

ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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JANUARY 22, 2012
3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*“Come after me,
and I will make you fishers of men.”*

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
Parochial Vicar Rev. Paul Perry
Deacon Rev. Mr. Bill Turrentine
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 23 – 28

Mon	7AM	Mary Lazor
	9AM	Esther, <i>living</i>
Tue	7AM	Paul Haddad, <i>living</i>
	9AM	Josephine Gallucci
Wed	7AM	Paul Haddad, <i>living</i>
	9AM	Al Lampe, <i>living</i>
Thu	7AM	Ted Taheny
	9AM	Poor Souls
Fri	7AM	Elias Haddad, <i>living</i>
	9AM	Sibeal Whitty
Sat	7AM	Christina Piatti
	9AM	Catherine Burke

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Albert, Angela, Bertha, Coner, Elizabeth, Kristen, Monica, Patrick, Stephanie, Tim, Carol Abraham, Lorenzo Acciai, Sally Arango, Ivy Batmale, Madison Bostow, Marilyn Charbonneau, Lori Cohen, Yondellan Coleman, Elizabeth Cook, Elizabeth Crowley, Doris Doty, Nanette Duffy, Luke Duval, Tom & Eileen Harriman, Taro Hart, Rosemarie Hayes, Chiara Iulucci, Bob King, Germaine Khohayting, Jeanne Killian, John Legnetto, Manda Masse, Gino Mazzenatto, William McNamara, Richard Mogas, Monte Maroevich, Valerie Milroy, Mark Piatti, Bertha Ponce de Leon, Kylie Richardson, Peggy Roth, Steve Schlesselmann, Anne Schreiner, Mary Lou Smith, Rose Tannlund, Miriam Velcich, & Camilla Wolfe.

STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

There is a certain urgency in today's Gospel as Jesus calls His first disciples—Andrew and Simon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus *immediately*, unhesitatingly abandoning nets and boats and father and fellow-workers.

To what is Jesus calling me—at *this* moment, in *these* circumstances?

What will I need to abandon in order to follow Him?



BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study led by Deacon Bill Turrentine meets on Sundays after the 9am Mass, down in the Parish Hall.

Drop in and take part!

YOUNG AT HEART'S FEBRUARY MEETING

Tuesday, February 7 at 11:45AM

“Serve Yourself” Buffet:

Sandwiches, Salad, & Cookies

\$6/members, \$7.50/guests

You may bring your own lunch and enjoy the usual dessert and coffee, but please let us know if you are coming so that we can set up enough places.

We would also like a \$1 to \$2 donation to share in the cost of drink and dessert.

Speaker: Lordie Sutro,

Founder of Ross Valley Chapter of Marin Village

—a group which enables seniors to age in their homes with grace, confidence, and peace of mind.

Last day to sign up: Thursday, Feb. 2

RSVP: Denise 461-0689 or Estelle 461-1789

GOD BEFORE EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE

“Apart from the good God ... nothing is stable, nothing, nothing! If it is life, it passes; if it is fortune, it crumbles; if it is health, it is destroyed; if it is reputation, it is severely tarnished. We pass like the wind.... Everything goes quickly, everything is blown away.

Oh, my God, my God! How much are to be pitied those who place their affection in all kinds of things! ...They place it there because they love themselves too much; but they do not love with a rational love; they love with love for themselves and for the world, seeking themselves, seeking creatures more than God. They are never satisfied therefore, they are never peaceful; they are always worried, always tormented, always overwhelmed.”

—*Saint John Mary Vianney*

No one is more impoverished than the child in the womb; The poor may possess little, but the unborn child possesses nothing ... These are the poorest of the poor, and it is these that the Population Research Institute has sought to help with our work.”

—*Steven W. Mosher*

President of the Population Research Institute

www.pop.org

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Annual “Week of Prayer for Christian Unity”, began on Wednesday, January 18. Jesus founded one Church for all people of all times. Sadly, there are divisions among Christians, arising from our human sinfulness. Only the Spirit of God can draw us back together so that we can work harmoniously as the Body of Christ. We who are in the Catholic Church truly have been blessed to have the seven Sacraments, to have the Tradition (with a capital “T”) of the Church, to have the canon of Sacred Scripture—the Bible, the Word of the Lord; and we know all this because Jesus gave us the Teaching Authority of the Church, which he founded on the rock—St. Peter, saying that the gates of hell would not prevail against it. Let us really pray for unity.



