CHURCH OF SAINT VERONICA

CATHOLIC PARISH AND SCHOOL

Established 1951

OCTOBER 22, 2023 | TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."
- Mt 22:21

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VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS

"OFFERED HER VEIL"

Legend states that as Christ was walking to Calvary, His face dripping with sweat and blood, Saint Veronica, a bystander, was moved with compassion. She approached Jesus and offered Him a cloth, likely her veil, which He accepted and used to wipe His face. The cloth is believed to exist today in the Vatican and is considered one of the most treasured relics of the Church.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays: 8:30am & 6:00pm (Vigil)
Sundays: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30am (English); 1:30pm (Spanish)
Monday - Friday: 6:30 & 8:30am
Holy Days: 6:30, 8:30am, & 6:30pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 3:30 - 4:30pm (or by appointment)

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday - Friday: 9:00am - 12Noon (subject to change)

PARISH OFFICE

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am - 5:00pm
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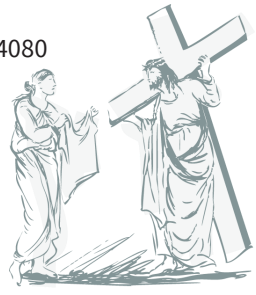

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Our Philosophy
Saint Veronica Catholic School is committed to the education of the whole person based on the teachings of Jesus Christ. We promote and sustain the spiritual, moral, social, intellectual, physical, and emotional growth of each student.

In partnership with the family, the primary educator, and in collaboration with the parish community, we strive to provide a quality education centered in a Catholic environment of peace, security, and love.

We enable students to live their faith; become open, honest, and effective communicators; achieve their goals as active members of the community; and become responsible, lifelong learners.

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MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 22, 2023

Sunday, 10/22	7:00am	Judith Elder
	8:30am	† Dominic Do
	10:00am	People of Saint Veronica
	11:30am	† Antoinette Cumagun
	1:30pm	† Celsa Garcia
Monday, 10/23	6:30am	Marilyn L. Aquino
	8:30am	† Eufracio Baluyot
Tuesday,10/24	6:30am	Ed Binetti
	8:30am	Remedios Bernabe
Wednesday, 10/25	6:30am	† Mira & James McTiernan
	8:30am	† Florenda & Segundo Suerte
Thursday, 10/26	6:30am	† Joseph Callahan
	8:30am	Lawrence Garcia
Friday, 10/27	6:30am	Melissa & Andre White
	8:30am	† Everisto Legaspi
Saturday, 10/28	8:30am	† Fil DaCunha
	6:00pm	† Patrick Kerrigan

Would you or someone you know like a visit from a priest?
If you or someone you know would like a visit from one of our parish priests, please call the parish office at 650-588-1455 with the request, and the information will be passed along to the priests.

STEWARDSHIP

FOR OCTOBER 7TH AND 8TH, 2023

1st Offering	$6,848.16
2nd Offering (Maintenance)	$3,065.80

FOR OCTOBER 14TH AND 15TH, 2023

1st Offering	$6,607.80
2nd Offering (Maintenance)	$2,314.00

World Mission Sunday

This weekend, we join our Holy Father, Pope Francis, in supporting his missions. As we pray and respond, we share in those celebrations taking place in every parish throughout the world. Together, through our prayers and financial support, we bring the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in more than 1,100 mission dioceses.

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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER DRISCOLL

The Coin and Saint Veronica

Today's Gospel (Matthew 22:15-21) shows us once again an attempt to entrap Jesus so as to discredit and do away with Him.

The Pharisees, we are told, bring along with them the Herodians in this attempt. This is significant as they are archenemies.

The Pharisees do not think that any human government should dominate Israel or pay tribute to Gentile rulers. Nonetheless, they go along with this attempt to snag Jesus.

The Herodians are primarily a political party who support the Roman dominance. While these two groups despise each other they are united in one thing—their hatred for Jesus and their desire to trap Him so that He is silenced and put to death.

They pose the question that we read in the passage and do so couched in flattery --- they flatter with the intent to destroy --- and Jesus responds with a rebuke --- but He rebukes with the intent to save.

In seeking an answer from Jesus, they do not ask Him if they are bound morally to pay the tax to Caesar. Rather they ask whether or not it is lawful or legal to pay him the tribute.

