

ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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**21ST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

AUGUST 24, 2014

**“You are Peter,
and upon this rock
I will build my
church. ...**

**I will give you
the keys
to the kingdom of
heaven.”**

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening.....5 PM
Sundays7AM, 9AM, & 11AM
Monday - Saturday ..7AM & 9AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays3:30 - 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
Deacon Rev. Mr. David Previtali
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST 25 - 30

Mon	7AM	Norma Geissberger
	9AM	Lauren Vasquez, <i>living</i>
Tue	7AM	Rebekah Austin, <i>living</i>
	9AM	Marilyn Charbonneau
Wed	7AM	Ann O'Neill
	9AM	Felicia & Hayden Moore
Thu	7AM	Harriet DeMartini
	9AM	Mary Ann & John Haeuser, <i>living</i>
Fri	7AM	Special Intention
	9AM	Dolly MacDonald
Sat	7AM	Ginny Kategbak
	9AM	J. Kenneth Lynch

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Angela, Bertha, Jenny, Joe, John, Kristen, Mary, Monica, Patrick, Sandra L., Sandy, Sherie, Stephanie, Tim, Vivien, Ann Boeri, Ed Buel, Cathy Connor, Elizabeth Cook, Tony Gallagher, Monte Maroevich, Chris Matthew, Mark Piatti, Steve Schlesselmann, Mary Lou Smith, Maryann Sullivan, Rose Tannlund, and Sherry Willis.

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

It is truly right and just that we should give you thanks and praise, O God, almighty Father, for all you do in this world, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

For though the human race is divided by dissension and discord, yet we know that by testing us you change our hearts to prepare them for reconciliation.

Even more, by your Spirit you move human hearts that enemies may speak to each other again, adversaries join hands, and peoples seek to meet together.

By the work of your power it comes about, O Lord, that hatred is overcome by love, revenge gives way to forgiveness, and discord is changed to mutual respect.

—from the Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II

"PENNIES FROM HEAVEN" RAFFLE TICKETS

Members of our St. Vincent de Paul Conference are now selling raffle tickets for the SVdP Society of Marin annual fundraiser: "Pennies from Heaven".

The drawing will be held Sept. 13 at the Annual Dinner event to be held at St. Hilary's, and winner need not be present to win. The prize is an iPad2 with WiFi + 3G, or a cash prize of \$1000. Raffle tickets are \$20 each, so it is a "win-win" situation: You have a chance to win the raffle prize and you will have helped our own SVdP Conference at the same time!

Proceeds from the Raffle will stay here within the Saint Sebastian's SVdP Conference.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION CLASSES

**Our P.S.R. (Parish School of Religion)
Classes will resume next month, Sept. 17.**

Classes are on Wednesday afternoons at 3:30pm. Parents of Children in Grades 1 thru 6 may obtain information and register by calling the Parish Office at 461-0704, or by contacting our Director of Religious Education, Renée O'Neill, at reneegoneill@gmail.com

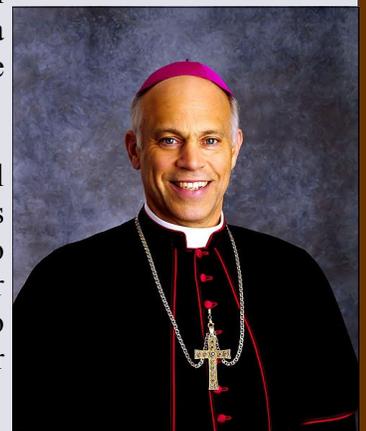
Register your children early! We cannot plan the classes until we know how many students will be enrolled and how many teachers are needed.

**EWTN Global Catholic Network
Eternal Word Television Network
Channel 229 on Comcast**

PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR:

On Sunday, **October 12**, Archbishop Cordileone will be here for a Pastoral Visit, and we will have a **Parish Picnic** after the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

The Archbishop will celebrate the 11a.m. Mass and looks forward to meeting with our parishioners, so be sure to put the date on your calendar!



Matthew 16:13-20 “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” “You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church. ...I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.”

“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” Jesus asked. Today, we ask, “Who *is* Jesus?” And we might expect those who are not Christian to respond: He was a holy man. Like many others. He was a prophet. Like many others. He was a great teacher. Like many others.

