

ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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AUGUST 7, 2011 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 5 PM
Sundays 7AM, 9AM, & 11AM
Monday - Saturday . 7AM & 9AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Pastor Rev. Mark Taheny
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST 8—13

Mon 7AM Ruth Wess
9AM John & Fannie Hutchinson

Tue 7AM Christina Piatti
9AM Stan Lawrence

Wed 7AM Lorenzo Alessandria
9AM Cornelius Burns

Thu 7AM Chas, Charmaine, & Mary Derham
9AM Robert & Daniel Lechner, *living*

Fri 7AM Joseph Calleja
9AM Bridget O'Connell

Sat 7AM Annetta Lazio
9AM Elizabeth & Bernice

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, 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, Alex Salit, Steve Schlesselmann, Mary Lou Smith, Rose Tannlund, Ralph Treleven, Sibeal Whitty, & Camilla Wolfe.

STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

Elijah recognized the voice of God not in the strong and heavy wind, not in the earthquake, and not in the fire, but in a tiny whispering sound.

May we find enough quiet in our clamorous world to hear His voice and discern what He is calling us to do and be.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Last Weekend \$ 4,105.
Weekly Goal \$ 5,495.
Weekly Average \$ 4,407.

CENACLE OF PRAYER

TODAY

3 to 4pm
Exposition

of the Blessed Sacrament,
Rosary, Meditation, & Benediction

**Spend an hour here with Our Lord
on the first Sunday of each month.**



NEXT SUNDAY 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.**

PAPAL INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST

General Intention: That World Youth Day in Madrid may encourage young people throughout the world to have their lives rooted and built up in Christ.

Mission Intention: That Western Christians may be open to the action of the Holy Spirit and rediscover the freshness and enthusiasm of their faith.

**Please say a prayer
for our many sick, homebound
and hospitalized parishioners
who are unable to attend Mass.**

Upcoming Event

FIRST ANNUAL ST. JOHN VIANNEY PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND LUNCHEON

October 21, 2011 at St. Mary's Cathedral
Tickets will go on sale in a few weeks

Donation: \$100/person

Call the Parish Office at 461-0704
for reservations

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Our Assessed Goal is \$58,000, and we have so far realized \$51,875 from 118 of our families.

We still need \$6,125 to pay our assessment, and any amounts over that we be returned to our parish!

Please respond to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

THOUGHTS ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

Peter said, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Someday, each one of us will be in the position of Peter. Each one of us will call out, "Lord, save me!"

Some day, each one of us will come to the end of our life. We want to go to heaven, don't we? We want to be with Jesus and all the saints, and with all of our loved ones who have died and whom we hope to see in heaven. So, let's imagine that, just as Jesus was walking on the water and said, "Come," to Peter, that Jesus appears to us in the final moments of our life, and says, "Come," to us. We want to "walk on the water" toward him. We want to be taken up—or *assumed*—into heaven. But to do so, we need to "get out of the boat", so to speak. We will need to let go of this life just as Peter had to get out of the boat and step out into the sea! Our senses tell us that we will sink! Since it seems that this is the only life we've really known, we will certainly be afraid to step out of this life and cross the waters of death in order to get to Jesus, to heaven.

All the martyrs down through the ages have shown us that they trusted Jesus enough to let go of this life.

All that we've heard about Jesus tells us that we can put our faith in him and approach him.

But it seems that this life is all we've got. It *seems* that way. But this life is *not* all there is. We believe in the Resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come, do we not? We profess our faith every Sunday and on Solemnities during the year. The Church directs us to do so in the Mass in order to help us firmly keep the faith and pass it on because one day—in God's plan—each of us will be in the position of Peter. We want to be ready. To believe. To step out joyfully. We want others to have a firm faith, too. We probably will be afraid because we're human. But if and when we do cry out, "Lord, save me,"—even if it's only a whispered prayer—the Lord will immediately take us by the hand and save us. He will be pleased if we step out with confidence, though, and so will we.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION CLASSES

Our P.S.R. (Parish School of Religion) Classes begin next month!

Classes are on Wednesday afternoons at 3:30pm. Parents of Children in Grades 1 thru 6 may obtain information and register by calling the Parish Office at 461-0704, or by contacting our Director of Religious Education, Renée O'Neill, at reneegoneill@gmail.com

Please register your children early! We cannot plan the classes until we know how many students will be enrolled and how many teachers are needed.

PLEASE KEEP FR. PAUL IN YOUR PRAYERS

Fr. Paul has decided to cancel his Organ Concert that had been set for August 14 since he is still recovering from a recent car accident, and doesn't feel that he could do justice to the music.