If Jesus answers "yes" --- that it is lawful to pay tribute to Caesar by paying the census tax --- then the Pharisees will be happy because Jesus will be quickly discredited among a large part of the Jews.

If Jesus answers "no", then those who support the Roman domination have reason to hand Him over to the Roman government as an insurrectionist. His enemies think that they have placed Jesus in a trap that is impossible to avoid. But Jesus responds in such a way that they entrap themselves.

The Emperor only required a temporal, material, response from the people. The money was considered his money --- he minted it, it had his image and likeness on it. So, Jesus tells them to pay Caesar what is his due --- it is his money, his image, render it to him.

Then the Lord tells them to pay God what is His due. In this Jesus is saying to them: *"You have the image and likeness of God imprinted on you and in you --- and you must give to God what is **His** due."*

We know that the Patroness of our parish, our community of faith, is Saint Veronica. As I have shared many times, scholars believe that her name is actually a combination of two Latin words "vera" (meaning "true") and "icon" (meaning "image"). She wiped the face of the suffering Lord on His way to Calvary and His image was left upon her veil.

Yes, we are made in the image and likeness of God. This is such a great dignity and something we should always be mindful of throughout our day.

Our role as workers in the harvest of the Lord is to allow a "true image" of Jesus to shine forth from all that we say, do and think.

We have so many sad, ugly and frightening images placed before us in all the media coverage of wars and other bad things. The world, our community, our families need to be reminded of the beauty of human beings, of life of the world created by God that will be created anew.

A story of Saint Mother Teresa was once written about and points to the beauty of being united with Jesus and bringing His Image to the world.

The Saintly nun was caring for an elderly, very infirmed woman whose head was resting in Mother Teresa's lap. She stared very long at Mother Teresa and then asked her if she was Jesus. What image do we put forth to those around us? Let us strive to put on Jesus! Saint Veronica, pray for us!

Reverend Father Ed Bohnert, Rest in Peace

We received news last week of the death of one of our former pastors, Father Ed Bohnert. Please pray for his soul and that God will quickly reward him for his service to God and the people of God as a priest of Jesus Christ.

Father Bohnert was the pastor of our Parish from 2003 to 2008. I met Father Bohnert back in 2001. After entering into a medical retirement I would see him on occasion in different parishes. Father Bohnert was 74 years old.

Eternal Rest grant unto him, O Lord, and Let Perpetual Light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, Amen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY READINGS FOR OCTOBER 22, 2023

First Reading:
Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him. (Is 45:1)

Psalm:
Give the Lord glory and honor. (Ps 96)

Second Reading:
We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love. (1 Thes 1:2-3)

Gospel:
"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (Mt 22:21)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 22

Sun., Oct. 22 (29th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Mon., Oct. 23 (Saint John of Capistrano, Priest)
Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21

Tues., Oct. 24 (Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop)
Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

Wed., Oct. 25
Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48

Thurs., Oct. 26
Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53

Fri., Oct. 27
Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59

Sat., Oct. 28 (Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles)
Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Next Sun., Oct. 29 (30th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

REMEMBERING LOVED ONES AT SAINT VERONICA

Mass intentions for 2024 are now being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis … kindly see these important guidelines. Please stop by the parish office during business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday) to reserve Masses. Up to four Masses per calendar quarter may be reserved at one time. Only one intention per Mass is accepted. If a Mass intention is for two individuals, both must be deceased or both must be living, and both individuals must have the same last time.

Sponsoring the flowers for the sanctuary (two pieces), or the statues of Our Blessed Mary or Saint Joseph; or sponsoring the sanctuary candle are also readily available. Please call the Parish Office at 650-588-1455 to check on available weeks.

Paying Taxes to Caesar

Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." Matthew 22:21

Based on Matthew 22:15-22 (NIV)

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Y N W N L O V Q P J H N J Z D
Z A H R H A P C K B W K S E K
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GOD	WORDS	DISCIPLES	OPINION
CAESAR	TAXES	AMAZED	REPLIED
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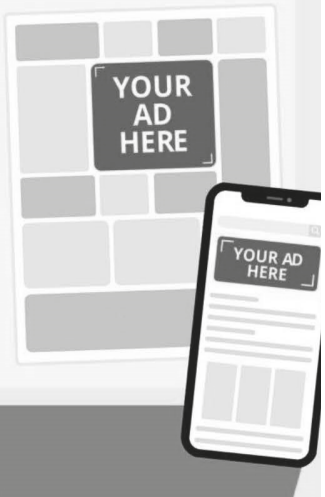

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Pray for our Beloved Deceased

In your prayers this week, please remember the repose of the souls of our recently deceased, especially:

Antonelle "Toni" Gutierres
died August 30, 2023

"Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord . . ."

