

ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 8, 2011



The risen Jesus and the disciples on the road to Emmaus (see Luke 24:13-35)
Painted by Robert Zünd, 1877

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 MAY 8—14

Mon	7AM	Christina Piatti
	9AM	Kay Carsky
Tue	7AM	Antonio Aguado
	9AM	Bell & Tarrant Fam., <i>living/dec.</i>
Wed	7AM	To Stop Abortions
	9AM	William, Mary, & Susan Walsh
Thu	7AM	Chas, Charmaine, & Mary Derham
	9AM	Angie Costello
Fri	7AM	Bill Crawford, <i>living</i>
	9AM	Ted Taheny
Sat	7AM	Randa Stenson
	9AM	Becca Ward, <i>living</i>

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Albert, Angela, Bertha, Coner, Doug, Elizabeth, Kristen, Michael, Patrick, Tony, Stephanie, Tim, Carol Abraham, Lorenzo Acciai, Ken Anderson, Sally Arango, Ivy Batmale, Evette Bellan, Madison Bostow, Edwin Calleja, Marilyn Charbonneau, Lori Cohen, Yondellan Coleman, Elizabeth Cook, Elizabeth Crowley, Nancy Culhane, Doris Doty, Nanette Duffy, Luke Duval, Tom & Eileen Harriman, Taro Hart, James Harvey, Rosemarie Hayes, Dr. Chas Hoffman, Chiara Iulucci, John Kelley, Germaine Khohayting, Jeanne Killian, Joe Lazor, Manda Masse, Gino Mazzenatto, William McNamara, Richard Mogas, Monte Maroevich, Valerie Milroy, Gary Parlapiano, Mark Piatti, Bertha Ponce de Leon, Kylie Richardson, Peggy Roth, Steve Schlesselmann, Mary Lou Smith, Rose Tannlund, Elizabeth Ward, Sibeal Whitty, & Camilla Wolfe.

THE RESURRECTED BODY

Of what consequence is it what kind of death puts an end to life, since he who has died once is not forced to go through the same ordeal a second time.

The bodies of the saints will therefore rise again free from every defect, from every deformity, as well as from every corruption, encumbrance, or hindrance. In this respect their freedom of action will be as complete as their happiness.

—*St. Augustine*

TODAY IS “COFFEE SUNDAY”

Be sure to come to the Parish Hall after the 9am or 11am Mass and visit with fellow parishioners.



**“Coffee Sunday” is the
second Sunday of every month.**

If you would like 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! Hosts usually set things up ahead of time, and put things away after Mass.

PRAYER FOR BLESSED JOHN PAUL II BEATIFIED MAY 1, 2011

O Blessed Trinity, we thank you for having graced the Church with Pope John Paul II and for allowing the tenderness of your Fatherly care, the glory of the cross of Christ, and the splendor of the Holy Spirit, to shine through him.

Trusting fully in Your infinite mercy and in the maternal intercession of Mary, he has given us a living image of Jesus the Good Shepherd, and has shown us that holiness is the necessary measure of ordinary Christian life and is the way of achieving eternal communion with You.

Grant us, by his intercession, and according to Your will, the graces we implore, hoping that he will soon be numbered among Your saints. Amen.

“THERE BE DRAGONS” THIS WEEKEND

May 7 & 8 is the premier showing of “There Be Dragons”, by award-winning director Roland Joffé, a powerful story of war, tragedy, forgiveness, and redemption, set during the Spanish Civil War in the 1930’s. *Dragons* tells the story of two childhood friends, separated during the political conflict, and finding themselves on opposite sides as war erupts.

Choosing peace, Josemaria becomes a priest and founds Opus Dei (Work of God), but his friend, Manolo, chooses war, becoming a Fascist spy.

Tickets are \$10 each, but vouchers are needed for this special screening, which was bought-out by Marin Network for Life and the Knights of Columbus. The movie will be at the Regency Cinema 6 at 280 Smith Ranch Road in San Rafael. For tickets, call Peggy Bartley: 457-6386 or peggybartley@gmail.com

THOUGHTS ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

Fr. Benedict Groeschel, well-known to EWTN audiences, once interviewed Heather Parsons, a member of the Church of Ireland. She'd been a journalist for 17 years when she went to Medjugorje, Yugoslavia, to do a story on the reported apparitions of the Virgin Mary to six young visionaries there in the early 1980's.

