

# ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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**February 2, 2014**

**PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening.....5 PM  
Sundays .....7AM, 9AM, & 11AM  
Monday - Saturday ..7AM & 9AM

## CONFESSIONS

Saturdays .....3:30 - 4:30PM

## EXPOSITION & ADORATION

Mon-Fri 7:30-8:55am, 9:30-10:30, 3-4pm

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: [StSebCYG@outlook.com](mailto:StSebCYG@outlook.com)

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 3 - 8**

Mon 7AM Nathan Andrues, *living*  
9AM Derham Family

Tue 7AM In Thanksgiving  
9AM Jack O'Donnell

Wed 7AM Bishop Mark Hurley  
9AM Essie Quinlann

Thu 7AM Dino Ratto  
9AM Mrs. Kern

Fri 7AM Don Kreps  
9AM Elizabeth, *living*

Sat 7AM Souls in Purgatory  
9AM Dominic Bruzzese

**PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING  
PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Angela, Bertha, Bobby, Joe, Kristen, Mary, Monica, Patrick, Sandra L., Sherie, Stephanie, Tim, Vivien, Ann Boeri, Marilyn Charbonneau, Cathy Connor, Elizabeth Cook, Peter Crane, Derham Family, Deborah Ek, Anna Filice, John Legnitto, Monte Maroevich, Chris Matthew, Laurence McCaffrey, Mark Piatti, David Randolph, Joanna Riccabona, Steve Schlesselmann, Mary Lou Smith, Rose Tannlund, and Sherry Willis

**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS**

**Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone**

*Principal Celebrant*

**This Saturday, Feb. 8, 11:00AM**

**Saint Mary's Cathedral**

1111 Gough Street at Geary, San Francisco

A "special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding everyone to see in his sick brother or sister the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying and rising, achieved the salvation of mankind."

—John Paul II

A special invitation is extended to the sick of each parish and their caregivers to participate in this Mass which will include Anointing of the Sick, blessing of the hands of their caregivers, and a blessing with Lourdes water.

**Special seating assistance will be provided for those in wheelchairs and with walkers.**

*Sponsored by the Order of Malta*

**YOUNG AT HEART**

**Tuesday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:45AM in Parish Hall**

**"Serve Yourself" Luncheon:**

Sandwiches, Salad, & Cookies  
\$7/members

\$8/non-members, guests

**Elizabeth Hannon, speaker**

**on "Floating White House—The Potomac"**

*(You may bring your own lunch, and enjoy the usual dessert and coffee, but please call to let us know that you are coming.)*

**RSVP: Donna Boyd 453-3383**

**Rosellen Staats 461-9003**

***Saint Sebastian's* Free**

**PARISH PASTA DINNER**

**Saturday, March 1 at 6PM**

*in our Parish Hall*

*following the 5pm Mass*

**Pasta, Salad, Garlic Bread**

**Wine, Dessert**

**Prizes**

**No Charge! But you must RSVP!**

RSVP at 461-0704 or

sebastian94904@yahoo.com



**ONE-TIME CHANGE-IN-SCHEDULE  
FOR TODAY'S HOLY HOUR**

Our "First Sunday of the Month" Cenacle of Prayer will be from 2:30 to 3:30 (rather than 3-4PM) on **February 2nd**, then those who attend may come to the Parish Hall to watch the Super Bowl on a large TV and share in a potluck meal. We ask you to bring a dish of appetizers.

The "Cenacle of Prayer" is a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, a Reflection, and time for Adoration, concluding with Benediction at 3:30pm. This is a one-time change.

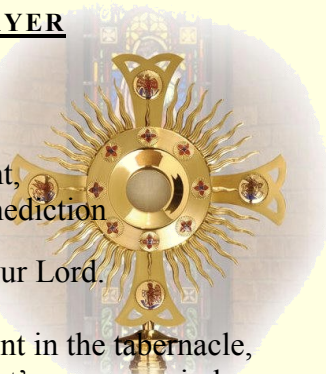
**CENACLE OF PRAYER  
TODAY**

**2:30 to 3:30PM**

Exposition  
of the Blessed Sacrament,  
Rosary, Meditation, & Benediction

Spend an hour here with Our Lord.

