

St. Veronica Church

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**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
September 5, 2010



St. Veronica Parish

Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday

8:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Phone: 650-588-1455 Fax: 650-588-1481

Parish Staff

Fr. Charles Puthota, Ph.D., *Pastor*

Fr. Linh Nguyen, *Parochial Vicar*

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209-952-0209

St. Veronica Parish School

Phone: 650-589-3909

Kathryn Lucchesi
Principal

Janet Burke
Vice Principal

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 commence in October and end on Pentecost.

Call the Parish Office to register 650-588-1455

Faith Formation: 650-588-1455

Catechetical instructions (1st to 8th grades)

2011 Confirmation Classes: 650-588-1455

Mass Intentions

WEEK of September 5, 2010

Sun	09/05	6:45 †	Patrocinio Nazareno
		8:00 †	Mary Leca
		9:30 †	Kenny Penalver
		11:00 †	Rene Canizares
		12:30	People of St. Veronica
Mon	09/06	8:30 †	Paul & Bruce Navarret
Tue	09/07	6:30 †	Hila Rayer
		8:30 †	Fr. Benny
Wed	09/08	6:30 †	John Francis Keylon
		8:30 †	Ernesto Daza
Thu	09/09	6:30	Mike Brosnan
		8:30 †	Jean Finley
Fri	09/10	6:30	
		8:30 †	Mike & Maria Lopez
Sat	09/11	8:30 †	Steven Dub
		5:00 †	Luke Baker

*Please remember the sick and the care-givers
in our community.
Pray that they may find comfort and healing
in Christ.*

*Please contact the rectory office if Home-
bound Eucharistic services are needed.*

Labor Day Prayer

*God our Creator,
we are the work of your hands.
Guide us in our work,
that we may do it, not for self alone,
but for the common good.
Make us alert to injustice,
ready to stand in solidarity,
that there may be dignity for all
In labor and in labor's reward.
Amen*

Rectory email: churchoffice@stveronicassf.com

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

**There will be no 6:30AM Mass on
Monday, September 6, 2010**

Confessions

Saturdays: 4:00—5:00PM

Liturgy of the Hours

Monday—Friday: Morning Prayer at 6:00AM

Eucharistic Adoration

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

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT PROGRAM

Retirement years can be difficult for senior priests. No longer in active priestly ministry, or supported by the parish communities they served with such dedication, some of these men must rely on minimal Social Security benefits and their pension from the Priests' Retirement Program.

Like Social Security and so many pension plans in today's world, our priests' retirement program faces similar challenges.

In two weeks, we will take up this special collection, *In Gratitude...for a Lifetime of Service*, to support our Priests' Retirement Fund.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- September 5, 2010 - Day of Prayer for Human Rights and Labor (Labor Day)
- September 24, 25 & 26, 2010 - St. Veronica Festival and Car Show.
- September 25, 2010 - Festival Bingo Marathon

Stewardship

Jesus tells the crowd that only those who renounce all of their possessions can be His disciples. Is He truly asking us to give up *everything*? Perhaps instead He is trying to help us see that everything we think we own is really a gift from God. Good stewards know that and strive to use those gifts accountably.

Parish Registration

**Please complete and return form to the parish rec-
tory, or simply drop it in the collection basket.**
Kindly print all information

Name(s) _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City & Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail: _____

Updating Current Parish Registration

Moving / Please remove from mailing list.

This is a new registration

Please call me.

Thank you for supporting St. Veronica Parish and those in need.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Mass Time</u>	<u>1st. Collection</u>	<u>2nd. St. Vincent de Paul</u>	<u>Totals:</u>
Saturday 08/28	5:00PM	1391.50	297.00	1688.50
Sunday 08/29	6:45AM	547.00	208.00	755.00
	8:00AM	820.25	237.00	1057.25
	9:30AM	1340.50	316.00	1656.50
	11:00AM	1216.00	278.00	1494.00
	12:30PM	696.00	389.00	1085.00
TOTALS:		6011.25	1725.00	7736.25

A Message from our Pastor

Dear St. Veronica School Parents and Parishioners,

I have been saddened to learn that there have been a lot of unfounded rumors and e-mails being circulated among the school and parish community. Some of you have approached me with your concerns and questions leading to a meaningful dialogue. To those, I say thanks. To those who are still burdened with anxiety and confusion, I hope the following questions and answers would be highly helpful in clearing the air and injecting a positive outlook on our future. I have tried to be as honest and forthright here as possible. I hope you'll be able to look at this information with openness of mind and heart.

1. What is happening to the old convent building?

It is going to be used as parish meeting rooms and parish offices.

2. Is this something new in the Archdiocese?

No, not at all. We are following successful models from parishes like St. Gabriel's, St. Stephen's, Holy Name, St. Gregory's and other parishes.

3. What is the purpose of the new use of the building?

While the school has about 250 families, the parish has 2400 families. The parish has its legitimate needs for meetings and offices. There are at least 26 different groups of the parish that have been identified as needing meeting places. You may recall that the church basement, used for decades as a parish meeting place, was shut down by the Fire Department. We now use the church basement as storage space for school and parish.

