

# *Third Week of Advent*

*"Cry Out with Joy and Gladness..." (Isaiah 12:6)*

December 13, 2009



**St. Veronica Church**

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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 13, 2009**

Sun 12/13 6:45 † Louis Braganza  
8:00 † Jerry Columbo  
9:30 † Clementina & Sebastiano Nieri  
11:00 † Consuelo Inacay  
12:30 People of St. Veronica

Mon 12/14 6:30 † Amadeo Despues  
8:30 † For All the Souls

Tue 12/15 6:30 † Amadeo Despues  
8:30 † Novella Fenisey & Family

Wed 12/16 6:30 † Amadeo Despues  
8:30 † Emily Rego.

Thu 12/17 6:30 † Amadeo Despues  
8:30 † Robert Lagomarsino

Fri 12/18 6:30 † Amadeo Despues  
8:30 † Nymfa Badillo

Sat 12/19 8:30 † Sally Jarvis  
5:00 † The Raffo Family

**Kindly remember in your prayers the sick, home-bound 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.

# Rejoice

Dear Friends,

**W**e have arrived at the third Sunday of Advent. How time flies! Christmas will come not long after the fourth Sunday of Advent. We are moving forward toward Christmas. As you know, Christmas is too important, too beautiful, to last just 24 hours. That is why the preparation is important as a way of stretching the blessings of Christmas.

On the first Sunday of Advent, we were reminded by the Word of God to be watchful and praying for the day of the Lord. On the second Sunday we were told to prepare the way of the Lord by growing in love. This Sunday it's that we need to rejoice. Hence the term Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday.

Why rejoice? Because of the bridegroom. The newly-weds rejoice in each other; they do not want to be away from each other; they cling to each other. It is the same way between Jesus and the Church. We rejoice because Jesus comes to us and the union between him and the church is unbreakable, passionate, and everlasting. No one can separate us from the love of Jesus. The Lord's coming into our lives this Christmas is like the marriage covenant.

Therefore, let's learn to experience the pure joy that Jesus is about to give us this Christmas. We might want to ask some questions: Are we a joyful community? Are we as individuals, families, and parish characterized by joy? Or are we too stressed out by

the burdens of life? Are we too sad and depressed? Are we angry and irritable? Or are we in a neutral situation of neither joy nor sadness? This Advent season Jesus makes a huge difference in our lives. He brings us joy, a gift no one can take away, despite all sorts of disappointments in life. It's a deep abiding joy that lasts even though on the surface there may be stresses and strains.

One of the suggestions I make to children is that they must smile more. Children should laugh a lot. Their lives are supposed to be carefree. The grown-ups too are called to be cheerful and share their joy with others. Advent season leading up to Christmas is a special time to use the joy-o-meter to measure the amount and depth and extent of our joy. Remember: "Joy is not in things, it is in us" (Richard Wagner). Are we a joyful people? Jesus wants us to answer this question honestly.

Your friend and pastor,  
**Father Charles Puthota**

## WANTED! VOLUNTEER USHERS

**As we continue to grow in Mass attendance, the need for more ushers is urgently needed. If you would like to be a part of this ministry either on a regular basis or part-time basis, please contact T.J. Rafael at 650-952-3659 or the Rectory office at 650-588-1455 as soon as possible. Thank you for supporting the St. Veronica community.**

### Retirement Fund for Religious

Your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides critical support to religious institutes in meeting the escalating costs of elder care. Please pray for all religious and give generously to today's second collection.

**"Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same."**

<u>Day</u>	<u>Mass Time</u>	<u>1st. Collection</u>	<u>2nd Collection</u>	<u>Totals:</u>
<b>Saturday 12/05</b>	5:00PM	1329.00	278.00	1607.00
<b>Sunday 12/06</b>	6:45AM	1207.35	167.35	1374.70
	8:00AM	976.00	198.00	1174.00
	9:30AM	2122.50	311.00	2433.50
	11:00AM	1297.00	239.00	1536.00
	12:30PM	901.00	236.00	1137.00
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>7832.85</b>	<b>1429.35</b>	<b>9262.20</b>



**St. Veronica Catholic School**

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

## **NEW PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT**

Thursday, January 14, 2010

Falcon Hall - 7:00 p.m.

St. Veronica Catholic School

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

If you answered yes, you are cordially invited to an informational session to learn everything you need to know about enrolling your child(ren) at St. Veronica Catholic School. Application packets will be available at this time or can be downloaded from our website, [www.stveronicacatholicsschool.org](http://www.stveronicacatholicsschool.org)

**Please note: If you are thinking of enrolling your child for a grade other than kindergarten, availability will be determined after Easter. Please 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, and 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, and national and/or ethnic origin, age, sex or disability in administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and load programs, athletic and other school-administered programs.*



### **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.**

**CHRISTMAS EVENTS SCHEDULE**

2009

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 14**

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

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**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



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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.*