

ST. VERONICA CHURCH

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January
13,
2008

THE
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Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening: 5:00 pm
Sundays: 6:45, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00AM,
and 12:30PM
Eve of Holy Days: 5:30PM
Holy Days: 6:30, 8:30AM, & 7:30PM
Monday-Saturday: 6:30 & 8:30AM

Confessions

Saturdays: 3:30-5:00PM

Liturgy of the Hours

Monday-Friday: Morning Prayer at 6:00AM
Saturday: Evening Prayer at 6:15PM

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday-Friday: 9:00AM — 9:00PM
Sunday: 1:30PM — 9:00PM

Rev. Edward A. Bohnert, Pastor
Rev. Mark Taheny, Associate Pastor
Rev. Edmund (Ted) Shipp, In Residence
Deacon Roger Beaudry
Deacon Joseph LeBlanc

St. Veronica Rectory: 588-1455 / Fax 588-1481
Office Hours: Monday to Friday - 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Administrative Assistants: Gail Andrews & Pat Weber
Business Manager: Rose Enriquez

St. Veronica School: 589-3909
Principal: Teri Pallitto

Religious Education Office: 871-5607
Coordinator: Toni "T.J." Jeide

Music Director: Christopher Lindstrom 588-1455

Welcome New Parishioners!

Please fill this out and return it to the parish rectory, or simply drop it in the collection basket.

Name(s) _____

E-mail: _____

Name(s) _____

___ Updating Current Parish Registration

Address _____

___ Send Sunday Envelopes

City & Zip _____

___ Moving / Please remove from mailing list.

Phone _____

___ Please call me.

Mass Intentions

Sun	1/13	6:45	Perpetua Marzan
Mon	1/14	6:30	Lillian Caballero
		8:30	Anamaria Diaz
Tue	1/15	6:30	Rose Perez
		8:30	Novella Fenisey & Family
Wed	1/16	6:30	Ormonde Family
		8:30	Mike & Kevin Folan
Thu	1/17	6:30	Mark Gavron
		8:30	Michael Folan, Sr.
Fri	1/18	6:30	Joe Aquino
		8:30	Lucille Creamer
Sat	1/19	6:30	Fr. Michael Keane
		8:30	Mario Tonegato
		5:00	Emanuel Borg
Sun	1/20	6:45	Nancy Murphy

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

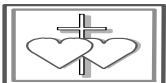
Let us pray for those who have died...

**Frank Bettencourt, Dolores Arroyo, Lilian Paul,
Eufrocina Sanchez, Josefina Reburiano,
Frederick Boyle, & Fr. Joseph P. O'Reilly**

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



Welcome into the Church
**Martin Raphael Liboro
Sabrina Conchita Aquino
& Sofia Ilyssa Chetcuti**
who were Baptized last weekend.



Weddings

Congratulations, and may God bless
Clarissa Baluyot & Ian MacDonald
who married here on December 28th.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL COLLECTION UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated to our **2007 Annual Appeal**. It's still not too late to donate. If anyone is able to make a donation in the next few weeks to help us reach our full assessment of **\$70,600** it would be truly appreciated. As noted below, we still need **\$6,947** to achieve our goal.

Parish Assessment: **\$ 70,600.**
As of **December 31st**

we have collected: **\$ 63,653.**
Remaining balance: **\$ 6,947**

90%



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Saturday, February 9

Archbishop George Niederauer cordially extends an invitation to all married couples of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, and beyond, to a Solemn Eucharistic Celebration and renewal of vows on Saturday, February 9, at 10:00AM at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough Street, SF. Special honor will be shown to those who are celebrating their 25th, 50th or 50+ Wedding Anniversaries. Reception immediately following Eucharist. Registration forms are available at the parish office, or by download at www.sffamilylife.com.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

First Sunday of Each Month

We will celebrate with Children in church the first Sunday of every month thru May.

Next celebration will be **February 3.**

Children's Liturgy of the Word

On the remaining **Sundays** of each month, **Grades K-5** will celebrate **Liturgy of the Word for Children** in a separate location.

