

ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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NOVEMBER 14, 2010
33rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME



While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, Jesus said, “All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down.” ...

“You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives.”

[Luke 21:5-6, 17-19](#)

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 NOVEMBER 15-20

Mon	7AM	Chas Deleuze
	9AM	Norma Geissberger
Tue	7AM	Stephanie & Pietro Pinoni
	9AM	Dominic Mamone
Wed	7AM	Peace in the World
	9AM	Liz Martin, <i>living</i>
Thu	7AM	Peace in the World
	9AM	Mary King
Fri	7AM	Fran & Stan Conway
	9AM	To Stop Abortions
Sat	7AM	Liz Martin & Family, <i>living</i>
	9AM	Joe & Mary Reilly

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, Lori Cohen, Yondellan Coleman, Elizabeth Cook, Elizabeth Crowley, Nancy Culhane, Doris Doty, Nanette Duffy, Luke Duval, Kathleen Foley, Tom & Eileen Harriman, Taro Hart, James Harvey, Rosemarie Hayes, Chiara Iulucci, John Kelley, Germaine Khohayting, 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.

PARISH BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE ON-LINE
www.sebastian94904.com

STEWARDSHIP

Last weekend	\$ 5,462.
Weekly goal	\$ 5,200.
Weekly average	\$ 4,497.

Thank you for contributing to the work of our
Parish St. Vincent de Paul Society.
Our collection on October 30-31
brought in \$5,504.

TODAY IS "COFFEE SUNDAY"

Don't "run off", but be sure to come to the Parish Hall after the 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.

ST. SEBASTIAN'S "GIVING TREE"



St. Sebastian's will again participate in the Christmas Gift-Giving Program for the Hanna Boys Center in Sonoma and St. Vincent's School for Boys. Tags are on the "Giving Tree" up near the sanctuary from now until mid-Advent. You are invited to take one or more tags and return the wrapped gift or gift certificates to the church a couple weeks before Christmas.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

A POPE'S PRAYER FOR LIFE

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the *cause of life*: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy.

Grant that all who believe in your Son may *proclaim the Gospel of life* with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to *accept that Gospel* as a gift ever new, the joy of *celebrating* it with gratitude throughout their lives, and the courage to *bear witness to it* resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.

—Pope John Paul II, in "*Evangelium Vitae*"

STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

Today's [readings](#) paint a somewhat frightening picture of the end of time. But the Gospel ends with the assurance to faithful stewards that those who persevere will be saved.

Dominican University's
110-Voice Winifred Baker Chorale
and the Orchestra of St. Catherine
present their Fall Concert

GLORIA!

Friday, November 19, 8:00pm

St. Raphael Church
1104 5th Avenue, at A Street
San Rafael

Vivaldi: Gloria

Schubert: Gloria from Mass in E flat

Pinkham: Christmas Cantata

Mozart: Allegro maestoso from Concerto in C Major
for Piano and Orchestra

Joe Bloom, Piano

Craig Singleton, Conductor

\$10/seniors \$15/general

**Excerpts from [The Journey Toward God](#),
by Benedict J. Groeschel, CFR**

Learn from failure and keep going. On this journey we all stumble and fall. But like the apostles, we must put our pride in our pocket and get up, ask forgiveness, and move right along.

...

Work for Humility. The ultimate enemy to be defeated on the spiritual journey is pride. This negative element is so pervasive that the spiritual life can be accurately described simply as the process of overcoming pride and self-love. There is such a thing as legitimate pride and self-regard, but these often conceal a self-love that says, "I will not serve."

...

Imitate God in His mercy, forgiveness, and compassion. Along with the fact that, in the Sermon on the Mount, Christ makes mercy, forgiveness, and generosity the essential criteria of discipleship (see Mt. 5-7; see also Lk. 6:20-49), these qualities are the best and most rewarding ways to overcome self. The admonitions of St. Francis cited in his famous prayer—"Make me an instrument of your peace..."—are an excellent reminder of what we really need to be doing on our spiritual journey.

VISIT OAKLAND'S
CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE LIGHT
WITH THE CATHOLIC MARIN BREAKFAST CLUB

Wednesday, Nov. 17

Private Cathedral Tour, followed by Mass

Leave from St. Sebastian's at 9:45AM

The trip ends with **Lunch**
at the remodeled **Trader Vic's** in Emeryville

To reserve your seat, contact Joyce Thornton

jmt_1988@yahoo.com or 383-1082

All-inclusive cost: \$35/person

Reservations must be paid in advance

WORD OF LIFE

The evangelization of culture is all the more important in our times, when a "dictatorship of relativism" threatens to obscure the unchanging truth about man's nature, his destiny, and his ultimate good. There are some who now seek to exclude religious belief from public discourse, to privatize it, or even to paint it as a threat to equality and liberty. Yet religion is in fact a guarantee of authentic liberty and respect, leading us to look upon every person as a brother or sister. ... Society today needs clear voices which propose our right to live, not in a jungle of self-destructive and arbitrary freedoms, but in a society which works for the true welfare of its citizens and offers them guidance and protection in the face of their weakness and fragility.

—*Pope Benedict XVI, Homily, Bellahouston Park, Glasgow, Sept. 16, 2010*

Words of St. John Vianney, the Curé of Ars

"All our religion is but a false religion, and all our virtues are mere illusions and we ourselves are only hypocrites in the sight of God, if we have not that universal charity for everyone—for the good and for the bad, for the poor and for the rich, and for all those who do us harm as much as for those who do us good."

—Quoted in [The Journey Toward God](#),
by Benedict J. Groeschel, CFR



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THE CHURCH'S YEAR IS ABOUT TO END
(AND A NEW YEAR IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!)

Next week is the *last* Sunday of the Church's liturgical year: the Solemnity of Christ the King!
We *never stop* telling the *Story*. In Advent, we'll begin a *new* year.

In today's Gospel, Jesus says that a day will come when not a stone will be left upon a stone in the great temple which the people had been looking at with admiration. He predicts wars, insurrections, earthquakes, famines, and plagues. He tells them to expect hatred and persecution. So we, who are temples of the Holy Spirit, are reminded that *our own* temple will be dissolved someday, too. But Jesus says: Be not afraid. Be faithful. Persevere in the Faith. So we do what Christians have done since Jesus rose on the first day of the week...

We gather together to tell the story, the *truth* about mankind, and in the breaking of the bread, Jesus will be present.

When we listen to the words of Sacred Scripture, we listen to *God* (Father, Son, & Spirit). In every Sacrament, Jesus is *with* us. So, we don't need to run *here* or *there* in fear when people say that the world is ending. We can say, "Yes, I *know* that it's coming to an end." The "End Times" began when Jesus came down to earth. But if someone says that he knows the *time*, we remember that Jesus said that *no one* knows when. He tells us, though, to be ready—to pray, to persevere in the faith.

Looking at the world today, there's much to be fearful about. But looking at the Lord, there's *every* reason to be hopeful. Every age has its trials, its crosses, its time of testing. Ours is no different. Parents fear for their children's future. But if the children are introduced to the Lord and are Baptized —they become temples, beautiful temples where the Spirit of God dwells. And each of us, if we remain connected to Jesus, if we feed on His Body & Blood, and are nourished by His eternal Word, possess a great *promise*: that when we are persecuted, when we suffer, when our *material* temples—our bodies—one day fall apart (like the great temple)—that we will rise into glory with the Lord.