara Maloon, Lucy Larris, Bob Casella, Velma Boitex, Vigilio Legaspi, Paul Prado, Ray Yusi, Vincente Aguillon, Mario Nombre, Peggy Miller, Doris Babik, Michael & Lora Babik, Art Matoza, Maria Le, Juner Valenoia, Doug & Julie Rien, Bill Delaney, George Ragusno, Gwendolyn DeVries, Roderick Caldwell, Adeline Vargas, Norma-Ramos Ott, Ruth Thomas, Bill Pattison, Cleo Palmer, Bailey Gendreau, Michael Witherspoon, Raymond & JoAnne Salazar, Priscilla Roque, Frances Landeza (mother of Fr. Jayson), Bernice Winslow.

**** If any person in this list passes away to eternity, Please inform the parish office so that we can pray for the repose of his soul.**

✠ **Pray for the Departed** ✠

Josephine Rose, Annie Payne,
Diana Gumataotao

FILL US

Open wide the windows of our spirits and fill us full of light; open wide the door of our hearts, that we may receive and entertain Thee with all our powers of adoration.
—Christina Rossetti

SET THE **WORLD** BISHOP'S APPEAL 2014 ON FIRE

The Bishop's Appeal is an opportunity for each and every Catholic household to help further the mission of the Church. It is a chance for all parishes and missions of our Diocese to join together in support of the vital ministries such as Pastoral Ministries and services, Religious Education and Formation, Clergy formation and support, Support for Catholic Schools and Parishes in need, and assisting local parishes.

The 2013 Bishop's Appeal for St. Felicitas was a success. We reached 102% of our goal.

Our goal for 2014 is \$31,563.11. So far we have reached \$10,606.00 which is 31% of our goal.

We really appreciate how enthusiastic our parishioners are about building our Diocese of Oakland through this program and by the support of your prayers. We hope that our parish will reach our goal soon.

Mass Intentions Mar. 30 thru Apr. 6

Sun	3/30	7:30 am	Parishioners
		9:00 am	All Souls †
		10:30 am	Daisy Rose †
		12:15 pm	Maria Gallo †
Mon	3/31	7:00 am	Maria Mau Hoang †
		8:15 am	Joseph Vu - Birthday
Tue	4/01	7:00 am	Nina Ricci-Valdez †
		8:15 am	Philip Mamuyac—Birthday
Wed.	4/02	7:00 am	Norman Miller †
		8:15 am	Pedro Quiroga †
Thu	4/03	7:00 am	Martha & Dominic †
		8:15 am	John Lassale †
Fri.	4/04	7:00 am	Peter Thi †
		8:15 am	All Souls †
		9:15 am	School Intention
Sat	4/05	8:15 am	Kylie Aulani Case - Living
		4:30 pm	All Souls †
Sun	4/06	7:30 am	Jesus Montoya †
		9:00 am	Parisioners
		10:30 am	Claire Coffey †
		12:15 pm	Hilario & Teodora Diaz †

Parish Food Drive Saturday April 5th & Sunday April 6th

The St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) conference request food donations from our parish family. The conference will hold a parish wide food drive to assist the families in our community. Donation boxes will be available at the church the weekend of **April 5th-6th, 2014**. We are asking for non perishable food items. Peanut butter, jelly, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta and pasta sauce, canned soup, fruit juice, pork and beans, canned tuna, canned meat, canned pasta, macaroni & cheese, and canned beans.

Also monetary donations and Safeway/ Lucky gift cards are greatly appreciated. All items donated go to help people in need. Thank You in advance for your continued support.

*Edgar Walters, President,
Saint Felicitas, Saint Vincent de Paul*

ST. FELICITAS SCHOOL

One week from Monday, the school will be going through the WCEA accreditation process. This happens every six years and takes three days. The faculty and staff has been working for the last year and a half to prepare for this visit. Our biggest task was to prepare our 80 page self-study report that our visiting team reads through before they come. When the visiting team comes in a week, they evaluate our evidence and observe in all of our classrooms to validate what we wrote in our self-study. All of our teachers and support staff have been working very hard to prepare for our visit. I know that our school is going to shine! I am very much looking forward to hearing their feedback! Please keep us in your prayers on April 7th, 8th, and 9th.

A Lenten Prayer

Merciful Father/ Loving Mother,
I know that the tiny sacrifices I make this Lent can never serve as a real penance in my life.

But help me to make my whole life
one of following your Son.

I am filled with your love.

Let your love shine out from within me
and guide my life in this sacred journey
toward the Easter joy you offer me.

