

ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER 26, 2010

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**The Story
of the
Rich Man
and
Lazarus,
the Beggar**

Luke 16:19-31

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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MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPT. 27.—OCT. 2

Mon 7AM Suzie Siewe
9AM Rev. Gearoid O'Sullivan

Tue 7AM Patrick O'Connor, *living*
9AM Rich Ongaro

Wed 7AM Joe Jachetta
9AM Rev. Louis Robello

Thu 7AM Herman Schlesselmann
9AM Alice McNamee

Fri 7AM Terry Haddad, *living*
9AM Martin

Sat 7AM Herm Schlesselmann
9AM Unbelievers

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Albert, Angela, Bertha, Doug, Elizabeth, Joseph, Kristen, Michael, Patrick, Tony, Stephanie, Tim, Carol Abraham, Lorenzo Acciai, Sally Arango, Nicholas Arenas, Marco Balistreri, Ivy Batmale, Madison Bostow, Nicole & Sean Burke, Lori Cohen, Yondellan Coleman, Elizabeth Cook, Elizabeth Crowley, Doris Doty, Nanette Duffy, Luke Duval, Tom & Eileen Harriman, Taro Hart, James Harvey, Rosemarie Hayes, Chiara Iulucci, Germaine Khohaying, Jeanne Killian, Joe Lazor, Manda Masse, Gino Mazzenatto, Warren McGuire, Richard Mogas, Monte Maroevich, Valerie Milroy, Gary Parlapiano, Mark Piatti, Bertha Ponce de Leon, Joe Popovich, Kylie Richardson, Peggy Roth, Steve Schlesselmann, Mary Lou Smith, Paul Smith, Ted Taheny, Rose Tannlund, Larry Ulin, Elizabeth Ward, Jeannette Weiss, Sibeal Whitty, & Camilla Wolfe.

STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

The sin of the rich man in today's parable was not that he was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at his gate. He knew Lazarus, perhaps walked by him every time he came in or out, but did nothing to relieve his suffering. Is there a Lazarus in my life? What am I doing to help?

STEWARDSHIP

Last weekend	\$ 3,911.
Weekly goal	\$ 5,200.
Weekly average	\$ 4,342.

CENACLE OF PRAYER

NEXT SUNDAY

3 to 4pm
Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament,
Rosary, Meditation, & Benediction

Spend an hour here with Our Lord.



NEW LECTORS NEEDED

We are seeking Lectors to read the Scriptures and Prayers on Saturday at 5pm Mass as well as Sunday at 7am Mass, one Mass per month. Contact Nancy at the Parish Office at 461-0704.

CATHOLIC MARIN BREAKFAST CLUB

Friday, October 1, following the 7 a.m. Mass
Speaker: Professor Tom Cavanaugh, Ph.D.

Tom Cavanaugh is a Professor of Philosophy at the University of San Francisco, and teaches medical ethics to nursing, pre-med, and other undergraduates. He publishes regularly on that topic in academic journals. In 2006, Oxford University published his book Double-effect Reasoning: Doing Good and Avoiding Evil. More recently, he has been writing and lecturing about medical professionals and institutions conscientiously objecting to anti-life practices. He lives in Marin with his wife Bonnie (a nurse) and son Thomas. He is an active member of the Knights of Columbus, and attends Mass here at St. Sebastian!

Members Breakfast: \$7.00

Visitors Breakfast: \$10.00

**461-0704 betw 9 A.M. and 2:30 P.M.,
or Sugaremy@aol.com**

FUTURE SPEAKERS:

Nov. 5: Bishop Cordileone, of Oakland
Dec. 3: Laurie Buntain, Catholic Charities & Carolers from Marin Catholic!

YOUNG AT HEART

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5 11:45 A.M.

“Serve Yourself” Buffet of Sandwiches, Salad, & Cookies @ \$5/person. Non-members: \$7.50/person.
Guest Speaker: Author & Teacher

Paul A. Schwarzbart

who will share his experiences as a Jewish child hidden from the Nazis in a Catholic boys' school.

Call Denise Carrade 461-0689
Estelle O'Donnell 461-1789

OUR PARISH RAFFLE & PICNIC IS OCTOBER 10

Two weeks until our Parish Picnic and fund-raising Raffle! There'll be hamburgers, drinks, potato salad, macaroni salad, fun, and games for the kids, too.

Additional raffle tickets may be obtained through the Parish Office during office hours, or outside Church after Masses. The prizes are fabulous!

