

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 7, 2010

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	7AM	Frank & Angela Lucas
	9AM	Emma & Bud Bradley
Tue	7AM	Mary Ann Bellia
	9AM	Valerie Droulers, <i>living</i>
Wed	7AM	Carl Vizcaino
	9AM	Dolores Cunnane
Thu	7AM	Ted Taheny, <i>living</i>
	9AM	Marie Palleschi
Fri	7AM	Medical Professionals, <i>living</i>
	9AM	Mary King
Sat	7AM	Priests, <i>living & deceased</i>
	9AM	Marianne & Harold Caulfied, <i>living</i>
	5PM	Elissa Gaudiani

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

STEWARDSHIP – A WAY OF LIFE

Last weekend's collection	\$ 4,219.
Weekly <i>goal</i>	\$ 5,200.
Weekly <i>average</i>	\$ 4,284.

WHEN USING SUNDAY ENVELOPES...

Please print your Last Name on the envelope to ensure that your donation is properly credited to your record.

PARISH BULLETINS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE
ON ST. SEBASTIAN'S WEBSITE:
www.sebastian94904.com

CENACLE OF PRAYER

TODAY

3 to 4pm
Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament,
Rosary, Meditation, & Benediction
Spend an hour here with Our Lord.



NEXT SUNDAY IS "COFFEE SUNDAY"

Don't "run off" next Sunday, but be sure to come to the Parish Hall after the 7am, 9am, or 11am Mass and visit with fellow parishioners who look forward to seeing you there!

"Coffee Sunday" is scheduled for the second Sunday of every month.

WORDS ABOUT LIFE

"What allows the injustice and pain of abortion to continue unabated? What shields the horror of the abortion practice from scrutiny and exposure? Lies. Whole webs of deceit. Mountains of evasions and a cultural elite who know, but don't want to know, the truth."

—Fr. Thomas King, S.J.
former Georgetown Univ. professor

STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

In today's readings, both Isaiah and Peter hear the call of God and feel themselves unworthy. But, reassured by the Lord, both answer and follow. Do I hear the Lord asking, "Whom shall I send?" Am I prepared to answer, "Here I am. Send me!" ?

ORGAN CONCERT BY FR. PAUL PERRY

Fr. Paul will offer his next organ concert here on **February 21st**, at 12:20PM. The one-hour program, with commentary, offers works of Bach, Andre Campra, William Boyce, Verdi, Tchaikowsky, Gordon Young, Richard Purvis, Leon Boellmann, Chopin, Karg-Elert, and others.

No admission charge.

You are all welcome to attend!

This "all-memory" concert will be repeated on March 7 at St. Isabella's in Terra Linda.

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

In today's Gospel passage, Simon Peter finds himself in the presence of holiness when Jesus gives him a miraculous catch of fish. Simon Peter and the others were *astonished* at the number of fish! Instantly recognizing the holiness of Jesus, Simon Peter says, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."

Why would he say that?

The power of Jesus over nature gave the apostles a glimpse into the *divinity* of Jesus. When Peter, a fisherman who has caught nothing all night long follows the directions of Jesus and catches more fish than he ever *dreamt* of catching, he feels great un-worthiness, but Jesus reassures him: "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."

Returning to shore, the fishermen leave everything and follow Jesus. There would be no turning back! Later, when Jesus speaks about His flesh being the "Bread of Life", many of his disciples, finding that saying hard to accept, no longer follow him. Jesus asks the apostles if they, too, will leave him, and Peter speaks for them all: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life."

Peter speaks for each and every one of us—today, and always, because too many people no longer follow Jesus, they leave the Church He founded when they hear something which they consider difficult to accept.

Can you imagine being in the presence of God as Simon Peter was—and as *we* are whenever we are in front of the tabernacle—and then deciding that we like life better *without* Him? Can we really live without the Sacraments? Does any *other* church have the God-given teaching authority of the Church that Jesus founded and of which we are members? No!

The fishermen in today's Gospel *left everything* and followed Jesus. They never turned back! They were weak, they would still be afraid. Even Peter would—for a short time—deny knowing Jesus out of fear. But they would go all the way to death (as many of them *did*) to witness to the truth.

Have we decided to follow Jesus for the rest of our lives? Or will we stay only as long as we feel comfortable, and leave if we find any difficult teachings?

