

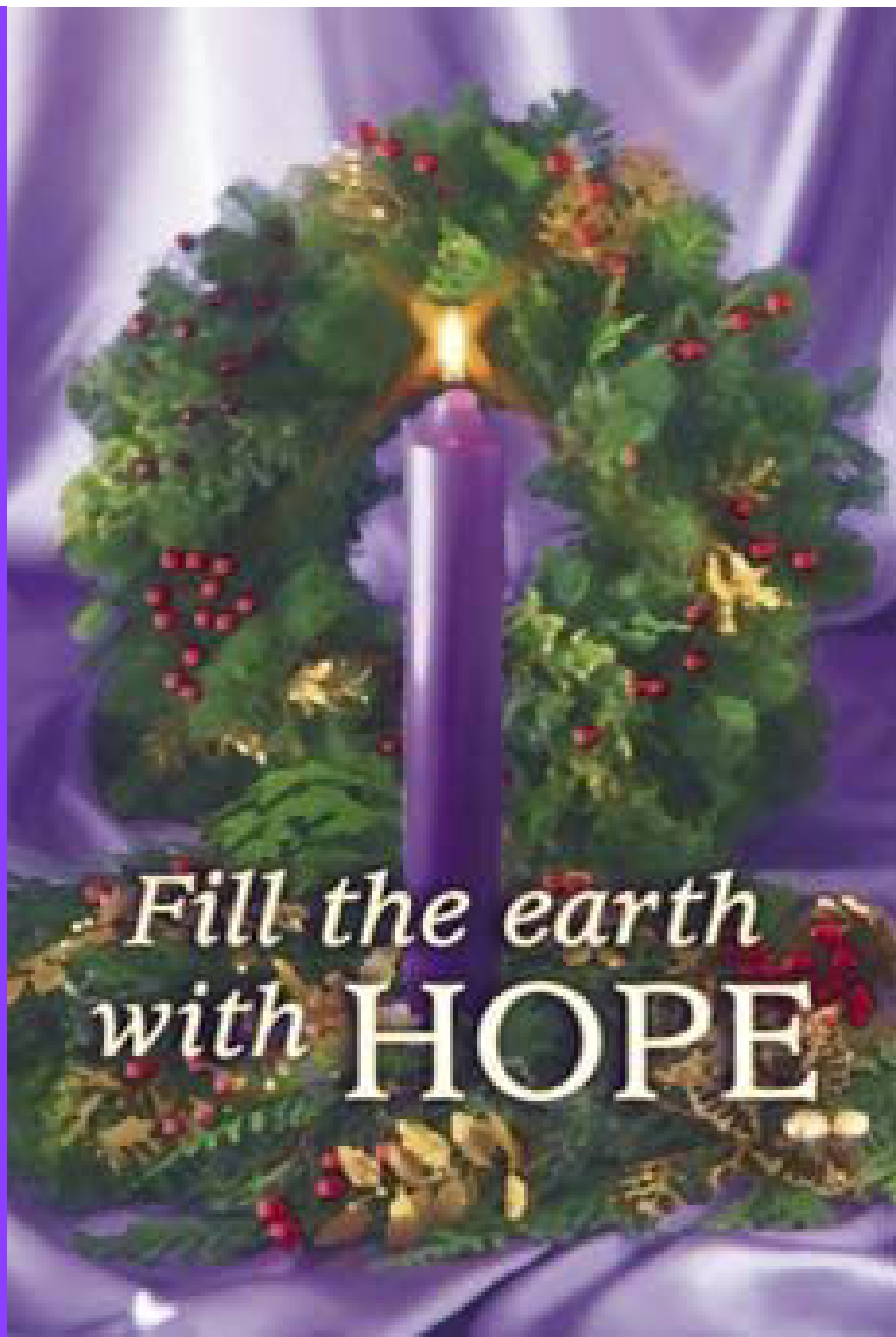
St. Veronica Church

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November 28, 2010

"Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."