4. What is going to be the new name of this building?

Pastoral Center.

5. Is the Pastoral Center going to become a "public building"?

Absolutely not. It is always going to remain a private building for parish use only.

6. Is the Pastoral Center going to be leased out to generate money for the parish?

Absolutely not. All we want is for the parish to have more facilities to fulfill our needs.

7. Will there be construction work in the Pastoral Center?

Absolutely not. The building will be occupied "as is". Only the basic needs will be addressed, such as cleaning, telephones, computers, furniture. We are going to operate on a shoestring budget. The finance committee will continue to monitor and evaluate the progress of this project. We are happy to acknowledge that a generous donor (outside the parish) has already provided about \$25,000 worth of furniture.

8. Has the parish and school community been informed of this development?

Yes, absolutely. The parish and school were kept informed of this project in light of the decisions made in the Feasibility Committee. Please see the bulletins May 31, 2009, December 28, 2009, February 14, 2010 and the School Newsletter of May 12, 2010.

9. What happened to the Modular Structure?

The needs to be met by the Modular Structure are currently provided within the school building itself. The new Principal has kindly accepted to use a smaller room for her office, which has made the previous office space available for "split classes." Also, the school has come to gain the previous Religious Education Office, which is now used for Kindergarten and Resource Center needs. This makes the safety of children tightly secure within the school building and close to the Principal's Office and the Faculty Room.

10. Would you like me to comment on the recent school financial situation?

Yes. When we had full access to the financial records, it became clear over the summer that the school had---and still has----nearly \$100,000 in uncollected tuition with arrears in extended care and scrip.

11. Why were we not informed of the City Planning Commission's public hearing?

It is the responsibility of the City to inform those impacted by the use of the Pastoral Center. Recently we came to know that those living within 500 feet of the property are notified by the City as per their policy.

12. How come the planning commission meeting and Back to School Night take place on the same night?

Back to School Night was fixed by the previous school administration as early as May 2010 in the Calendar Planning session. Mrs. Lucchesi had nothing to do with the selection of the date. In fact, in 2009 the Back to School Night was held on Thursday of the first full week of school, as we are doing this year.

The date for the planning commission hearing was selected by the City. When we submitted the paperwork in July 2010, we were advised that we would be notified of the date later, which turned out to be September 02. We had absolutely no prior knowledge or influence on their selection of the date.

13. Why did the Parish file an application for a “use permit modification” for the Pastoral Center?

This is the right procedure. When the old convent building was no longer a residence for nuns in 2004, the school should have filed for “use permit modification” to use part of the building for non-residence school purposes. This was the mistake we are trying to correct by following proper procedures and securing proper permissions.

14. How is the school going to be secured?

The school is secured already. With split classes and Kindergarten needs addressed within the main school building, your children are even more secure now. The school will continue to have high standards of safety and security. No compromise will be made in this area. If necessary, we are prepared to install a fence (in the Festival Tent area) to completely separate the main entrance of the Pastoral Center from the School yard.

The school building always remains locked. When the children are in the school yard, they are always supervised.

15. What about the school advisory board and parish council?

The Principal and the Pastor will be constituting an advisory school board which will be made up of school parents and parishioners. The parish council will also become a reality in the next few months.

16. What is going to happen to the Jungle Gym?

At present, we have no plans of making any changes to the Jungle Gym.

17. What are the plans for the Rectory?

Following the model of several parishes in the Archdiocese where old convents were converted into meeting places and administrative offices, St. Veronica’s Rectory too will solely be a place of residence for parish priests and visiting clergy.

18. What is the status of the asphalt resurfacing of the property?

In 2009-2010, the much anticipated Development work (fundraising) for which we paid \$20,000 in salaries unfortunately did not materialize, for reasons I cannot mention here.

Meanwhile, in August 2010, the Archdiocese, after inspecting all our buildings and facilities, issued a “Facility Condition Assessment Report” which prioritizes many areas needing attention. Estimated costs and timelines have been recommended. For example, the “reroofing of the older portion of the school roof” has been recommended to be completed in the next year (estimated cost \$70,000) while the asphalt work is recommended to be done in phases over the next three years.

19. What can we do now as a faith-filled Parish Community?

Have faith! Be patient. Be positive. See the bigger picture. The school is part of the parish. Participate in the parish life. Attend the parish liturgical celebrations. Support the Parish Festival. Spread hope and light. We owe it to our children. Don’t believe gossip and rumors. Look for truth. If you have any questions, I’m always ready to answer. Please contact the parish office and talk to Sandy Kearney, our Parish Manager, who is always available. Her cell phone: 650-888-3340.

We have the new Principal, Mrs. Lucchesi, who is committed and capable. She has faith and optimism for our school and parish community. She is ready to work closely with the Pastor, teachers, staff, parents, and parishioners to make our parish/school community one of the outstanding ones in the Archdiocese. We cannot achieve peace and prosperity for our community without your help. Please, would you help me and the Principal?