(Taken from <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/>)

Blessings to all of you!!!

Meghan Jorgensen

Events of the Week March 31st

MON 3/31	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	OFFICE CLOSED Lector's Practice Night Jr. High Faith Formation	Church School
TUES 4/01	3:30 pm 3:45 pm 3:45 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	CCD Parent Faith Share CCD Reconciliation-Lent Faith Formation Class Spanish 1st Reconciliation Practice Night Spanish Catechist Mtg. Lector's Practice Night	SMC Church School Church AE Rm. SJC
WED. 4/02	6:00 pm 6:15 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Faith Formation Classes Faith Share Parents Mtg CCD Reconciliation-Lent Spanish Adult Choir	School SMC Church AE Rm.
THR 4/03	10:30 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	School Reconciliation Soup Stations. Liturgy Meeting Spanish Small Faith Spanish Stations	Church Gym Church SMC AE Rm Church
FRI. 4/04	12:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm 7:30 pm	Adoration Spanish Children's Choir Vietnamese Stations Vietnamese Choir	Church Soc. Hall Church AE Rm
SAT. 4/05	9:00 am 6:00 pm	RCIA Retreat Vietnamese Children's Practice	SMC/SJC Church

One of the most beloved Christian hymns is "Amazing Grace." Meditate on one particular line of that hymn as we prepare to listen to today's Gospel of the man born blind: "I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see." Sinning is a lot like being lost. When one is lost, no matter how hard one tries, one often cannot find one's way out. Through the miracle performed today, Jesus reminds us that when we are lost in the world of sin, he is there to remove our blindness so that we can see our way out. We are now at the heart of our Lenten journey of conversion. As those preparing for Baptism at Easter celebrate the second scrutiny today, let our hearts be one with theirs. As we prepare to renew our baptismal promises at Easter, let today's word scrutinize our minds and hearts. Let today's living word be the way that leads us out of the confusing mess that sin puts us in. Let today be the day that we are found.

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NUEVA VISIÓN



Jesús proclamó que él vino al mundo para que los ciegos vean, y los que ven queden ciegos. ¡Algo difícil de aceptar! Pero seguramente deberá significar que Jesús quería cambiar radicalmente nuestra manera de ver las cosas. Jesús vino a cambiar nuestra perspectiva. Cuando el profeta Samuel salió a seleccionar un nuevo rey, escogió a un joven que tenía las apariencias de rey. Pero Dios le dijo que no juzgara por las apariencias. Dios le dijo a Samuel, y a nosotros hoy, que cambiemos nuestra perspectiva y miremos a las cosas y a las personas de manera diferente.

Somos como los efesios, a quien Pablo pidió que vivieran como hijos de la luz. Con la luz de la fe, tenemos una nueva manera de ver las cosas y se nos pide que llevemos esa nueva visión al mundo a nuestro alrededor. Esta es una gran vocación, una llamada a despertar a la gente a lo que realmente es importante.`` Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

CARIDAD

Si verdaderamente quieres ayudar a tu prójimo, tú primero debes acercarte a Dios con todo tu corazón. Pídele que te enseñe a ser caritativo, la virtud más grande de todas; con esta virtud puedes realizar todo lo que te propongas. —San Vicente Ferrer Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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LA PALABRA DE DIOS HOY

Uno de los himnos más favoritos en inglés es “*Amazing Grace*” (Sublime gracia). Medita en un renglón particular de ese himno al prepararnos a escuchar el Evangelio de hoy sobre el hombre ciego de nacimiento: “Una vez perdido, ahora estoy a salvo. Yo estaba ciego, pero ahora veo”. Pecar es igual que estar perdido. Cuando uno anda perdido casi nunca puede encontrar el camino, por mucho que trate. Jesús nos recuerda, con el milagro que hace hoy, que cuando estamos perdidos en el mundo del pecado él está ahí para quitarnos la ceguera y podamos ver la salida. Nos encontramos ahora en el epicentro de nuestro camino de conversión cuaresmal. Unámonos de corazón a aquellas personas que se preparan para recibir el Bautismo en la Pascua y que celebran hoy su segundo escrutinio. Mientras nos preparamos para renovar nuestras promesas bautismales en la Pascua, dejemos que la Palabra de Dios hoy escrute nuestra mente y nuestro corazón. Dejemos que su palabra viva nos saque hoy del desorden y la confusión donde nos pone el pecado. Que hoy sea el día en que dejemos que la gracia de Dios nos encuentre. Traducido de *Saint Margaret Sunday Missal* derechos de autor © J. S. Paluch Company