

# ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: *Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."* —Matthew 1:22-23



### 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 DEC. 20—24**

Mon 7AM Peace in the World  
9AM Mario Ghilotti

Tue 7AM Fr. Jim Aylward, *living*  
9AM Destiny Calvano, *living*

Wed 7AM Joseph Lampe, *living*  
9AM Ted Taheny, *living*

Thu 7AM Bud, Emma, Alice, & Lorri  
9AM Mary King

Fri 7AM Popes, Bishops, & Clergy  
9AM Friends, *living & deceased*

**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 Khohaying, Jeanne Killian, Joe Lazor, Manda Masse, Gino Mazzenatto, Warren McGuire, William McNamara, Richard Mogas, Monte Maroevich, Valerie Milroy, Bill Parker, 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**

When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But, obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother, Mary.

God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit as was St. Joseph.



**Christmas Masses**

**Christmas Eve**

Friday - December 24  
5pm Children's Pageant  
5:30 pm Vigil Mass  
9 pm Vigil Mass

**Christmas Day**

Saturday - December 25  
7am, 9am, and 11am Masses  
(There will be NO evening Mass)

**New Year's Eve**

4:30pm Holy Hour  
5:15pm Benediction  
5:30 pm Mass

**New Year's Day**

9am Mass  
January 1, 2011  
is not a Holyday of Obligation.



“In regard to Marian devotion, each of us must understand that such devotion not only addresses a need of the heart, a sentimental inclination, but that it also corresponds to the objective truth about the Mother of God. Mary is the new Eve, placed by God in close

relation to Christ, the new Adam, beginning with the Annunciation, through the night of His birth in Bethlehem, through the wedding feast at Cana of Galilee, through the Cross at Calvary, and up to the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Mother of Christ the Redeemer is the Mother of the Church.”

—Venerable Pope John Paul II,  
in [Crossing the Threshold of Hope](#)

**A PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY MEN & WOMEN**

**O God of Mercy,**

We beg you now to protect in a special way those who are defending us and the Country we love.  
Bless them and take care of them.

If they are tired, give them strength. If they are wounded and suffering, give them comfort.  
If they are lonely, touch them with Your gentle hand and let them know that You are near them.

And if it be Your holy will that they should give up their lives for us, grant them a peaceful death and a home with You in heaven.

Hasten the day, dear Lord, when along with them and their families, we may all enjoy the blessings of peace once more.

Amen.

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**ADVENT CONFESSIONS**

The last opportunity for Confession before Christmas will be from 10:30 until Noon this Wednesday, December 22nd.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE**

On Friday evening at 5:00pm, the Children of our Parish School of Religion will present a Christmas Pageant followed at 5:30pm by the Vigil Mass.

At 9:00pm, another Vigil Mass will be celebrated, and the Adult Choir will lead the singing.

**ETERNAL WORD TELEVISION NETWORK**

EWTN is a global Catholic Network, broadcasting the Truth 24 hours a day. You can find it on Channel 229 on Comcast. It’s available on satellite dish networks, too. Try it.

**THE HOLY  
Rosary\***

**\*For best results,  
—use daily.**

**WORD OF LIFE**

“For man, the right to life is the *fundamental right*. And yet, a part of contemporary culture has wanted to deny that right, turning it into an ‘uncomfortable’ right, one that has to be defended. But there is no other right that so closely affects the very existence of the person! The right to life means the right to be born and then continue to live until one’s natural end: “As long as I live, I have the right to live.”

—Venerable Pope John Paul II,  
in [Crossing the Threshold of Hope](#).

**7TH ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE—WEST COAST**

Mark your calendars: Saturday, January 22, 2011 Join St. Sebastian’s parishioners and upwards of 30,000 Pro-Life Walkers for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Life in San Francisco, and peacefully proclaim the message that abortion *hurts* women and that they deserve better than abortion.

[www.walkforlifewc.com](http://www.walkforlifewc.com)

To volunteer or to arrange buses call 586-1576 or e-mail questions to [info@walkforlifewc.com](mailto:info@walkforlifewc.com)

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## GOD THE LIVING GOD

What does it mean when we call this God a living God?

It means that this God is not a conclusion we have reached by thinking, which we now offer to others in the certainty of our own perception and understanding... When we talk of the living God, it means: This God shows himself to us; he looks out from eternity into time, and puts himself into relationship with us. We cannot define him in whatever way we like. He has “defined” himself and stands now before us as our Lord, over us and in our midst. This self-revelation of God, by virtue of which he is not our conception but our Lord, rightly stands, therefore, in the center of our Creed: a profession of faith in the story of God in the midst of human history does not constitute an exception to the simplicity of our profession of faith in God but is the essential condition at its heart. That is why the heart of all our creeds is our Yes to Jesus Christ: “By the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary.” We genuflect at this clause, because at this point the heavens, the veil behind which God is secluded, are swept aside, and the mystery touches us directly. *The distant God becomes our God, becomes “Emmanuel”—“God with us”* (Mt 1:23) ... But because it was the Word that became flesh, we must ever again strive, nonetheless, to translate into our human words this first creative Word, which “was with God” and which “is God” (Jn 1:1), so that in those words we may hear *the* Word.

—Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, (Pope Benedict XVI),  
in [God is Near Us](#), pp. 11-12

