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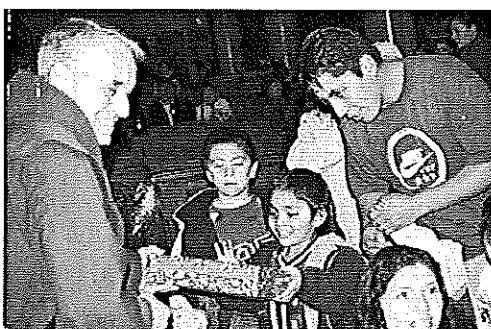
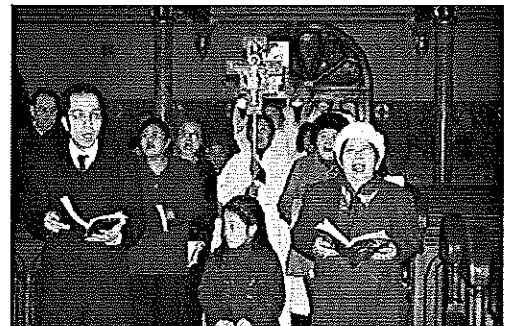
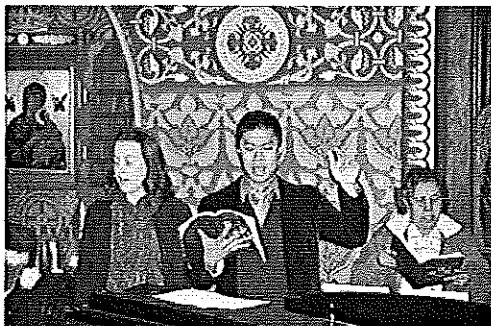
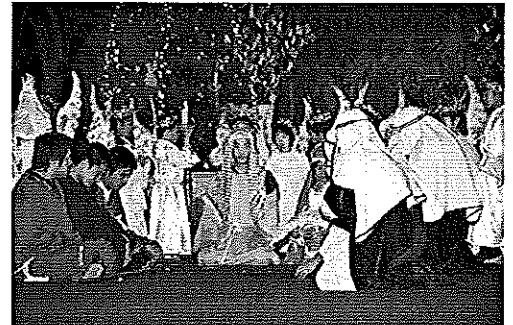
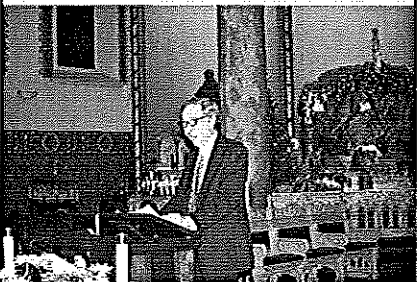
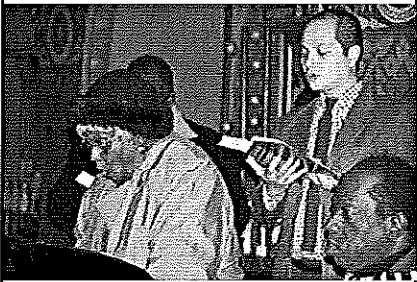
"Life without thankfulness is devoid of love and passion. Hope without thankfulness is lacking in fine perception. Faith without thankfulness lacks strength and fortitude. Every virtue divorced from thankfulness is maimed and limps along the spiritual road." --John Henry Jowett

Our supporters give all of us at St. Boniface ample opportunity to experience thankfulness. You make possible the good works and good spirit that can be found here. Thank you for your generosity and for infusing a spirit of gratitude in all we do.