Dates to remember :

Resume: January 20



THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

for January

General: That the Church may strengthen her commitment to full visible unity in order to manifest in an ever growing degree her nature as community of love, in which is reflected the communion of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Missionary: That the Church in Africa, which is preparing to celebrate her second Special Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, may continue to be the sign and the instrument of reconciliation and justice in a continent still marked by war, exploitation, and poverty.

CHURCH SUPPORT

\$	9,836.25 - Dec. 23 Sunday Collection
	<u>2,613.00 - Simbang Gabi</u>
\$	12,449.25 - Total
\$	29,091.00 - Dec. 25 Christmas
\$	8,657.75 - Dec. 30
	<u>1,660.00 - Parish St. Vincent de Paul Society</u>
\$	10,317.75 - Total
\$	10,451.50 - Jan. 6 Sunday Collection
	<u>1,229.50 - Church Maintenance</u>
\$	11,681.00 - Total

A New Year's Message from Fr. Bohnert

Dear Parishioners,

As we begin a New Year together here at St. Veronica's, this is traditionally a time for looking more closely at the past, as we plan for a positive and hope-filled future. I take this also as an opportunity to tell you how much you have meant to me. For the past five and a half years, I have been charged with working with and for each of you, and I have come to realize that I have not always responded well to the challenges that we have faced.

In particular, I want to apologize for the times I have been disrespectful, unkind or uncharitable. As I reflect on my behavior, and look ahead to the coming year, it is my hope and prayer that I can put the past behind me. I am resolved to keep a positive attitude, and to be kind and helpful in the ways that are expected of a pastor and a priest.

In the coming months, I will be working with Archbishop Niederauer and Father Bill Justice, Vicar for Clergy for the Archdiocese, to get the help I need. In mid-January, I will undergo a complete medical evaluation. Part of my evaluation will include an assessment of the skills I have, and the skills I need to develop in working with staff and parishioners.

I want to emphasize that my six years at St. Veronica have been positive. I have grown in my faith, and have learned much about the responsibilities of a pastor in today's Church. Yet in many ways, it has been a bigger challenge than I anticipated.

I have also been facing a number of challenges with my health in recent years, including a diagnosis last July of sleep apnea. This illness can, unfortunately, affect interpersonal relationships, and can also make a person lose the inner strength and balance that would be most helpful in a busy working environment. As a pastor of a large and dynamic parish such as Saint Veronica, I now realize the toll this illness has taken. This is not an excuse for my behavior, but possibly, an explanation. I have been getting help since July and am making progress.

After much prayer and reflection, I want to let you know that I have asked to serve in this assignment as your pastor for only one six-year term, which will end on June 30, 2008. This will give me an opportunity to address the health issues I have, and will give St. Veronica's the chance for a fresh beginning. I am at peace with this decision. The Priest Personnel Board of the Archdiocese is aware of my request, and will keep that in mind as it makes its recommendations this spring to Archbishop Niederauer. It is my expectation that I will have a new home in July.

God bless you. I look forward to our next six months together. I am honored to be your pastor, and I thank you for your patience and many kindnesses to me.

*Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Ed Bohnert*

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC PRIEST?

If you *have* considered it, you are invited to attend a Discernment Retreat February 1st thru 3rd at St. Patrick's Seminary to better understand if a vocation to ministry of God's priesthood is for you!

This Friday is the deadline for registering, and men must be sponsored by a parish priest or recommended by the Diocesan Vocation Director.

Contact: Discernment Retreat Office
advancement@stpatricksseminary.org
(650) 325-5621

Our seminary has served the Archdiocese since 1898, and presently has 90 seminarians, 19 of whom are studying for the Archdiocese.

Simbang Gabi - Our Gratitude to All

On behalf of the Filipino-American Community of St. Veronica Church, the members of the organizing committee would like to express our sincerest gratitude to all those who participated in and contributed to the success of our second Simbang Gabi Christmas Novena Masses. Our hope is that the Novena Masses provided you with spiritual nourishment as you prepared for the coming of our Lord Jesus this Christmas. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

St. Veronica Catholic School New Parent Information Night

Tuesday, January 22, 2008

7:30 p.m. - Falcon Hall (School Cafeteria)

Is your child ready for Kindergarten?

