

June 7, 2009



**Solemnity
of the
Most Holy
Trinity**

**SOME WORDS FROM THE
CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
CONCERNING THE HOLY TRINITY:**

249 From the beginning, the revealed truth of the Holy Trinity has been at the very root of the Church's living faith, principally by means of Baptism. It finds its expression in the rule of baptismal faith, formulated in the preaching, catechesis, and prayer of the Church. Such formulations are already found in the apostolic writings, such as this salutation taken up in the Eucharistic liturgy: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

232 Christians are baptized "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Before receiving the sacrament, they respond to a three-part question when asked to confess the Father, the Son, and the Spirit: "I do." The faith of all Christians rests on the Trinity."

233 Christians are baptized in the *name* of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: not in their *names*, for there is only one God, the almighty Father, his only Son, and the Holy Spirit: the Most Holy Trinity.

234 The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the "hierarchy of the truths of faith." The whole history of salvation is identical with the history of the way and the means by which the one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, reveals himself to men "and reconciles and unites with himself those who turn away from sin."

237 The Trinity is a mystery of faith in the strict sense, one of the "mysteries that are hidden in God, which can never be known unless they are revealed by God." To be sure, God has left traces of his Trinitarian being in his work of creation and in his Revelation throughout the Old Testament. But his inmost Being as Holy Trinity is a mystery that is inaccessible to reason alone or even to Israel's faith before the Incarnation of God's Son and the sending of the Holy Spirit.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| Mon | 7AM | Sean Purtell, <i>living</i> |
| | 9AM | Government Officials, <i>living</i> |
| Tue | 7AM | John J. Taheny, Jr. |
| | 9AM | Kevin & Fannie Hutchinson |
| Wed | 7AM | J.J. Pepito, <i>living</i> |
| | 9AM | Kevin Hutchinson |
| Thu | 7AM | Kevin Hutchinson, & Imelda Hutchinson, <i>living</i> |
| | 9AM | Nick Calvano & Fam, <i>living</i> |
| Fri | 7AM | Robert Shepherd |
| | 9AM | Allison & Tom Keaney, <i>living</i> |
| Sat | 7AM | Allison Keaney, <i>living</i> |
| | 9AM | Nate Calvano, <i>living</i> |

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lorenzo Acciai, Ken Anderson, 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, Sue Marie Jones, Joseph, Germaine Kho-haying, Karla Kincade, Jan Lamphere, Frank Lucas, Manda Masse, Warren McGuire, Richard Mogas, M.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

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| Last weekend's collection | \$3,873. |
| Weekly goal | \$5,200. |
| Weekly average | \$4,612. |

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

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| Assessed Goal: | \$65,200. |
| Received: | \$52,309. |

127 Families have given, out of 496 registered.

We are counting on you!

Please do your fair share
for our parish and the archdiocese.

We need *your* response to this annual appeal.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Today: 1st Sunday Cenacle of Prayer — 3pm

Mon “Life in Christ” - Parish Hall—9:30am

Tues Scripture Class – Parish Hall – 9:30am

BE A HERO—GIVE BLOOD

Today, Sunday June 7th from 7:45am-1:00pm you can donate blood at St. Patrick's Church Hall, 409 Magnolia Ave (Across from Larkspur Fire Station). Info: Steve at 948-5904.

S.F. INTERNATIONAL MARIAN CONFERENCE

The Annual Marian Conference will be held on July 3-5th at Crowne Plaze Hotel Conference Center, 1221 Chess Drive, in Foster City. The Theme: “Mary Mother of Christ”. Seven International speakers, Marian Eucharistic & Charismatic Devotions, Youth & Children's programs, Healing Services. Information & Registration: 800-456-4197, or e-mail: srm.inc@juno.com.

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF OUR FAITH

Today is a day simply to ponder the fact that in baptism we were claimed by God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The first reading from Deuteronomy prompts us to fix in our hearts the truth that God is the Lord of both heaven and earth and there is no other god. Saint Paul reminds us that, because we received the Spirit of adoption in baptism, we are now children of God. In the Gospel, Jesus charges us with the responsibility to make other disciples. These realities make today's solemnity a day of praise, adoration, and *responsibility*. It is a fitting day to thank God for the absolutely free gift of faith that we were given in baptism. It is also a day to ask God for strength to take on the responsibility of *sharing* that faith with others.

STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

Today's second reading reminds us that we are the adopted sons and daughters—the heirs—of God. We are being good stewards for our inheritance when we share our faith and fulfill our Lord's command to “go...and make disciples of all nations.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

St. Sebastian's needs new Altar Servers! Parents, please chat with your children and encourage them to apply. We'll train them and welcome them aboard. As young ones grow, our numbers diminish, so please phone Fr. Paul or Fr. Mark at 461-0704.

ELISSA GAUDIANI SCHOLARSHIP

Last December, Elissa Gaudiani, daughter of Vera Gaudiani and a parishioner of St. Sebastian's Church, passed away at an early age. In her memory, the Gaudiani family has offered a scholarship to a Catholic College. The first recipients of the Elissa Gaudiani Memorial Scholarship are Celina Al-asfour and Sean Purtell, who will both enter St. Mary's College in Moraga as freshmen this Fall. May God bless Elissa Gaudiani, and our thanks go to her family for assisting these two worthy recipients in furthering their Catholic education.

WORD OF LIFE

The teaching that the Church ceaselessly proclaims does not change with the passing of time: human life is beautiful and should be lived to the full, even when it is weak and enveloped in the mystery of suffering.

—Pope Benedict XVI



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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

One of the great treasures of the Eastern tradition is the icon of the Holy Trinity by the Russian iconographer Andrei Rublev in the 1400s. The Trinity is symbolized by the three travelers to the tent of Abraham and Sarah. They are seated at a table blessing a cup of wine, under the oak of Mamre. If one looks closely, a sacrificed calf can be seen in the chalice, reminding the viewer of the cross. The table, prepared for eating and tilted toward the viewer, is an invitation to the Eucharist. From left to right, each figure is keyed to a person of the Trinity. Equals in proportion and dignity, they each carry staffs to symbolize their power, and are shown with golden wings and halos. Today, the best place to see Rublev's work is the Holy Trinity Cathedral, at the heart of the vast Holy Trinity Monastery about an hour from Moscow. After de-cades of persecution, it is now once again a living monastery, a world heritage site, and the spiritual home of Russian orthodoxy. A Google visit is highly recommended today!

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.

CATHOLIC ADULT SINGLES

We are Catholics, single or single again, who are interested 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.

Our New Parish Website

www.sebastian94904.com

AN OPPORTUNITY OF GRACE

The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is given to 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 for making a visit, praying the Rosary, praying the Litany of the Divine Praises, making a Holy Hour, 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 the Blessed Sacrament or to make an examination of conscience, or just sitting there. 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. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed Monday through Friday from 7:30am until late afternoon in our Adoration Chapel. Surely you can find some time to spend before the Blessed Sacrament!