

Second Week of Advent

"Prepare the Way of the Lord..." *(Luke 3:1-6)*

December 6, 2009



The Annunciation of the Lord—Joseph Gillain, 1925

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Mass Schedule

Saturdays 8:30AM & 5:00PM
Sundays: 6:45, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00AM, and 12:30PM

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 588-1455

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Classes began in October and will end on Pentecost.
Call the Parish Office for more information 588-1455

Religious Education: 871-5607
Catechetical instructions (1st to 8th grades)

Confirmation Classes: 588-1455

Mass Intentions

WEEK of December 6, 2009

Sun	12/06	6:45 †	Paul & Bruce Navarret
		8:00 †	Nicolas Espeleta
		9:30 †	Jacinto Pacana
		11:00 †	Isabel Massucco
		12:30	People of St. Veronica
Mon	12/07	6:30 †	Remedios Alviar Arcia
		8:30 †	Raquel Aguilar
		5:30 †	Fernando Icbn
Tue	12/08	6:30 †	Fernando Dayrit
		8:30 †	Crispulo Dugue
		6:30	Raeyll Mores (Birthday)
Wed	12/09	6:30 †	Trinidad Babula
		8:30 †	Jose Valiente, Sr.
Thu	12/10	9:00 †	Sean McGrath
		8:30	Erlinda Teodoro
Fri	12/11	6:30 †	Estralia Nicdao
		8:30 †	Maria Carvalho
Sat	12/12	8:30 †	Mary Isonio
		5:00 †	Jesus O. Mendoza

Kindly remember in your prayers the sick, homebound and hospitalized members of our parish community.

Welcome New Parishioners!

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

Name(s) _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City & Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail: _____

___ Updating Current Parish Registration

___ Moving / Please remove from mailing list.

___ Please call me.

From the Pastor's Desk

The Holy Land Pilgrimage

Dear Friends,

The pilgrims from our parish who went to the Holy Land have come back home safely. While there, we never had the slightest trace of anxiety about our safety.

We had the blessed privilege of visiting Mount Carmel, Galilee, Nazareth, Cana, Tiberius, Capernaum, Caesarea-Philippi, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Jericho, Bethany, Mount Tabor, Mount of Beatitudes, River Jordan, and other places closely linked with the life of our Lord Jesus Christ. I placed a small piece of paper, with "St. Veronica Parish, SSF" written on it, in the cracks of the Wailing Wall (Western Wall).

When we sailed on the Sea of Galilee, our group was overwhelmed with feelings of closeness to Jesus. As we prayed on the boat, we were awed by the setting sun over the hills of Tiberius magically lighting up countless patches of clouds in a manner we all felt was a mysterious sign from heaven. Most of us were in tears. It was a spiritual gift to treasure for a lifetime. A presence soft and gentle touched us, and we are witnesses.

The married couples in our group renewed their wedding vows at the Church in Cana. At river Jordan, we renewed our baptismal vows and committed ourselves once again to the eternal life God has given us. These were moments to treasure for a long time. We visited Gethsemene garden of olive trees and celebrated Mass in front of the rock on which tradition holds Jesus knelt and prayed to His

tradition holds Jesus knelt and prayed to His Heavenly Father, before he was betrayed and arrested.

Early one morning, in the Old City of Jerusalem, we made the Way of the Cross along "Via Dolorosa"--- the very path through which our Lord carried his cross out of love. We took turns to carry a cross as we prayed through this holy path treaded by Jesus. At the end of it, we celebrated Mass at the Holy Sepulcher, where Jesus died on the cross and was buried 2000 years ago. As you can imagine, these were moments never to be forgotten.

We took some time off to float on the Dead Sea, into which river Jordan empties. Is the Dead Sea dying? It is the question scientists are asking.

Like the apostles sent on a mission to preach the good news to the whole world, we pilgrims have returned home, touched by the spirit of Christ, to be his apostles and share with you the experience of life and love.

It is true that visiting the Holy Land is a very special experience. However, everyone who has the simplicity of heart and faith can be touched by the spirit of Jesus. One does not have to travel anywhere to be close to Jesus.

In this Advent season, we are uplifted by the truth that Jesus comes into our life, as he did centuries ago. Let our hearts awake and our minds be alert to see deeply and to feel soulfully that Jesus is once again making this spiritual journey into our lives, families, and communities. He is the embodiment of God-with-us, Emmanuel. Can we feel this closeness to Jesus and be transformed by his presence?

Your friend and pastor,
Father Charles Puthota

Your continued support is sincerely appreciated.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Mass Time</u>	<u>1st. Collection</u>	<u>2nd Collection</u>	<u>Totals:</u>
Saturday 11/28	5:00PM	1920.00	244.00	2164.00
Sunday 11/29	6:45AM	602.00	129.00	731.00
	8:00AM	950.10	189.00	1139.10
	9:30AM	1457.00	169.00	1626.00
	11:00AM	1821.00	286.00	2107.00
	12:30PM	889.00	228.00	1117.00
TOTALS:		7639.10	1245.00	8884.10



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St. Veronica Parish Giving Tree

Our Parish Giving Tree will be on display in the church from Saturday, November 28th through Sunday, December 13th. We invite you to choose a **GIFT TAG** from our tree and purchase that gift. Please return your wrapped present with the **GIFT TAG** attached. It is important to return the gift with the GIFT TAG so we can identify which organization or persons will receive your gift.

Please return your gifts **no later than Monday, December 14th** to give us ample time for distribution. You may place them under the tree or bring it to the Rectory, Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

Thank you again for your generosity and for making someone's Christmas special.

In the Spirit of Christmas, may the Holy Family bless you and your loved ones forever.

St. Veronica's Annual Senior Citizens' Christmas Luncheon

Sponsored by:

Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Will take place on:

Saturday, December 12th at 12:00 Noon

Falcon Hall

Fun, Entertainment, Door Prizes!

Please RSVP by calling the Rectory at 650-588-1455

Next Week's Second Collection

Retirement Fund helps Senior Religious



2009 SIMBANG GABI ADVENT MASSES December 15 to 23, 2009

*All Masses at 6:30 p.m. except Dec 15 and 19**

**To Volunteer or Make a Donation
for our Festive Celebration on 12/23,
complete a sign-up sheet from the poster
in the vestibule.**

**ST. VERONICA
BASKETBALL
"SPORTS MASS"**



**Sunday, December 13th
8:00 AM. Mass**

**Gather as a community for prayer and support
as we launch the 2010 St. Veronica Basketball
Season with a Mass and
Blessing for all our teams**

**Players are invited to attend in uniform/sports
shirt and sit with their teams and coaches.**

CHRISTMAS EVENTS SCHEDULE

2009

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

Deanery Penance Service 7:30 PM
at St. Veronica Church

DECEMBER 15 TO 23, 2009

SIMBANG GABI ADVENT MASSES

All Masses at 6:30 PM
except Dec 15th 6:30 AM &
Dec 19th 5:00 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

CONFESSIONS

10 AM to Noon & 3:00 – 5:00 PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 PM (Children's Mass) & 9:00PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

6:45, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM & 12:30 PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2009

Prayer Service – 10:30 PM
"Midnight Mass" – 11:30 PM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2010

NEW YEAR'S DAY

9:00 AM only



SPANISH MASS (MISA EN ESPAÑOL)

We will be celebrating the Eucharist in
honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe
on Saturday, December 12, 2009

7:00 p.m.

Everyone is Welcome!