Are you new to the parish?

Are you thinking of St. Veronica Catholic School as a new beginning for your child's education?

Come to our informational session and learn everything you need to know about enrolling your child(ren) at St. Veronica Catholic School. Application packets will be available at this time. **Please note:** If you are thinking of enrolling your child for a grade other than kindergarten, availability will be determined after Easter.

Come to information night for an update.

St. Veronica Catholic School, mindful of its mission to be witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color, national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, program and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at this school. St. Veronica Catholic School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and/or ethnic origin, age, sex or disability in administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic and other school-administered programs.

4th Annual

Walk for Life—West Coast

This Saturday, January 19, 2008

Mark your calendar. The first three years of this walk have seen a phenomenal growth from 7,000 participants to over 20,000!

Saint Veronica's Group will attend 8:30am Mass here, then carpool to BART to travel to the Ferry Building. The walk begins there and ends at the Marina Green, carrying the Pro-Life message that "Abortion Hurts Women" and "Women Deserve Better[®] than Abortion".

Shuttle buses bring walkers back to the start.

www.walkforlifewc.com

To take a bus from one of the following parishes to the Walk, phone the following contact persons:

St. Luke, Foster City, call Paul 345-6660

St. Matthew, San Mateo, call Jessica 572-1468

St. Gregory, San Mateo, call Cheryl 592-5309

Nativity, Menlo Park, call Mary Ellen 322-3013

WALK FOR LIFE—WEST COAST SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2008

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: Justin Herman Plaza on Market Street, San Francisco

Speakers include:

Dr. Alveda King, of the Martin Luther King, Jr. family and
Pastoral Associate of Priests for Life

Gianna Jessen, abortion survivor

Rev. Cleonard Childress, Director of LEARN

Fr. Frank Pavone from Priests for Life

Special invited speaker: **Eduardo Verástegui**, star of Bella

ADDITIONAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

This Friday, January 18, 2008 7:30 PM

Interfaith Memorial Service for the Victims of Abortion

Where: St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco
The Interfaith Committee for Life will sponsor its 21st Annual Interfaith Memorial Service for the Victims of Abortion. Featured speakers include Father Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life; Walter Hoye, Executive Elder of Berkeley Progressive Missionary Baptist Church and Chaplain for the Golden State Warriors; and Vicki Evans, Respect Life Coordinator of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Pro-life groups and organizations are invited to attend the service to join in the Offering of Roses. Each rose is offered in remembrance of the more than one and a half million babies aborted each year since the Roe v. Wade decision by the Supreme Court in 1973.

Contact Vicki Evans at evansv@sfarchdiocese.org or call 415-614-5533.

8:00 PM Friday to 7:00 AM on Saturday

All-Night Eucharistic Adoration

at Saints Peter and Paul Church

Location: 666 Filbert Street in San Francisco

The Church has a well-lit parking lot. Enter the church through the Church Office. Contact Gibbons at 415-421-0809.

THIS SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2008

Prior to the Walk for Life...

Time: 8:00 AM Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Location: Geary & Gough Sts., San Francisco

Seven bishops will be in attendance:

Archbishop George Niederauer, San Francisco

Bishop Ignatius Wang, San Francisco

Bishop Allen Vigneron, Oakland

Bishop Daniel Walsh, Santa Rosa

Bishop Stephen Blaire, Stockton

Bishop Tod Brown, Orange County

Bishop Salvatore Cordileone, Auxiliary of San Diego

Bishop Rutilio Del Riego, Auxiliary of San Bernardino

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2008

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

7th Annual Pro-Life Candlelight Prayer Vigil "Lights for Life"

Where: On the sidewalk in front of 2107 O'Farrell

(between Divisadero & Broderick)

For more information call 415-661-6277.