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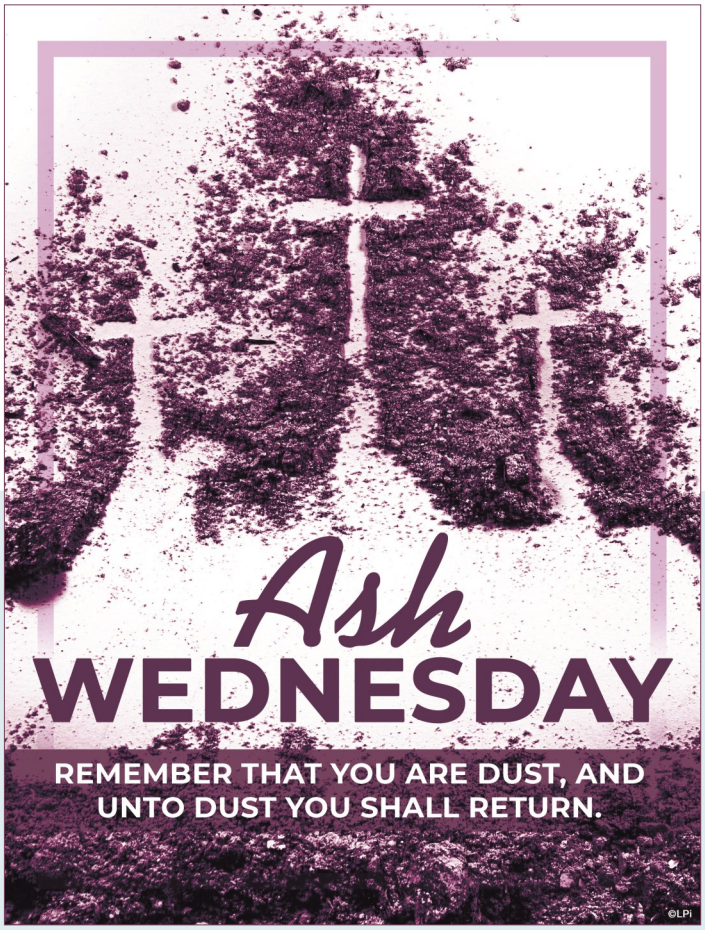
FEBRUARY 11 & 14, 2024 | SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME & ASH WEDNESDAY



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 and is considered one of the most treasured relics of the Church.

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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)

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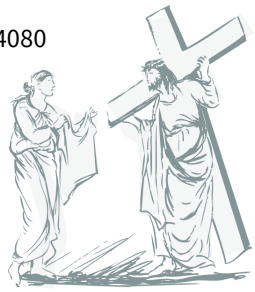

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Our Philosophy
Saint Veronica Catholic School is committed to the education of the whole person based on the teachings of Jesus Christ. We promote and sustain the spiritual, moral, social, intellectual, physical, and emotional growth of each student.

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.

IN SUPPORT OF OUR SCHOOL

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MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11, 2024

Sunday, 02/11	7:00am	† Anthony de Sousa
	8:30am	† Lena Jose Pachikkara
	10:00am	People of Saint Veronica
	11:30am	† Eduardo Garcia
	1:30pm	† Family Members of Maria Gomez
Monday, 02/12	6:30am	Lorna Tayag
	8:30am	Edwina Bay Torres
Tuesday,02/13	6:30am	† Segunda & Florenda Suerte
	8:30am	Renato & Elsa Zamperin
Wednesday, 02/14	6:30am	† Bene Legaspi
	8:30am	† Lee Heise
	11:00am	Priest's Intention
	6:30pm	Ester Baldovino
Thursday, 02/15	6:30am	† Simón Guerrero
	8:30am	Cora Del Rosario
Friday, 02/16	6:30am	† Art Faro Sr.
	8:30am	† Eliseo Nazareno
Saturday, 02/17	8:30am	Clemence & Dan Maguire
	6:00pm	† Simón Guerrero

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.

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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER DRISCOLL

Congratulations! We exceeded the 2023 Annual Appeal Goal! Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who contributed toward our parish goal for the 2023 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. Thank you especially to those who contributed twice so as to help us meet our obligation. We exceeded the campaign goal by $2,571.00!!! That comes back to us and, of course, we will put it to good use immediately.

The other good news is that our assigned goal for 2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal is about $5,000 less than last year. More on that when we kick off the 2024 campaign.

Let's get ready for Lent --- a Season for Improved Spiritual Health!

Both the First Reading from the Book of Leviticus for this Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time as well as today's Gospel passage (Mark 1:40-45) speak to us about the disease of leprosy.

Leprosy in Scripture is more than just a physical illness, it is also a metaphor for sin. While leprosy itself is not a sin, it does resemble what sin does to us spiritually. For sin, like leprosy, disfigures us; it deteriorates us; it distances us (as we can read in Leviticus, lepers had to live apart from the community).

