

# ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD JANUARY 13, 2013

### 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

### *Parish School of Religion:*

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### *Confirmation Youth Group:*

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 14—19

Mon	7AM	Francis Alioto
	9AM	Randa Stenson
Tue	7AM	Nellie McFadden
	9AM	Mother Arianda
Wed	7AM	Rev. Lou Robello
	9AM	Ed Lana
Thu	7AM	Special Intention
	9AM	Rev. Lou Robello
Fri	7AM	Those in the Medical Profession
	9AM	Matteo & Maria Jurasick
Sat	7AM	Noel Carroes
	9AM	José Albuja

### THANK YOU FOR KEEPING THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Angela, Bertha, Diane, Elizabeth, Jim, Jo Anne, and Lori, Helen, Joey, Kristen, Mary, Monica, Patrick, Sandra L., Stephanie, Tim, Carol Abraham, Lorenzo Acciai, Madison Bostow, Marilyn Charbonneau, Lori Cohen, Yondellan Coleman, Elizabeth Cook, Elizabeth Crowley, Doris Doty, Nanette Duffy, Charlotte Fini, Terrence Fischer, Eileen Harriman, Taro Hart, Rosemarie Hayes, Chiara Iulucci, Germaine Khohayting, Jeanne Killian, Joe Lazor, John Legnitto, Barbara Mass, Manda Masse, Gino Mazzenatto, William McNamara, Richard Mogas, Margaret & Monte Maroevich, Valerie Milroy, Mark Piatti; Jenna, Jack, Kate, & Purl Clan; Kylie Richardson, Peggy Roth, Steve Schlesselmann, Helen & Paul Smith, Mary Lou Smith, Sharon Smith, Mary Ann Sullivan, and Rose Tannlund.

### OFFERTORY ENVELOPE USERS

Envelopes may be picked up from the table in the vestibule. End-of-Year Letters, for income tax purposes, will be sent out to those who contributed \$250 or more by the end of the month. Using the envelopes enables us to acknowledge your contributions. If you are not an offertory envelope user and would like envelopes, please call the office at 461-0704. Thank you for your support!

### 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.**

### 9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WALK for LIFE—WEST COAST

On Saturday, January 26, the 9th Annual Walk for Life West Coast takes place starting with a Rally at Civic Center Plaza in front of San Francisco City Hall at 12:30 pm and ending at Justin Herman Plaza after a 1.8 mile walk down Market Street. Join over 40,000 walkers to pray and peacefully proclaim that women deserve better than abortion.

**Need transportation? Buses are traveling from these Marin County parishes:**

#### **Our Lady of Loretto**

Erin Troy 897-2171

#### **St. Anthony of Padua**

Mary Ann Kambur 883-2177

#### **St. Hilary** Mari Paulter 789-9071

All buses will board at 10:45 am and leave for the City at 11:00 am sharp.

Cost is \$15 per person

Reservations **are** required.

For more information:

[www.walkforlifewc.com](http://www.walkforlifewc.com)



**SAINT PATRICK CHURCH  
COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**

**Next Sunday, January 20 7:45am—1pm**  
409 Magnolia Ave., Larkspur

To schedule your life-saving appointment, visit  
[www.bloodheroes.com](http://www.bloodheroes.com) Click “donate blood” and  
enter sponsor code: SaintPatrick

Appointments encouraged,  
but walk-ins are welcome.

**YOUNG AT HEART**

**Tuesday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:45AM in Parish Hall**

**“Serve Yourself” Buffet:**

Sandwiches, Salad, & Cookies  
\$6/members

\$7.50/non-members, guests

**Kathleen Woodcock, speaker**

from **Marin Center for Independent Living**

*(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: Carolyn Piatti 461-2276

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

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**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.

***From a Sermon on the Baptism of the Lord  
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.