ORGAN RECITAL

FEBRUARY 19

BY FR. PAUL PERRY

Fr. Paul will offer an organ concert on February 19th at 12:30PM.

The free one-hour program, with commentary, offers works of Bach, Peeters, Dupré, Brahms, Duruflé, Aylward, Reger, & Paul Page.

There is no admission charge.
You are all welcome to attend!

A REQUEST FROM THE CARMELITE SISTERS

The Sisters of the Carmelite Monastery in San Rafael are in great need of a new (used) Van, preferably between 3-5 years old. They just gave away their 20 year old Van to Charity, and are hoping to replace it with another one, to be used for picking up household supplies, paper products, and for building and gardening projects.

The Sisters will be more than happy to give you an IRS letter for tax purposes for your gift; their IRS Tax ID# is 94-6122117. Thank you in advance for your help and generosity!

—Sr. Anna Marie, OCD
847-3381 or 472-3256

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS

Archbishop George Niederauer

Principal Celebrant

Saturday, Feb. 11, 12:00 Noon

Saint Mary's Cathedral

1111 Gough Street at Geary, San Francisco

A “special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding everyone to see in his sick brother or sister the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying and rising, achieved the salvation of mankind.”

—John Paul II

A special invitation is extended to the sick of each parish and their caregivers to participate in this special Mass which will include Anointing of the Sick, blessing of the hands of their caregivers, and a blessing with Lourdes water.

Special seating assistance will be provided for those in wheelchairs and with walkers.

Sponsored by the Order of Malta

ABOUT “WORLD DAY OF THE SICK”

In 1993, Pope John Paul II declared the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes (February 11) to be “World Day of the Sick”. In doing so, he addressed himself particularly to those who suffer:

“To you, dear sick people all over the world, the main actors of this World Day, may this event bring the announcement of the living and comforting presence of the Lord. Your sufferings, accepted and borne with unshakeable faith, when joined to those of Christ take on extraordinary value for the life of the Church and the good of humanity.”

He also said, *“Illness and pain affect every human being: love for the suffering is the sign and measure of the degree of civilization and progress of a people.”*

Let us pray with confidence for all the sick of our families, our parish, and the world. As they bear the cross of their infirmity, may they bear much fruit for themselves and others. And may our love for them be a light to those in the darkness of despair.

THOUGHTS ON TODAY'S READINGS

Jesus proclaimed the *gospel* of God, saying, "This is the time of *fulfillment*. The kingdom of God is *at hand*. Repent, and believe in the gospel." And St. Paul wrote, "[T]he world in its present form is passing away." The words may sound a bit frightening, but the message really is good news because *God* is calling us. *God* is with us.

In our first reading, we hear how God sent Jonah to announce the coming *destruction* of the great city of Nineveh. Such a warning does not sound like good news, but the fact that it is a message from God *is* good news because God is God. The ultimate happiness of each and every human being consists in seeking to do God's will. And part of the good news for *us today* is in the fact that the people of Nineveh *believed God!* When God saw how they had turned from evil, he spared their city!

God wants *us* to repent of our sins, too, and experience his blessings and forgiveness. Like Nineveh, we are called to repentance, because we really are headed for destruction! Our society is falling apart! The "punishment" for our sins is what we bring upon ourselves: See all the broken homes, homeless people; marriages that have withered and died; people enslaved by drugs, by sex, by materialistic idols that cause more and more loneliness; the violence of our society; mass murder; terrible perversion; thirty-nine years of legalized killing of unborn babies which has brutalized our nation and our world; pornography everywhere, infecting and perverting God's gift of human sexuality; the threat of more war, bringing more death and destruction—as wars always do.

It goes on and on and on. Our world is in a mess!

So what is the good news?

The good news is that the kingdom of God is at hand. God is aware of our problems. God is with us! We have gathered together in God's house, the Church of St. Sebastian. If we live in the faith, repent of our sins and ask for God's help, we may yet be spared the inevitable consequences of human sinfulness. God spared Nineveh. God may spare us and our families, our nation, and other nations.

We cannot save ourselves! But with God, all things are possible. So, that's the good news. This is the time of fulfillment. If we will only *believe* and put our *trust* in God, and humbly *ask* for help, God *will* help us.