On July 25, while driving up in Oregon on his vacation, he had a single-car accident, spent a few days in a hospital, and is now nursing four broken ribs.

We thank God that the accident was not more serious, and hope that he will soon be fully recovered.

FALL EVENING CLASSES ON THE GREEK FATHERS AND DESERT FATHERS OF THE CHURCH

Father David Anderson, pastor of St Peter Eastern Catholic Church, in Ukiah, will offer a class series on the 4th-Century Greek Fathers, including some the Desert Fathers such as John Chrysostom, Athanasius, and Basil of Jerusalem. Classes are on Thursdays from 7:30pm 'til 9pm, beginning September 15, and finishing before Christmas. The first class will be in St. Sebastian Parish Hall but the rest of the series will be at Marin Catholic High School.

You are invited to taste and learn about the wisdom of the earliest Christian monks, preserved by their disciples and handed on to their descendants.

The earliest Christian monks inhabited the desert land of the Middle East from the end of the second century AD onwards. Known as the "Desert Fathers", they left a coherent doctrine, mostly expressed in their rules and traditions, which they passed on to their disciples. These are the foundations upon which later monks, including St. Benedict, built their way of life. Many of the important points of their teaching are expressed in the form of anecdotes, such as:

"If you fast regularly, do not be inflated with pride, but if you think highly of yourself because of it, then you had better eat meat. It is better for a man to eat meat than to be inflated with pride and to glorify himself." —*Abba Isidore*

"It is no great thing not to judge, and to be sympathetic to someone who is in trouble and falls down before you, but it is a great thing not to judge or to strike back when someone, on account of his own passions, speaks against you. Likewise, it is a great thing not to disagree when someone else is honored more than you are." —*Dorotheos of Gaza, 6th century*

"A possession ought to belong to the possessor, not the possessor to the possession. Whosoever, therefore, does not use his patrimony as a possession, which does not know how to give and distribute to the poor, he is the servant of his wealth, not its master; because like a servant he watches over the wealth of another and not like a master does he use it of his own. Hence, in a disposition of this kind, we say that the man belongs to his riches, not the riches to the man." —*St. Ambrose of Milan*

This is an open invitation to adult Christians who would like to know more about their faith. Come and enjoy the wealth of the Catholic Church's traditions.

Questions? Email hpaul1989@yahoo.com or call Paul at 385-1720.

IMMACULATE HEART RADIO PLEDGE DRIVE

Tuesday & Wednesday, August 9 & 10

Tune-in to AM 1260
and help Catholic Radio
to share the heart of the Christian faith.
Your financial support might help
to save someone's soul!

Have you listened yet to Immaculate Heart Radio?



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WORD OF LIFE

In today's society the presence of exemplary Christian families is more necessary and urgent than ever. Unfortunately, we are forced to acknowledge the spread of a secularization which leads to the exclusion of God from life, and the increasing disintegration of the family ... Freedom without commitment to the truth is made into an absolute, and individual well-being through the consumption of material goods and transient experiences is cultivated as an ideal, obscuring the quality of interpersonal relations and deeper human values; love is reduced to sentimental emotion and to the gratification of instinctive impulses, without a commitment to build lasting bonds of reciprocal belonging and without openness to life. We are called to oppose such a mentality!

—*Pope Benedict XVI, Homily, Holy Mass on the Occasion of the National Day of Croatian Catholic Families, Sunday, 5 June, 2011*

Save the Date!
SAN FRANCISCO ROSARY RALLY
October 15, 2011

Old-timers will remember the famous San Francisco Rosary Rally led by Fr. Patrick Peyton in 1961, which drew 550,000 people.

On October 15, 2011 San Francisco's Legion of Mary invites you to join thousands of the Catholic faithful in asking the blessings of Our Lady at San Francisco's 2011 Family Rosary Crusade Rally. This event, celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Fr. Peyton's Rally, will be held in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, on Saturday October 15, beginning at 12 noon.

www.familyrosarycrusade2011.com

SAINTS ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

August 8 is the Memorial of **Saint Dominic**, who founded the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), from which have come many great men and women saints.

August 9, is the Memorial of **St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**, formerly known as "Edith Stein".

Born in Germany in 1891, she converted from Judaism to the Catholic faith and was a writer and teacher of Philosophy. She became a Carmelite nun and was killed in Auschwitz because of her Jewish heritage. She is "co-patroness" of Europe.

Saint Lawrence (Aug. 10) was a deacon and martyr in the early Church, and **Saint Clare of Assisi** (Aug. 11) was a disciple of St. Francis and founded the "Poor Clares". She was an abbess for 42 years until her death in 1253.