

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

April 5, 2009

MASS INTENTIONS FOR HOLY WEEK

- Mon 7AM Kevin Hutchinson**
9AM Winifred Whitty
- Tue 7AM Fr. Pat Keane**
9AM Joseph & Mary Reilly, *living*
- Wed 7AM John John Vasquez, *living***
9AM Nancy Hoffman

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Lorenzo Acciai, Marco Balistreri, MaryAnn Bellia, Bertha, Beverly, Joseph Calleja, Patricia Cane, Charles, Elizabeth Crowley, Bill & Vladia Cutler, Dick Degan, Doris Doty, Doug, Msgr. Bruce Dreier, Nanette Duffy, Ed, Luke Duval, Faith Gillis, Taro Hart, Rosemarie Hayes, Michelle Hufford, Eleanor Jean, Joseph, Germaine Khohayting, Karla Kincade, Jan Lamphere, Grace Lawrence, Frank Lucas, Manda Masse, Warren McGuire, Richard Mogas, Monte Maroevich, Tony, Valerie Milroy, Marie Palleschi, Mark Piatti, Joe Popovich, Stephanie, Steve Schlesselmann, Paul Smith, Rose Tannlund, Tim, Elizabeth Ward, Sibeal Whitty, Camilla Wolfe.

STEWARDSHIP – A WAY OF LIFE

Last Week's Collection: \$ 3,543
Weekly Goal: \$ 5,200
Weekly Average: \$ 4,625

Good stewards strive to conform their lives to that of Christ—emptying themselves of all pride, and putting themselves at the service of others.

ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

Assessed Goal: \$65,200.
Received: \$46,159.

Donated *this week*:
Ed Cunnane

Thanks to all who have contributed.
Together, we can reach our goal.

MEDJUGORJE VIDEOS ON LOCAL CHANNEL 26

Comcast channel 26 in Marin has begun broadcasting a series of 56 half-hour videos which were filmed in Medjugorje; a new video about the reports of Marian Apparitions each Monday at 7pm.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- MON** Life in Christ Series today – 9:30am Hall
CYG Class – Church – 7–8:30pm
CONFESSIONS in Church 7–9pm
- TUE** Y.A.H. Meeting/Lunch – Hall – 11:30am
- WED** Parish School of Religion (PSR) Classes
Grades K-1 Parish Hall
Grades 2-6 in church
3:30pm – 4:45pm
CONFESSIONS in Church 3:30–5pm
Children's Choir Rehearsal - 5pm - Church
- SAT** CONFESSIONS in Church 10:30am—Noon

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, April 9

NO Masses in the morning.

6pm Mass, followed by Adoration until 10pm.

Good Friday, April 10

Noon: Stations of the Cross, Songs, Readings, Meditations on the Passion, Divine Mercy Chaplet.
1:30pm: Solemn Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion.

Holy Saturday, April 11

Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 12

Masses at 7am, 9am, & 11am.

FASTING & ABSTAINING FROM MEAT ON GOOD FRIDAY

Everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to fast and abstain from meat on Good Friday.

Did you know...?

The date for Easter, since the Council of Nicea in A.D. 325, has been the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox (between March 22 and April 25). Catholics and many Eastern Christians celebrate Easter on different days because each follows a different calendar: the Gregorian in the West, and the Julian in the East. The date of Easter determines the dates of other movable feasts, such as the Ascension and Pentecost, as well as the number of weeks before Lent and after Pentecost.

—*Info from the Harper Collins
Encyclopedia of Catholicism*

Please pray for our young people

who are preparing to receive
the **Sacrament of Confirmation** here
from Archbishop Niederauer on the 18th of April.

Jeffrey Arnold	Spenser Harris
Andrew Cresalia	Kayla Kaufman
Nicholas Elsbree	Annie Maguire
Grace Filipski	Kelley Nekota
Jackie Gallegioni	Lucian Traverso

EWTN CATHOLIC TELEVISION HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

EWTN will televise Pope Benedict conducting the following liturgies from Rome: (all Pacific Time)

Palm Sunday Mass April 5 at 5pm
Mass of the Lord's Supper, April 9 at 9pm
Way of the Cross, April 10 at 5pm
Easter Vigil Mass, April 11 at 9pm
Easter Sunday Mass, April 12 at 9am
Easter Message & Blessing, April 12 - 10:30a

And from the National Shrine in Washington, D.C.:

Mass of the Lord's Supper, April 9 at 2:30pm
Easter Vigil Mass, April 11 at 5pm

EWTN is on Comcast 229
Dish Network ch 261
Direct TV ch 370

YOUNG AT HEART NEWS

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 7, at 11:30am

"Serve Yourself" Buffet of sandwiches, salad, and cookies for a nominal fee of \$5/person. Non-members, guests \$7.50 per person.

**Entertainment by Marin Catholic Music Dept.
Info / Reservations: 461-9003 or 461-2735**

JOIN YOUNG AT HEART'S "UP ON THE ROOF" TOUR

Wednesday May 20

Bus leaves St. Sebastian's at 9am and returns at 5pm.

Places to be visited are St. Francis Hotel, Crocker Rooftop Park on Wells Fargo Bank, Yerba Buena Gardens, (Carousel available if you wish to ride it, Hines Building Rooftop Garden, Embarcadero Center 2, Fairmont Hotel Rooftop Garden.

Midway through the tour, lunch will be at Pompei's Gardens. Deadline for reservation or refund is May 13th. If interested call Rosellen 461-9003 or Barbara at 461-2735.

ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

On Good Friday, we will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution supports the struggling Christian community and protects Christianity's holiest places. The Franciscans have been in the Holy Land since the year 1217, walking in Jesus' footsteps, caring for the poor, educating young people, protecting the holy shrines, conducting pastoral ministries, and keeping Christianity alive. Please be generous.

