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Mass Intentions

WEEK of February 15, 2009

Sun	2/15	6:45	† Jim Policar
		8:00	† Eliseo Nazareno
		9:30	† Emanuel Borg
		11:00	† Ellen Bradshaw
		12:30	People of St. Veronica
Mon	2/16	6:30	Holiday - No Mass
		8:30	† Michael Allen
Tue	2/17	6:30	† Jerry O'Hanlan
		8:30	† Novella Fenisey & Family
Wed	2/18	6:30	† Joanne Lehane
		8:30	† Jovita Riel
Thu	2/19	6:30	†
		8:30	† Connie Palomar
Fri	2/20	6:30	†
		8:30	† Hal Fleming
Sat	2/21	6:30	† Ammini Zachariah
		8:30	† Peggy Bagnani
		5:00	† Simon Prendiville

Rev. Charles Puthota, Ph.D., Pastor
 Rev. Warlito Namu, Parochial Vicar
 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

Music Director: Christopher Lindstrom (209) 952-0209

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
 Holidays: 8:30AM

Confessions

Saturdays: 3:30-5:00PM

Liturgy of the Hours

Monday-Saturday: Morning Prayer at 6:00AM

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Pray for those who have recently died...

**Joanne Lehane, Edna Dodge, Emilita Nazario,
 Mary Isonio & Tom Roach**

“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...”

Last Week's Church Support Breakdown

Day	Mass Time	1st Collection	2nd - Maintenance	1st & 2nd Total
Saturday	5:00 PM	\$1,241.00	\$ 204.00	\$1,445.00
Sunday	6:45 AM	761.50	133.00	894.50
	8:00 AM	989.50	181.00	1,170.50
	9:30 AM	1,994.00	308.00	2,302.00
	11:00 AM	2,043.00	205.00	2,248.00
	12:30 PM	1,108.00	216.50	1,324.50
	Total	\$8,137.00	\$1,247.50	\$9,384.50

Thank you for your support.

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.

Dear parishioners,

I would like to keep you informed of developments in our parish. Your maintenance donations are at work. Thanks to our parishioners' generosity, we have been able to complete a new fence in the upper parking lot. Now our entire Parish property has a new fence which will last some 25+ years. You will also notice the major potholes have new asphalt, thanks to the initiative taken by Jose and Carmella Da San Martino. Volunteers will be re-stripping the parking lot and installing new exit signs. The Finance Committee and I thank you for your continued support of the Parish Maintenance second collection.

Father Charles

GIVE GOD THE GLORY

A curious feature of the first half of Mark's Gospel is the pattern of Jesus working a miracle, then telling the recipient of the miracle to keep still about it. Many theories have been offered: Mark is setting the stage for the great "secret" revealed when Peter will proclaim Jesus the Messiah at Caesarea Philippi; more skeptical commentators offer that Jesus, fully aware of human nature, knew that the way to spread the news was to tell people to keep it secret. The insight into this secret-keeping that serves us well, however, is that Jesus was initiating his public ministry according to the pattern that Paul describes: he was doing it for the glory of God—not for his own benefit, but for that of all. Paul would later write in Philippians that Jesus "humbled" himself to become like us. And we see this humility at work in today's healing of the leper. Jesus is trying to reveal the presence of God's reign among the people, not so that he himself might receive the glory, but so that God would be glorified through him. Imitating this pattern, which Paul encourages the Jewish and Greek Christian factions in Corinth to do, still serves us well today.

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COMPASSION AND GENEROSITY

Let your heart feel for the afflictions and distress of everyone, and let your hand give in proportion to your purse.

--George Washington

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's Gospel centers on the plight of a leper and Jesus' response of healing. We don't know if the man's diagnosis is true leprosy, Hansen's disease, since almost any skin ailment qualified as leprosy in the time of Jesus. The harsh treatment of isolation from community remained the norm for centuries. In Hawaii, the bacterium that causes leprosy probably entered from China in the mid-1800s, and the native islanders were susceptible to the dreaded disease. In 1866, the government literally dumped the sufferers on a remote and virtually inaccessible island peninsula with towering cliffs. Thrown off ships into the sea, the sick people were told to swim for the beach and head for caves, and for seven years the only supplies were similarly cast into the sea to drift ashore. It was then, 1873, that a thirty-three-year-old Belgian priest, Damien de Veuster, went voluntarily to Kalaupapa. Before long, he cajoled the government into funding his mission and its hospital, built a village with proper homes and sanitation, and recruited Mother Marianne Kopp to bring sisters from Syracuse, New York, to nurse the sick. Damien, who eventually died of leprosy, has been beatified, and Mother Marianne as well.

