

ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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Ascension of the Lord May 12, 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
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR MAY 13 - 18

Mon	7AM	Chas, Nancy, & Ruth Hoffman
	9AM	Ed Tarrant
Tue	7AM	Terry Haddad, <i>living</i>
	9AM	Fallen-away Catholics
Wed	7AM	Special Intention
	9AM	Ed Lampe
Thu	7AM	Grace O'Donnell
	9AM	Herm † & Anne Marie Schlesselmann
Fri	7AM	Sal Gumina
	9AM	Kim, Chris, & Esther, <i>living</i>
Sat	7AM	Pope, Bishops, Priests, Deacons
	9AM	Brianna Lampe, <i>living</i>

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Angela, Barbara, Bertha, Carol, Elizabeth, Kristen, Mary, Monica, Patrick, Sandra L., Stephanie, Tim, Verna, Vivien, Carol Abraham, Ann Boeri, Marilyn Charbonneau, Cathy Connor, Elizabeth Cook, Anna Filice, Eileen Harriman, John Legnitto, Monte Maroevich, Chris Matthew, Mark Piatti, Steve Schlesselmann, Helen 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.**

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.**



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SUNDAY, MAY 26

ST. SEBASTIAN PARISH HALL

Nationally-known author and inspirational speaker, Christine Watkins, will share with us her amazing conversion story and the miracles she witnessed in Medjugorje where the Virgin Mary has allegedly been appearing daily for over thirty-one years. In addition, Mrs. Watkins will reveal to us what Mary is saying to us from heaven for our times, and lead us to encounter the love and presence of Mother Mary for ourselves. Don't miss this life-changing presentation!

Christine Watkins, MTS, LCSW, formerly and anti-Christian atheist caught up in sin and the New Age movement, converted to Catholicism after receiving a miraculous healing from Jesus through Mary, which saved her from death. Moving away from her previous life as a professional ballet dancer with the San Francisco Ballet Company, she began a life of service to the Church. Mrs. Watkins has been featured on the Focus Television Network, interviewed for ABC Nightline's Marian special: "The Miracle Mysteries," as well as for numerous radio programs. In her compelling best-seller book [Full of Grace](#) for Ave Maria Press, Mrs. Watkins tells her dramatic story of miraculous healing and conversion, along with the stories of five others: a homeless drug addict, a lonely youth, a Nobel Peace Prize-nominee, a nightclub stripper, a cocaine abuser, all of whom found themselves in Medjugorje and transformed by Mary's love.

See www.christinewatkins.com



Christine Watkins

Sunday, May 26

**St. Sebastian
Parish Hall**

Approx. 1:00PM

**Food & Drink
will be served**

FROM A DISCOURSE ON THE PSALMS BY SAINT AUGUSTINE, BISHOP

Our thoughts in this present life should turn on the praise of God, because it is in praising God that we shall rejoice for ever in the life to come; and no one can be ready for the next life unless he trains himself for it now. So we praise God during our earthly life, and at the same time we make our petitions to him. Our praise is expressed with joy, our petitions with yearning. We have been promised something we do not yet possess, and because the promise was made by one who keeps his word, we trust him and are glad; but insofar as possession is delayed, we can only long and yearn for it. It is good for us to persevere in longing until we receive what was promised, and yearning is over; then praise alone will remain.

Because there are these two periods of time—the one that now is, beset with the trials and troubles of this life, and the other yet to come, a life of everlasting serenity and joy—we are given two liturgical seasons, one before Easter and the other after. The season before Easter signifies the troubles in which we live here and now, while the time after Easter which we are celebrating at present signifies the happiness that will be ours in the future. What we commemorate before Easter is what we experience in this life; what we celebrate after Easter points to something we do not yet possess. This is why we keep the first season with fasting and prayer; but now the fast is over and we devote the present season to praise. Such is the meaning of the *Alleluia* we sing.

Both these periods are represented and demonstrated for us in Christ our head. The Lord's passion depicts for us our present life of trial—shows how we must suffer and be afflicted and finally die. The Lord's resurrection and glorification show us the life that will be given to us in the future.