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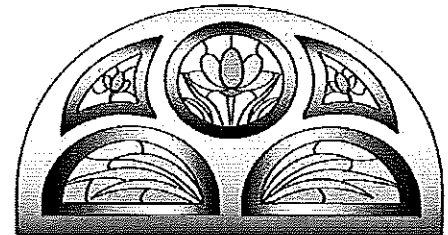
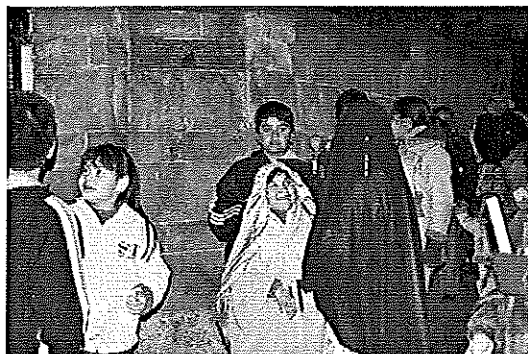
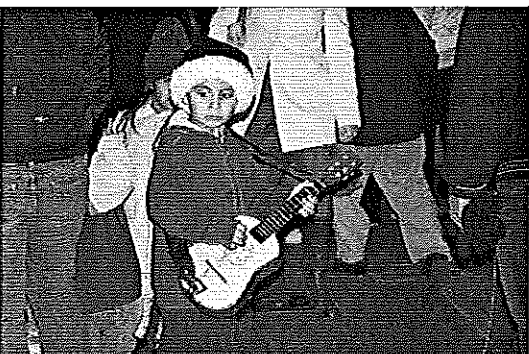
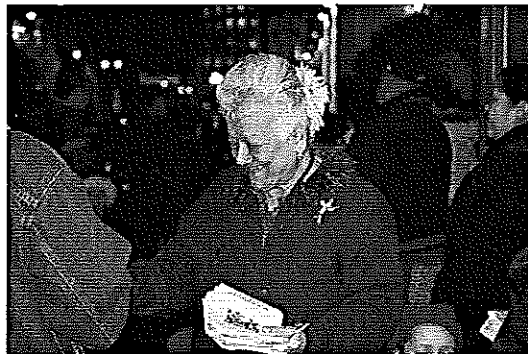
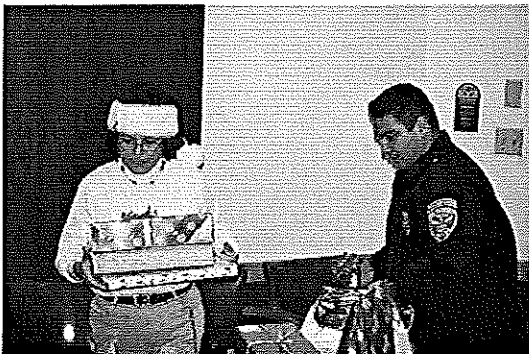
More pictures of Christmas at St. Boniface are available on the web site at www.stbonifacesf.org.



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Members of SFPD's Tenderloin station brought to St. Boniface toys that had been donated by families of Christ the King school in Pleasant Hill. The gifts took over the side chapel and brightened Christmas services.

The Spanish-speaking community participated in las posadas, re-enacting Mary and Joseph's search for shelter. Below, Mary and Joseph are about to be turned away from the friary before finally finding welcome (and food and drink) in the parish hall.



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Audit Update

Our recent audit (which was not an external financial audit but rather an "independent accountants' report upon applying agreed-upon procedures") went well if expensively. This process, required of every parish in the archdiocese every three years, is to ascertain that parishes are operating according to the financial policies established by the archdiocese. We will now respond to the recommendations made by the "auditing" team. These responses will be sent to the archdiocese.

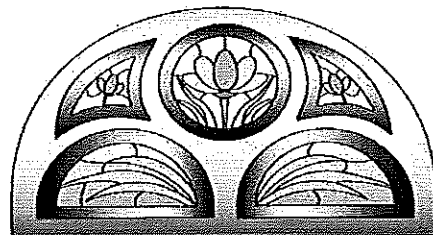
In a time when many institutions have lost the trust of the public, the financial controls and audit system established by the archdiocese embody a much-needed system of accountability.

Please Let Us Know

While the donor list and tribute gift lists have been checked multiple times, it remains possible that we may have inadvertently missed a name. **Please** call to let us know if you think your name, or the name of a person in whose honor you made a gift, is missing from this list.

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The feast of the Vietnamese martyrs is celebrated on the Sunday of the feast of Christ the King. The dramatic rendering of the triumph of faith over repression and execution preceding the mass transcends the limitations of language, making this presentation effective as catechesis and as drama. The choreography of this celebration becomes more intricate every year.

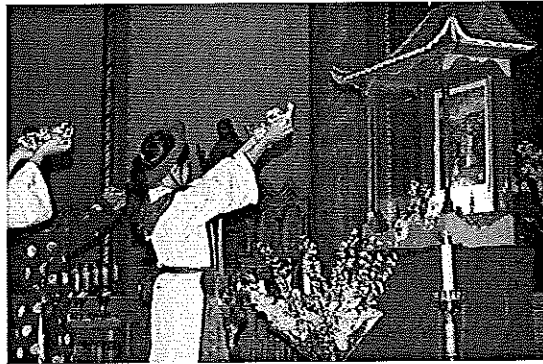
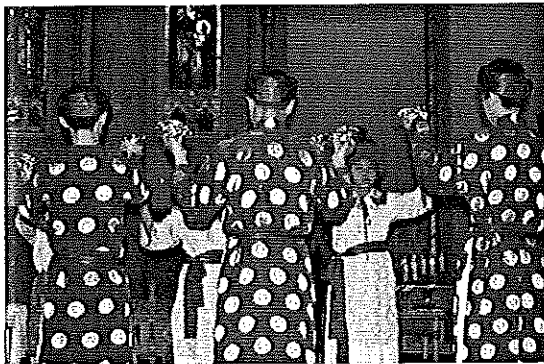
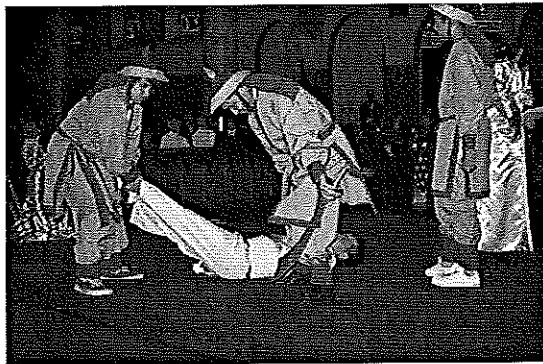
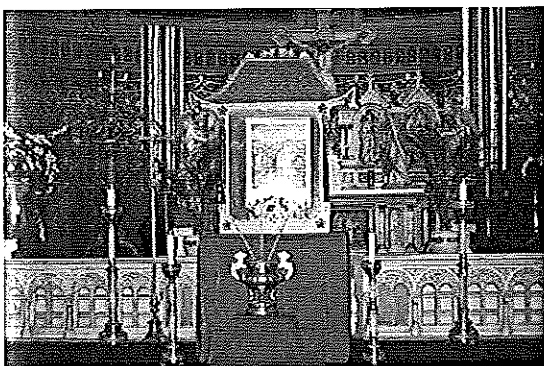