Jesus is always present in the tabernacle,  
waiting to hear what's on your mind.  
Your prayers are powerful!



**CATHOLIC MARIN BREAKFAST CLUB**

Friday, February 7  
following the 7AM Mass  
Speaker: Fr. Joe Egan, S.J.

Member's Breakfast: \$8.  
Visitor's Breakfast: \$10.  
R.S.V.P. sugaremy@aol.com or 461-0704



Fr. Paul Perry will present his next organ concert here on Sunday, February 23, at 12:30pm, playing works of Bach, Leo Sowerby, Rimsky-Korsakov, Karg-Elert, Elgar, & others. No admission charge; program will run about one hour with commentary.

**PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

from Saint of the Day: Lives and Lessons for Saints and Feasts of the New Missal, Leonard Foley, O.F.M., Editor

At the end of the fourth century a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. Among the celebrations she describes is the Epiphany (January 6), the observance of Christ's birth and the gala procession in honor of his Presentation in the Temple 40 days later—February 15. (Under the Mosaic Law, a woman was ritually "unclean" for 40 day after childbirth, when she was to present herself to the priests and offer sacrifice—her "purification". Contact with anyone who had brushed against mystery—birth or death—excluded a person from Jewish worship.)

The observance spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries. But the Church in the West celebrated Jesus' birth on December 25, so the Presentation was moved to February 2, 40 days after Christmas.

At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles which continues to this day became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas.

**ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO  
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

*All husbands and wives celebrating a "5-year wedding anniversary" (5, 10, 15...45, 50, or over 50 years) in 2014 are invited to attend and be recognized.*

**Saturday, February 22, 2014**

10:00 am Mass followed by reception  
\$20 suggested donation per family

**Saint Mary's Cathedral of the Assumption**

1111 Gough Street, San Francisco

**Principal Celebrant:**

His Excellency Salvatore Cordileone  
*Archbishop of San Francisco*

**Registration required**

[www.sfanniversary.info](http://www.sfanniversary.info) or call (415) 614-5680

Please register by: February 13  
Questions/information: (415) 614-5680

## THOUGHTS ON THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Simeon and Anna recognized in the baby Jesus the long-awaited Savior. "...for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." *How* did they recognize Jesus? They were people of prayer! If they were not in the habit of praying to God, that is, being in a kind of *conversation* with God, they would *not* have recognized Jesus. The baby would have seemed like every other baby. We can tell that Simeon was in a kind of *conversation* with God because the Gospel specifically says that "It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord."

In Medjugorje, there was a young woman named Jelena Vasilj who claimed to "hear" Our Lady speaking to her, unlike the six Medjugorje "visionaries" who claimed to *see* Our Lady. Jelena said that she didn't actually hear a voice, but had a kind of "intuition". Only after seeking guidance from her spiritual director, a priest, did she come to realize that this experience was not merely her imagination. But she said something very crucial: that she only had these locutions during times of *prayer*! Not when she was distracted by other things, but only when she had quieted herself and had given God some of her time in prayer.

We may never have such an experience as a vision or a locution—probably not. Those sort of things, when they are authentic, are entirely up to God. But if we are people of *prayer*, and give God some of our time, and allow ourselves some peace, some quiet for our souls, then we definitely should expect to *understand* more, to *recognize* more of what God is doing in our lives and in our world. Like Simeon, and like Anna who "never left the temple, but worshipped night and day with fasting and prayer", if we are people who strive to be close to God by "keeping in touch" with him through regular prayer—and especially through attendance at Mass—we will *recognize* our Lord. Because we will be *familiar* with his word. In prayer, the Holy Spirit will *remind* us of all that Jesus teaches us. Most Catholics become familiar with only those Scriptures they hear read at Mass, so we can see how *important* it is to gather every Sunday, as Christians have since Jesus rose from the dead, so that we won't be ignorant of our Lord and of all that he wants to teach us today.