St. Veronica Parish

Rectory Office Hours

Monday to Friday

8:30 a.m. - 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*

Fr. Joe Walsh, *In Residence*

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Deacon Roger Beaudry

Deacon Joseph LeBlanc

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Karen Guglielmoni, *Faith Formation & Wedding Coordinator*

Christopher Lindstrom, *Music Director*
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St. Veronica Catholic 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 from October through Pentecost.
Call the Parish Office to register 588-1455

Faith Formation: 650-588-1455

Catechetical instructions (1st to 8th grades)

2011 Confirmation Classes: 588-1455

Mass Intentions

WEEK of November 28, 2010

Sun	11/28	6:45 †	All Souls
		8:00 †	Emelie Campodonico
		9:30	Mila Bustos
		11:00	Jorge Buccat
		12:30	People of St. Veronica
Mon	11/29	6:30 †	All Souls
		8:30 †	Cornelius Murphy
Tue	11/30	6:30 †	All Souls
		8:30 †	Maria Rosa Lozano
Wed	12/01	6:30 †	Alexander Aquino
		8:30 †	Alice Cullen
Thu	12/02	6:30 †	Vilma Ortez
		8:30 †	Kezia McBrady
Fri	12/03	6:30 †	Willis McCauley
		8:30 †	Aurea P. Poblete
Sat	12/04	8:30 †	Rosario & Gregorio Saldivar
		5:00 †	Angelina & Leonardo Macalalag
Sun	12/05	6:45 †	Josephine & William Daumler
		8:00 †	Fr. Ed Cleary
		9:30 †	Emily Rego
		11:00 †	Charlie Boccato
		12:30	People of St. Veronica

*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 Homebound
Eucharistic services are needed.*

Reflection on Our Cover

The season of Advent/Christmas, indeed, the entire liturgical year, opens with a poetic description of the reign of God, a reign of peace for which we all yearn. This Sunday also contains a caution to be prepared for its coming, because we do not really know when that day will dawn. We live in hope to see the Son of God live in our midst.

When was the last time you looked forward to something in a way that made you feel fully alive, alert, and awake?

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

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

Parish Registration

**Please complete and return form to the parish rectory, 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.

Baptism Information

Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at 11:00 a.m. (*unless otherwise indicated*)

Preparation class is required for parents and godparents. We conduct this class monthly on Tuesdays as noted below. Classes are conducted in the church from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (*Adults only please*).

Godparents may attend a class in their own parish if needed, and bring a confirmation of attendance.

December 14

January 11

March 8

May 10

February 8

April 12

June 14

Registration forms are available from the rectory office during regular office hours. You may also download a form from our website at www.stveronicassf.com.

Baptism dates are now being scheduled starting with February 12, 2011 and beyond. The calendar fills up quickly, so don't delay scheduling your baptism.

Scholastic Book Fair in Parish Center

Once again the St. Veronica Catholic School Guild is providing you and your children the opportunity to buy carefully selected, quality books and other products at affordable prices.

Stop by browse and buy on the following days:
Wednesday, 12/1 & Thursday 12/2; 8AM - 4PM
Friday 12/3, 8AM - 3PM
Sunday 12/5, 9AM - 1PM



ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING PARTICIPATION

If you wish to actively participate in the lighting of the advent candle during the Season, please contact the Rectory office to reserve your preferred Mass time and date at 650-588-1455. This is truly a special and sacred ceremony.

Due to holiday printing schedules, our collection numbers for last week will be reflected in a future bulletin. Thank you for your continued support.

What is the meaning of the Advent Wreath?

Since circles have no beginning and no end, the circular shape of the Advent Wreath is used to symbolize God the Father and eternal life. The wreath holds four candles which are lit over the four weeks of Advent. The light of the flame is a visual reminder that Christ is "The Light of the World" (John 8:12). There are three violet (purple) candles and one rose candle, each representing 1,000 years. Added together, the four candles symbolize the 4,000 years that humanity waited for the Savior.

Violet is a liturgical color that is used to signify a time of penance, sacrifice, and prayer. During the first, second, and the fourth weeks of Advent we light violet candles. The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. On this day we celebrate that our waiting for Christmas is almost over. Rose is a liturgical color that is used to signify joy, so we light the rose candle on the third Sunday of Advent.

From Our Pastor

Advent Season

St. Veronica Parish Activities

Dear St. Veronica Parishioners

Advent is in the air: This Sunday we usher in the Advent season that will last till the Christmas eve Mass when we will be transported into the magical season of Christmas. The Christmas commerce has begun already in the stores and malls and will grow into a feverish pitch. The Christmas carols on the radio will begin to soothe and cheer us.

Advent implies conversion: In the midst of all this anticipation, Advent season is also a time of prayer, conversion, and reconciliation. If the baby has to make any difference, our house has to be cleaned up to welcome him. That is what I wish for each one of you this Advent season. Let's work on awareness and evaluation of our lives as the prelude to the Lord who will fill our hearts to the brim with joy and peace.

