

# ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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**October 6, 2013**

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## 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

## Parish School of Religion:

Renée O'Neill: [ReneeGOneill@gmail.com](mailto:ReneeGOneill@gmail.com)

## Confirmation Youth Group:

Dave Previtali: [StSebConfirmation@yahoo.com](mailto:StSebConfirmation@yahoo.com)

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER 7 - 12

Mon 7AM Ed Lampe  
9AM Derham Family

Tue 7AM Special Intention  
9AM Norma Geissberger

Wed 7AM Joan Sullivan  
9AM Tom & Eileen Harriman

Thu 7AM Joan Sullivan  
9AM Delia McInerney, *living*

Fri 7AM Christina Piatti  
9AM Jim Staats

Sat 7AM Souls in Purgatory  
9AM Chas, Nancy, & Ruth Hoffman

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

Angela, Bertha, Carol, Elizabeth, Joe, Kristen, Mary, Monica, Patrick, Sandra L., Sherie, Stephanie, Tim, Vivien, Carol Abraham, Ann Boeri, Marilyn Charbonneau, Cathy Connor, Elizabeth Cook, Anna Filice, Ann Gonzales, Leonce Halphen Jr., John Legnitto, Monte Maroevich, Chris Matthew, Mark Piatti, Steve Schlesselmann, Mary Lou Smith, Rose Tannlund, Kristin Todd, and Sherry Willis.



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## **THE HOLY Rosary\***

**\*For best results,  
—use daily.**

### 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 join us!*



## October is "Respect Life" Month

"But I feel a great destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a direct war, a direct killing, direct murder by the mother herself.

And we read in the scripture, for God says very clearly: "*Even if a mother could forget her child, I will not forget you. I have carved you in the palm of My Hand.*"

We are carved in the palm of His Hand; so close to Him, that unborn child has been carved in the Hand of God. And that is what strikes me most, the beginning of that sentence, that even a mother could forget something impossible—but even if she could forget—"I will not forget you." And today the greatest destroyer of peace is abortion. And we who are standing here—our parents wanted us. We would not be here if our parents would do that to us."



*--Blessed Mother Teresa,  
at a Lecture upon receiving the Nobel Peace Prize,  
Oslo, Norway, Dec. 11, 1979.*

### YOUNG AT HEART EVENT

*Now open to all ages!*

**DAY TRIP:**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10**

**Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, CA  
now a Historic Park**

founded by Civil War Hero and America's first  
Admiral, David Glasgow Farragut.

Join Young at Heart for a guided tour of the shipyard, historic drydock, St. Peter's Chapel (with its beautiful Tiffany windows), Admiral's Quarters, Officers' Homes and Gardens, Cemetery, and Museum.

**Sit-down Lunch provided by the Park  
Total cost: \$62.50/members \$65/guests**

Leave St. Sebastian's by bus at 9:15am  
and return at 3:45-4:00pm.

**RSVP: Donna Boyd 453-3383  
Rosellen Staats 461-9003**

## Thoughts on Today's Gospel

"Increase our faith," the apostles said to Jesus.

C.S. Lewis, in his book Mere Christianity, has some excellent words for us:

"[O]ne must train the habit of faith. ... That is why daily prayers and religious reading and churchgoing are necessary parts of the Christian life. We have to be continually reminded of what we believe. Neither this belief nor any other will automatically remain alive in the mind. It must be fed."

"Increase our faith," the apostles said. And if we want our faith to increase, then we've got to *practice* our faith. We can see what happens to ourselves—and to the *world*—when we do *not* put our faith into practice: There was a time when there was *no* bad language at all on TV or in the movies! None. And the 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment (*Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord, thy God, in vain.*) was respected. But, little-by-little, profanity crept in and God's Name was *trashed*, and God-fearing people—of all faiths—did not respond and say, "Stop this!" We did not put our faith into practice as we should have. But then, that's nothing compared to the slaughter of human beings before birth. Not just a few, but around 1½ million a year are now killed—legally—in the United States of America!

"Practice makes perfect," is a familiar old saying, but unfortunately practice can never make us perfect. We fail. We cannot do it on our own. We can never do so much that God owes us a place at the heavenly banquet. In today's Gospel passage, Jesus tells us that when we have done all that we were commanded, we should humbly say, "We are unprofitable servants; we have done only what we were obliged to do." (And we haven't even done *that* much.)

And by having such a humble attitude, by being poor in spirit, by asking God to have mercy on us for our failings, we may notice that our faith *has* increased, that we've grown also in the virtue of humility. And when we have honestly humbled ourselves, then we may find that God will exalt us. And we may join all the *heavenly* community in praising God because none of *them* deserved heaven. It's all God's gift.

—Fr. M.T.

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES HAVE BEGUN

Our Confirmation Youth Group (CYG) has resumed classes on Mondays, 7-8:30PM, in the Hall. Any young Catholic in Grades 7-12 may be registered. Preparation is a two-year program of study, discussion, prayer, and service. Registration forms are available at the parish office, on the rack in the in the back of the church, or by emailing:

David Previtali, CYG Director  
[stseconfirmation@yahoo.com](mailto:stseconfirmation@yahoo.com)

## A NOTE FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Please *do not* drop off any items of clothing here at the parish. We have no means of handling them!

We *do* collect canned food and items for use in people's kitchens, but if you have good clothing that you wish to pass on to someone who can use it, please bring it either to Goodwill or Salvation Army, but do not bring it here to the parish.

Thank you for your understanding and support!

## CALLING ALL CATHOLIC NURSES!

The S.F. Council of the National Association of Catholic Nurses is holding a "Meet & Greet" for all interested Catholic Nurses.

**Saturday, October 12, 2013 9:30am-11:30am**  
**Alma Via of S.F. (One Thomas More Way, 94132)**

Come find out about the organization, meet other Catholic nurses, and find encouragement and spiritual support for your nursing practice. Retired nurses are also welcome! We will have a brief program on *Care for the Person with Parkinson's Disease*. One C.E.U. available.

Information: Mary Ann Haeuser 454-0979  
[haeuser@comcast.net](mailto:haeuser@comcast.net)

## BLOOD DRIVE

**St. Patrick Church Hall**  
**409 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur**  
**Sunday, October 20 8am - 1pm**

To schedule your life-saving appointment, visit [www.bloodheroes.com](http://www.bloodheroes.com), click "Donate Blood", and enter sponsor code: SaintPatrick or call Steve at 948-5904  
*Appointments encouraged,*  
*but walk-ins are certainly welcome!*

**OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH**



Virgin of Guadalupe,  
Patroness of unborn children,  
we implore your intercession  
for every child at risk of abortion.  
Help expectant parents to welcome from God  
the priceless gift of their child's life.

Console parents who have lost that gift  
through abortion,  
and lead them to forgiveness and healing  
through the Divine Mercy of your Son.

Teach us to cherish  
and to care for family and friends  
until God calls them home.  
Help us never to see others as burdens.

Guide our public officials  
to defend each and every human life  
through just laws.  
Inspire us all to bring our faith  
into public life,  
to speak for those who have no voice.

We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus  
Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself.  
Amen.