

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
December 13, 2009

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon 7AM Jean O'Brien  
9AM Marina S. de Castañeda

Tue 7AM Stan & Fran Conway  
9AM Filomena Ranuio

Wed 7AM Piatti Family, *living*  
9AM Eva S. de Nanfi

Thu 7AM Sally Scarpino  
9AM Mae O'Sullivan

Fri 7AM Emma & Bud Bradley  
9AM Angus Whitty

Sat 7AM Lazio, Alioto, & Cincotta, *dec.*  
9AM Rosa Iachino

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Lorenzo Acciai, Ken Anderson, Sally Arango, Marco Balistreri, Charles Bellia, Bertha, Madison Bostow, Joseph Calleja, Patricia Cane, Charles, Yondellan Coleman, Elizabeth Crowley, Bill & Vladia Cutler, Dick Degan, Doris Doty, Doug, Nanette Duffy, Ed, Luke Duval, Faith Gillis, Eileen Harriman, Taro Hart, Rosemarie Hayes, Joseph, Germaine Khohayting, Jeanne Killian, Karla Kincade, Jan Lamphere, Manda Masse, Warren McGuire, Richard Mogas, Monte Maroevich, Tony, Valerie Milroy, Mark Piatti, Bertha Ponce de Leon, Joe Popovich, Stephanie, Steve Schlesselmann, Mary Ann Smith, Rose Tannlund, Tim, Elizabeth Ward, Sibeal Whitty, & Camilla Wolfe.

**STEWARDSHIP – A WAY OF LIFE**

Last weekend's collection	\$ 5,203.
Weekly goal	\$ 5,200.
Weekly average	\$ 4,261.

**STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK**

Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same."  
(Luke 3:11)



**PRAYERS FOR THE ADVENT WREATH**

**Week 3**

Let us pray. We humbly beg You, O Lord, to listen to our prayers; and by the grace of Your coming, bring light into our darkened minds. You live and reign for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Week 4**

Let us pray. Stir up Your might, we pray You, O Lord, and come; rescue us through Your great strength so that salvation, which has been hindered by our sins, may be hastened by the grace of Your gentle mercy. You live and reign for ever and ever. *Amen.*

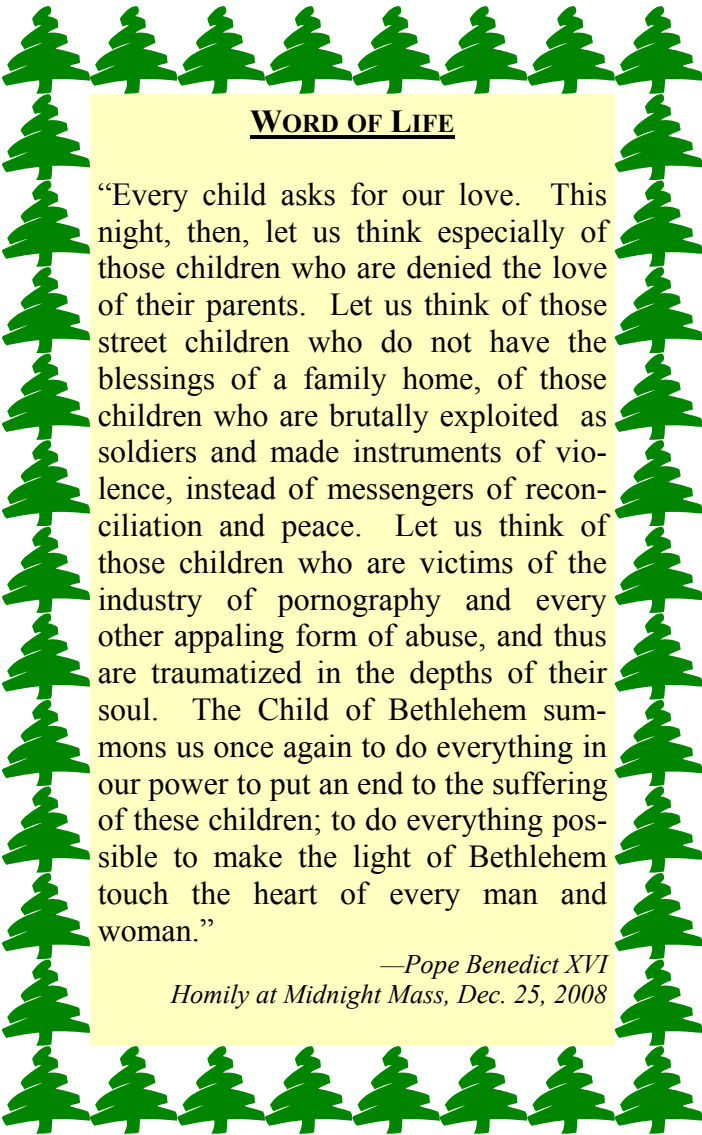
**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CAROLS  
ON THE ORGAN WITH FR. PAUL PERRY**

