

March 25, 2007

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sun	3/25	6:45	Aurea Alumisin
Mon	3/26	6:30	Gertrude Eberle
		8:30	Aurea Alumisin
Tue	3/27	6:30	Dr. Cristino Canga, Jr.
		8:30	Marion & Ed Bragg
Wed	3/28	6:30	Joe Alioto
		8:30	Julio C. Delucchi
Thu	3/29	6:30	Daniel McBrady
		8:30	Nathan Cruz
Fri	3/30	6:30	Theresa Kenny
		8:30	Benny Chetcuti
Sat	3/31	6:30	Theodore & Addie
		8:30	Alfred Psaila
		5:00	Michael Cummings
Sun	4/01	6:45	Louis Braganza

**Please say a prayer
for our many sick, homebound
and hospitalized parishioners
who are unable to attend Mass.**

Let us pray for those who have died...
Margaret Conway & Bruce Roberts
*"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them."*



WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH
**SAMANTHA PADILLA,
& DAVID FELIPE CARTER**
WHO WERE BAPTIZED LAST WEEK.

March 26, 2007

Solemnity of the Annunciation

5:30 PM Rosary Recitation
6:00 PM Holy Mass
6:30 PM Total Consecration Ceremony
Fellowship follows in the Church Vestibule

CHURCH SUPPORT

\$ 7,680.75 - Sunday Collection
2,618.00 - Catholic Relief Services
\$10,298.75

Please don't forget your weekly Offering to the Parish.

**Only your generosity
helps us pay the parish bills.**

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

What better way to prepare ourselves for the holiest days of the year—when we commemorate the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ—than to partake in the Sacrament which Jesus gave us for the forgiveness of our sins?

You are invited to our Communal Celebration of the Sacrament of Penance at 7:30PM April 2, Monday of Holy Week. We will have the opportunity for individual Confessions with any of the ten priests who will be present.

St. Veronica Parish and Mater Dolorosa Parish are jointly holding this service in an effort to help all their parishioners to avail themselves of this wonderful means of growing in grace.

As you can see from our Holy Week Schedule, we will have extra hours for Confessions in addition to our usual Saturday hours, but this evening Penance Service is the best opportunity for us to pray together and support one another in our shared need for reconciliation with God and our neighbor. The world *needs* the peace that only comes from God. Please heed this invitation, and come!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the Fridays of Lent,
we will pray the Stations
after the 8:30am Mass and again at 7:30pm.

RULE OF ABSTINENCE FOR LENT

Everyone 14 years of age and older
is bound to abstain from meat
on each Friday of Lent, and Good Friday.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL COLLECTION UPDATE

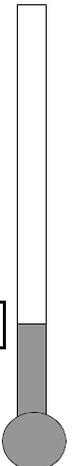
As of **March 21st**
we have collected a total of **\$17,034 .**

Parish Assessment: **\$ 70,600.**
Remaining balance: **\$ 53,566.**

Out of **2,200 Parishioners,**
135 have contributed so far.

24 %

St. Veronica's needs *your* help.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Sadly, I need to share with everyone that after 50 years of continuous parish use, the SSF Fire Dept's Fire Chief and Fire Inspector, on their annual inspection of the St. Veronica's facilities closed down for all future use the Church Basement. This inspection and immediate closure of the basement occurred on Wednesday, March 6 to the great dismay of myself and many St. Veronica parishioners.

Prior to this, we as a parish have been in the process of a capital campaign to raise funds for needed parish improvements. These have been: a new roof on St. Veronica Catholic School (accomplished in August, 2006), a new protective fence to replace the aging fence around our parish school, and new pavement on our large parish parking lot. The Fire Department said that a new and state-of-the-art handicapped entrance must be added to the Church Basement if we would ever want to use it again for our parish meetings. Thus, a new basement entrance could also be added to needed parish projects. I say "could" because I don't know for sure if that is the direction that the majority of parishioners would like to go.

Another thing I would like to share with everyone is that recently I have received letters from a number of parishioners with young families about their desire to begin a pre-school at St. Veronica's Catholic School. And other parishioners and parents have also written to me with the desire of seeing the parish convent—now vacated and rarely used—converted into a dual-use building: 1) a junior high school for our school's 6th, 7th, & 8th graders plus 2) a conversion of a part of the convent for use by the proposed new pre-school.

