

ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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NOVEMBER 17, 2013

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*Model of the
Jerusalem Temple*

While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, Jesus said, “All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down.” ...

“You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives.”

Luke 21:5-6, 17-19

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 NOVEMBER 17 - 23

Mon 7AM Sherie, *living*
9AM Norma Geissberger

Tue 7AM Liz & Rico Martin
9AM James Stenson

Wed 7AM Mother Arianda
9AM Joe & Mary Reilly

Thu 7AM Poor Souls in Purgatory
9AM David Johnson

Fri 7AM Ed Lampe
9AM Ian Jones

Sat 7AM Tom & Annetta Lazio
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, Michele Mullen, Mark Piatti, Steve Schlesselmann, Derek Smith, Mary Lou Smith, Rose Tannlund, Kristin Todd, Sherry Willis, and Francisco Wong.

MINISTRY FAIRE THANK-YOU

Last weekend's Ministry Faire was a tremendous success, and we wish to thank everyone who represented their various organizations which bring life to St. Sebastian Parish. We also thank those who set up the Hall, provided hospitality, and cleaned up the Hall afterwards. From the way people stayed to talk and visit and signed up to join some of the many ministries, it was obvious that they appreciated the opportunity to meet each other in enjoyable way.

SOCKS & UNDIES FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Vincent de Paul Dining Room is in great demand for *new* socks and *new* undies for its clients. Red barrels will be at both entrances of the church for the next few weeks to collect your donations. Thank you in advance for your generous response, and for your faithful help in the past.

YOUNG AT HEART'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Tuesday, December 3 in the Parish Hall
Catered Lunch starting at 11:45AM
Entertainment by "Singers Marin"
Breaded Chicken Breast, Mashed Potatoes,
Fresh Vegetables, Spring Mixed Green Salad,
French Bread, Pumpkin Cake, Coffee & Tea
Plus: Bottles of White Wine on each Table
\$32./members \$35./guests
Donna Boyd 453-3383 or Rosellen Staats 461-9003
RSVP by Nov. 28
Sorry, no "Bring Your Own Bag Lunch" today.

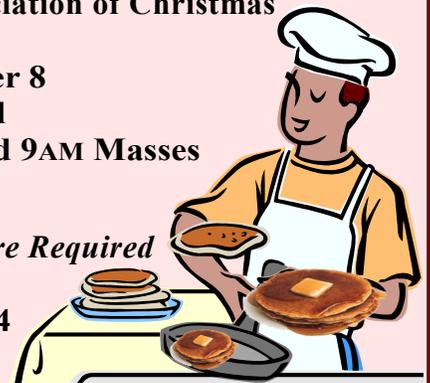
**YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

in Appreciation of Christmas

Sunday, December 8
In the Parish Hall
After the 7AM and 9AM Masses

Free! No Charge!
but Reservations are Required

RSVP to 461-0704
by December 2



Our December 8th free pancake breakfast will be like "Coffee Sunday", but more fun, with more people! We hope that you will be there for this joyful get-together before Christmas.

The children in our Parish School of Religion will sing Christmas Carols. Call the Office at 461-0704 so that we'll mix up enough pancake batter.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Solemnity of Mary, the Immaculate Conception, will be on *Monday*, Dec. 9, since Sundays of Advent take precedence over other Feast days. This year, this wonderful Solemnity of Our Lady is *not* a holyday of obligation, so we will have our regular morning Masses at 7am & 9am.

PHILIPPINE TYPHOON RELIEF COLLECTION
WEEKEND OF NOV. 30-DEC. 1

We have all seen and read about the incredible devastation in the Philippines since November 8th caused by Typhoon Haiyan in Tacloban, Philippines.

Thousands of people are feared dead or missing after Typhoon Haiyan ripped across the central Philippines. The storm's massive surge is blamed for much of the destruction, particularly in Tacloban, where many neighborhoods were washed away. Many of us have relatives and friends who are directly affected by the typhoon. Many of us are asking what we can do to help. The devastation in the Philippines is widespread and the need for aid is growing.