At 6pm, as she was leaning against the church basking in the warm sunlight with her eyes closed, she heard a commotion coming from some Italian kids, and noticed them looking up at the sun. She looked up also, instinctively putting her hand up to her eyes to shield them from the sun's brightness, when she found that she didn't *need* to shade her eyes—she had no problem looking directly at the sun! The sun was spinning like a giant top, she said, and colors appeared to shoot out behind it and circle the sun. Many people—Irish, British, French, German, Italian—all saw the sun. Then, Heather said that letters appeared to the right of the sun, and she read the word “Peace” in what she described as “Celtic script”, a style that she recognized from her native Ireland. Then, it seemed as if a fountain of light came out of the sun. She said, “I recognized the risen Christ with arms outstretched—and it was so clear that I could see the folds of material as it came down from his sleeves to join the gown. I could see perfectly clearly, but I could not make out his face. And ten times that disappeared and re-appeared, always preceded by the fountain of light.”

This unusual event, witnessed by many people that day, lasted for a long time.

Afterwards, Heather, who was a journalist, interviewed some of the others to find out what they had experienced, and she was surprised that they did *not* see Jesus as she had seen Him. No, they said that they had seen “the Host” in front of the sun. Later, she would come to realize that, since they were *Catholic*, when they saw the Host, they knew that it was *Jesus*. She, not being Catholic and not having that faith in the Eucharist, had evidently been given a lesson by God that Jesus is indeed present in the Eucharist, the Host, which we Catholics see at each and every Mass.

Fr. Groeschel asked her what her reaction would have been had he told her in advance that that was what she would see in Medjugorje. She said, “I probably would have laughed at you.” That was about 24 years ago. Heather Parsons has long since then entered the Catholic Church.

After He rose from the dead, Jesus appeared to *many* people, and we are told in the Gospels that they frequently did not recognize Him at first.

These two men in today's Gospel at first did not recognize Jesus, but they *did* have the wonderful experience of talking with Him and *listening* to Him as they walked for seven miles to Emmaus. “Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?” they said. It was only in the breaking of the bread that their eyes were opened! Whereupon He vanished from their sight!

What does this mean?, we might wonder.

Perhaps Jesus was teaching them, and us, that we are not to look for Him anymore as the man with the beard who looked the way He used to look. No. Now risen from the dead, He will be with us in a new way. He has given us the Sacraments! He has sent us His Spirit.

Last week, we heard how He instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Easter Sunday, so that sins could be forgiven all over the world.

Today, we hear how we are to recognize Him at Mass, “in the breaking of the bread”. The risen Lord Jesus is here! *Our* hearts are burning within *us* because it's all *true*! God's power is over us, and even with all the troubles in our world today, God *loves* us. Even though we may walk through the valley of the shadow of death, our Good Shepherd is *with* us.

CAN YOU BAKE ?

HELP US WITH THE BAKED-GOODS BOOTH AT NEXT WEEKEND'S WHALE OF A SALE !

This was one of the most popular booths last year,
and helped raise needed funds for St. Sebastian's
to the enjoyment of everyone.

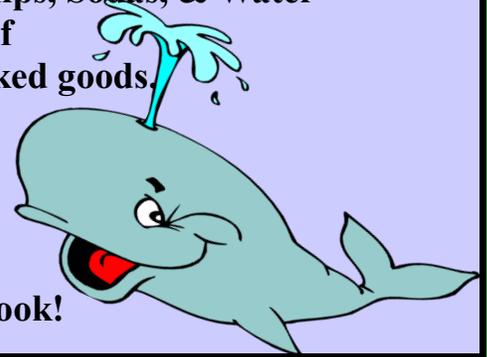
If you are able to provide an item,
please call the Parish Office at 461-0704.

Items should be brought to the Office on Friday.

"WHALE OF A SALE"

This Saturday, May 14
in the Church Parking Lot

Hotdogs, Chips, Sodas, & Water
and plenty of
delicious baked goods



Come
& Take a Look!

You are invited to join
ST. SEBASTIAN'S "YOUNG AT HEART"
on a day-trip to Sonoma County
Thursday, May 19, 2011

1st Stop: Hanna Boys Center

For a video and tour of the campus,
followed by Lunch at the school

2nd Stop: General Vallejo Home in Sonoma

For a tour of his home,
the history of this famous gentleman,
and to see his beautifully preserved grounds.

3rd Stop: Jacuzzi Family Vineyards

on Hwy 121 as the bus heads back to the parish.

Wine-tasting, a short tour of the grounds,
and olive oil sampling.

A discount will be given on wine purchases.

\$42/members \$45/guests

The bus leaves St. Sebastian's at 10AM
and returns approx. 4PM.

Pick-up at Smith Ranch Road Park & Ride Lot, if desired.

Last day for reservations: Thursday, May 12.
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