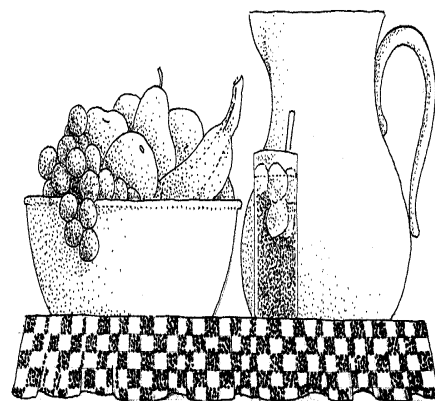
Although leprosy has been curable since the 1940s, today a few patients remain in their lifelong home, now a national historic site. The peninsula is still utterly isolated from the outside world, and the speed limit for the few cars there is 5 mph since there's nowhere to go! The hospital is still well-staffed and equipped, but access is regulated and visitors must take an official tour, often involving a descent down the cliffs by "Molakai mule." There are few places on earth that evoke the healing power of Jesus, or our call to follow the Healer, more than Damien's beloved island mission.

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Feb. 15, 2009

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.

—1 Corinthians 10:31



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Transforming Grief

is a day of spiritual retreat for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. It is being offered by Barbara Elordi, Ministry of Consolation Coordinator for the Archdiocese on Saturday, March 7th at St. Gabriel's from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Please call Barbara to register: (415) 614-5506.



Every Wednesday - Parish Hall
Doors open at 6:30 pm
Bingo begins at 7:00 pm.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptismal Preparation classes are held once a month.
Call the Parish Office 588-1455

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Classes start in October and end on Pentecost.
Call the Parish Office to register 588-1455

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Catechetical instructions (1st to 8th grades)

Confirmation Classes: 588-1455

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Altar Servers: Fr. Warlito Namó - Parish Office - 588-1455

Altar Society: Barbara Lozar - 873-6195

Baptism Preparation: Deacon Joe LeBlanc - 952-7594

BLD Bay Area: Mario & Joji Tolentino - 438-0849

Events Coordinator / Reservations: Rita Buscher 869-4939
e-mail ritabuscher@att.net

Charismatic Prayer Group: Norma Guerrero - 219-4556

Charismatic Prayer Group (español): Concepción Blanco - 794-1932

Children's Liturgy: Jeanne Dimech 589-2111

Church Environment Committee: Suzanne Nazario - 588-5209

Eucharistic Adoration: Patty Sadaya - (415) 350-2507

Homebound Ministry: James Kelly - 465-5176

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Barbara Lozar -
873-6195

Finance Committee: Ron Derenzi - 737-9484

First Friday/First Saturday Devotions to Sacred Heart -

Immaculate Heart: Ofie Albrecht - 871-4176

Grief Ministry: Nita Ricotta - 873-6049

Knights of Columbus Council #9604: Romy Soriben - 742-9340

Lectors Ministry: Deacon Joe LeBlanc - 952-7594

Legion Of Mary: Ando Perlas - 873-9020 or
Carmella Da San Martino - 697-7000

Liturgy Committee: Deacon Joe LeBlanc - 952-7594

Family Praesidium: Jay Naidu - 583-3625

Men's Club: Chris Krol—3556-4005

Music Director: Christopher Lindstrom - 588-1455

Religious Education: Religious Education Office - 871-5607

Respect Life: Mary Beaudry - 583-9120

School Guild: School - 589-3909

Social Justice Committee: Deacon Roger Beaudry - 588-1455

St. Vincent de Paul Society: June Heise - 871-7738

Sunday Morning Hospitality: Joe & Carmella Da San Martino -
615-0479

Ushers: Lee Heise - 871-7738

Wedding Coordinator: Karen Guglielmoni - 415-587-8282

President's Day

**Monday, February 16th is a
National Holiday.
The Rectory will be
closed for the day.**

There will be only one Mass on that day at 8:30 a.m.

St. Veronica Religious Ed News

Dates to Remember:

Religious Ed is *closed* Monday, Feb. 16th - President's Day.

Sacraments:

1st Reconciliation March 14th, 10 am in the Church.
1st Communion Parents Meeting March 31st, 7 pm in the Church.
1st Communion May 2nd, 10 am in the Church.

Religious Ed office will be *closed* April 3-19 - for Easter Break.

May 16th, Religious Ed Barbeque!!

Lynn Claire Chittick
DRE



BAPTISM

Welcome into the Church

Paul Purser

who was Baptized last weekend.

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

Psalm — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

Second Reading — Do everything for the glory of God; be imitators of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

Gospel — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; Ps 41;
2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12