

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

December 26, 2010



St. Veronica Church
Merry Christmas

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*

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209-952-0209

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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 December 26, 2010

Sun	12/26	6:45 †	Legionaires
		8:00 †	Buddy Quintorio, Sr.
		9:30 †	Emanuel Borg
		11:00 †	Margaret Gibson
		12:30	People of St. Veronica
Mon	12/27	6:30 †	Eileen Camilleri
		8:30 †	Juanita Daza
Tue	12/28	6:30	Edwin Afable
		8:30 †	Dan Flynn
Wed	12/29	6:30 †	Peter Olson
		8:30 †	Lee Heise
Thu	12/30	6:30 †	Louis Braganza
		8:30 †	Evelyn Gibson
Fri	12/31	6:30 †	Josefina Soto
		8:30 †	Shantell
Sat	01/01	9:00 †	Alice Cullen
Sun	01/02	6:45 †	Roger Stagle
		8:00 †	Mari & Alexis Zaragoza-Calica
		9:30	Marcelina Solema
		11:00 †	Isidro Sacco
		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 Christmas season is traditionally a time for families getting together and enjoying each other's company. But this doesn't always happen because divisions occur even within families. Today's feast invites us to reflect on what holds a family together and what loosens and even destroys the family bond. How does the mystery of the Incarnation, of Christ being born in us in our own day, enter into the dynamics of family life?

Rectory email: churchoffice@stveronicassf.com

Mass Schedule

Saturdays: 8:30AM & 5:00PM
 Sundays: 6:45, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00AM, and 12:30PM
 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 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.

Welcome

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Our parish continues to be blessed and
 enriched by the presence of new parishioners.

We extend a warm and sincere welcome!

Jaime P. Corral

LITURGY SCHEDULE REMINDER

There is no 5PM vigil Mass on Saturday, Dec. 25.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2010

Prayer Service – 10:15PM

“New Year’s Eve Mass” – 11:00PM

Followed by Reception in Parish Center

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2011

NEW YEAR’S DAY

9:00AM only

Next Baptismal Class will be January 11, 2011 from
 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. Veronica Church

Next available baptismal date is Saturday, March 5, 2011

St. Veronica Catholic School Crab Feed



Save the Date!

February 12, 2011

Details will follow soon

Religious Give Thanks

Women and men religious throughout the country offer heart-
 felt thanks for your donation to the Retirement Fund for Reli-
 gious. Your gift makes a tangible difference in the lives of
 thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious
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<u>Day</u>	<u>Mass Time</u>	<u>1st. Collection</u>	<u>2nd. Religious Retirement</u>	<u>Totals:</u>
Saturday 12/11	5:00PM	1859.00	926.00	2785.00
Sunday 12/12	6:45AM	761.00	382.00	1143.00
	8:00AM	775.75	299.00	1074.75
	9:30AM	1132.00	523.00	1655.00
	11:00AM	1151.00	388.00	1539.00
	12:30PM	869.00	435.00	1304.00
TOTALS:		6547.75	2953.00	9500.75

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

TEN REASONS WHY CHRISTMAS IS NECESSARY

Dear Friends at St. Veronica Parish,

In the midst of our hectic life, we can run the danger of spreading ourselves thin and being scattered and feeling adrift. There are multiple things going on in our life, and we feel at times frustrated that we do not have a handle on at least some of them. Life is too complex and at times too unpredictable. Are we happy with the direction our life is taking? Are we satisfied with where we are and what we do? Do we feel deep down that we just need to become better human beings? Do we want to sharpen our consciousness of what lies within us and around us? Do we want to grapple with our struggles better? Do we want to get out of our set ways of thinking, acting, and reacting?

The Advent season has been calling us to slow down and delve a bit deeper and go fishing for the treasures necessary for a well balanced life. The sacred liturgies have been inviting us to prepare the way and set our paths straight. The Word of God has been calling us to redefine for ourselves what really matters and what does not. In other words, Advent has been preparing us for this healthy disposition: that when Christmas dawns on us, it's not going to be a mere 24-hour event but a process---a state of mind---that will linger in the many months of the new year. Christmas will therefore make a difference in our life. It will influence us into persons capable of more love and service, of forgiveness and letting go, of immanence and transcendence.

Christmas is so important that if we didn't have it we would have to invent it. We cannot imagine our lives without it. Following are my "Top Ten" reasons for why Christmas is necessary.



