

# ST. VERONICA CHURCH

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"Veil of Veronica" by Domenico Fetti, c.1618-1622

February 10, 2008

1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY  
of  
LENT

## 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, Administrator  
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 Assistant: Gail Andrews  
Office Manager: Pat Weber

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	2/10	6:45	Carlos Yanez
Mon	2/11	6:30	Gertrude Eberle
		8:30	Marilou Pedreiro ( <i>living</i> )
Tue	2/12	6:30	Margaret Toomey
		8:30	Verena Broussard
Wed	2/13	6:30	Jacqueline Surina Vranes
		8:30	Angela McGuirk
Thu	2/14	6:30	Gordon O'Keefe
		8:30	Dean Allen Drablos
Fri	2/15	6:30	Roy Eustice
		8:30	Novella Fenisey & Family
Sat	2/16	6:30	Dolores Ibanez Norona
		8:30	William Dill
		5:00	Emanuel Borg
Sun	2/17	6:45	Maria de Fátima & Eduardo Valadão ( <i>living</i> )

**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...

**Mary Vigil & Dorothy Rose Mazella**

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

### Marriage Help

**Retrouvaille** has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you, too. For **confidential information** about, or to **register** for the **Spring program** beginning on the weekend of **March 7-9**, please call **(415) 893-1005** or email: **Sf@retroca.com** or visit the website at **www.Retrouvaille.org**.

### Church Support

\$7,938 - Sunday Collection  
1,256 - Maintenance. of Parish Bldgs. & Grounds  
\$9,194 - Total

Saint Veronica Parish depends on *your* support.



Every Wednesday -  
Parish Hall  
Doors open at 6:30 pm  
Bingo begins at 7:30 pm.

**St. Veronica School Guild Announces**

### **Luck-of-the-Irish Raffle**

**Friday, March 14, 2008**

**Parish Center**

**6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

A traditional Irish Meal will be served!

**\$10 Adults, \$5 Children**

Irish Dancers will be performing!

Raffle Tickets cost **\$100 each**

Only **250 Raffle tickets** will be sold!

**1st Prize: \$5000, 2nd: \$3000,  
3rd: \$1000, 4th: \$500, & 5th: \$500**

All Proceeds benefit the Parish School.

Reservations: Terri Aquino at 615-9460

Tickets available at school  
and outside church Feb. 24 & March 2.

### EWTN's February Specials

#### **Lenten Mission & Mystic's Last Mass**

Parts 1-3 of a Lenten Parish Mission presented by Fr. William Casey, Superior of the Mercy Fathers, Feb. 10, 17 & 24 at 7 p.m.

**"Padre Pio: The Last Mass,"** Feb. 13 at 7 p.m

**"Vision of Freedom,"** about the Ukranian Catholic Church under Communist persecution, Feb. 16 at 5 & 11 p.m.

(All time mentioned above are Pacific Time.)

#### **San Mateo Pro Life - Meeting**

**Thursday, Feb. 14th @ 7:30 p.m.**

**St. Gregory's (Worner Center)**

**138 28th Ave., San Mateo**

Petitions available & for discussion:

**Sarah's Law & Marriage Amendment**

All are welcome. For more information:

**Jessica (650) 572-1468**

#### **VOCATION RETREAT DAY FOR**

**YOUNG WOMEN**

**NAZARETH HOUSE**

**245 NOVA ALBION WAY**

**SAN RAFAEL, CA**

**SUNDAY, FEB. 24, 9 AM TO 4 PM**

**Info or to attend call Sr. Fintan (310) 216-8170 or**

**Sr. Margaret (415) 479-8282 or**

**email: vocations\_naz@yahoo.com or**

## RULES OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

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

**FAST:** Everyone 18 years of age and older, but under the age of sixty is also bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days, the law of fast allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. If in doubt concerning fast or abstinence, a priest assigned to pastoral ministry or a confessor should be consulted. In the spirit of penance the faithful should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.



## STATIONS of the CROSS

**Fridays during Lent  
7:30 p.m. in the Church**

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

During Lent, come and experience a personal encounter with the Lord. Spend an hour at the Chapel with the Blessed Sacrament.

