

# 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2009

## WANTED

Rounding up all SV Cowpokes for the  
"SHOWDOWN AT THE  
SV CORRAL"

Round up starts on Friday, September 25th!

Reserve your Chuck Wagon Festival Dinner  
Saturday, September 26th either 5:30 or 7:00 PM

Don't miss the Big DRAW and Auction  
Sunday, September 27th 5:00 PM

## St. Veronica Church

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**St. Veronica Rectory: 588-1455 / Fax 588-1481**

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**8:30AM to 4:30 PM**

**Administrative Assistant: Gail Andrews**  
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**Principal: Teri Pallitto**  
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**Saturdays 8:30AM & 5:00PM**  
**Sundays: 6:45, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00AM, & 12:30PM**  
**Please Note: Only 8:30AM Mass on Holidays**  
**Eve of Holy Days: 5:30PM**  
**Holy Days: 6:30, 8:30AM, & 6:30PM**  
**Monday—Friday: 6:30 & 8:30AM**

**Confessions**

**Saturdays: 4:00—5:00PM**  
**Liturgy of the Hours**  
**Monday—Saturday: Morning Prayer at 6:00AM**  
**Eucharistic Adoration**  
**Monday—Friday: 9:00AM—9:00PM**  
**Sunday: 1:30 PM—9:00PM**

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Baptismal Preparation classes are held once a month.  
Call the Parish Office for information: 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

**Religious Education: 871-5607**

Catechetical instructions (1st to 8th grades)

**Confirmation Classes: 588-1455**

**Mass Intentions**  
**For The Week**



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**WEEK of September 20, 2009**

Sun	9/20	6:45 †	Luiza de Souza
		8:00 †	Visitacion Gabriel
		9:30 †	Emanuel Borg
		11:00 †	Ted Zaffke
		12:30	People of St. Veronica
Mon	9/21	6:30 †	Carlos Dayrit
		8:30 †	Mike & Kevin Folan
Tue	9/22	6:30 †	Herman Trivino
		8:30 †	Nathan Cruz
Wed	9/23	6:30 †	Carl Rath
		8:30 †	Rose Mosunic
Thu	9/24	6:30 †	Genevieve Rothstein
		8:30 †	Steve Tonegato
Fri	9/25	6:30 †	Sandy King
		8:30	Acob Family
Sat	9/26	8:30 †	Anthony Piety Gomes
		5:00 †	Rosena Melvin

**We ask you remember in your prayers the sick, homebound, and hospitalized parishioners of our community who are unable to attend Mass.**

**Welcome New Parishioners!**

*We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you.*

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

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Updating Current Parish Registration

\_\_\_ Moving / Please remove from mailing list.

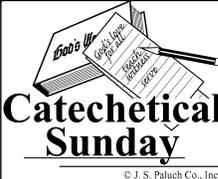
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### Charity in Truth

In the final chapter of *Caritas in Veritate*, Pope Benedict deals with the difficult question of technology in relation to authentic human development. In so doing, he seeks to fend off any ideologies that would reduce the meaning and dignity of the human person. He insists that man cannot be seen as a merely technical being, whose development and liberation depends solely on the introduction into a society of advanced technologies and other mechanisms of material liberation. In other words, “technocracy” is not the answer to the question of human development. This focus on technology as the primary means for development reduces man to the material level as a mere cog in a machine rather than affirming his transcendent and spiritual nature that is open to the absolute.

Likewise, in the realm of bioethics, the Pope fights against the reductionism of “scientism,” which reduces the field of human knowledge only to that which can be proven by experimentation. Against this positivism, the Pope insists on the importance of metaphysics and faith, reminding us again that faith and reason are mutually harmonious and have nothing to fear from the other. Indeed, while the hard sciences may answer the questions of *how things are*, they cannot answer the question of *why things are*. For this, there is need of faith and philosophy, which provide real knowledge on which human society can be built. In his critique of scientism, the Pope is very clear that the culture of death must be defeated most especially in the field of biotechnology. He denounces the evils of In Vitro Fertilization, embryonic stem cell research, and human cloning, insisting that, just as the market is a mechanism that must be used morally, so too scientific experimentation does not contain within itself the guidelines for its proper use. In other words, just because *we can*

do something, doesn’t mean *we should* do something. In response to the various reductionisms, the Pope offers Christian humanism as a sure foundation for a just society. Christian humanism is deeply marked by the experience of the personal encounter with Jesus Christ, God with a human face. In this God-centered humanism, man’s openness to the Absolute is considered the only proper starting point for authentic human development. The Pope urges mankind not to be afraid of Christ, for He takes away nothing and gives us everything that is authentically human and authentically divine. This gift of Christ – which is His gift of charity in truth – is the only path that can lead to authentic and true human development and flourishing.— *Rev. Joseph Previtali*