Various Events of the Season: This season is a special time in our parish. We have many different events going on at this time of the year, which demonstrates how vibrant and creative our parish is. The events are meant to bring people together and create a more cohesive community of school and parish, a community that will become more open to receive the holy baby to be born. I have the pleasure of listing these events and activities of our parish:

... Engage in the Season

Santa's Breakfast: On Sunday December 05, from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m., in the Falcon Hall, the Women's Guild will host the traditional Santa's Breakfast (pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, hot chocolate, tea, and juice). Pictures with Santa Claus and simple arts and crafts activities for children will take place. Do come after the Sunday Masses for breakfast and to support the programs of the Guild for our parish school. It's wonderful to meet families and friends as we strive to build up the parish community of St. Veronica.

Scholastic Book Fair: Begins on Wednesday, December 01 in the Parish Center. See the calendar in the bulletin for other dates and times. A great opportunity to buy Christmas presents while at the same time you help the parish school through the Guild activities.

Musical Cantata: The same Sunday, December 05 at 5:00 p.m. our parish Music Ministry will host this inspiring program of scripture and song with the theme "Night of the Father's Love." It's free! Everyone is invited. Bring your whole family! Such creative programs help foster our faith and fellowship.

Giving Tree: As you know, throughout the Advent season, the Giving Tree near the sanctuary area of the Church will remind us of the gifts we can give to help and cheer those who are in need. There's great joy for those who receive these gifts, but there is even greater joy for those who give, "for it is in giving that we truly receive."

Fr. Joe's Advent Reflections: On the four Thursdays of Advent at 10:00 a.m. Fr. Joe Walsh, pastor emeritus, will be giving spiritual reflections. Come, enjoy! It's free! Fr. Joe has a lot of experience in leading groups for such occasions.

...Prepare & Participate

Food and Toy Drives: Throughout Advent season there will be receptacles in the vestibule for you to donate canned foods, which our parish Vincent de Paul will use to help the needy. In the spirit of this holy season, let's reach out to those in need with the gift of food. Also the Toy Drive is run by the Faith Formation program to bring cheer to the children who need them.

Advent Candle Lighting: As is the tradition, we will be lighting the Advent Candles at the beginning of Advent weekend Masses as "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" will be sung. This is a heartwarming ceremony that reminds us that Christ is the light of the world. As we wait for his coming at Christmas, let his light keep glowing brighter, dispelling our inner darkness.

Senior Luncheon: To capture the spirit of Christmas and as part of the Confirmation program, our young candidates will be serving food to the seniors of the parish. This is on Saturday December 11th.

Deanery Level Penance Service: Held on December 13 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Dunstan Church, Millbrae. You are invited to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a way of preparing for Christmas.

Simbang Gabi Masses: From December 15th through 23rd at 6:30 p.m. (except on December 18th at 5:00 p.m.), there will be Simbang Gabi masses celebrated. With a large Filipino community in our parish, it is natural that we will have these Masses. It is a wonderful way to prepare ourselves spiritually for Christmas. Such traditions go beyond any one community and are capable of nourishing everyone's soul. Everyone is invited! If anyone wants to "sponsor" any Mass or the final day's reception, please contact the parish office.

Mass for our Lady of Guadalupe: Another cultural diversity moment to celebrate! Knowing that our Hispanic community is growing in our parish, we have a Mass on Sunday December 12 at 5:00 p.m. to celebrate this feast of our Lady of Guadalupe, the patron saint of the Americas. Part of this Mass will be the amazing dance of prayer and praise to our Lady performed in the tradition of Mayan Indians. Come, one and all, to celebrate this Feast and enjoy the impressive dance.

New Year's Eve Prayer service and Mass: On Friday, December 31, at 10:15 p.m. there will be a prayer service in our church to "say thanks to all that has been and say yes to all that shall be." This prayer service will be followed by Mass at 11:00 p.m., which will end close to midnight when we will ring in the new year, followed by a reception in the parish center. In this celebration, we combine our secular and spiritual events, asking God to bless us as we welcome 2011. I can assure you that this is better than watching on TV some strange ball dropping at Times Square! Everyone's welcome! Come be with your friends as we embrace the new year.

New Songs at Advent Masses: This Advent we are introducing chanting of "Kyrie Eleison" and the singing of Our Father. My hope is that such singing will add beauty to our liturgical celebrations. Our parishioners and school families are invited to participate regularly in the weekend Masses. The celebration of Eucharist is central to our identity as Catholics.


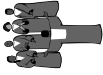








I invite everyone to enjoy these events and services at our parish during the Advent/Christmas season. May the Lord Jesus renew your hearts and refresh your minds this holy season.