PASSION

The contrast between the processional reading in today's liturgy and the proclamation of the Passion is striking. We are given a glimpse of how profoundly the word of God is fulfilled in Jesus.

First he must be hailed as the Messiah, the One Who Is to Come. He must be acknowledged by all, though they do not know what they are saying. They think he is the promised king, a worldly king of the Jews who will free them from the Roman occupation. They do not yet understand, even the disciples, exactly where this triumphal procession is leading. In our lives, we too do not know where we are going. It is in faith that we can follow Christ wherever he may lead us, trusting that death is not the end, nor evil the victor.

SAINT SEBASTIAN'S BIBLE CAMP

Bible Camp is planned for the week of August 10-15th from 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm here at St. Sebastian's. Activities include Scripture study, catechesis, Eucharistic Adoration, along with related crafts, games, music, and snack time. The week will conclude with Mass and BBQ for all. To pre-register or for more information, please contact Marian Previtali at 479-5316 or Celeste Chapman at 789-9627.

Pre-registration forms will be available in the pews beginning Easter weekend and may be returned in the collection baskets.

TRANSFORMING GRIEF

A spiritual day of retreat for all Marin parishioners who are grieving the loss of a loved one will be held on Sat. April 18 from 9:30am-2:30pm at St. Anselm's McDonald Conference Center located in the school's parking lot on Richmond Ave.

Eucharistic Liturgy will be a part of the day.
Donation \$10. Please bring a brown-bag lunch.
More info call Barbara at 415-614-5506.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY AT ST. SEBASTIAN'S
— APRIL 19 —

Pope John Paul II declared that the Sunday after Easter would henceforth be known as "Divine Mercy Sunday" when he canonized St. Faustina Kowalska in the year 2000.

The Divine Mercy Novena begins here at St. Sebastian's on Good Friday between noon and 1:30pm. We will provide pamphlets with the prayers for all who attend. On each of the following days (except Easter Sunday) the Novena will be prayed at the 3 o'clock hour, along with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

On April 19 (Divine Mercy Sunday), here at St. Sebastian's from 3 – 4 pm we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, pray the Chaplet, and have other devotions, along with a talk and veneration of the image of Jesus, the Divine Mercy. There will also be an opportunity for Confessions, but people may avail themselves of this Sacrament any time within a week before or after in order to obtain the indulgence.

Jesus Himself promised complete forgiveness of sins and punishment on that day, even to the most terrible sinner imaginable. God in His great mercy is giving mankind a last chance for salvation. To get this great promise one must go to Confession and then receive Holy Communion on the Feast on Divine Mercy, or within a week. A Plenary Indulgence for Divine Mercy Sunday was decreed on Aug. 3, 2002.

A WORD ABOUT INDULGENCES

An indulgence is defined as "the remission before God of the temporal punishment due for sins already forgiven as far as their guilt is concerned." The first thing to note is that forgiveness of a sin is *separate* from punishment for the sin. Through sacramental confession we obtain forgiveness, but we aren't let off the hook as far as punishment goes.

Indulgences are of two kinds: partial and plenary. A partial indulgence removes part of the temporal punishment due for sins. A plenary indulgence removes all of it. This punishment may come either in this life, in the form of various sufferings, or in the next life, in purgatory. What we don't get rid of here we suffer there. ... there has never been any way for us to measure how much "good time" [a partial indulgence] represents. All the Church could say, and all it every did say, was that your temporal punishment would be reduced—as God saw fit.

The requirements for a plenary indulgence are tougher than for a partial. ... "it is necessary to perform the work for which the indulgence is attached and to fulfill the following three conditions: sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the intention of the Sovereign Pontiff. It is further required that all attachment to sin, even venial sin, be absent."

The greatest hurdle is the last. Making a good confession is not particularly difficult, and going to Communion and praying for the pope's intention are easier still. It's being free from all attachment to sin that's hard.

—from *What Catholics Really Believe*, by Karl Keating

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GRACE

The "Holy Hour" is given us by the Church not as a law or a set of rules to keep, but as an opportunity for an open encounter with the living God. The suggestions given here for making a Holy Hour are just that – suggestions. There are many other ways to celebrate a Holy Hour: praying a Rosary, praying a Litany of the Divine Praises, devoting specific periods of prayer to particular needs or particular people, taking time for "holy study" and simply finding a good spiritual writer to read, using the time before celebrating the Sacrament of Penance to do an examination of conscience or singing hymns. There are, of course, countless other ways to meet with God. What matters is that your encounter with Him be sincere and prayerful, with a genuine openness to let God just look at you (all of you) as you look at Him, allowing the distance between you to diminish.

11TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC LOBBY DAY

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Sacramento, CA

March with hundreds of California Catholics to visit our legislators in our State Capitol. \$20. includes transportation, lunch, and materials. There will be pick-up sites for bus riders in San Francisco and San Bruno.

For information:

(415) 614-5570 or (415) 614-5572
or email ribeiro@sarchdiocese.org

MARRIAGE FOR LIFE

Engaged couples are invited to view marriage as a Sacrament of our Church. The program is available to all couples, and space is guaranteed. This program satisfies the San Francisco Archdiocese, requirement for marriage preparation. The location is St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco near Japantown. For information, call Joe or Connie D'Aura at 664-8108 or email: daura@ccwear.com.

RETRouvaille

Retrouvaille is a lifeline for marriage. It helps couples through difficult time in their marriage, giving them the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine their lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for a weekend, call 893-1005, or see www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Our New Parish Website

www.sebastian94904.com