

ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 29, 2012



*The hand
of the
Lord
feeds us;
He
answers
all our
needs.*

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 JULY 30—AUG 4

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| Mon | 7AM | Albert Massucco |
| | 9AM | Megan Furth |
| Tue | 7AM | Special Intention |
| | 9AM | Mary King |
| Wed | 7AM | Gregorio Guasch |
| | 9AM | R. Martin |
| Thu | 7AM | Thanksgiving to St. Teresa |
| | 9AM | Unbelievers |
| Fri | 7AM | Special Intention |
| | 9AM | Stan Lawrence |
| Sat | 7AM | Souls in Purgatory |
| | 9AM | Joseph Calleja |

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Angela, Bertha, Elizabeth, Kristen, Mary, Monica, Patrick, Stephanie, Tim, Carol Abraham, Lorenzo Acciai, Sally Arango, Madison Bostow, Marilyn Charbonneau, Lori Cohen, Yondellan Coleman, Elizabeth Cook, Elizabeth Crowley, Doris Doty, Nanette Duffy, Terrence Fischer, Eileen Harriman, Taro Hart, Rosemarie Hayes, Chiara Iulucci, Germaine Khohayting, Jeanne Killian, Joe Lazor, John Legnitto, Manda Masse, Gino Mazzenatto, William McNamara, Nellie Mitchell, Richard Mogas, Monte Maroevich, Valerie Milroy, Mark Piatti; Jenna, Jack, Kate, & Purl Clan; Kylie Richardson, Peggy Roth, Steve Schlesselmann, Helen Smith, Mary Lou Smith, Sharon Smith, Rose Tannlund, Camilla Wolfe.

**Our many sick, homebound
and hospitalized parishioners
who are unable to attend Mass
will be blessed by your prayers.**

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!



Prayer of the ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES

*Almighty God and Father,
look with love upon our men and women
in uniform, and protect them in their time of need.
Give them health and stability, and allow them to
return to their loved ones whole and unshaken.
Be with their families,
and sustain them in these uncertain times.
Grant strength and peace of mind to the Veterans
who have given their best for the country they love.
Support them in infirmity
and in the fragility of old age.
Teach us to remember their sacrifices
and to express our gratitude.
Manifest your tender care to those in the
Military Academies who prepare for future service,
and to those who serve our Nation far from home.
Teach us to remember the sacrifice of those
whose efforts contribute to ensuring our way of life.
Bless and multiply the priests who minister to the
faithful of the Archdiocese for the Military Services.
Reward their generosity, and keep them faithful.
Hear us as we present our prayers to You
through Christ our Lord.*

Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

We keep Andrew “Kent” Moore and his family in our prayers. Kent was one of the “Crossroads Walk Across America” Pro Life walkers who visited our parish in May as they began a prayerful journey across the United States from San Francisco. He died after being struck by a car while he and a co-walker prayed the Rosary as they walked along a road in Indiana. The twenty-year-old student, from Concord, CA, was in his junior year at Thomas Aquinas College. May his faithfulness to God bring forth much fruit in our land, and may he now be added to the Communion of Saints.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DINING ROOM IN SAN RAFAEL NEEDS SOCKS

St. Vincent de Paul requests donations of *brand new socks* for their clients in San Rafael.

If you can provide new socks, please leave them in the Red Bins by the doors of our church.

CENACLE OF PRAYER

NEXT SUNDAY

3 to 4pm

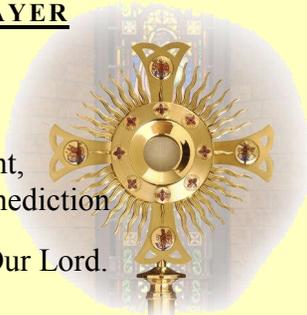
Exposition

of the Blessed Sacrament,
Rosary, Meditation, & Benediction

Spend an hour here with Our Lord.

Jesus is always present in the tabernacle,
waiting to hear what's on your mind.

Your prayers are powerful!



FREEDOM AND OUR RELIGIOUS HERITAGE

—an excerpt—

by Supreme Knight of Columbus Carl A. Anderson
April 19, 2012, 8th Annual National Catholic Prayer
Breakfast in Washington, D.C.

