

ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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God called out to him from the bush, “Moses! Moses!”
He answered, “Here I am.”
God said, “Come no nearer!
Remove the sandals from your feet,
for the place where you stand is holy ground.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 3, 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

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Dave Previtali: StSebConfirmation@yahoo.com
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR MARCH 4-9

Mon	7AM	Souls in Purgatory
	9AM	Joseph Calleja
Tue	7AM	Ed Lampe
	9AM	Annette & Lou Batmale
Wed	7AM	Regina Slayton
	9AM	Andres, Victor, John, Martin, <i>living</i>
	5:15PM	Peggy Tarrant
Thu	7AM	Elias Haddad, <i>living</i>
	9AM	James O'Driscoll, <i>living</i>
Fri	7AM	Elias Haddad
	9AM	James O'Driscoll, <i>living</i>
Sat	7AM	Thanksgiving
	9AM	Tom Harriman

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Angela, Barbara, Bertha, Carol, Claudia, Dorothy, Elizabeth, Kristen, Mary, Monica, Patrick, Sandra L., Stephanie, Tim, Verna, Vivien, Carol Abraham, Marilyn Charbonneau, Elizabeth Cook, Eileen Harriman, Margaret & Monte Maroevich, Mark Piatti, Steve Schlesselmann, Helen & Paul Smith, Mary Lou Smith, Rose Tannlund, and Sherry Willis.

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

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2013

Sixty-two families, out of the 425 registered households, have responded, pledging about 57% of our goal of \$59,400. We still need \$25,625 to pay our assessment, but we are excited about the response to this year's Appeal.

When each of us takes part in this effort,
we can easily support both our Parish
and the entire Archdiocese of San Francisco.



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immaculate heart radio
sharing the heart of the Christian faith



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

**Be sure to set your clocks *ahead* one
hour next Saturday night.**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

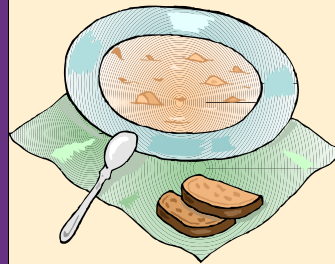
Jesus asks, "*Could you not watch with me one hour? Watch, and pray that you may not undergo the test.*" (Matthew 26:40-42).

St. Sebastian's offers Eucharistic Adoration following the 7AM & 9AM weekday Masses, when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed by the celebrant for Eucharistic Adoration. Spending time in private adoration and thanksgiving after attending Mass and receiving Jesus in Holy Communion is an ideal way to grow in appreciating the tremendous gift of God to us in the Eucharist, and a way to grow in holiness and love of God.

During the 3 o'clock "Hour of Divine Mercy" there is another opportunity for Adoration. Join fellow parishioners in reciting the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary. The second part of the Holy Hour from 3 - 4PM is a time of *silent* Adoration.

Can you "watch and pray" one hour with Jesus?
Why not make that commitment for Lent?

CAN YOU MAKE SOUP ?



During Lent, we have a 5:15pm Mass on Wednesday evening, followed by "Soup Supper" in the Parish Hall.

We need your soup!

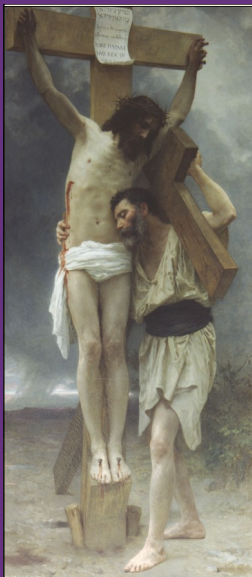
If you would like to prepare a pot of soup to share with your fellow parishioners, please call the Parish Office at 461-0704.

We usually have a variety of seven different soups each Wednesday. We'd love to taste your specialty!

There are only three more Soup Suppers.

ABSTINENCE

**Everyone fourteen years of age and older
is bound to abstain from meat
on the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.**



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Fridays during Lent
after the 9AM Mass,
and again, at 7:30PM,
led by David Previtali,
Deacon Candidate**

Of course, you are welcome to drop in to the church at any time during the day to visit Our Lord, who is always present in the tabernacle, and you can pray the Stations of the Cross privately.

