

# ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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## Ascension of the Lord May 16, 2010



...as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.

While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them.

They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

*Acts of the Apostles Chapter 1, verses 9-11*

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening .... 5 PM  
Sundays ..... 7AM, 9AM, & 11AM  
Monday - Saturday . 7AM & 9AM

### CONFESSIONS

Saturdays..... 3:30 - 4:30 PM

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## ASCENSION OF THE LORD

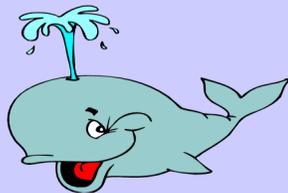
### MASS INTENTIONS FOR MAY 17—22

Mon	7AM	Sal Gumina
	9AM	Elizabeth, <i>living</i> ; Martin, †
Tue	7AM	Brianna Lampe, <i>living</i>
	9AM	Grace O'Donnell
Wed	7AM	Fely Malonzo Bondoc
	9AM	Nancy Hoffman
Thu	7AM	Stan & Fran Conway
	9AM	Jenny Heiser
Fri	7AM	Ruth Wess
	9AM	Vera Gaudiani, <i>living</i>
Sat	7AM	Emma & Bud Bradley
	9AM	Mary King

### THANK YOU FOR KEEPING THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

Whale of a Sale  
BAKE SALE!



If you are donating  
Baked Goods  
for the Whale of a Sale,  
please bring them  
to the Parish Hall on Friday, May 21.

## CATHOLIC LEGISLATIVE NETWORK

Today has been designated "Life & Dignity" Sunday by the bishops of California.

If you use email, please join the Catholic Legislative Network by visiting [www.cacatholic.org](http://www.cacatholic.org)

The Network will be used to notify us about current events and upcoming legislative actions enabling us to contact our legislators quickly and easily to let them know how their Catholic constituents want to be represented.

We want to thank the following people who have contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, but who have not yet been acknowledged in our bulletin:

Carole Colucci

Andra Dhein

Patricia Leahy

Mr./Mrs. Albert Massucco

T.J. Tison

Mr./Mrs. John Warner

Please give to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

We are very close to reaching our goal, and whatever funds we receive above our assessment are returned to the parish for our use.

### STEWARDSHIP – A WAY OF LIFE

Last weekend	\$ 4,572.
Weekly goal	\$ 5,200.
Weekly average	\$ 4,255.

### DOMINICAN HERITAGE ROOM

The Dominican Sisters of San Rafael welcome you and your friends to visit their Heritage Room with its stories and artifacts spanning 160 years in California and 120 years in Marin County. It's open the first and third Tuesdays of June thru September, 10 am – 2 pm. 1520 Grand Avenue between Acacia and Locust Avenues in San Rafael. Questions: call 453-8303.

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Have you tuned-in yet?



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sharing the heart of the Christian faith

Today, we celebrate our Lord's Ascension into Heaven, and next Sunday we'll celebrate Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the Church. Jesus says: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses.. to the ends of the earth."



Wisdom is one of the great gifts of the Holy Spirit which we receive in the Sacrament of Confirmation. God *chooses* the weak of this world to shame the strong. The wisdom of *this world*—a world that doesn't believe in God—is foolishness to God. And we have wisdom *not from this world*—rather, it's a gift from God—and we pray that each of us will *go forth* to teach the nations about God's love for each and every human being. Teach them that God *became* a human being. Teach them that Jesus, always faithful to his Father, is the *example* for all of us of what a *perfect* human being is.

And his mother Mary, a creature of God, also shows us the perfection of humanity. She who trusted God in everything, who took care of the child Jesus from the first moment of his conception in her womb, who was *full of grace*, is also *our* mother, and we are her children! Just as parents are happy when their child acts in rightly, so Our Lady smiles over us, too, when we are doing what her Son, Jesus, wants us to do. At the wedding feast in Cana, Our Lady told the servants: "Do whatever he tells you." And Jesus worked his first miracle that day: The servants filled the jars with water, as

Jesus had directed, and he changed it into the finest wine. Jesus still works miracles of grace. He tell us to let our light shine before others, so that all the nations will come to know him. If we do what he tells us, he will strengthen weak hearts and give hope to those who are in despair. He will work miracles just as he did at Cana in Galilee.

