

Fourth Week of Advent

"...and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

December 20, 2009



Domenico Ghirlandaio 1491, Florence, Italy

Merry Christmas

December 25, 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 20, 2009

Sun 12/20 6:45 † Luis August Ribeiro
8:00 Faina P. Aoay (Thanksgiving)
9:30 † Margaret Brosnan
11:00 † Victor Palad
12:30 People of St. Veronica

Mon 12/21 6:30 Mary Nuñez &
† Ascadio Nuñez
8:30 † Mike & Kevin Folan

Tue 12/22 6:30 † Eusebia Buen Antolin
8:30 † Florence & Jack Moresco

Wed 12/23 6:30 † Fortunato & Eleanor Risso
8:30 † Steve Tonegato

Thu 12/24 6:30 † Frangisk Borg
8:30 † Oscar Mariano
5:00 † Carl Rath

Fri 12/25 *Christmas Day*

Sat 12/26 8:30 † Margaret Gibson
5:00 † Junita Riel

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.



From the Pastor's Desk

Christmas Message

Dear Friends at St. Veronica Parish,

We arrive at the magical season of Christmas once again. Let me reflect with you on the beauty of this holy season and what it means for us as members of our parish community.

I want to share with you three simple things about Christmas.

Christmas is beautiful: Norman Vincent Peale says: "Christmas waves a magic wand over the world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful." How true! Have you ever thought about why people never get tired of Christmas? Year after year, people are always excited by this feast and are prepared to go to great lengths to make it as special as possible. The simple answer is: Christmas is beautiful. There is nothing more beautiful than Christmas. That's why poets, playwrights, singers, and painters go wild over the theme of the holy baby born in a manger surrounded by his parents, shepherds, the wise men, and even animals.

Christmas happens in us, our families, and towns: Have you noticed that many painters place a modern city or town in the background of the manger to inspire people to perceive that the birth of Christ takes place *now* in our lives, our cities, and towns. W. T. Ellis says, "It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air." The magic of Christmas, the beauty of this mystery, can transform our hearts, which in turn can help transform our

families and the world. This transformation miracle can and will happen if we can live more from our hearts this holy season.

Christmas at St. Veronica Parish: Any parish, I think, is a community of believers who strive to have the mind and heart of Christ. We learn to think and feel like Jesus, with the help of the Catholic tradition we treasure. Our parish is on a holy pilgrimage, journeying toward Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate with great joy and pride. Let us, as a parish community, draw closer to Jesus this Christmas. He is ready to be born in our parish all over again. Our acceptance of Jesus' birth in our community would concretely mean that we get to know one another, learn to love, serve, and forgive one another, become united in our endeavors, recognize the multicultural reality of our community, build bridges between our diverse ministries, and help support the parish by contributing *time, talent, and treasure.*

In the coming months and years, we will be moving forward with the projects, such as the Pastoral Center (old convent building), asphalt pavement of the whole property, painting & carpet work in the church, and development of school facilities. I seek your whole-hearted support and collaboration. Jesus' birth in our faith community will unite and energize us, and fill us with every grace and blessing.

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!
Your friend and pastor,

Father Charles Puthota, Ph.D.

Christmas Riddles

- ✦ What nationality is Santa Claus? -- North Polish.
- ✦ What do elves learn in school? -- The Elf-abet!
- ✦ If athletes get athletes foot, what do astronauts get? -- Missletoe!
- ✦ What do you call a cat on the beach at Christmas time? -- Sandy Claus!

Our Deepest Thanks for Your Continued Support and Generosity

<u>Day</u>	<u>Mass Time</u>	<u>1st. Collection</u>	<u>2nd Collection</u>	<u>Totals:</u>
Saturday 12/12	5:00PM	1627.00	558.00	2185.00
Sunday 12/13	6:45AM	626.35	353.35	979.70
	8:00AM	1695.00	651.00	2346.00
	9:30AM	1479.50	539.00	2018.50
	11:00AM	1139.00	418.00	1557.00
	12:30PM	913.00	530.00	1443.00
TOTALS:		\$7,479.85	\$3,049.35	\$10,529.20



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

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.



NO BINGO

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23RD

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 30TH

BINGO WILL RESUME JANUARY 6, 2010

CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

5:00PM (*Children's Mass & Pageant*)
9:00PM (Christmas Caroling at 8:30PM)

CHRISTMAS DAY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

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

NEW YEAR'S EVE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2009

New Year's Eve Prayer Service – 10:30PM
“Midnight Mass” – 11:30PM

NEW YEAR'S DAY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2010

9:00AM only

*Seasons' Greetings
From All of Us to
All of You*

RECTORY OFFICES CLOSED

The Rectory will be closed on Thursday,
December 24th through Sunday, December 27th
for Christmas.

St. Veronica Men's Club Annual Crab Feed

RSVP by January 15, 2010

Saturday, January 23, 2010

6:00PM - Midnight



\$50 per person with hosted bar
Checks to: St. Veronica Men's Club

Surf & Turf Dinner Menu

Caesar salad, Marinated Crab, Tri-Tip with
veggies, pesto pasta, & dessert

Reservations can be sent to the school or Rectory
offices: Attention: “Crab Feed Reservations”

List Names

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Questions? Contact coughlin_family@comcast.net