Our Blessed Lord used His healing of leprosy to teach us about many things including spiritual health. Sin is indeed a lot like the disease of leprosy.

And what is sin? It is a disease of the soul --- a distancing (or in the case of mortal sin, a separation) from God by our not being faithful to His love and His commandments.

If the sin is "mortal" (actions or inactions that are serious, deliberate and with full knowledge) we are, by our own deliberate choice, already spiritually dead. We are unable to receive God's graces by our own choice to not accept His love or a decision to not be faithful to His Commandments.

It is always good to remember that we can always turn back to God if we have turned away from Him. And it is best to "turn back" as soon as possible. As the saying goes "if you mess up, fess up" --- in other words run to the Sacrament of Confession to express your sorrow, resolve with God's help to not turn away from Him again and receive His absolution. There is great rejoicing in heaven when a person turns back to God! Hooray!

Now is the time. When know not the day nor the hour that we may be called from this life soi f we do not repent of mortal sin before we die, then there is eternal death and suffering. It is always our choice.

As Christians we were baptized so that we could receive the gift of a life that never ends --- an immersion in the ocean of infinite love. Baptism does not guarantee us heaven, but it makes it possible.

Monsignor Charles Pope offers us four steps to rid ourselves of spiritual leprosy. As we make ready for a Holy Lenten observance, these are good steps for us to pray over, follow and, in this way, receive the healing of Jesus:

I. Step One – Admit the Reality – The person with leprosy in the Gospel humbles himself, kneeling, and pleads for cleansing. But what of us? Do we know our sin? Do we know we need healing? Are we willing to ask? We live in times in which sin is often made light of or even denied; confessional lines are short. As Monsignor Pope notes: *"Too easily, we excuse our faults by blaming others … the fact is, we are loaded with sin … we are thinned-skinned, egotistical, unforgiving, unloving, unkind, mean -spirited, selfish, greedy, lustful, jealous, envious, bitter, ungrateful, smug, superior, vengeful, angry, aggressive, unspiritual, unprayerful, stingy, and [sometimes] just plain mean. And even if all the things on the list don't apply to you, many of them do. In addition, frankly, the list is incomplete. We are sinners with a capital 'S' and we need serious help."* (Monsignor Charles Pope, *Community in Mission* Blog, February 14, 2015) Let us ask for humility to admit the reality.

II. Step Two – Accept the Relationship – We can see that first the leper calls on the Lord Jesus. In effect, he seeks a relationship with Jesus, knowing that it can heal him.

Second, we can see that Jesus is moved with pity and touches him. No one would touch a leper, or even come close to one. But Jesus is God, and He loves this man. He loves you and me --- everyone --- deeply. If we want to be free of the leprosy of our sin, we must accept the saving relationship with Jesus and let Him touch us, especially in the sacrament of confession that Jesus gave to us to heal us.

III. Step Three – Apply the Remedy – *"… go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."*

This is, of course, a metaphor for sacramental confession. In confession a priest assesses a person's spiritual condition, and, with the person's repentance, reconciles him. Or, when there is mortal sin, the priest readmits him into the full communion of the Church. **It is God who forgives**, **but the Lord ministers through the priest**. In other words, "Go to confession!" And the Lord adds, "Offer for your cleansing what is prescribed." That is to say, "Offer your penance." We must participate in our atonement.

IV. Step Four – Announce the Result – When God heals you, there is a natural feeling, a need, to tell somebody. There's just something about joy. It can't be hidden. And people notice when you are at peace when before you were not. When you are more forgiving, more encouraging, more loving, more humble. With this type of change we announce our healing.

Lent is the consummate season for changing for the better. To turn more and more to the Lord. To be with Him in the desert. To unite with Him in His suffering and death. Then, at Easter to unite in His Resurrection.

To pray more, to fast with Him and to serve Him in the poor and needy. In these troubled times let us all offer a *"serious but joyful"* Lenten season to our Lord. It will help us beyond our ability to imagine.

And let us pray fervently for our loved ones who have fallen into a forgetfulness of God and are afflicted deeply with a spiritual leprosy. By our prayers may they too be healed.

