

ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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MARCH 8, 2015

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there.

He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said,

“Take these out of here, and stop making my Father’s house a marketplace.”

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 Bill Turrentine

Deacon David Previtali

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Deacon Dave: StSebCYG@outlook.com

MASS INTENTIONS FOR MARCH 9 - 14

Mon 7AM Larry Piatti
9AM Fr. John Cleary

Tue 7AM Stephen Schlesselmann
9AM Regina Livingston

Wed 7AM Christina Piatti
9AM Suzanna Adam
5:15PM Special Intention

Thu 7AM Randa Stenson
9AM Johan Kolleth

Fri 7AM Nate Calvano, *living*
9AM Anthony Kolleth, *living*

Sat 7AM Attorneys & Judges
9AM Sal Gumina

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

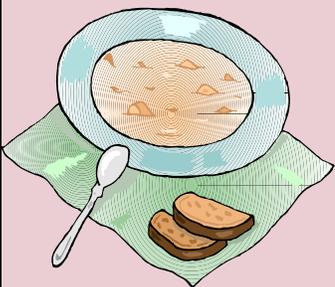
Angela, Bertha, Joe, Kristen, Mary, Monica, Patrick, Sandra L., Stephanie, Theresa, Tim, Vivien, Ann Boeri, Cathy Connor, Elizabeth Cook, Nancy Lampe, Monte Maroevich, Chris Matthew, Mark Piatti, Mary Lou Smith, Rose Tannlund, and Sherry Willis.

Would You Like to Sing in Our Choir?

St. Sebastian's Choir sings at the 11AM Mass on Sundays and at other solemn events during the liturgical year. As Easter approaches, the choir will provide some of the most festive sacred music and song to deepen our prayer.

If you'd like to join our Adult Choir, please speak with the Director, Eric Maddox, after Mass. The Choir usually rehearses on Thursdays at 7:30pm.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SOUP SUPPERS



During Lent, we have an additional Mass at 5:15pm on Wednesday evenings followed by "Soup Suppers" in the Parish Hall.

We need soup!

If you'd like to prepare a pot of soup to share with other parishioners, please call the Rectory at 415-461-0704 or sign up on our bulletin board.

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 take part!



Wednesdays in Lent, we have a 5:15PM Mass, followed by a Soup Supper in the Parish Hall where donations will be accepted for the works of the parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society, an excellent opportunity to practice *almsgiving* in Lent.



LENTEN REGULATIONS

Abstinence: Everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.

"THE WAY" AT ST. ANSELM'S CENTENNIAL HALL

"The Way", a wonderful 2010 film directed by Emilio Estevez, and starring his father, Martin Sheen, will be shown in Saint Anselm's Centennial Hall after the five o'clock Mass on Saturday, March 21.

"The Way" follows four people who meet as pilgrims on the Camino de Santiago de Compostela (The Way of St. James), and though they at times dislike each other, their shared journey brings them to finally embrace each other, having grown closer during their pilgrimage by the grace of God.

Refreshments (wine, cheese, and desserts) will be provided, sponsored by Marin Network for Life. A donation of \$10 is suggested.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2015

During this Lenten Season of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving, we ask your help in the Annual Appeal.

Please [click here](#) to see a message from Archbishop Cordileone.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Last Sat./Sunday \$ 5,023.
Parish Improvement \$ 2,158.
Weekly Goal \$ 5,200.

Thank You
for your
generosity!



Jesus said, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up again.” After his resurrection, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to realize that he was speaking of the temple of his *body*!

Saint Paul says that we become *temples of the Holy Spirit* through our Baptism.

Just like the Temple in Jerusalem—but even more so—we are a dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. We hope that we will never defile our temples so that the Spirit may no longer be within us, something that we can do through our sins and by drifting from God.

As the Temple needed to be cleansed by Jesus because it had become no longer a house of prayer but a site for folks to make money since they’d forgotten about God, we, ourselves constantly need to be cleansed. We allow so much worldliness into our hearts that we live much of the time without regard to God, without regard to the holiness that should radiate from the Lord within us.

It’s so easy for us to “sell out” under the influence of our Godless culture, to become defiled. Lent is a time to take advantage of God’s merciful grace to do some housecleaning.

OLIVEWOOD FROM THE HOLY LAND NEXT WEEKEND

The “Land of Peace” Mission, a non-profit organization from Bethlehem, will visit St. Sebastian Church next weekend, March 14-15, selling olivewood religious art made by oppressed Christians of Bethlehem.

The funds they raise are used to build a charity hospital in the Bethlehem area, and to support the Christians in an effort to protecting them from having to emigrate in order to make a living.

In 1920, the Christian population was 70% in Bethlehem, where our Savior was born. Today, Christians are less than 3%. The purchase of their Olivewood carvings gives them a livelihood.

- ♦ 40% goes to Christians who work the olivewood.
- ♦ 20% goes to the Patriarch Fuad Twal of Jerusalem, who helps the poor Christians with medical care.
- ♦ 20% goes for the Charity Hospital.
- ♦ 20% goes for expenses.

You can help the Christian families in Bethlehem and protect them having to leave their homeland, the land where Jesus was born.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross is an ancient Christian prayer service that has become a Lenten tradition. It is a kind of re-enactment of Jesus' last steps on Good Friday as he made his way from prison to his crucifixion. It is often a very personal and moving prayer experience to move from one Station to the next. Special booklets help make the

prayers of the Stations meaningful in one's life. **You are encouraged to pray the Stations of the Cross after a 9AM Friday morning Mass, or at 7PM on a Friday evening in Lent.**

The Catholic Church holds the Stations of the Cross to be of such special spiritual value that it attaches to this devotion some special blessings (called "indulgences"), which are granted to a only very few prayers. These blessings can only be obtained by taking part in this devotion in a church building where the Stations have been officially erected (as at St. Sebastian's). Is there someone who really needs your prayer? Someone who is suffering or struggling or simply needing God's help in a special way right now? Has a beloved person passed away and you wish to obtain a blessing for them to enter Heaven? These are excellent reasons to attend the Stations and ask these blessings from the Lord.

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

The Discalced Carmelite Nuns invite you to attend their Annual Novena to St. Joseph from March 11—19, with Mass & Vespers at 4pm each afternoon in their Monastery Chapel:

Carmelite Monastery of the Mother of God
530 Blackstone Drive, San Rafael, CA
(*Marinwood Exit; R. on Gallinas; L. on Blackstone*)

The Novena will be conducted by Fr. Thomas Koller, OCD, a Discalced Carmelite Friar from the California/Arizona province.