

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 10, 2009

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	7AM	Christina Piatti
	9AM	Maybelle Geissberger
Tue	7AM	Jack O'Leary, <i>living</i>
	9AM	Mary Herbert
Wed	7AM	The Medical Profession
	9AM	Mary King
Thu	7AM	Jack O'Leary, <i>living</i>
	9AM	Frances Miller
Fri	7AM	Catherine Moran
	9AM	Rebecca Ward
Sat	7AM	Sal Gumina
	9AM	Kim, Elizabeth, Chris, & Esther, <i>living</i>

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Lorenzo Acciai, Marco Balistreri, MaryAnn Bellia, Bertha, Beverly, Joseph Calleja, Patricia Cane, Charles, Yondellan Coleman, Elizabeth Crowley, Bill & Vladia Cutler, Dick Degan, Doris Doty, Doug, Msgr. Bruce Dreier, Nanette Duffy, Ed, Luke Duval, Faith Gillis, Philip Hansen, Taro Hart, Rosemarie Hayes, Michelle Hufford, Eleanor Jean, Joseph, Germaine Khohayting, Karla Kincade, Jan Lamphere, Frank Lucas, Manda Masse, Warren McGuire, Richard Mogas, Monte Marovich, 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 weekend's collection	\$5,476.
Weekly goal	\$5,200.
Weekly average	\$4,642.

ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

Assessed Goal: \$65,200.
Received: \$50,284.

Donor(s) *this week*: M/M Tony Compagno, Robt. Mc Cullough Jr., Lois Petri

STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

Jesus says that God is glorified when a disciple, grafted in Christ, produces abundantly and bears much fruit. The disciple must then be a good steward of that abundance.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MON Life in Christ Series today – 9:30am Hall
TUE Scripture Class – Parish Hall – 9:30am

LIVING BRANCHES

The Gospel and Second Reading for this Fifth Sunday of Easter emphasize the need for us to remain in Christ, and He in us. This shared life finds expression in the image of the one vine and many branches. We become *living branches* of the vine, members of the Body of Christ, through Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation: Sacraments of sharing God's own life. The First Letter of John describes the fruit of this vine as active love of neighbor: "And his commandment is this: we should believe...and love one another" (1 John 3:23).

Our First Reading from Acts shows us an example of someone who shares in Christ's life in the person of Saint Paul. Paul's fearless witness, even at the risk of his life, is proof to everyone that the risen Lord's Spirit truly fills him with life and is bearing fruit in him.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

St. Sebastian's needs new Altar Servers! We'll train you and welcome you onboard. We once had 26, but now, fewer than a dozen. Parents, please chat with your children and encourage them to apply. Phone Fr. Paul or Fr. Mark at 461-0704 for the one-hour training session.

WORD OF LIFE

Startling advances allowing the reprogramming of *adult stem cells* into embryonic-life cells—hailed by the journal Science as the scientific breakthrough of the year—are said by many scientists to be making embryonic stem cells *irrelevant* to medical progress. Also, "adult" and "cord blood" stem cells are now known to have great versatility, and are increasingly being used to reverse serious illnesses and even help rebuild damaged organs.

—Cardinal Francis George, OMI

MARRIAGE FOR LIFE

Engaged couples are invited to view marriage as Sacrament of our Church. The Archdiocesan-approved program focuses on viewing marriage as: A lifelong commitment; A journey of love and renewal; A relationship that includes Christ; and An integral part of our Church. Upcoming programs are held at St. Mary's Cathedral in SF. Both dates must be attended from 8:30am to 12:30pm. Dates are Saturdays July 18th and 25th; Sept. 12 & 19th. Call 664-8108 or e-mail: daura@ccwear.com.

**A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS
ON MOTHERS' DAY**

Heavenly Father,
You have given each person the
precious gift of having a mother.

Throughout the ages, mothers have
been the unsung heroes of our lives,
content with little things; a smile,
a thank you, a token remembrance.

May all mothers learn from the
example set by Jesus' mother, Mary,
who is our Mother in Heaven.