### Monday thru Friday

After **8:30 a.m. Mass until 9 p.m.**

**First Friday until Midnight**

**First Saturday until 4 p.m.**

**Sundays after 12:30 p.m. Mass until 9 p.m.**

**Adorers are especially needed during the following hours so that the exposed Blessed Sacrament may never be left unattended:**

**Sun: 4-5 pm & 7-8 pm**

**Wed: 3-4 pm**

**Thurs: 2-3 pm & 6-7 pm**

**Fri: 10-11 am, 11-12 pm, 3-4 pm & 4-5 pm**

**Questions, or to sign-up, please call:**

**Patty Sadaya at (415) 350-2507**

## ABOUT OUR PASTOR

As our pastor, Fr. Ed Bohnert, wrote here last month, his health has been rather fragile and he has been dealing with various illnesses for quite some time. The Archdiocese recently arranged for Fr. Bohnert to undergo a complete medical evaluation, and they have come to the conclusion that he should spend two months or so at the treatment center where he had the evaluation.

While Fr. Ed is away, he appreciates being kept in your prayers for the recovery of his health.

In the meantime, Fr. Mark Taheny is the Parish Administrator and he also appreciates being kept in your prayers.

## TRANSFER OF SOLEMNITIES IN THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR FOR LENT AND EASTER 2008

The Solemnity of St. Patrick, principal co-patron of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, normally observed on March 17th, is transferred to Friday, March 14th, 2008.

*N.B.* The Archbishop of San Francisco notes that the law of abstinence does not bind Catholics in the Archdiocese on Friday, March 14. He also urges that those who take advantage of this exception to the abstinence law on Friday, March 14, will freely abstain on another weekday of Lent.

The Solemnity of St. Joseph, normally observed on March 19th, is transferred to Saturday, March 15, 2008.

The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, normally observed on March 25th, is transferred to Monday, March 31, 2008.

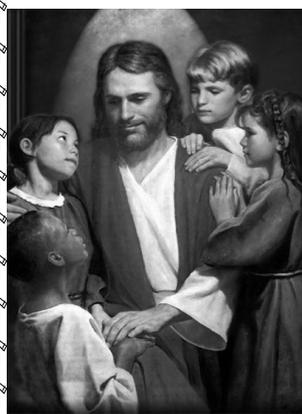
## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

### First Sunday of Each Month

Children celebrate in church. The next celebration will be **March 2.**

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

February 17 & 24.



**from IgnatiusInsight.com Excerpts from:  
“Lent: Why the Christian Must Deny Himself”  
by Brother Austin G. Murphy, O.S.B.**

To answer the question “Why must the Christian fast?” we should first note that fasting, in itself, is neither good nor bad, but is morally neutral. But fasting is good insofar as it achieves a good end. Its value lies in it being an effective means for attaining greater virtue. And because it is a means for gaining virtue— and every Christian ought to be striving to grow in virtue—there is good reason to fast.

Some people point out that fasting is not the most important thing and, therefore, they do not need to worry about it. Such reasoning displays a misunderstanding of our situation. But, since the excuse is common enough, some comments to refute it are worthwhile.

### **Doing Small Things Well**

First, while it is true that fasting is not the most important thing in the world, this does not make fasting irrelevant or unimportant. There are, certainly, more urgent things to abstain from than food or drink, such as maliciousness, backbiting, grumbling, etc. But a person is mistaken to conclude that he therefore does not need to fast. He should not believe that he can ignore fasting and instead abstain in more important matters. Rather, fasting and avoiding those other vices go hand-in-hand. Fasting must accompany efforts to abstain in greater matters. For one thing, fasting teaches a person how to abstain in the first place.

Moreover, it is presumptuous for a person to try to practice the greater virtues without first paying attention to the smaller ones. As Our Lord says, “He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much” and so can be trusted with greater things. Therefore, if a person wants to be able to abstain in greater matters he must not neglect to abstain in smaller matters, such as through fasting.

Finally, there is a subtle form of pride present in the person who says that because something is not very important, he does not need to do it. Whoever makes such a claim implies that he does only important things. But the average person is rarely called to do very important things. Accordingly, each person is more likely to be judged on how he did the little, everyday things. Even when, rarely, a person is called to do a great work, how often does he fall short? All the more reason, then, for a person to make sure that he at least does the small things well. Furthermore, if he truly loves the Lord, he will gladly do anything—big or small—for Him. So, in the end, saying that fasting is not the most important thing is not a good excuse for avoiding it.