1. **Renewal**: Our work and relationships can leave us harried and wearied, leaving our soul heavy and our hearts anguished. Christmas has the power to renew our relationships and infuse joie de vivre (joy of living).
2. **Family**: Christmas brings us closer to the holy family and inspires us to take a fresh look at our own family. Do we have the quality of love and forgiveness necessary for the wellbeing of any family?
3. **Peace**: Christmas is a time when we look at the larger world and realize how fragile peace is. It is a holy season when the Prince of Peace urges us to work for peace and harmony between nations and religions, families and communities.
4. **Gift-Giving**: Christmas is a time when we give gifts to those close to us, which are but tokens of our love and appreciation. This season commits us to love and esteem for one another, not merely for one season but for all seasons.
5. **Card-Writing**: Traditionally for Christmas we write cards, including those we haven't been in contact with for the whole year. It is the season we search far and wide for those we love and cherish. Our life has meaning beyond our immediate circles. We do belong to bigger circles of love.
6. **Giving Tree**: Through the giving of gifts to those in need, we see more clearly at Christmas time that the world has millions who do not have their basic needs taken care of. There is too much poverty and sadness in the world. What should/could we do to alleviate this situation?
7. **Simplicity**: When we gaze on Jesus the Son of God at Christmas, we realize that he is the perfect form of simplicity. Is it possible that by simplifying our life and material possessions, we might live more deeply from the soul? Christmas can persuade us in this direction.

8. **Humility**: Christmas makes us look at Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, who has humbled--and emptied---himself. The center of the universe lies in a manger as a helpless baby. We are reminded that we are not the center of the universe, that we are not right all the time, that we don't have all the answers. Looking at our limitations realistically and appreciating the gifts others have can make us grow in humility.
9. **Love**: Christmas convinces us about God's love and our love for one another. God's love has sent us His only son who calls us to love one another to the point of even laying down our life for others. This season deepens our longing for love and leads us to love others selflessly.
10. **Search for God**: Often times we might be drifting in our search for God. God can be elusive in our prayers and amidst our work. We can feel lonely. Christmas has the magic to make God close to us almost in a tangible way. God is closer to us at Christmas than perhaps any other time. When we touch the little hands of the holy baby, we are touching the depth of divinity. In this baby, we are made one with God. We have been taken into the heart of divinity.

These are my top ten reasons for Christmas. What are your top ten for celebrating Christmas? Maybe, we can share our reasons for the season with each other as we meet family, friends, and parishioners.

Enjoy every moment of this precious season!
Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

Your Friend and Pastor,



Father Charles Puthota



St. Veronica Catholic School
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OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 30, 2011

after 9:30 Mass

Fr. Charles Puthota, Pastor

Kathryn Lucchesi, Principal

Directions To St. Veronica

Located one block west from
El Camino Real between
Ponderosa & Country Club Road
Behind McDonald's

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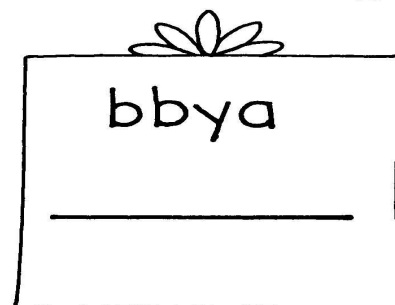
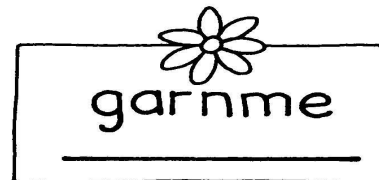
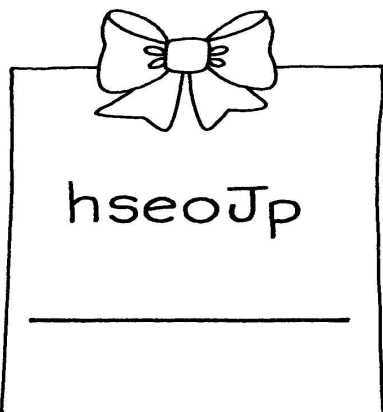
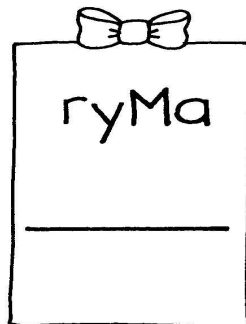
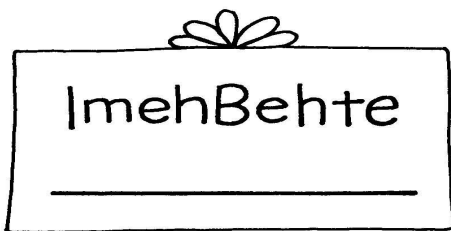
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**December 25
Christmas**

Jesus was a wonderful gift God sent to us.
The Christmas story words have been mixed up
in the presents below.

See if you can unscramble them and
write each one on the line provided.



Christ Be Our Light
Thank You Simbang Gabi
2010 Mass Sponsors

As of December 16, 2010

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