Tuesday, December 15  
Here at St. Sebastian's in the morning & evening  
9:30AM (after morning Mass) and again at  
7:30PM (after Adoration prayers).  
The prayerful program will run a half hour.  
All are welcome!

PARISH BULLETINS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE  
ON ST. SEBASTIAN'S WEBSITE:  
[www.sebastian94904.com](http://www.sebastian94904.com)



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**WORD OF LIFE**

“Every child asks for our love. This night, then, let us think especially of those children who are denied the love of their parents. Let us think of those street children who do not have the blessings of a family home, of those children who are brutally exploited as soldiers and made instruments of violence, instead of messengers of reconciliation and peace. Let us think of those children who are victims of the industry of pornography and every other appalling form of abuse, and thus are traumatized in the depths of their soul. The Child of Bethlehem summons us once again to do everything in our power to put an end to the suffering of these children; to do everything possible to make the light of Bethlehem touch the heart of every man and woman.”

—Pope Benedict XVI  
*Homily at Midnight Mass, Dec. 25, 2008*

**ST. SEBASTIAN’S “GIVING TREE”**

We are grateful to all of you who have taken tags from the “Giving Tree” to help students at Hanna Boys Center and St. Vincent’s School for Boys. Please return your wrapped gift or gift certificate—with the tag attached—as soon as possible so that the child will receive it in time for Christmas.



The Hanna Boys Center kids also appreciate Rosaries and other religious objects not only during this season but *all during the year*. If you have such items you’d like the boys to have, please drop them off at the rectory and they’ll be forwarded to them.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

of St. Sebastian’s asks for donations of **New Socks & Underwear.** These gifts for those in need may be placed in the barrels at the doors of the church.  
Thank You!

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT — REJOICE!**

Today, the Third Sunday of Advent, is traditionally referred to as Gaudete Sunday. This is the Advent Sunday of joy. Today’s first reading, responsorial psalm, and second reading call us to express joy in three ways. We are summoned to “shout for joy” (Zephaniah 3:14), to “cry out with joy” (Isaiah 12:6), and to “rejoice in the Lord always” (Philippians 4:4). Expressing Christian joy is quite distinct from the kind of joy we express, for instance, when our favorite sports team wins an important game. That kind of joy is fleeting. Christian joy is an inner peace and spiritual happiness that is developed throughout our lives and sustains us even when we struggle. It is the kind of joy that is infectious. Others can tell that there is simply something different about us. Let us rejoice this day, for to us shall come Emmanuel.

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Gaudete (“Rejoice”) sets a tone of joyful expectation for the Lord’s birth and Second Coming, as does the permitted use of rose-colored vestments.

**6TH ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE—WEST COAST**

Mark your calendars: Saturday, January 23, 2010 Join St. Sebastian’s parishioners and upwards of 25,000 Pro-Life Walkers for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Life in San Francisco, and peacefully proclaim the message that abortion *hurts* women and that they deserve better than abortion.

**[www.walkforlifewc.com](http://www.walkforlifewc.com)**

To volunteer or to arrange buses call 586-1576 or e-mail questions to **[info@walkforlifewc.com](mailto:info@walkforlifewc.com)**

**FINAL CORRECTION:**

**THE DATE FOR CONFIRMATION**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered to our Confirmation Youth Group here at Saint Sebastian Church on Sunday, April 11, 2010 at the 11:00am Mass by Bishop William Justice.



## Christmas Masses

### Christmas Eve

Thursday - December 24  
5pm Children's Pageant  
5:30 pm Vigil Mass  
9 pm Vigil Mass

### Christmas Day

Friday - December 25  
7am, 9am, and 11am Masses

### New Year's Eve

4:30pm Holy Hour  
5:15pm Benediction  
5:30 pm Mass

### New Year's Day

9am Mass

January 1, 2010  
is not a Holyday of Obligation.