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Monday—Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

♦ PASTORAL STAFF ♦
Reverend Brian Costello, Pastor
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Mrs. Rachael Smit, Director of Religious Education
Ms. Diana Powell, Director of RCIA
Mr. Francis Cianciolo, Sacristan
Mrs. Angelita Pasamba, Choir Director

♦ MASS SCHEDULE ♦
Saturday Evening:  5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., & 12:00 Noon
First Sunday: Traditional Latin Mass at 6:30 p.m.
Daily: 8:00 a.m.
Holy Days: 8:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon, 7:30 p.m.
First Fridays: All day Adoration:
              8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
              Benediction: 7:30 p.m.
Reconciliation: Saturday 4:15—4:45 p.m.

♦ BAPTISM ♦
Parents are expected to be registered and practicing Catholics witnessing to their faith by regular attendance at Mass. Parents should contact the rectory at least three months prior to the desired date of Baptism, in order to allow sufficient time for the sacramental preparation.

♦ FIRST EUCHARIST/RECONCILIATION ♦
Children must be enrolled in the Faith Formation Class one year prior to the reception of the Sacrament. In most cases, this sacrament is celebrated in Second Grade.

♦ CONFIRMATION ♦
Children must be enrolled in the Faith Formation Class one year prior to the reception of the Sacrament. In most cases, this sacrament is celebrated in Eighth Grade.

♦ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ♦
C.F.F.—Child Faith Formation. Programs nurturing children’s growth and forming their baptismal faith from Grade 1 to Grade 9. Classes are on Tuesday afternoons and evenings beginning in September.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

WELCOME: We hope you get to know us and we get to know you. Please fill out the bottom portion and place it in the collection basket, or mail it to: 307 Willow Ave., SSF, CA 94080-1446. To complete the registration, we will mail you a registration form to fill out and return. Thank you.
Name_______________________________________ Phone_______________________
Address_________________________________ City___________________Zip_________

☐ New Parishioner
☐ New Address
☐ New Phone Number
☐ Moving/Remove Name
THE THEME OF THE LITURGY:
The divine Spirit is manifested in all of the scriptures for today.

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1–4, 6–7
Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34–38
Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good.

A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased.

Collections
Christmas Collection 2009
$19,251.00

January 3, 2010
First Collection $4,548.00
CCD $1,734.00
Latin Mass $306.00

Our Second Collection this Sunday is for our Parish Improvement Fund.
Our Second Collection next Sunday is for our Helping Hands Fund.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Please keep all those who are sick in our parish family in your prayers, especially: Emma Cacao, Cliff Chase, Patrick Dunleavy, Dawn Hassinger, Dorothy Lake, Olga Montoya, Helen Minotti, Jack Pacheco, and Marlo Taguas.

Our Prayers are with them.

DAY | TIME | MASS INTENTIONS | PRIEST
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SUN | 8:00 a.m. | People of the Parish | BC
   | 10:00 a.m. | George Gregaire (D) | MP
   | 12:00 p.m. | Louis Grandona (D) | MP
   |          | Vocations          | BC
MON | 8:00 a.m. | C.C. Lau (D) | BC
TUES | 8:00 a.m. | Mary McGuire (D) | MP
WED | 8:00 a.m. | Charles David Galea (D) | BC
THUR | 8:00 a.m. | Kathleen Dunleavy (D) | BC
FRI | 8:00 a.m. | Mary Catherine Thompson (D) | BC
SAT | 8:00 a.m. | Joe Flores (D) | BC
   | 5:00 p.m. | Kathleen Dunleavy (D) | BC

SAVE THE DATE!
Walk for Life—West Coast 2010!
Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 23, 2010. Join upwards of 30,000 pro-lifers for the 6th Annual Walk for Life in San Francisco as we peacefully proclaim our message that abortion hurts women and babies, and we all deserve better than abortion! For more information visit our website at www.walkforlifewc.com. To volunteer or to arrange buses, contact us at (415) 586-1576 or email questions to info@walkforlifewc.com.
Child Faith Formation News

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Reminder: Every first Sunday at 10:00 a.m. is the Children's Mass.

THE PROCLAMATION of the DATE of EASTER on EPIPHANY

Dear brothers and sisters,
the glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of his return.
Through the rhythms of times and seasons let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.
Let us recall the year’s culmination, the Easter Triduum of the Lord:
His last supper, his crucifixion, his burial, and his rising celebrated
between the evening of the first of April (Holy Thursday) and the evening of the fourth of April (Easter Sunday).

Each Easter—as on each Sunday—
The Holy Church makes present the great and saving deed by which Christ has forever conquered sin and death.
From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy.

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, will occur on the 17th of February.
The Ascension of the Lord will be commemorated on the 16th of May.
Pentecost, the joyful conclusion of the season of Easter, will be celebrated on the 23rd of May.
And this year the First Sunday of Advent will be on the 28th of November.
Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims the Passover of Christ in the feasts of the holy Mother of God, in the feasts of the apostles and Saints, and in the commemoration of the faithful departed.
To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come, Lord of time and history, be endless praise, for ever and ever. Amen.

Dear Friends,
Whether you make a New Year’s resolution or not, I think you will be interested in the following nine resolutions that Dear Abby came up with. Even if we master only one of these resolutions, we will be much better off than we were last year.

Happy new year!
Father Brian

1. Just for today I will try to live through this day only, and not set far-reaching goals to try to overcome all my problems at once. I know I can do something for twelve hours that would appall me if I felt that I had to keep it up for a lifetime.
2. Just for today I will try to be happy. Abraham Lincoln said, “Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be.” He was right. I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. I will chase them out of my mind and replace them with happy thoughts.
3. Just for today I will adjust myself to what is. I will face reality. I will try to change those things which I can change, and accept those things I cannot change.
4. Just for today I will try to improve my mind. I will not be a mental loafer. I will force myself to read something that requires effort, thought, and concentration.
5. Just for today I will exercise my soul in three ways: I will do a good deed for somebody without letting them know it. I will do at least two things that I know I should do but have been putting off. I will not show anyone that my feelings are hurt.
6. Just for today I will be agreeable. I will look as well as I can, dress becomingly, talk softly, act courteously, and speak ill of no one. Just for today I’ll not try to improve anybody except myself.
7. Just for today I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it, thereby saving myself from two pests: hurry and indecision.
8. Just for today I will have a quiet half hour to relax alone. During this time I will reflect on my behavior and will try to get a better perspective on my life.
9. Just for today I will be unafraid. I will gather the courage to do what is right and take the responsibility for my own actions. I will expect nothing from the world, but I will realize that as I give to the world, the world will give to me.

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