In his historic *Letter from a Birmingham Jail*, Rev. [Martin Luther] King said that he and his followers “were in reality standing up for what is best in the American dream and for the most sacred values in our Judeo-Christian heritage, thereby bringing our nation back to those great wells of democracy which were dug deep by the founding fathers in their formulation of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence.”

But perhaps we do need to be reminded that King’s letter relied upon our own Catholic natural law tradition. He cited St. Augustine that “an unjust law is no law at all.” And he asked, “How does one determine when a law is just or unjust? A just law is a man-made code that squares with the moral law or the law of God. An unjust law is a code that is out of harmony with the moral law.”

He then went on to say, “To put it in the terms of Saint Thomas Aquinas, an unjust law is a human law that is not rooted in eternal and natural law.”

There you have the ancient teaching of the Catholic Church summed up by a Baptist preacher under arrest for living by it.

When you visit the new memorial to King on our national mall, read carefully the 14 quotations inscribed there. You will not find a single reference to God. Not one. Imagine how those in authority must have searched to come up with 14 quotes of Rev. King without one mention of the Almighty. There is no more shocking symbol of the ongoing campaign to drive religion out of our public life.

THE END OF CHRISTENDOM?

“The world in which we live is the battleground of the Church. I believe that we are now living at the end of Christendom. It is the end of *Christendom* but not of *Christianity*. What is Christendom? Christendom is the political, moral, economic, social, legal life of a nation as inspired by the gospel ethic. *That* is finished. Abortion, the breakdown of the family life, dishonesty, even the natural virtues upon which the supernatural virtues were based, are being discredited. *Christianity* is not at the end, but we *are* at the end of Christendom. And I believe the sooner we face up to this fact, the sooner we will be able to solve many of our problems. Thirty or forty years ago, it was very easy to be a Christian. The very air we breathed was Christian. Bicycles could be left on the front lawns; doors could be left unlocked. Suddenly, all this has changed. Now we have to affirm our faith. We live in a world that challenges us, and many fall away. Dead bodies float downstream; it takes *live* bodies to resist the current. And this is our summons. We will have to begin a different church. We are for a moment on a trapeze: We are in between the death of an *old* civilization and culture and the swing to the beginning of the *new*. These are the times in which we live. They are therefore wonderful days; marvelous; we should thank God that we live in times like this!”

“A Catholic who does not strive to spread his faith is a parasite on the life of the Church.”

—Archbishop Fulton Sheen, 1974

Religious freedom erodes when, in the face of an increasingly secular culture, believers cease to bring convictions born of faith into family life, daily work, and social settings.

—Archbishop William E. Lori

Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.

—John Adams

SAVE THE DATE FOR PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, September 23rd 12:00pm
Here at Saint Sebastian’s

**AN INVITATION TO ATTEND A
BYZANTINE CATHOLIC MASS**

You are invited to attend a Byzantine Catholic Mass here at St. Sebastian's next month, on Saturday, August 18, 2012, at 9AM with Fr. David Anderson, the pastor of St. Peter's Eastern Catholic Church in Ukiah, CA. Fr. David will bring members of his congregation with him to assist him.

The Byzantine Catholic Mass is a fully-valid Catholic Mass but in the Byzantine Eastern rite; the Mass is entirely sung by priest and people, hence the need for members of St. Peter's congregation to come and assist.

A potluck luncheon will follow in St. Sebastian's Parish Hall after Mass, and it will be followed by a theological Question & Answer period.

Consider inviting your friends, family, and neighbors to this unique opportunity to experience the Sacred Liturgy according to the Byzantine Rite. The small community of St. Peter's would appreciate your presence and support, and we can give them a warm and hearty welcome.

If you have any questions, please call Paul Haddad at 385-1720.

MONDAY MORNING CENACLE OF PRAYER

The Cenacle that meets Monday mornings following the 9AM Mass will take a Summer break during August. The group will resume after Labor Day, Monday Sept. 10th.

In September the prayer Cenacle will read what the Catechism of the Catholic Church says about Jesus Christ, the Only Son of God. The group will also discuss True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary by Saint Louis de Montfort, and read from To the Priests, Our Lady's Beloved Sons about the messages of Our Lady given through Fr. Gobbi and the Marian Movement of Priests.

You are welcome to join the group *when it resumes* on Sept. 10th at 9:30AM in the Parish Hall.