

**Pentecost May 27, 2007**

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

Sun 5/27 6:45 Crispulo DuQue  
 Mon 5/28 6:30 Jerry Sommers  
 8:30 Roberto Tellez  
 Tue 5/29 6:30 Marie Martin  
 8:30 Mark Mayes  
 Wed 5/30 6:30 Fr. John Penebsky  
 8:30 Fred Yao & Family  
 Thu 5/31 6:30 Philomena South  
 8:30 Nathan Cruz  
 Fri 6/01 6:30 Norah Murphy  
 8:30 Ted Zaffke  
 Sat 6/02 6:30 Rosalinda & Heriberto  
 Aguinaldo  
 8:30 Sally Jarvis  
 5:00 Seminarian Ngoan Phan  
 Sun 6/03 6:45 Natalio Carcallas

**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...  
**Frank Gamba, Mike Folan  
 & Aurora Velasco**  
*"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
 And let perpetual light shine upon them."*



WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH  
**ALONDA VALERIE HERNANDEZ  
 SANTIAGO MANUEL SANTAMARIA  
 MICHAEL RICHARD RIORDAN, JR.  
 HAILEY KASSANDRA MAGNO  
 & SEBASTIAN ALEXANDER FONTANA**  
 WHO WERE BAPTIZED LAST WEEK.



**SECOND COLLECTION:** next weekend,  
**June 2 & 3,** will be for the **Seminarian Fund.**

**CHURCH SUPPORT**

\$7,521.25 - Sunday Collection  
 \$2,025.50 - Catholic Communication Campaign  
 \$9,546.75

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



**MEMORIAL DAY**  
 Monday May 28th, the Rectory will  
 be closed for the holiday.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**NEW REGISTRATION FOR 2007-2008**

New registration forms are now available for the 2007-2008  
 School Year.  
 Forms may be picked up at the Office of Religious Education,  
 located in the School Building on:

**Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
**Monday - Friday (Rectory Office) 9:00 am - 4:00 pm**



*Weddings*

Congratulations, and may God bless  
**Adelaide Gonzales & Kevin Hsu**  
 who married here May 19, 2007.

**Archdiocesan Ordinations**

**Saturday, June 9 at St. Mary's Cathedral**

Three men will be ordained to the Priesthood on June 9, in-  
 cluding Ngoan Phan, who was with us on his Pastoral Year.  
 All parishioners are welcome to attend. Ngoan will be here  
 next weekend at the 5pm Mass, serving as a Deacon, and giv-  
 ing the homily.

**Total Consecration Events at St. Veronica**

**Sunday, May 27, 2:30-5:00PM**

"True Devotion to Mary" video presentation on the teachings  
 of St. Louis de Montfort at St. Veronica's Convent

**June 13 thru July 15**

**St. Louis de Montfort's 33-day Self Preparation for Total  
 Consecration on July 16th** (Materials & books will be  
 available during the seminar or call contact person or  
 sponsor. The book "True Devotion to Mary" is now  
 available at St. Veronica's Bookrack).

**July 16, 5:30-7:00PM - St. Veronica Church**

**Celebration of the Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel**  
 Followed by **Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary.**  
 (Fellowship after the Ceremony)

Information: **Leticia Rubin at 834-4391**  
 or **Lilia Cathey at 758-2131**

**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL  
 COLLECTION UPDATE**

Parish Assessment: **\$ 70,600.**  
 As of **May 23rd**  
 we have collected: **\$ 42,172.**  
 Remaining balance: **\$ 28,428.**

**59.5 %**

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



**On this Pentecost Sunday**, here are some words from a catechetical instruction by St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop:

***The living water of the Holy Spirit***

*The water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of living water, welling up into eternal life.*

This is a new kind of water, a living, leaping water, welling up for those who are worthy. But why did Christ call the grace of the Spirit water? Because all things are dependent on water; plants and animals have their origin in water. Water comes down from heaven as rain, and although it is always the same in itself, it produces many different effects, one in the palm tree, another in the vine, and so on throughout the whole of creation. It does not come down, now as one thing, now as another, but while remaining essentially the same, it adapts itself to the needs of every creature that receives it.

In the same way the Holy Spirit, whose nature is always the same, simple and indivisible, apportions grace to each man as he wills. Like a dry tree which puts forth shoots when watered, the soul bears the fruit of holiness when repentance has made it worthy of receiving the Holy Spirit. Although the Spirit never changes, the effects of his action, by the will of God and in the name of Christ, are both many and marvelous.