Let us always remember our mothers
as a treasure which You have given us,
whether they are still with us, or in heaven.

Pour down Your grace on all mothers
today and every day;
and help each one of us to live our lives
based on the good examples,
love and devotion
which we have learned from them.

Amen.

QUIET CONTEMPLATIVE DAY OF PRAYER

With the monks of the Camaldolese Incarnation
Monastery in Berkeley. Wednesday, May 13, from
9:30am-2:30pm at Santa Sabina Center.
Call 457-7727 for information or reservations.

CATHOLIC ADULT SINGLES

We are Catholics, single or single again, who are in-
terested in making new friends, taking part in social
activities, sharing opportunities for spiritual growth
and becoming involved in volunteer projects that
will benefit our parishes, our community, and one
another. We welcome those who would share in this
with us. Info. 897-0639.

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.

Our New Parish Website
www.sebastian94904.com

MARIN CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
is proud to present

“AGING IN PLACE”
A Free Community Forum

Wednesday, May 20, 2009
6:00pm- 7:30pm

at Union Bank of California
850 College Ave., Kentfield

Featured experts will be addressing topics including
Long Term Care, Estate Planning, Financial Elder Abuse,
Downsizing, Hiring a Personal Care Assistant,
Home Modifications, Reverse Mortgages,
and “The Boomers Guide to Aging Parents”

**Complimentary Wine, Champagne
and hors d'oeuvres**

Limited Seating. Call today to reserve your space.

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“UP ON THE ROOF”
WITH YOUNG AT HEART

Wednesday May 20

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

We'll visit 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 1,
Fairmont Hotel Rooftop Garden.

Midway through the tour, lunch will be at Pompei's
Gardens. Reservation deadline is Wed., May 13.

Call Rosellen 461-9003 or Barbara at 461-2735.

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, Eucha-
ristic Adoration, along with related crafts, games,
music, and snack time. The week will conclude with
Mass and BBQ for all. To register or for more infor-
mation, contact Marian Previtali at 479-5316 or
Celeste Chapman at 789-9627.

Pink registration forms may be found in the pews;
when completed, they may be placed in the collec-
tion basket during Mass or sent to the Parish Office.

**May God Bless
All Mothers
Today
And Always.**

**And May the Angels
Guide and Protect You
and Give You Comfort
from God in Heaven.**



**A MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP NIEDERAUER
CONCERNING A MATTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

As you know, there is increasing concern here in California, across the country, and around the world about the current outbreak of flu. We all need to be more conscious of situations in which many people gather and come into close physical contact with one another.

In December, 2003, when the flu season was particularly severe, then-Archbishop Levada ordered a temporary liturgical adaptation in the celebration of Eucharist, in order to support local public health officials in their efforts to limit the spread of the flu. That temporary adaptation was later revoked after the danger had lessened appreciably.

Effective May 1, 2009, and on the advice of medical authorities, I ask that the following liturgical adaptations be adopted in all public Masses celebrated in the Archdiocese of San Francisco until you are notified otherwise:

- Suspend offering Holy Communion under both Species.
- Holy Communion will be distributed only into the hands of communicants; during this time, Holy Communion will not be distributed on the tongue.
- The Sign of Peace should be adapted to allow for a greeting that does not involve shaking hands or touching.
- People should avoid holding hands during the recitation or singing of the Lord's Prayer.
- All who administer Holy Communion are to wash their hands with an alcohol-based anti-bacterial solution, such as Purell, before they administer the Sacrament and afterward as well. This precaution also extends to those who minister to the homebound.

The obligation to participate in Sunday Mass does not hold for those who are seriously ill, and it would be especially prudent for anyone who has flu symptoms to remain at home. For the convenience of those who are homebound, or unable to attend Mass because of illness or infirmity, Mass is broadcast each Sunday morning at 6AM on Channel 20 (cable viewers Channel 13) and Channel 26 (cable viewers Channel 8). [Also, EWTN, Comcast channel 229, broadcasts Sunday Mass *live* at 5AM, and *repeats* it at 9AM and 9PM.]