

ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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JANUARY 9, 2011
BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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 JAN. 10—15

Mon 7AM All College Students
 9AM Anita Hines

Tue 7AM Ted Taheny, *living*
 9AM Dolores Cunnane

Wed 7AM Charles Moran, *living*
 9AM Shannon Thompson, *living*

Thu 7AM Hugo Cuneo, *living*
 9AM Maria Pares

Fri 7AM Special Intention
 9AM Mary King

Sat 7AM Policemen, Firemen, & Paramedics
 9AM Etienne Droulers

**THANK YOU FOR KEEPING THE FOLLOWING
 IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Albert, Angela, Bertha, Doug, Elizabeth, 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, 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.

STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

Our Baptism—like the Lord’s—is a consecration to service. The bishops’ pastoral on stewardship reminds us that “...there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism that people place their gifts, their resources—their selves—at God’s service in and through the Church.”

STEWARDSHIP

Last Weekend	\$ 4,356.
Weekly goal	\$ 5,200.
Weekly average	\$ 4,458.

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.

If you would like to be a host to assist in serving coffee and pastries on Coffee Sundays, please call our co-ordinator, Pat Lindstadt at 272-3508. We’d love to have you! The hosts usually set things up ahead of time, and put things away after Mass.

“ORDINARY TIME”

Ordinary Time begins on Monday, January 10, and continues through Tuesday, March 8, the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten season. It will resume when the Easter season ends, that is, on Monday, June 13, the day following Pentecost.

YOUNG AT HEART

Tuesday, Feb. 1st at 11:45AM in Parish Hall

“Serve Yourself” Buffet:

Sandwiches, Salad, & Cookies

\$5/members

\$7.50/non-members, guests

Dan Trimble of Kentfield Fire Dep’t will speak on “Emergency Preparedness”

(You may bring your own lunch, and enjoy the usual dessert and coffee, but please call to let us know that you are coming.)

RSVP: Denise Carrade 461-0689

Estelle O’Donnell 461-1789

CONDOLENCE

To lose a loved one is something which deeply touches one’s very soul, and to have to say goodbye at this time of year can be even more difficult.

Our prayers go out to the families of Helen Derham on the loss of her daughter, Mary Ann Warnecke; Nancy Lampe on the loss of her brother Joseph Calleja; and Joan McGuire for the death of her husband Warren.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

The following quote is from The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth by Scott Hahn
Page 156-157

MAKING A SPLASH

From the moment you walk into church, you place yourself under oath. By dipping your fingers into holy water, you renew the covenant begun with your baptism. Perhaps you were baptized as an infant; your parents made the decision for you. But now, with this simple motion, you make the decision for yourself. You touch the water to your forehead, your heart, your shoulders, and you sign yourself by "the name" in which you were baptized. Wrapped up in this motion is your acceptance of the creed, which your parents accepted in your name at your baptism. Wrapped up in this motion is your rejection of Satan, and all his pomps, and all his works.

Doing this, you testify, you make testimony, as you would in court. In court, a witness puts himself, his reputation, and his future on the line. If he fails to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, he knows he will face severe consequences.

You, too, are under oath. Don't forget: the Latin word sacramentum literally means "oath." When you make the Sign of the Cross, you renew the sacrament of baptism, thus renewing your obligation to live up to the rights and duties of the New Covenant. You will love God with all your heart, and mind, and soul, and strength; you will love your neighbor as yourself.

You have especially vowed to tell the truth during this Mass. For this is the court of heaven; here, God will open the book of life; here, you will take the witness stand. Many, many times during the Mass, you will say "Amen," the Aramaic word that conveys assent and agreement: Yes! So be it! Truly! "Amen" is more than a response; it is a personal commitment. When you say "Amen," you commit your life, so you'd better mean it.

Thus, in the Mass, you are not merely a spectator. You are a participant. Yours is the covenant that you will renew. Yours is the covenant that Jesus Himself will renew, here and now.

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. Give it a try! It's wonderful!

WORD OF LIFE

"It is indispensable that new technological developments in the field of medicine never be to the detriment of respect for human life and dignity, so that those who suffer physical illnesses or handicaps can always receive that love and attention required to make them feel valued as persons in their concrete needs."

—Pope Benedict XVI, Address during Visit to the Obra Benéfico-Social Nen Déu, Nov. 7, 2010

7TH ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE—WEST COAST

Saturday, January 22. Join about 30,000 Pro-Life Walkers for the 7th Annual Walk for Life in San Francisco to peacefully proclaim the message that abortion *hurts* women and that they deserve better than abortion.

St. Sebastian Bus Captain: Robert Johnson

Phone: 415-456-7820

Bus boarding time: 9:30am

Bus Departs: 10:00am

Return: Approximately 4:30pm

Place: St. Sebastian Church parking lot

Cost: \$20.00 suggested donation

For the St. Sebastian bus, riders must provide cell phone contact numbers for the day of the Walk. You may also provide the cell number for a partner you plan to walk with. Partners can also be assigned the day of the walk.

www.walkforlifewc.com

Marin Center for Independent Living

As Time Goes By

A Free Community Forum

When: Tuesday, January 25, 2pm - 4pm

Where: Tiburon City Hall, 1505 Tiburon Blvd.

This program has been developed in response to requests by seniors who want in-depth knowledge of caregiver services that are available in the community and how they really work

Featured experts will address topics including:
Direct Hire of Caregivers - Benefits and Pitfalls;
Hospital Transitions - What to Expect;
and When to Hire a Care Manager.

Complimentary snacks and beverages

Call Kathleen Woodcock today to reserve your space

459-6245 ext. 17

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From a Sermon by Saint Gregory of Nazianzus

Christ is bathed in light; let us also be bathed in light. Christ is baptized; let us also go down with him, and rise with him.

John is baptizing when Jesus draws near. Perhaps he comes to sanctify his baptizer; certainly he comes to bury sinful humanity in the waters. He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake and in readiness for us; he who is spirit and flesh comes to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water.

The Baptist protests; Jesus insists. Then John says: *I ought to be baptised by you*. He is the lamp in the presence of the sun, the voice in the presence of the Word, the friend in the presence of the Bridegroom, the greatest of all born of women in the presence of the firstborn of all creation, the one who leapt in his mother's womb in the presence of him who was adored in the womb, the forerunner and future forerunner in the presence of him who has already come and is to come again. *I ought to be baptized by you*: we should also add, "*and for you*", for John is to be baptized in blood, washed clean like Peter, not only by the washing of his feet.

Jesus rises from the waters; the world rises with him. The heavens—like Paradise with its flaming sword, closed by Adam for himself and his descendants—are rent open. The Spirit comes to him as to an equal, bearing witness to his Godhead. A voice bears witness to him from heaven, his place of origin. The Spirit descends in bodily form like the dove that so long ago announced the ending of the flood, and so gives honor to the body that is one with God.

Today let us do honor to Christ's baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness. Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed. Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of men, for whom his every word and every revelation exist. He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in the glory of him who is the light of heaven. You are to enjoy more and more the pure and dazzling light of the Trinity, as now you have received—though not in its fullness—a ray of its splendor, proceeding from the one God, in Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.