When we *act* according to our Catholic faith, passed down from the Apostles, we give hope to the world so that it can be healed of the wounds of sin and division and the terrible disrespect for life that has caused so much grief for too long.

May God keep us always strong in our faith, always in union with the Catholic Church so that we will be saints! We have received power from on high; let us be glad to be in Communion with the Saints in the love of God which surrounds us, preserve that unity, and be the Lord's witnesses in the world today, which is the great commission we receive as the Lord ascends to his heavenly Father.

### FROM A DISCOURSE ON THE PSALMS BY SAINT AUGUSTINE, BISHOP

Our thoughts in this present life should turn on the praise of God, because it is in praising God that we shall rejoice for ever in the life to come; and no one can be ready for the next life unless he trains himself for it now. So we praise God during our earthly life, and at the same time we make our petitions to him. Our praise is expressed with joy, our petitions with yearning. We have been promised something we do not yet possess, and because the promise was made by one who keeps his word, we trust him and are glad; but insofar as possession is delayed, we can only long and yearn for it. It is good for us to persevere in longing until we receive what was promised, and yearning is over; then praise alone will remain.

Because there are these two periods of time—the one that now is, beset with the trials and troubles of this life, and the other yet to come, a life of everlasting serenity and joy—we are given two liturgical seasons, one before Easter and the other after. The season before Easter signifies the troubles in which we live here and now, while the time after Easter which we are celebrating at present signifies the happiness that will be ours in the future. What we commemorate before Easter is what we experience in this life; what we celebrate after Easter points to something we do not yet possess. This is why we keep the first season with fasting and prayer; but now the fast is over and we devote the present season to praise. Such is the meaning of the *Alleluia* we sing.

Both these periods are represented and demonstrated for us in Christ our head. The Lord's passion depicts for us our present life of trial—shows how we must suffer and be afflicted and finally die. The Lord's resurrection and glorification show us the life that will be given to us in the future.

Now, therefore, brethren, we urge you to praise God. That is what we are telling each other when we say *Alleluia*. You say to your neighbor, "Praise the Lord!" and he says the same to you. We are all urging one another to praise the Lord, and all thereby doing what each of us urges the other to do. But see that your praise come from your whole being; in other words, see that you praise God not with your lips and voices alone, but with your minds, your lives and all your actions.

We are praising God now, assembled as we are here in church; but when we go our various ways again, it seems as if we cease to praise God. But provided we do not cease to live a good life, we shall always be praising God. You cease to praise God only when you swerve from justice and from what is pleasing to God. If you never turn aside from the good life, your tongue may be silent but your actions will cry aloud, and God will perceive your intentions; for as our ears hear each other's voices, so do God's ears hear our thoughts.

### PENTECOST AT ST. ANSELM'S

The experience of Pentecost that is so explicit in Acts of the Apostles is presented in all of the Gospels and in the Letters of St Paul, and in all the New Testament in symbolic but real ways as well.

St. Anselm Church invites you to a special presentation about Pentecost given by Fr. Joe Boenzi on Tuesday, May 25, 7:30pm, in the church, 97 Shady Lane, Ross.

This session will identify significant texts in the Scripture that highlight the experience of the Holy Spirit "filling the hearts of the faithful", and will look at how the Church in the present era has become more conscious of the Spirit continually at work to "renew the face of the earth".

Fr Joe Boenzi is a Salesian of Don Bosco, holding a Doctorate in Sacred Theology; he is a professor of theology at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology in Berkeley.

### LES PETIT CHANTEURS OF AIX EN PROVENCE

This wonderful vocal group is returning to Marin County July 7 for three nights, their fourth visit in 20 years, and if you've heard them in the past, you know that they are truly delightful.

We hope that our parishioners and friends will be as open-hearted as in the past in providing housing for them for three nights, provide breakfast and two dinners, and get them to the parking lot in time for their sightseeing tour bus each morning. Speaking French is not required!

They will perform at Sts. Peter & Paul in SF on July 8, and here at St. Sebastian on Friday, July 9, at 8pm.

If you are interested in participating, call Donna Boyd at 453-3383. If past experiences are any indication, you'll be glad that you did!