MARRIAGE PROTECTS CHILDREN

“The U.S. Supreme Court’s decision to hear these cases is a significant moment for our nation,” Archbishop Cordileone said. “I pray the Court will affirm the fact that the institution of marriage, which is as old as humanity and written in our very nature, is the union of one man and one woman. Marriage is the foundation of a just society, as it protects the most vulnerable among us: children. It is the only institution that unites children with their mothers and fathers together. We pray for the Court, that its deliberations may be guided by truth and justice so as to uphold marriage’s true meaning and purpose,” Archbishop Cordileone said.

RESPECT FOR THE GIFT OF LIFE

Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person--among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life. “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you” (Jer 1:5; cf Job 10:8-12; Ps 22:10-11). “My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth” (Ps. 139:15). Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable.”

—*Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 2270-2271*

SAINT PATRICK’S DAY DINNER

sponsored by Young at Heart

All are Invited !

**Sunday, March 10, 2013
Deer Park Villa, Fairfax**

Cocktails 3PM (no-host)
Dinner 4PM (wine/beer no-host)
\$30/members \$32/guests

Good Food, Fellowship, Irish Dancers, & Singing

Corned Beef or Chicken

Call Carolyn 461-2276 — Rosellen 461-9003

Last Day for Reservations: Wednesday, March 6

**SACRED HEART CHURCH, OLEMA
57TH ANNUAL ST. PATRICK’S DAY BBQ**

Sunday, March 17 Noon - 4pm

**Dance Palace Community & Cultural Center
503 B Street, Point Reyes Station**

Enjoy the famous Chicken Barbecue Dinner!
(BBQ Chicken, Pasta, Salad, Roll, & Milk)

Adults \$12

Children \$6

Games for kids, cash raffle, silent auction
Featuring fabulous donated items, delicious home-baked goodies.

Event held indoors, rain or shine.

ANNUAL DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Hosted by Nazareth House Auxiliary

Wednesday, March 20

at

Nazareth House, 245 Nova Albion Way, San Rafael

9:30am—3:00pm Mass at 2:00pm

Speaker: Fr. Cyril O’Sullivan

Bring a Bag Lunch; Coffee & Dessert Provided

Suggested Donation: \$10

RSVP: *Before Tuesday*, March 12 (limited space)

Peggy Walker 453-9305 (leave name and phone)

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CYO

LENTEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Catholic Charities CYO’s Canal Family Program in San Rafael needs volunteers to read books to children or assist them with their homework.

Contact Jane Ferguson Flout at 972-1227 or jfergusonflout@cccyo.org.

WE'D BETTER REPENT!

Jesus tells us that misfortunes, disasters, and violence inflicted on a person does not mean that that person is being punished by God. God does not behave that way! Jesus gives his listeners two examples in Luke's Gospel when he declares that some Galileans who had been slaughtered by Pontius Pilate were no more wicked than anyone else. He also mentions an accidental catastrophe in Siloam where eighteen people had been killed by a falling tower, and he says, again, that those unfortunate people were no more sinful than anyone else in Jerusalem: "By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!"

These words must surely get our attention.

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Jesus then tells a parable about a man who had a fig tree which, for three years, had failed to provide any fruit; it was time to cut it down! The man's gardener, however, pleaded with him, asking for a year to take special care of the tree; he'd cultivate the soil and fertilize it. If, after this last chance, the tree was still barren, then it definitely would be destroyed.

We are to see ourselves in this gospel passage. If we are alive (which we *are*), then we are to recognize that it is because God has given us more time to bear fruit. He has not destroyed us even though we have sinned. He doesn't behave that way! Jesus wants us to realize that God is merciful, that he takes special care of us, cultivating us, "fertilizing" us, as it were, in Word and Sacrament to strengthen us in holiness so that we will bear fruit. God created us to bear fruit for his heavenly orchard, beginning here on earth. If we will not bear fruit for the kingdom of God, then, due to our own sterility, we will be cut down and thrown away, something which God does not want, but he leaves the choice up to us.

None of us wants to suffer the fate of the Galileans killed by Pilate, or the people who had a tower collapse on top of them, but "the wages of sin is death!" We will suffer a worse fate if we choose not to repent, not to turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel. God is always ready to cultivate us if we but turn to him and ask. Ask, and you shall receive.