Listen to how C.S. Lewis, in his book Mere Christianity, deals with the question:

Jesus goes around “talking as if He was God. He claims to forgive sins.” “Now unless the speaker is God, this is really so preposterous as to be comic. We can all understand how a man forgives offences against himself.” You step on my toe, and I forgive you. You take my money, and I forgive you. But what would we think of a man who did *not* have *his* toe stepped on or *his* money robbed, but who announced that he forgave you for stepping on someone *else’s* toes or stealing *their* money?

“Yet this is what Jesus did.” “He...behaved as if He was the party chiefly concerned, the person chiefly offended in all offences. This makes sense only if He really was the God whose laws are broken and whose love is wounded in every sin. In the mouth of any speaker who is not God, these words would imply what I can only regard as a silliness and conceit unrivalled by any other character in history. “Yet (and this is the strange, significant thing) even His enemies, when they read the Gospels, do not usually get the impression of silliness and conceit.”

“I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: ‘I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept His claim to be God.’ That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or

something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronising nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.”

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I’m sure that we would all say, “I *know* that!” And yet, for the most part, we probably *act* as if we don’t care. Does knowing who Jesus *is* make any *difference* in our lives?

Let us look at the crucifix. If *He* was wronged by each one of *my* sins, then *I* did that to him.

And as I crucified him (and *continue* to crucify him today), he prays to His Father asking His Father to forgive me!

And He is the *only* hope for the world because He is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

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Jesus gave Simon a new name, “Peter”, and gave him the keys to the kingdom.

Jesus, after rising from the dead, *breathed* on the apostles and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them. Whose sins you hold bound are held bound.” Thus, He passed on to His *priests* the power to forgive sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Today, Pope Francis sits in the chair of Peter.

Today, we are the crowds around Jesus.

Today, the question comes to *us*: Who is Jesus?

And today, there are *still* so many, many people who do not know Him.

Our mission is to go out to all the world and let them know about Jesus, to tell them the good news.

No one tried harder than the late Pope Saint John Paul II to bring the Gospel to the world, to scatter the darkness, and to bring hope and life and joy and peace to all people.

Today, Pope Francis sits in the chair of Saint Peter and tries to impart the Good News. Young people who hear appear to be filled with hope and life and joy. May all who hear the Gospel return home with a joyful Spirit and radiate the good news to their communities.

Thank God for giving us our first Pope, St. Peter.

Thank God for giving us our current Pope, Francis.

SEVEN GREAT SAINT QUOTES ON HOLINESS

1. “Holiness does not consist in doing extraordinary things. It consists in accepting, with a smile, what Jesus sends us. It consists in accepting and following the will of God.”

—Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta,
Mother Teresa: In My Own Words, 1

2. “Holiness does not demand anything great, beyond the ability of the person. It depends on God’s Love; every daily act can be transformed into an act of love.”

—Saint Ursula Julia Ledochowska

3. Sanctity consists in struggling, in knowing that we have defects and in heroically trying to overcome them. Sanctity, I insist, consists in overcoming those defects—although we will still have defects when we die; for if not, as I have told you, we would become proud.

—St. Josemaria Escriva *The Forge*, 312

4. “Do not be afraid to be holy! Have the courage and humility to present yourselves to the world determined to be holy, since full, true freedom is born from holiness.”

—St. Pope John Paul II, 1989
World Youth Day, Santiago, Spain

5. “Holiness does not consist in one exercise or another, but is a disposition of the heart, which renders us humble and little in the hands of God, conscious of our weakness, and confident, even daringly confident, in His fatherly goodness.”

—St. Thérèse of Lisieux, *Spirit of St. Thérèse*, compiled
by the Carmelites of Lisieux
(Burns and Oates), 179.

6. “‘Great’ holiness consists in carrying out the ‘little duties’ of each moment.”

—St. Josemaria Escrivá, *The Way*, 817

7. “God’s invitation to become saints is for all, not just a few. Sanctity therefore must be accessible to all. In what does it consist? In a lot of activity? No. In doing extraordinary things? No, this could not be for everybody and at all times. Therefore, sanctity consists in doing good, and in doing this good in whatever condition and place God has placed us. Nothing more, nothing outside of this.”

—Blessed Louis Tezza

<http://catholicfire.blogspot.com/2014/08/seven-great-saint-quotes-on-holiness.html>