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This year's property insurance bill is \$65,000. (It took our breath away, too.) We can't adequately express our gratitude to all of you who make it possible for us to stay open even in the face of rapidly rising costs.

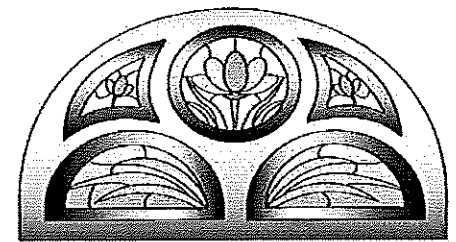
We invite you to check out the web site for The Gubbio Project, at thegubbiproject.org. (St. Boniface Neighborhood Center legally changed its name to The Gubbio Project.) The Gubbio Project has new leadership, and an opportunity for weekly Lenten reflection in St. Boniface church after the Wednesday morning mass. The St. Boniface Ladies Auxiliary and The Gubbio Project teamed up to broadcast the inauguration and provide refreshments downstairs. A nice mix of parishioners and Gubbio Project participants availed themselves of the hospitality.



Gifts were made in memory of...

Rose and Edward J. Amorosi + Elinore Elizabeth Anderson + Andreas + Genevieve Austin + Peter and Francisco Aviles, brothers of Mariana Aviles + Antonina Balistreri + Emiel Banda + William Biondini + Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Bolts + Joe Braswell + Theodore and Catherine Gamma Bucher, married at St. Boniface Sept. 1896, youngest and last living child went home to God 11/10/08, grandparents of Barbara and Robert Lacher + Mary Butler + Mr. Joseph Caimotto + Fr. George Carr + James and Lisette Carr + Vera Civarolo + Maximiano Saturnina Conceicao + George P. Costello + Mario and Elide Crescio + Ellen and John Daly + Dennis B. Deasy + John and Mary Ellen Degnan + Dias-Pinto Family: Theresa, Eulalia, and William Pinto + dear friend Joe Dignan + Anne DeVincenzi Dito + Anne and Prentiss Douglass + Keith Fann + John Fedorchak, who passed away Sept. 2, 2008, husband of Patricia Fedorchak, married at St. Boniface Jan. 20, 1945 + Rose and Louis Felder + David Felix + Bartholomew J. Finn + Joseph Frechette, a member of the German Society, grandfather of Patricia Fedorchak + Martha Gass + Paul T. Golden, MD + Anselmo and Livia Grossi + May Hancock + Marianne Hanna, mother of Maresa Hanna + Edina Kaas Heagerty + Sophie Kerfs + the father and mother of Robert G. MacKinnon + John and Mary Markovich + Fr. Maurice, OFM + Bette McCarthy + Marjorie McCarthy, mother of Dr. Leo McCarthy, MD + Bernadine and Herman Meissner + Meiswinkel Family + Robert Miche + Fr. Harold Moran, OFM + Mrs. Santa Moore (and all the other relatives of Julia Quinn) + Carl and Mildred Mueller + the parents of Gertrude Nebeling + Thomas J. O'Brien, husband of Mrs. Margaret H. O'Brien + John C. O'Day, Jr. + Josephine Olivito + Evelyn Olsen + Partmann Family + Evelyn Peyre + Janet Pfohl + Larry Phelan + Jimmie Redemer + John P. Riordan + St. Brigid Church + Benedict Saldanha + Carl A. Scholz + Jean Sloan + Emory W. Speck, Jr. + William C. Spohn + Louis Stagnaro + Sustarich Family + Patricia Smyk Taylor + Marie Simon Van Slyke + Edward Villagran, father of Paula Villagran + Elayne Wright + Marie Simon Van Slyke

The late September celebration of the feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila is marked by dancing both during and after the mass. The annual Blessing of the Animals, usually the Saturday after the feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz, continues the high spirits and good will.



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