The Spirit makes one man a teacher of divine truth, inspires another to prophesy, gives another the power of casting out devils, enables another to interpret holy Scripture. The Spirit strengthens one man's self-control, shows another how to help the poor, teaches another to fast and lead a life of asceticism, makes another oblivious to the needs of the body, trains another for martyrdom. His action is different in different people, but the Spirit himself is always the same. *In each person, Scripture says, the Spirit reveals his presence in a particular way for the common good.*

The Spirit comes gently and makes himself known by his fragrance. He is not felt as a burden, for he is light, very light. Rays of light and knowledge stream before him as he approaches. The Spirit comes with the tenderness of a true friend and protector to save, to heal, to teach, to counsel, to strengthen, to console. The Spirit comes to enlighten the mind first of the one who receives him, and then, through him, the minds of others as well.

As light strikes the eyes of a man who comes out of darkness into the sunshine and enables him to see clearly things he could not discern before, so light floods the soul of the man counted worthy of receiving the Holy Spirit and enables him to see things beyond the range of human vision, things hitherto undreamed of.

**THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST**

Pentecost marks the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, fifty days after the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is connected with the harvesting festivals in the Old Testament (*Leviticus, 23*).

According to St. Irenaeus, the feast dates back from the apostolic times. The Mass has a sequence "Come Holy Spirit". The liturgical color is red, symbolizing the love of the Holy Spirit or the tongues of fire. Pentecost is like Easter. For forty days we fasted and prayed. For *fifty* days we celebrated and joyfully sang Alleluia.

Who is the Spirit? He is the third person of the Most Holy Trinity. He is equal in essence, substance and nature with the Father and the Son. He proceeds from the Father and Son by spiration.

The Spirit prepares the way for the Messiah and the inauguration of the kingdom (*Joel 3:1-5*). Mary conceives by the power of the Spirit thus opening the way for human salvation (*Matthew 1:18; Luke 1:35; Psalm 51:12*).

What does the Spirit do for us? The Spirit sustains and energizes us (*Genesis 1:2; 1 Sam 10:6*). The Spirit grants us gifts of wisdom, understanding, knowledge, prophecy, counsel, fortitude, piety, fear of God, tongues and healing (*1 Corinthians 12:1-31*) for personal and community building. The Spirit brings the grace of freedom and holiness making us children of God (*Romans 8:2; Galatians 5:15; 21 Thessalonians 2:13*). The Spirit unites the Church in Jesus Christ.

At Pentecost the Spirit manifests itself in tangible signs such as roaring sound, tongues of fire and in the disciples' ability to speak in Aramaic with Galilean accent simultaneously being understood by other people ignorant of the language (*Acts 2:1-12*). At Pentecost we acknowledge clearly that the Holy Spirit is never caged by anyone but empowers all people regardless of belief, culture and ethnicity. Come Holy Spirit.

~Fr. Joseph Kamugisha

**Knights of Columbus**

**Midsummer Dinner Dance & Entertainment Event**

The **St. Veronica Knights of Columbus Council 9604** in conjunction with the **2nd Installation Ceremonies** cordially invites all of you to its **annual fundraiser** for our **parish community**. This will be a great time to meet new friends and renew old acquaintances with delicious food, great dance music and lively entertainment from some of the talented members of our parish community.

*Proceeds* from this *event* will *benefit* the *Saint Veronica's Archbishop's Annual Appeal and its Capital Campaign Program*. **Tickets are available** from the **Rectory** and from **members of the Knights of Columbus Council (\$25 per person - children under 12 are free!)**.

**Date:** June 30, 2007 (Saturday)

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** St. Veronica Parish Center

For more **information** please **contact** the **Rectory** at **(650) 588-1455** or **Romy Soriben** at **(650) 742-9840**.

**Father Thuan Hoang**

celebrates his **10th anniversary**  
of **Ordination** on **May 31, 2007.**

As a seminarian **Fr. Thuan** spent his **Pastoral Year** here at **St. Veronica Church.** You may send a note of prayers and good wishes to:

**Rev. Thuan Hoang**  
**Church of the Visitation**  
**655 Sunnydale Avenue**  
**San Francisco, CA 94134**

**“JUSTICE IS COMING TO  
SAINT VERONICA!”**

More information to come next week...

*A Message from the Pastor*

*I want to thank everyone who remembered me with your beautiful cards, good wishes and prayers during April and May. As most of you know, I was in Seton Hospital for a week in March and over a week in April. Also many of you sent me some beautiful cards and gifts for my Birthday on April 28th. I can't thank you enough for your kindness and caring. It has now been nearly a month since my gall bladder surgery on April 16th. It was a very difficult surgery and I am still in the process of healing. Hopefully by sometime in June I will be able to say "I am really feeling 100% better!" But, for now, I can only say I'm still dealing with a bit of pain and weakness—though I'm up each day and trying to do my pastoral duties the best I can.. Your prayers are always so greatly appreciated.*

*May God bless you all,*

*Fr. Ed Bohnert*  
*Pastor*

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