

April 1, 2007

Palm Sunday

Mass Intentions for Holy Week

Sun	4/01	6:45	Louis Braganza
Mon	4/02	6:30	Moresco Family
		8:30	Marion & Ed Bragg
Tue	4/03	6:30	Elsa Duri
		8:30	Alice C. Cullen
Wed	4/04	6:30	Anacoreta Riel
		8:30	Steve Tonegato

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

Novena to the Divine Mercy

Begins Good Friday, ends April 14.

April 6 Good Friday 3pm in Church

April 7 Holy Saturday 3pm in Church

April 8 Easter Sunday, after 12:30pm Mass

April 9 thru 14 in the chapel after the 8:30am Mass

Contact: Letty Rubin 834-4391 or Rachel Naidu 583-3625

Let us pray for those who have died...

Lucio Garza, Salvador Gutierrez, & Margaret Smith

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon them."



WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH
RECIA EDESAN CIRIALES
WHO WAS BAPTIZED LAST WEEK.

CHURCH SUPPORT

\$8,205.25 - Sunday Collection
1,096.50 - Parish Upkeep and Maintenance
 \$9,301.75

Please don't forget your weekly Offering to the Parish.
Only your generosity helps us pay the parish bills.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL COLLECTION UPDATE

Parish Assessment: \$ 70,600.
 As of March 28th
 we have collected: \$ 18,389.
 Remaining balance: \$ 52,211.

Out of 2,200 Parishioners,
145 have contributed so far.
St. Veronica's needs your help.

26 %

Holy Week Schedule

MONDAY - April 2

7:30 PM: Parish Penance Service / Confessions

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

FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Good Friday is a day of Fasting. Only one meal should be eaten. Catholics are also obliged to abstain from meat on Good Friday.

On Good Friday, April 6, the annual collection for the **Holy Land** will be taken. Your gifts are of great importance for the operation of the many holy places and for the Christians who still live and worship there. These are *living* churches, which must not become *museums*. Please be generous.

EASTER HOLIDAY

The **Rectory** will be closed from **Noon Thursday, April 5** thru **Monday, April 9** for **Easter Weekend**.

Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Veronica's

Day of Grace April 15, the Sunday after Easter
10 AM - 5 PM (Mass here at 3:00 PM)

Information: (800) 456-4197

E-Mail: srm.inc@juno.com

www.sraphael.com

St. Raphael Ministries

Parish Penance Service with Confessions

Our Lenten Penance Service will be this Monday night at 7:30pm. This is an opportunity for all of us to stand before the Lord, confess our sins, and hear the wonderful words of absolution! Give yourself—and your loved ones—this gift of reconciliation.

GOOD NEWS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Congratulations

DOLLY BRAGG

St. Veronica "Parishioner of the Year" 2007

I would like to invite everyone to please join me in wishing a Special Congratulations to *Dolly Bragg*, who has been chosen this year's *St. Veronica Parishioner of the Year!*

Dolly Bragg was born in San Francisco and attended St. James Elementary School and graduated from Poly-Technic High School. Dolly and her husband, Bob, were founding members of St. Veronica Church and School. Four of their six children attended St. Veronica School.

Dolly was an active member in the St. Pius X Circle and served at all the Holy Name Family Breakfasts. She later joined the St. Joseph Circle, which raised money to beautify the Church, with donations such as the large plaque on the wall near the Baptismal Font. Dolly formed a committee which helped the senior citizens and homebound parishioners to receive medication, have groceries delivered, and transport them to church.

At Parish Festival time, Dolly ran the Cake Booth for 10 years. Then Dolly, with the help of her husband Bob, ran the "Bank" for the Festival. She raised money by chairing two of the Fashion Shows and helped at the Parish Dinners, such as the popular "Corned Beef Dinners", and also served "Hot Lunches" to the school children.

Dolly was a devoted wife, dedicated mother to her large family, and very faithful to the Church and St. Veronica Parish.

Her children now have their own active lives in the surrounding area: Pamela has two adult children, Bobby's children attend St. Brendan's School, Valerie's children attend St. Gregory's, and Don's children attend St. Bartholomew's.

Dolly, and other Parishioners of the Year from neighboring parishes will be honored at the 9:00AM Mass and Breakfast following Mass at All Souls Church on April 15, 2007.

For reservations,
please contact Al Banfield at 583-2510.

Cost of Breakfast: Adults \$10 / Children \$5
Deadline for reservations is April 13th.

We are proud to name "**Dolly Bragg**" as our
Parishioner of the Year in 2007!

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.

Congratulations First Communicants !

Our 34 Religious Education students received their First Communion on March 31. May they and their families always rejoice in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Special thanks to their catechists Donna Durkee, Karen Guglielmoni, Dana Langley, Pam Luccero, Rachel Naidu, and Sandy Zicke

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION EASTER BREAK

APRIL 1 - 14

Wednesday classes resume April 18

Saturday classes resume April 21

TEEN CLUB

7PM Tonight, April 1st, in Falcon Hall

Movie: “THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST”

“Discover the World”

Annual Silent & Live Auction Event

Saturday, May 5

All are invited, details to follow...



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