Your Friend & Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

Youth's Corner

Last's Week's Puzzle Solution

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus was often invited for meals at people's homes. But he taught that we are not supposed to invite only rich or famous people, or even only our friends. In fact, our reward will be greater when we invite people who cannot repay us. To find out whom Jesus said to invite, write the letters shown above the numbers onto the matching numbered blanks.

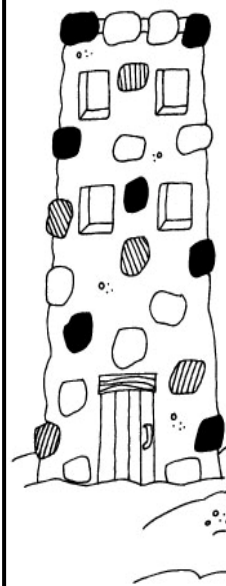
PLEASE COME TO OUR GATHERING!
 WE WOULD SO APPRECIATE YOUR
 PRESENCE AT OUR HOUSE FOR A
 LOVELY, MULTI-COURSE BANQUET.
 WE WILL BE HOLDING IT NEXT
 SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT TWO
 O'CLOCK. DON'T BRING ANYTHING!

P O O R C R I P P L E D
 1 8 10 13 3 4 6 7 9 12 17 18
L A M E B L I N D
 2 5 11 14 14 15 16 20 21

This Week's Scripture related Puzzle

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we decide to follow Jesus, we need to be sure that we are ready to make the necessary sacrifices. Jesus said it was like figuring out the cost before building a tower. Add up what is needed to build the tower below. Circle the number in the money sack if it is enough. Cross it out if it is not.



You'll Need:

- 100 bricks cost \$300.00
- 75 planks of wood cost \$150.00
- 20 bags of cement cost \$ 20.00
- 1 door cost \$ 5.00

+ _____

\$500.

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Attention Parents and St. Veronica Youth

St. Veronica Angel Choir starts up again in September. All youth from the St. Veronica community are invited to participate. Practices take place in the church every week on Thursdays from 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. The first practice will commence on **September 9th**.

Come and proclaim God's word through song and movement.

For more information please contact our Music Director Christopher Lindstrom at 209-952-0209 or speak with him personally after Sunday Masses.



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Announcements

Dear St. Veronica Parishioners,

I would like to say "THANK YOU" to all of you for all the kindness and generosity you have extended to me during my stay here at St. Veronica.

It was an honor and a privilege to be of service to this community even for just a short time. I wish I could stay for a longer period of time so that I could enjoy your company more, but this is not how it is going to be. Things happen for a reason and this is just one of those.

One of the things I learned is that life is a series of "Hellos" and "Goodbyes", and that we cannot hold on forever to anything, including life itself. Nothing is eternal except God.

As I move on to my new assignment, I bring with me experiences from the St. Veronica community. It is a happy memory.

When will our paths cross again? I do not know, but I look forward to it and wish it will happen often. God has always been good to me, YOU are one of the reasons why....

Thank you very much, I love you... *Father Jess*

St. Veronica Classic Car Show 2010
Saturday, September 25, 2010
Come and Enjoy the Music, Food, Slot Car Racing, Rides and Free Model Car Contest for the kids.
Fun for all!

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Do you want to go on a pilgrimage to Italy with our Pastor Father Charles?

The 14-day pilgrimage is from October 18 to October 31, 2010. The title of the pilgrimage is: "*All Italian Shrines and the Eucharistic Miracles.*"

- Places we'll visit are: Rome, Monte Cassino, San Giovanni Rotondo, Loreto, Assisi, Siena, Florence, Padua, and Venice.
- \$4,349 per person from San Francisco (double occupancy)
- If you are interested, please contact the parish office for a flyer. You may also call 206 Tours at 800-206-8687

2010 - 2011 St. Veronica Faith Formation Programs

The mission of the program at St. Veronica Parish is to enrich the spiritual formation of our youth through formal education while encouraging and supporting faith formation in the home and as part of the St. Veronica Community.

Religious Education Program (Grades 1 – 6)

It's not too late to register your children for the Religious Education program!!! Forms can be downloaded through the Parish web site at www.stveronicassf.com – then mailed to or turned in at the rectory. Classes for grades 1-6 are offered Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 - 4:45 and Saturday mornings from 9:00 - 10:15 in the school building.

Please remember that in order to make First Communion, a child must have two years of faith formation (first and second year preparation), so it is important to enroll them as first graders. **Classes begin Wednesday, Sept. 29th & Saturday, Oct. 2nd.**

Confirmation Program (Grades 7 – 9)

The three-year program begins in 7th grade and commences with Confirmation during the 9th grade year. The 7th and 8th grade classes are held Wednesday nights from 7:00 - 8:15 in the school building. The Confirmation year classes are held with home groups on various nights during the week and also include a weekend retreat and community service projects. **Registration is still open** and the form is available through the Parish web site. **Classes for 7th and 8th grade will begin Wednesday, Sept. 29th.**

Special Needs Program

St. Veronica is extremely fortunate to have a wonderful Religious Education program for our Special Needs children which encompasses not only faith formation but the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. **Classes will begin October 2, 2010.**

Labor with Love