

# ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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**Pentecost Sunday May 23, 2010**

## 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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## PENTECOST

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR MAY 24—29

Mon	7AM	Herm Schlesselmann
	9AM	Emile Peyre
Tue	7AM	Emma & Bud Bradley, & Lorri
	9AM	Tarrant Family, <i>living &amp; dec'd</i>
Wed	7AM	Caroline Lampe, <i>living</i>
	9AM	Fran & Stan Conway
Thu	7AM	Theodore Schultz
	9AM	Jim Staats
Fri	7AM	Ed Lampe, <i>living</i>
	9AM	Vera Gaudiani, <i>living</i>
Sat	7AM	Fr. Dennis McManus
	9AM	Nancy Hoffman

### 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.

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## PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

I am going to reveal to you the secret of sanctity and happiness. Every day for five minutes control your imagination and close your eyes to the things of sense and your ears to all the noises of the world, in order to enter into yourself. Then in the sanctity of your baptized soul, (which is the Temple of the Holy Spirit) speak to that Divine Spirit, saying to Him:

**O Holy Spirit,  
Beloved of my soul,  
Enlighten me, Guide me,  
Strengthen me, Console me.  
Tell me what I should do.  
Give me Your orders.  
I promise to submit myself  
to all that You desire of me  
and to accept  
all that You permit to happen to me.  
Let me only know Your will.  
Amen.**

If you do this, your life will flow along happily, serenely and full of consolation, even in the midst of trials. Grace will be proportioned to the trial, giving you the strength to carry it and you will arrive at the gates of Paradise, laden with merit. This submission to the Holy Spirit is the secret of sanctity.

—Cardinal Mercier (1851-1926)

## STEWARDSHIP – A WAY OF LIFE

Last weekend	\$ 3,942.
Weekly goal	\$ 5,200.
Weekly average	\$ 4,248.

## PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH

The third precept of the Church is “You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season.” Today, most Catholics receive the Eucharist at every Mass they attend, but it wasn't always so. Since the Sacrament of Holy Communion binds us to Christ and to our fellow Christians, the Church requires us to receive it at least once each year, sometime between Palm Sunday and Trinity Sunday (the Sunday after Pentecost Sunday).



### **CROSSROADS PRO-LIFE WALKS ACROSS AMERICA**

In May, college students, like those pictured above who visited our parish last year, walk across our country as witnesses to the dignity of human life.

There are three different walking routes (North, Central, & South) which all begin here on the West Coast, and end up in our nation's capital, Washington, D.C. in mid-August.

Some of these walkers and their support team will visit St. Sebastian's and other nearby parishes to share a few words with us before they begin what is truly a sacrificial pilgrimage (three months of walking in the hot and cold and windy and wet, over mountains and across plains). They depend upon our encouragement and prayerful support, and we are blessed by their witness to life.

The website: [www.crossroadswalk.com](http://www.crossroadswalk.com) has a video from last year's walk, along with maps and information. Check it out.

May God bless them, those who provide them hospitality from town-to-town, and all those who will see their "Pro Life" shirts and be moved to embrace the gift of Life.

### **"TRANSFORMING GRIEF" at ST. GABRIEL'S**

is a day of spiritual retreat for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. It is being offered by Barbara Elordi, Ministry of Consolation Coordinator for the Archdiocese,

Saturday, June 12, 9:30am — 2:30pm

St. Gabriel's, 38th Ave. at Ulloa, San Francisco

Call Barbara Elordi to register: 614-5506.



### **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 in July for their fourth visit in 20 years, and if you've heard them in the past, you know that they are truly delightful.

**They will perform here at St. Sebastian on Friday, July 9, at 8pm.**

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!

**If you are interested in participating, call Donna Boyd at 453-3383.**

## PENTECOST & THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit came at Pentecost like a strong driving wind and appeared as tongues of flame, enabling the apostles to speak so that *everyone* could understand about the marvels of God.

The Holy Spirit—even today—blows like the wind, moving people to respond to whatever God may be calling them to do, or to go wherever God would like them to go. In the Sacrament of Confession, the words of absolution say that “God sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins.” The Holy Spirit reminds us of all that Jesus taught us, and helps us *understand* what it is that God wants to tell us.

The only problem is that we may allow ourselves to become *obstacles* to the Spirit through a mis-use of the freedom God gave us. For instance, at Mass, we hear the Word of the Lord, but our open-ness to God will be diminished if we’ve just rushed to church with our minds distracted by having watched TV just before Mass. Or if we’re angry about something and we’re sitting in the pew, stewing over whatever has upset us, we probably will not *hear* God speaking to us. On the other hand, we may have had the experience of being distracted at Mass, but then the readings or the priest’s homily seemed to have “hit” us, or seem to have been written with our present situation in mind. *That’s* the Spirit!

Saint Paul says: “Do not extinguish the Spirit!” We live in exciting times! The Holy Spirit led Jesus out into the desert to be tempted, immediately after his baptism in the Jordan by John the Baptist. Jesus won the spiritual battle. He never sinned. He is the light of the world. And he told *us*: “*You* are the light of the world.” And we *are*—as long as we do not extinguish the Spirit! Today we have our own spiritual battles. We are tempted. Sometimes we sin. But God sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins.” Our greatest happiness will be to have always responded to the movements of the Holy Spirit in our life as faithfully as we can. And our temptations will always be to try to be *free* of whatever it is that God wants of us. But that’s not freedom—that’s the *slavery* of sin. God knows our distractions. He knows our worries. He knows our problems, our illnesses, our habits, our fears, our sins. And still, He has *chosen* us to go out and bear fruit that will last in eternal life—in heaven. He loves us even if we aren’t all that lovable. And God will breathe his Spirit into us anyway and use each of us to do marvelous things for the kingdom of Heaven.



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