Now, therefore, brethren, we urge you to praise God. That is what we are telling each other when we say *Alleluia*. You say to your neighbor, "Praise the Lord!" and he says the same to you. We are all urging one another to praise the Lord, and all thereby doing what each of us urges the other to do. But see that your praise come from your whole being; in other words, see that you praise God not with your lips and voices alone, but with your minds, your lives and all your actions.

We are praising God now, assembled as we are here in church; but when we go our various ways again, it seems as if we cease to praise God. But provided we do not cease to live a good life, we shall always be praising God. You cease to praise God only when you swerve from justice and from what is pleasing to God. If you never turn aside from the good life, your tongue may be silent but your actions will cry aloud, and God will perceive your intentions; for as our ears hear each other's voices, so do God's ears hear our thoughts.

MAY 18: YOUNG AT HEART'S

**TOUR OF THE THREE BEAUTIFUL MISSIONS
OF THE NORTH BAY**

Leave St. Sebastian's at 9AM for Mission San Francisco Solano, in Sonoma. Lunch at Cline Vineyards. The Model Mission Museum shows the works of Austrian artists for the 1939 World's Fair at Treasure Island. At Mission San Rafael Archangel walk the grounds and visit the replica built in 1940s. At San Francisco's Mission Dolores, tour the Old Mission, the Basilica and cemetery and read the old tombstones. Saturday Vigil Mass will be at 5pm. After Mass, return to St. Sebastian's parking lot by 6:45pm. Coffee will be available at 9AM, and cold beverages will be offered at each stop. Cost: \$85, includes all fees, taxes, gratuities, and a 10% tithe to the sponsoring non-profit, St. Sebastian Church.

Info: Rosellen Staats 461-9003
or Donna Boyd 453-3383

May 18, 6PM-9PM

St. Patrick Church Community Center
409 Magnolia Ave., Larkspur
Armed Forces Day

"AN AFTERNOON AT THE USO"

With the Blue Star Singers from the USS Hornet,
a silent auction, appetizers, and wine.

Guests are invited to dress '40s
and be prepared to swing!

Tickets: \$20/person donation to:

Friends of Travis Fisher House
Support our injured troops
with a fundraiser for Fisher House
which provides temporary housing for injured
service members, veterans, and their families
when they need medical care far from home.

(see fisherhouse.org)

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Today, we celebrate our Lord's Ascension into Heaven, and next Sunday we'll celebrate Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the Church. Jesus says: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses.. to the ends of the earth."

Wisdom is one of the great gifts of the Holy Spirit which we receive in the Sacrament of Confirmation. God *chooses* the weak of this world to shame the strong. The wisdom of *this world*—a world that doesn't believe in God—is foolishness to God. And we have wisdom *not from this world*—rather, it's a gift from God—enabling each of us to *go forth* to teach the nations about God's love for each and every human being; teach them that God *became* a human being; teach them that Jesus, always faithful to his Father, is the *example* for all of us of what a *perfect* human being is.

And his mother Mary, a creature of God, also shows us the perfection of humanity. She who trusted God in everything, who took care of the child Jesus from the first moment of his conception in her womb, who was *full of grace*, is also *our* mother, and we are her children! Just as parents are happy when their child acts uprightly, so Our Lady smiles over us, too, when we are doing what her Son, Jesus, wants us to do. At the wedding feast in Cana, Our Lady told the servants: "Do whatever he tells you." Jesus worked his first miracle that day: The servants filled the jars with water as Jesus had directed, and he changed it into fine wine. Jesus still works miracles of grace. He tell us to let our light shine before others, so that all the nations will come to know him. If we do what he tells us, he will strengthen weak hearts and give hope to those who are in despair. He will work miracles just as he did at Cana in Galilee.

When we *act* according to our Catholic faith, passed down from the Apostles, we give hope to the world so that it can be healed of the wounds of sin and division and the terrible disrespect for life that has caused so much grief for too long.

If we remain strong in our faith and in stay in union with the Catholic Church, we will be saints! We've received power from on high; our joy is to be in Communion with the Saints in the love of God which surrounds us; to preserve that unity and be the Lord's witnesses in the world today, which is the great commission we receive as the Lord ascends to his heavenly Father.