In Jesus and Mary, Father Driscoll

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 11, 2024

First Reading:
"As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp." (Lv 13:8)

Psalm:
I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation. (Ps 32)

Second Reading:
Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. (1Cor 10:31)

Gospel:
Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. (Mk 1:41-42)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11

Sun., Sun., Feb. 11 (Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day)
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Mon., Feb. 12
Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

Tues., Feb. 13
Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

Wed., Feb. 14 (Ash Wednesday; Saint Valentine's Day)
Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thurs., Feb. 15
Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Fri., Feb. 16
Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Sat., Feb. 17 (Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order)
Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sun., Feb. 18 (First Sunday of Lent)
Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES DURING MASSES

Mass intentions for 2024 are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Kindly note these important guidelines. Please stop by the Parish Office during business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Friday) to reserve Masses. Requests may be made once per quarter for up to four Masses for any available time in 2024. 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 people must have the same last name. Opportunities to sponsor the sanctuary candle or flowers are also readily available.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT

Masses on Ash Wednesday, February 14th, will be celebrated at 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Ashes will be distributed during each of these Masses.

Beginning February 16th, Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday during Lent immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass (and before Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament) and at 6:30 p.m.

Rules of Fasting and Abstinence

Abstinence: Everyone 14 years of age & older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, each Friday of Lent, & Good Friday.

Fasting: Those 18-60 years of age are to fast on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. On these two days the law of fasting allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, *as long as this does not constitute another full meal.* Drinking liquids during the day is permitted.

RESERVATION DEADLINE FEB. 16!

The Men's Club Crab Feed will take place on Saturday, February 24th, in the Parish Center.

Reservation flyers may be found in the vestibule, or visit https://www.saintveronicassf.org/crabfeed by Friday, February 16th for reservations.

PARISH GRIEF MINISTRY UPDATE - EXPANDED MEETING DATES

Our Grief Ministry provides spiritual support for anyone who has experienced a personal loss. Regularly scheduled meetings will now be held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from **3:00-4:45 p.m.** in the Parish Office. Please call the Office at 650-588-1455 if you are interested in joining the group or if you have any questions.

Everyone is welcome!

U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA – SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

In re: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco, Case No. 23-30564

Notice of Deadline for Filing Claims: February 20, 2024

YOU MAY HAVE A SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIM OR OTHER CLAIM AGAINST THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO

On August 21, 2023, The Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco, a California corporation sole, aka Archdiocese of San Francisco (the "Debtor"), filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

If you were sexually abused by any person connected with the Debtor, you must file a claim so as to be received by February 20, 2024, or otherwise you will be forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from asserting such claim against the Debtor.

Claims based on acts or omissions of the Debtor that occurred before August 21, 2023, must be filed on or before February 20, 2024, even if such claims are not now fixed, liquidated, or certain or did not mature or become fixed, liquidated, or certain before August 21, 2023.

For more information on how to obtain and file a proof of claim form and associated documents, please visit https://omniagentsolutions.com/RCASF, or contact Omni Agent Solutions, Inc., the Debtor's claims agent via email at RCASFinquiries@omniagnt.com or by phone at 888-480-6507 (U.S. and Canada toll free) or 747-293-0084 (International), between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Pacific Time), Monday through Friday.

If you have questions about the bankruptcy case filed by the Archdiocese of San Francisco, please also visit the website at https://sfarch.org and follow the links for Chapter 11 Filing*

Jesus Heals a Leper

A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Mark 1:40-41

Based on Mark 1:40-45

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BIBLE STUDY HAS BEGUN

Delve into the beauty of Sacred Scripture with Father Oliver Ortese during weekly Bible Study. The meetings are being held on Mondays from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Parish Office.

Please call the Parish Office at 650-588-1455 to sign up and receive group announcements.

Remember to bring your Bible!

UPCOMING ADSF EVENTS

"Atonement: The Transforming Power of Suffering Love" with Dr. Margaret Turek is the next course offered by the Online School of Pastoral Leadership, for six Tuesdays beginning February 20, 2024. Visit https://sfarchdiocese.org/atonement-course/ for course information and to register.

The 2024 Archdiocesan Women's Conference will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2024, at Saint Dominic Church in San Francisco. Lunch will be provided. The cost is $55. For details and to register, visit https://sfarch.org/womens-conference/

The Bay Area Catholic Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2024, at Saint Mark Parish in Belmont (note new location). Information and registration is available at www.sfbaymen.info.

The "Life-Giving Wounds Retreat" for adult children of divorced or separated parents will be held the weekend of March 22-24, 2024, at Vallombrosa Retreat Center in Menlo Park. Visit https://sfarch.org/event/life-giving-wounds-healing-retreat-march2024/ for information and to register.

Save the Date for the *National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage from the West with the Saint Junipero Serra Route* on Sunday, May 19, 2024 (Pentecost Sunday). Join Archbishop Cordileone and the Eucharistic Perpetual Pilgrims for 11 a.m. Mass at Saint Mary's Cathedral followed by a pilgrimage walk across the Golden Gate Bridge. For information, visit https://sfarch.org/eucharistic-revival/

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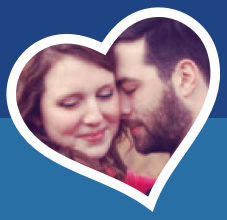

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