

ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ June 2, 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
Secretary Nancy Lampe

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR JUNE 3 - 8

Mon 7AM George Vasquez, *living*
9AM Rico Martin

Tue 7AM Joseph Calleja
9AM Anne Schreiner

Wed 7AM Fr. Lou Robello
9AM Ed Lampe

Thu 7AM Ed Lampe
9AM Rico Martin

Fri 7AM Christina Piatti
9AM Sean Purtell, *living*

Sat 7AM Souls in Purgatory
9AM Tom & Eileen Harriman

**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, John Legnitto, Monte Maroevich, Chris Matthew, Mark Piatti, Steve Schlesselmann, Mary Lou Smith, Rose Tannlund, and Sherry Willis.

CENACLE OF PRAYER

TODAY

3 to 4pm

Exposition

of the Blessed Sacrament,
Rosary, Meditation, & Benediction

**Spend an hour here with Our Lord
on the first Sunday of each month.**



**ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH
COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**

Sunday, June 9 from 8am to 12pm

Location: Church Hall

409 Magnolia Ave., Larkspur

To schedule an appointment,

visit www.bloodheroes.com Click "donate blood"

and enter sponsor code: SaintPatrick,

or call Steve at 948-5904.

Appointments encouraged,

but walk-ins are welcome.

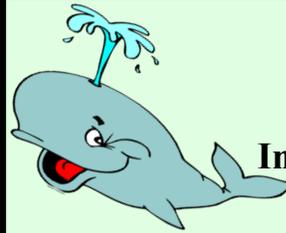
Donors will receive an S.F. Giants T-Shirt

"WHALE OF A SALE"

This Saturday, June 8

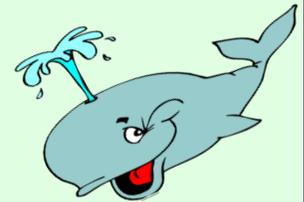
Sell Your Stuff!

In the Church Parking Lot



**Hotdogs, Chips, Sodas, & Water
Available at the Concession Stand**

**Spaces Available
for \$35
Call 461-0704**

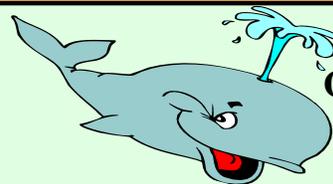


Can You Bake?

Our "Whale of a Sale"

Baked Goods Booth

Needs *Your* Help!



**We need baked goods for St. Sebastian's
"Whale of a Sale" Table.**

**You can drop off your wrapped baked goods
in the Parish Hall on Friday, June 7
from 3:30-5pm.**

Thank you! We can't do it without *you!*

**YOUNG AT HEART'S
FINAL LUNCHEON OF THIS YEAR**

Jason's Restaurant

This Tuesday, June 4, 2013

11:00am Mass

11:30am Cocktails and Wine at your own cost

12 Noon Luncheon

Choices: Brandy Chicken Breast or Baked Salmon or
Linguini con Pesto with Sun-Dried Tomatoes
Salad, Potato, Vegetable, Gelato, Coffee or Tea
\$33/person \$35/guests

RSVP ASAP

to Carolyn Piatti 461-2276

or Rosellen Staats 461-9003

**The right to life is the first among human
rights. To abort a child is to kill someone
who cannot defend himself.**

—Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio (now Pope Francis I)



The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary are this Friday and Saturday, June 7 & 8.

“Behold this Heart which has so loved men that It spared nothing, even going so far as to exhaust and consume Itself, to prove to them Its love. And in return I receive from the greater part of men nothing but ingratitude, by the contempt, irreverence, sacrileges and coldness with which they treat Me in this Sacrament of Love. But what is still more painful to Me is that even souls consecrated to Me are acting in this way.”

—words of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to heaven. There are others: innocence, but that is for little children; penance, but we are afraid of it; generous endurance of trials of life, but when they come we weep and ask to be spared. The surest, easiest, shortest way is the Eucharist.

—*Saint Pius X*

WORD OF LIFE

It is imperative that the entire Catholic community in the United States come to realize the grave threats to the Church’s public moral witness. ... The seriousness of these threats needs to be clearly appreciated at every level of ecclesial life. Of particular concern are certain attempts being made to limit that most cherished of American freedoms, the freedom of religion.

—*Pope Benedict XVI*

“Address to the Bishops of United States of America on their Ad Limina Visit,” January 19, 2012

WHO COMPILED THE BIBLE?

The Catholic Church compiled the Bible. In the 4th century Saint Jerome made a standard revision of the Latin Manuscripts. This revision is called the *Vulgate*. From the 4th century through the 15th, the Church **preserved** the Bible by laboriously hand copying the Vulgate. Holy monks, friars, and clergy did this for 1100 years! The Vulgate subsequently was universally accepted. In the 16th century it became the official translation of the Western Rite of the Catholic Church. It still is today.

The Church disseminated the Word of God throughout the ages in several ways: (1) by duplicating the Sacred Scriptures, (2) by preaching the word through its priests and monks, (3) through plays and dramas on the gospel, and (4) through painting, sculpture, stained glass windows and the like. Every effort was made to make the Scriptures known to all the people.

There were two classes of people in those times: those who could read Latin, and those who could read nothing. So there was little **need** to translate the Bible into the vernacular. But in its zeal to make the sacred texts as widely known as possible, the Church **encouraged** popular, approved translations in the vernacular as early as the 7th century. The claim that Wycliffe was the first to translate the Bible into English is demonstrably false. There were English translations of the Bible long before Wycliffe.

There were over 600 Catholic Bible editions—200 in the vernacular—before the first Protestant version appeared. Further, *the first book ever printed* was the Catholic Gutenberg Bible of 1456. Historians have noted that the Catholic Church exhausted all reasonable means to spread the Gospel message. The Church is the true preserver and protector of the sacred word, by duplicating it, by preaching it, and by preserving it from the beginning.

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CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

If someone were watching us, would that person come to believe in the presence of Jesus from seeing our behavior? If we really do believe that Jesus, the One who has saved our lives, the Son of God, the Savior of the world, the Forgiver of sins, our Best Friend is *here*, can we remain just as we are, or are there things in our lives that we should change?

If we are aware of our personal sinfulness and unworthiness, do we ever approach the *other* Sacrament that Jesus gave us for the forgiveness of our sins, by *Confessing* and receiving the grace of absolution? Or are we self-satisfied—in effect, saying, “I don’t need to change.”

Sadly, many Catholics no longer know or believe that Jesus is really present in Holy Communion. It’s as if they’re saying to Jesus: “You wasted your time! You didn’t need to come down from heaven! You didn’t need to die on the cross! We don’t need the Eucharist because there’s *better* food elsewhere.” (Which is *not* true!).

We should acknowledge the truth that the bread and wine, after they have been consecrated, are no longer bread and wine, but have become the Body and Blood of Christ, the Bread of Life. We all say that we want to “go to heaven”, but in heaven, we would be standing before Truth itself. No one can stand before God and hide his or her sins. God sees the truth, and we will have to acknowledge the truth of our own lives with no excuses or explanations. We will be unable to hide anything.

We all want to go to heaven someday, yet the Communion we share is “the bread that came down from heaven”. We don’t appreciate the fact that heaven is within us. We must be blind. If we want to stand before God, and recognize him, we had better *prepare* by trying to recognize him *today*, here, at this Mass, and at every Mass. How can we hope to see God in heaven if we fail to see him when he is substantially present right here?

All around the world, people are spending more and more time in prayer and worship in front of the Blessed Sacrament. We need to do so. Our opening prayer today says, “Grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption.”