Other longtime parishioners have shared with me, the need for more meeting spaces for our growing parish and our many parish organizations. With the loss of such an important meeting space as the Church Basement, this need for more space is at a real premium: Some parishioners have suggested either leasing or buying one or two portable modular buildings, other parishioners have suggested building a new structure—something of second "Parish Center"—where parishioners and groups could have their meetings—such as was recently built at St. Robert's Parish in San Bruno. This ideally could be a Parish Center where large and small gatherings could take place simultaneously, with floor-to-ceiling partitions opening and closing spaces as needed. A perfect example of this is the new Parish Center at St. Mark's in Belmont.

As everyone knows, each of the above can happen and will happen if we act as a united parish and work together. One of my first concerns as the pastor and shepherd of such a large and diverse parish as St. Veronica's is the very number of these important projects: 1) New Fence around property; 2) New paving of parking lot; 3) Adding a new entrance to the Church Basement; 4) Conversion of Convent to use as a pre-school and a junior-high school for our 6th, 7th, & 8th graders; 5) Providing a new building—either modular portable buildings or a new structure—for our many parish organizations and activities.

Also, there is the cost involved for each of these and a Capital Campaign that can determine how to raise the needed funds. Another significant loss that took place recently was the news that parishioner Michelle Evans has decided to step down as the head of the Capital Campaign. Michelle was an indispensable part of our current Capital Campaign and we will all miss her excellent leadership. Nevertheless, both a new chair of the Campaign, plus the re-formation of a new and representative core group of concerned parishioners is needed to move the Capital Campaign forward.

Finally, I would sincerely like to invite all parishioners to write me, email me, phone me, or speak to me about any and all of the above potential parish projects. Are these projects things that you want to see developed over the next few years at St. Veronica's as we move into the new millennium and as we move toward our 60th Anniversary as a parish just four short years from now in 2011? Or do you have other ideas that need to be brought forth?

I look forward to hearing from any and all of you! Let us move into this new challenge as the good and dynamic parish community that we are—the "parish that knows how!"

Sincerely, —Fr. Ed Bohnert, Pastor

Here is only *one* of the nine items from the March 7, 2007 "Correction Notice" we received from the South San Francisco Fire Department:



Church Building: Basement meeting room—Effective immediately, no groups shall use this room as a meeting room since it is a basement room and has only one exit. This room shall be unavailable for meetings or use other than storage until exiting deficiencies are corrected.

(Among other items were: emergency exit lights; storing items too close to fire alarm panels and water heaters; and discarding of used incense and charcoal.)

All items listed above shall be corrected. A re-inspection will be made after 4-9-07. Failure to correct the items listed above by the re-inspection date will necessitate a 3rd site inspection and the charge for the 3rd site inspection is \$100 per hour with a 2-hour minimum.

Holy Week Schedule

MONDAY - April 2

7:30 PM: Parish Penance Service

TUESDAY - April 3

5:30 PM: Chrism Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

WEDNESDAY - April 4

Confessions: 2:30– 5:30 PM

HOLY THURSDAY - April 5

NO 6:30 AM or 8:30 AM Mass

7:30 PM: Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
following until 11:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY - April 6

12 Noon: Stations of the Cross,
Readings & Meditations on the Passion

1:30 PM: Solemn Liturgical Service

3:00 PM: Divine Mercy Novena begins

7:30 PM: Solemn Liturgical Service

HOLY SATURDAY - April 7

NO 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM, or 5:00 PM Masses

Confessions: 10 AM – 3 PM

8:00 PM: Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY - April 8

Masses: 6:45, 8:00, 9:30, 11AM, & 12:30 PM

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – April 15

Extra Confession hours Saturday 3 - 6 PM
& Sunday 6:30 AM - 1:30 PM

TEEN CLUB

This Sunday, our monthly talk is on

TEEN LIFE CHOICES

7 PM in Parish Center

All Teens welcome!

“Discover the World”

**Annual Silent &
Live Auction Event
Saturday, May 5th**



*All are invited,
details to follow...*

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**Every Wednesday
Cafeteria (“Falcon Hall”)
Doors open at 6:30 PM
Bingo begins at 7:30 PM**