Most Reverend William Justice

Cordially extends an invitation
to all married couples of Northern California to a

Solemn Mass and Renewal of Vows

February 27

St. Mary's Cathedral

Special honor will be shown
to those who are celebrating their
25th, 50th, or 50+ Wedding Anniversary

Register online at www.SFfamilylife.com
or call the Parish Office

SPAGHETTI DINNER

ST. SEBASTIAN PARISH FUNDRAISER

Saturday, February 27, 2010

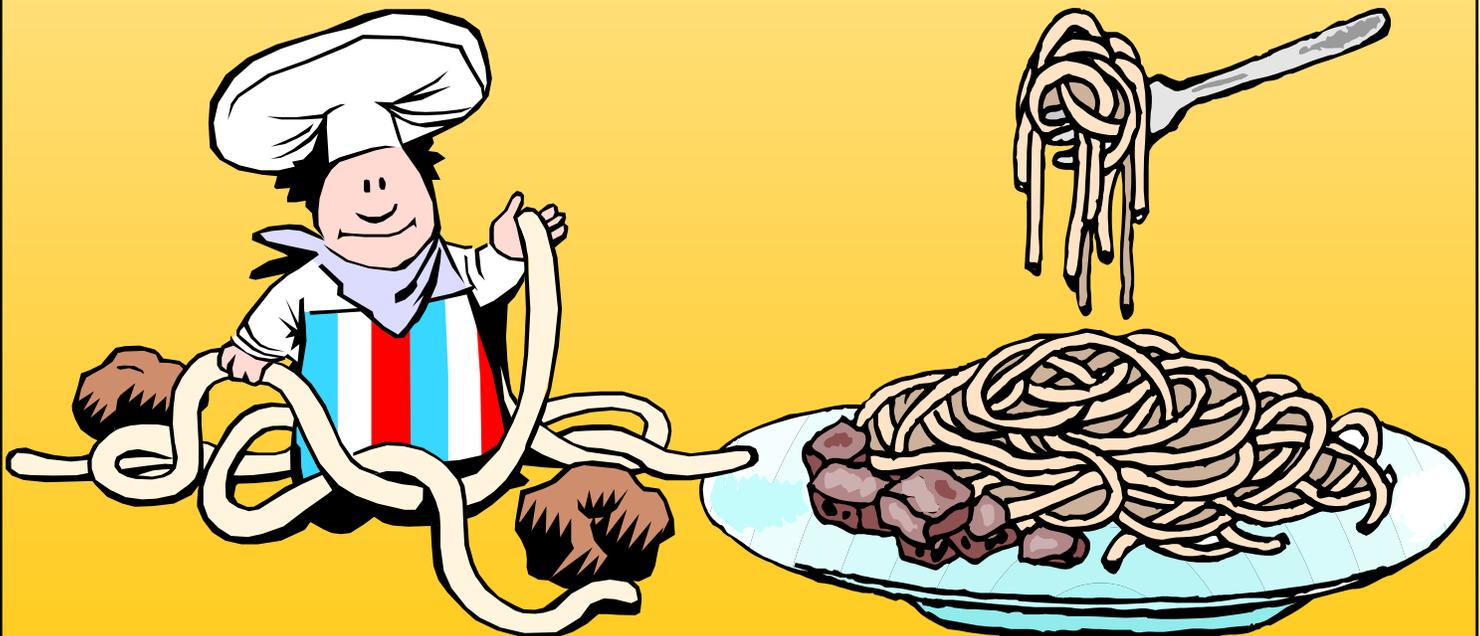
6:00pm (*after 5pm Mass*)

**Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Wine
Ice Cream & Toppings for Dessert**

\$50./Family \$20./Person \$15./Seniors

If you would like to attend, but can't afford it,
please call the Parish Office.

If you would like to attend, but need a ride,
please call the Parish Office.



***Fr. Ken Westray will be here to cook!
Your attendance is requested & appreciated!***

**SOME WORDS from the CATECHISM
about the SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION**

Baptism, the Eucharist, and the sacrament of Confirmation together constitute the "sacraments of Christian initiation," whose unity must be safeguarded. It must be explained to the faithful that the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. For "by the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed." ...

The imposition of hands is rightly recognized by the Catholic tradition as the origin of the sacrament of Confirmation, which in a certain way perpetuates the grace of Pentecost in the Church. ...

Very early, the better to signify the gift of the Holy Spirit, an anointing with perfumed oil (*chrism*) was added to the laying on of hands. This anointing highlights the name "Christian," which means "anointed" and derives from that of Christ himself whom God "anointed with the Holy Spirit." ...The term *Confirmation* suggests that this sacrament both confirms baptism and strengthens baptismal grace.

Like Baptism which it completes, Confirmation is given only once, for it too imprints on the soul an *indelible spiritual mark*, the "character," which is the sign that Jesus Christ has marked a Christian with the seal of his Spirit by clothing him with power from on high so that he may be his witness.

***The Sacrament of Confirmation
will be administered to our young people here
on April 11, 2010 by Bishop William Justice.***