Your friend and pastor,

Father Charles Puthota



December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 - Scholastic Book Fair, PC 8AM - 4PM 	2 - Scholastic Book Fair, PC 8AM - 10AM Fr. Joe's Advent Reflection	3 - Scholastic Book Fair, PC 8AM - 3PM	4
5 - Scholastic Book Fair, PC 9AM - 1PM Santa's Bkfst FH 8-11:30AM Music Cantata 5PM, Church 	6 Penance Service, St. Dunstan Church, Millbrae, 7:30 PM	7 14 - St. Veronica School Children's Christmas Program 6:30PM, Church	8 - Holy Day of Obligation 6:30 & 8:30AM 6:30PM Mass 	9 - 10AM Fr. Joe's Advent Reflection 	10 17-Simbang Gabi Mass 6:30 PM, Church	11 - Senior Luncheon, Noon, FH 
12 - Special Needs Mass, 2PM, Church Lady of Guadalupe Mass, 5PM, Church 	13 - Deanery level Advent Penance Service, St. Dunstan Church, Millbrae, 7:30 PM	14 - St. Veronica School Children's Christmas Program 6:30PM, Church	15 - Simbang Gabi Mass & Procession 6:30 PM, Church 	16 - 10AM Fr. Joe's Advent Reflection Simbang Gabi Mass 6:30 PM, Church	17-Simbang Gabi Mass 6:30 PM, Church	18-Simbang Gabi Mass 5:00 PM, Church
19 - Simbang Gabi Mass 6:30 PM, Church	20 - Simbang Gabi Mass 6:30 PM, Church	21 - Simbang Gabi Mass 6:30 PM, Church	22 - Simbang Gabi Mass 6:30 PM, Church	23 - 10AM Fr. Joe's Advent Reflection Simbang Gabi Mass 6:30 PM, Church, Dinner following in PC 	24 - St. Veronica Parish Children's Christmas Eve Mass 5PM 9PM Christmas Eve Mass	25- Christmas Day Masses at: 6:45, 8:00, 9:30, 11AM & 12:30PM 
26	27	28	29	30	31 Prayer Service 10:15PM, Church New Year's Eve Mass 11PM, Church & PC 	PC - Parish Center FH - Falcon Hall

Santa's Breakfast

Sunday, December 5, 2010
St. Veronica Falcon Hall

8:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Pay at the door: Adults: \$7.00, Seniors: \$5.00
Children under 12 yrs: \$4.00

Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs,
coffee, hot chocolate, tea and juice.

Pictures with Santa Claus & a simple Arts n' Craft
activity for children



St. Veronica Parish Giving Tree

Our traditional Parish Giving Tree is
on display in the church. We invite you to select a
GIFT TAG and purchase the requested item.

Please return your wrapped present with the GIFT
TAG attached so we can readily identify the recipi-
ents. Gifts can be placed under the tree.

Gifts need to be returned no later than Friday, De-
cember 17th to allow sufficient time for distribution.
More information will be provided in future bulletins.



ONE WARM COAT®

Keep bringing those coats and jackets
to St. Veronica Church for the needy
and place in the special collection
boxes in the vestibule or school library
from November 13th through
December 7th

Senior Citizens' Christmas Luncheon

Saturday
December 11, 2010
Falcon Hall - 12:00 noon

Sponsored by candidates from our
Confirmation Class

Please RSVP by December 6, 2010
by calling the rectory office at 650-588-1455

ALL ARE WELCOME!



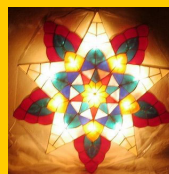
St. Veronica Catholic School
SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

St. Veronica Catholic School
will be hosting school tours
for prospective families
on

Tuesday, December 7th
Wednesday, December 8th and
Thursday, December 9th
at
10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Please call the school office at 650-589-3909 to make
your appointment.

Looking forward to seeing you on campus.



Christ Be Our Light

Be part of the "Procession of Light" cere-
mony during the December 15th Simbang
Gabi Mass. Participate in bringing up
the gifts for your sponsored Mass and
have your name listed as a sponsor in the bulletin.

Contact the rectory office 650-588-1455 for sponsor details.

Musical Cantata

Experience the Awe and Mystery of
God with us
this Christmas Season
as the St. Veronica
Music Ministry
presents

Night of the Father's Love

Sunday, December 5, 2010
St. Veronica Church
5:00 PM

Admission: FREE