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The Catholic Church in the United States is in the "Parish Year" of the National Eucharistic Revival, which began in June 2023 and will culminate on Pentecost 2024, leading up to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis on July 17-21, 2024.

Between Pentecost (May 19, 2024) and the start of the Congress, four pilgrimages to Indianapolis will take place, including one beginning in San Francisco. For information about the Eucharistic Revival and the pilgrimages, visit https://sfarch.org/eucharistic-revival/.

At the parish level, Saint Veronica offers the opportunity to pray and reflect before the Blessed Sacrament during Eucharistic Adoration each weekday following the 8:30 a.m. Mass until 12 noon (subject to change due to funeral Masses; please call the office for scheduling changes).

What better way to thank God for sacrificing His Son, Jesus Christ, to sanctify and save us than by spending time with Him in Adoration!

PRAY TO END ABORTION

Parishioners from Saint Veronica and surrounding parishes will once again be praying to stop abortions in front of Planned Parenthood on Grand Ave., now through Tuesday, December 12 (Our Lady of Guadalupe). Contact Mary at 650-219-6689 for more information and to sign up.

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Saint Veronica Catholic School: Inquiries about enrolling in our Parish School may be directed to the school office at 650-589-3909.

Saint Veronica Faith Formation: For inquiries about enrolling in our Parish Faith Formation program (for children who attend public school) or about our Parish Confirmation program, contact Karen Guglielmoni at the parish office.

For inquiries about the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) for unbaptized adults or adults who wish to be confirmed, please call the parish office at 650-588-1455 and leave a message for the RCIA coordinator.

ADSF UPCOMING EVENTS

This Tuesday, October 24: The Office of Human Life and Dignity will present an informative webinar on "Abortions - Are We Getting the Full Story?" at 12:30 p.m. Dr. Ingrid Skop, Vice President and Director of Medical Affairs at the Charlotte Lozier Institute will be the speaker. To register, visit https://www.sfarch.org/event/webinar-chemical-abortions/

Saturday, October 28: *Women's Retreat for Healing after Abortion* - this one-day retreat in Spanish will be led by Fr. Armando Gutierrez and Fr. James Liebner, SVD. Held at a confidential location, the day includes Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and counseling. To sign up or for details, email projectrachel@sfarch.org, visit www.sfarch.org/rachel, or call 415-614-5567.

Saturday, November 4: *"Talitha Koum" Faith Formation Conference* at Saint Matthew Church in San Mateo. For workshop information and to register, visit www.faithformationsf.org. *All are welcome to attend!*

Tuesdays, November 7 through December 12: The School of Pastoral Ministry presents the on-line course *"Justice, Mercy Conversion? Alessandro Manzoni's The Betrothed".* Professor Anthony Mussmeier will facilitate discussion about the book, which Pope Francis has encouraged all engaged couples to read. For information and to register, visit https://sfarchdiocese.org/the-betrothed-course/

Saturday, November 18: *Knights of Columbus Catholic Men's Retreat: The Three Rectors - A Call to Battle* will be held at Saint Mary's Cathedral (Gough and Geary) from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The theme addressed will be "Jesus Christ: True Model of Masculinity". Admission is free and lunch is provided, but registration is required by visiting **https://smcsf.org/event/cathedral-catholic-mens-retreat/** . Please consider a $10 free-will offering per person to help defray expenses.

Saturday, November 18: *Memorial Mass and Healing Liturgy for Miscarriage and Infant Loss* will be held at 10 a.m. at Saint Dominic Church, 2390 Bush Street, SF. Father Vito Perrone, COSJ, will be the celebrant.

Friday-Sunday, December 15-17: *Women's Retreat for Healing after Abortion* - this weekend retreat, held in English and Spanish, will be led by Father Vito Perrone, COSJ, and Father James Liebner, SVD. The event will be held at a confidential location and will include Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and counseling. To sign up or for details, visit www.sfarch.org/rachel, call 415-614-5567 or email projectrachel@sfarch.org.

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