**Please cut off the coupon
on the bottom of this page:**

YOUNG AT HEART

ANGEL ISLAND TRIP — OCTOBER 13

**Lunch at Cove Café in Ayala Cove:
Turkey Sandwich, Potato Salad, Fruit,
Oatmeal Cookie, & Drink.**

**Cost: \$65. includes bus, ferry, tram tour,
lunch, and all taxes & tips.
\$68. for guests or non-members.**

**Bus leaves St. Sebastian's at 9:15am,
and returns to church at approx. 2:15pm.
Deadline for reservation is tomorrow!, so call**

**Rosellen Staats 461-9003 or
Denise Carrade 461-0689**

**FALL PARKING LOT SALE
FUNDRAISER FOR ST. ISABELLA'S, SAN RAFAEL**

**Saturday, October 23rd
9 am to 3 pm**

Reserve a space to sell your items, new or used
10' x 10' space for rent @ \$40 'til Oct. 8

Contact: Ginny Pheatt 479-5609
ginny@lucasvalley.net
Siobhan Stoddard 492-9445
siobhan@sempleappraisal.com

WORDS ABOUT LIFE!

The absence of a government-wide law against federal funding of abortion has led most recently to the passage of major health care reform legislation that contains at least *three* different policies on federal funding of abortion—*none* of which is consistent with the Hyde amendment ... or with similar longstanding provisions that govern all other health care programs. For example, one provision ... violates Hyde's second sentence (against funding health plans that cover abortions)—and then violates the spirit of the entire amendment, by directly forcing conscientiously opposed citizens in many plans to fund other people's abortions through their health premiums (sec. 1303). Another provision ... allows funds to be used for abortions or not, depending on a decision by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (sec. 1101). Yet another provision ... allows its new funding for community health centers to be governed by the underlying mandates in the authorizing legislation for these centers—mandates that in other health programs have been interpreted by the federal courts to *require* federal funding of abortion (Sec. 10503). These disparate policies are not compatible with the Hyde amendment, or even with one another. This is one reason why passage of a bill like H.R. 5939 ["No Taxpayer Funding For Abortion Act"] is overdue.

—Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, Chairman, USCCB
Committee of Pro-Life Activities, Letter to Congress in
Support of H.R. 5939, August 20, 2010

REGISTRATION FOR CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The Confirmation Youth Group (CYG) begins on Monday, Oct 4, 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. This 2-year program of preparation for Confirmation is open to youths in 7th grade and older. Contact: Dave Previtali, CYG Coordinator, email on bulletin cover.

✂ Cut-off and return this slip to the Parish Office with your check for \$5 / person

R.S.V.P. PARISH BBQ OCTOBER 10, 2010

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

ADULTS ATTENDING _____

CHILDREN ATTENDING _____

ENCLOSED CHECK AMT. _____

TODAY'S GOSPEL

The rich man wants Abraham to *send Lazarus* to bring him some water, so he still treats Lazarus as a *slave*. By *ignoring* Lazarus every day, while he lay at his gate, suffering, the rich man was little-by-little hardening his own heart, becoming blinder and blinder, creating his own personal hell. During his life, he *never* looked upon Lazarus as a fellow human being—as a child of God in need of compassion—so he cannot see the truth even now that their lives are over.

When Jesus says that if the rich man's brothers *will not listen* to the words of Moses and the prophets, they will not be persuaded *even if someone should rise from the dead*, his words are ironic because, as we know, *Jesus* would later *rise from the dead*. And if people today *will not listen*—to the Church, to God's Word, if people will not avail themselves of the Sacraments—then they will not *care* even about Jesus rising from the dead! They will not listen to Him speaking to them *today* in an attempt to save their souls. And if they refuse to listen, then they may very well end up like the rich man, forever resenting the fact that they are not up there in heaven with that un-deserving beggar and slave, Lazarus; and being too selfish to realize why they aren't up there. They will probably curse God, feeling that it's all so unfair to them, that they deserve better than what they've got, and failing to see that they are the cause of their own suffering.

In a sense, *we* are the rich man's brothers, needing to take heed of the message. Jesus says that Abraham would have us "listen to Moses and the prophets". In other words, to take advantage of the faith that we've been given, and the Sacraments, and the teachings and guidance of the Church led by the Holy Spirit. In other words, we have *all* that we need to be saved through the Church which Jesus Christ established. What more could we ask for?

How many times have I *ignored* people like Lazarus? Jesus has told us that whatever we do to the least of those around us, we do to Him, so we've got to do *something* to respond to their needs, and in this way, we will grow in our ability to see the world more clearly, and to see other *people* more clearly. The rich man's name is not mentioned. Jesus tells us the *name* of the poor man: Lazarus! So, God knows *each* poor person on earth. He *cares* for them. So should *we*.