Archbishop Cordileone is very concerned and has sent word from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops annual meeting in Baltimore that he would like our parishes to take up a **special collection the weekend of Saturday, November 30 and Sunday, December 1.** The collection will be sent to **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**, which has the necessary distribution infrastructure to ensure that those most in need help our help will receive it. CRS is known for its effective response to emergencies, with people on the ground providing water, food, shelter, protection from abuses and other basic needs.

You may wish to drop off a check early, before the date of the collection. Parishioners should make checks **payable to St. Sebastian Church** with **"Philippine Typhoon"** on the memo line.

Words of St. John Vianney, the Curé of Ars

“**A**ll our religion is but a false religion, and all our virtues are mere illusions and we ourselves are only hypocrites in the sight of God, if we have not that universal charity for everyone—for the good and for the bad, for the poor and for the rich, and for all those who do us harm as much as for those who do us good.”

—Quoted in The Journey Toward God,
by Benedict J. Groeschel, CFR

Excerpts from The Journey Toward God,
by Benedict J. Groeschel, CFR

Learn from failure and keep going. On this journey we all stumble and fall. But like the apostles, we must put our pride in our pocket and get up, ask forgiveness, and move right along.

...

Work for Humility. The ultimate enemy to be defeated on the spiritual journey is pride. This negative element is so pervasive that the spiritual life can be accurately described simply as the process of overcoming pride and self-love. There is such a thing as legitimate pride and self-regard, but these often conceal a self-love that says, “I will not serve.”

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Imitate God in His mercy, forgiveness, and compassion. Along with the fact that, in the Sermon on the Mount, Christ makes mercy, forgiveness, and generosity the essential criteria of discipleship (see Mt. 5-7; see also Lk. 6:20-49), these qualities are the best and most rewarding ways to overcome self. The admonitions of St. Francis cited in his famous prayer—“Make me an instrument of your peace...” —are an excellent reminder of what we really need to be doing on our spiritual journey.

**THE CHARITABLE IRA ROLLOVER
IS BACK UNTIL DECEMBER 31!**

The American Taxpayer Relief Act allows you to make a tax-free gift to the parish directly from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA). This means that you can give directly from your IRA to the parish without first having to recognize the distribution as income on your tax return. To be eligible for this favorable tax treatment, gifts are limited annually to \$100,000, you must be at least age 70½ when the gift is made, and contributions must be paid directly from the IRA. Charitable gifts made from an IRA count toward your IRA minimum required distribution.

For information, contact the development office (development@sfarchdiocese.org or 415-614-5580).

THE CHURCH'S YEAR IS ABOUT TO END
(AND A NEW YEAR IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!)

Next week is the *last* Sunday of the Church's liturgical year: the Solemnity of Christ the King! We *never stop* telling the *Story*. In Advent, we'll begin a *new* liturgical year.

In today's Gospel, Jesus says that a day will come when not a stone will be left upon a stone in the great temple which the people had been looking at with admiration! He predicts wars, insurrections, earthquakes, famines, and plagues! He tells them to expect hatred and persecution. So we, who are temples of the Holy Spirit, are reminded that *our own* temple will be dissolved someday, too. But Jesus says: Be not afraid. Be faithful. Persevere in the Faith. So we do what Christians have done since Jesus rose on the first day of the week...

We gather together to tell the story, the *truth* about mankind, and in the breaking of the bread, Jesus is present with us.

When we listen to the words of Sacred Scripture, we are listening to *God* (Father, Son, & Spirit). In every Sacrament, Jesus is *with* us. So, we don't need to run *here* or *there* in fear when people say that the world is ending. We can say, "Yes, I *know* that it's coming to an end." The "End Times" actually began when Jesus came down to earth. But if someone claims to know the *time*, we should recall that Jesus said that *no one* knows when. He tells us, though, to be ready—to pray, to persevere in the faith.

Looking around us, there's much to be fearful about. But looking at the Lord, there's *every* reason to be hopeful. Every age has its trials, its crosses, its time of testing, and our age is no different.

Parents always fear for their children's future. But if the children are introduced to the Lord and are Baptized—they become temples, beautiful temples where the Spirit of God dwells. And each of us, if we remain connected to Jesus, if we feed on His Body & Blood, and are nourished by His eternal Word, possess a great *promise*: that when we are persecuted, when we suffer, when our *material* temples—our bodies—one day fall apart (like the great temple)—then we will rise into glory with the Lord.