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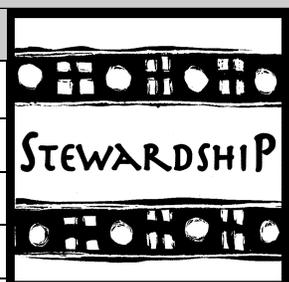
### A Prayer for Catechists

*Jesus, you told us that laborers for the vineyard would be few and that we should pray to the Lord of the Harvest in the hope that many might respond. You have answered our prayers by sending us catechists for your vineyard.*

*Bless these men and women who have responded to your call to the ministry of catechesis. May they be filled with zeal for your Church, with care for those they catechize, and with love for your Word of Life. Let your Spirit come upon them so that your Word may echo through their teaching and through the witness of their lives. Through our catechists, may the members of our parish whom they teach be transformed into witnesses to your Word. And may these catechists receive the blessing your Son promised to all who labor in your vineyard.*

*We pray to you, gracious Father, in the name of your Son, Jesus, the Word of Life, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit who transforms us by that Word, one God, forever and ever. Amen*

<u>Day</u>	<u>Mass Time</u>	<u>1st. Collection</u>	<u>2nd Collection</u>	<u>Totals:</u>
Saturday	5:00PM	1320.50	233	1553.50
Sunday	6:45AM	654.35	146.35	800.70
	8:00AM	912.50	175.00	1087.50
	9:30AM	1918.00	365.00	2283.00
	11:00AM	1117.00	198.00	1315.00
	12:30PM	980.00	173.00	1153.00
<b>TOTALS:</b>		6902.35	1290.35	8192.70



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**Thank You For Your Continued Support**

## **Religious Education Program**

The Religious Education Program begins:  
Saturday—October 3, 2009  
9:00—10:15 AM  
Wednesday—October 7, 2009  
3:30—4:45 PM for Grades 1—6  
7:00—8:15 PM for Grades 7—8

Registration forms are available in the Parish Office.  
Make sure to send in your forms prior to class dates.

Please contact Michele Evans at 871-5607 or  
[reled@stveronicassf.com](mailto:reled@stveronicassf.com) for more information



Join us on a Pilgrimage To...

## **The Holy Land**

*Spiritual Director:*  
**Fr. Charles Puthota, Ph.D.**  
with Arrangements by 206 Tours

**November 8-17, 2009**

\$3,149 per person from  
San Francisco, CA

For Complete Details contact:

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800-206-8687

For a flyer contact Nita Ricotta at (650) 873-6049

### **POSSIBILITIES**

All things are possible for one who believes,  
more to one who hopes, even more to one who loves.  
—St. Lawrence



**BINGO**  
**Every Wednesday**  
**Falcon Hall**  
**Doors open**  
**at 6:30 PM**  
**Games begin at**  
**7:00 PM**

## **“Showdown at the SV Corral” Parish Festival is Just Around the Bend!**



**September 25, 26, 27**

Classic Car Show  
Family Fun • Games  
Rides • Entertainment Prizes • Raffle

Help make this the best festival ever!  
Support our booths

Cash donations appreciated  
Donations can be brought to the school or rectory.

For more information contact:  
Terrie Aquino at: [graciesgems@sbcglobal.net](mailto:graciesgems@sbcglobal.net)

### **Parochial Schools—Treasures of the Church**

How long have there been parochial schools in the United States? Longer than you may imagine. The Jesuit fathers opened Saint Mary School in Philadelphia in 1782 in the first light of independence. Catholic and Protestant squabbles about the nature of education forced the Fathers to make this risky and innovative venture in the heart of the city. The school was closed by a devastating fire in 1902, but reopened in 1968 as St. Mary Interparochial School, the first example of a shared parochial school. It is also the only Catholic school within the confines of a national park. This is the “Mother School” of this uniquely American institution. Many parochial schools, especially in “national parishes,” were established to preserve the culture and language of the “old country,” and also to protect young people from prejudice.

In other countries, Ireland for one, the Church is authorized to run national schools, sometimes under the sponsorship of a parish. In still other places, such as Quebec, publicly-funded “separate schools” were administered by the Church. Whenever the state funds Catholic schools, normally enrollment is guaranteed to all applicants. The Quebec system was dismantled in 1998 when the state decided to reorganize schools along linguistic lines rather than religious affiliation. Parochial schools require considerable sacrifice, but they endure as a distinctive treasure of the Church in the United States.

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