

ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 28, 2015



*I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.
I will extol you, O LORD, for you drew me clear
and did not let my enemies rejoice over me. —Psalm 30:2, 4
O LORD, you brought me up from the netherworld;
you preserved me from among those going down into the pit.*

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

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR JUNE 29 - JULY 4

Mon	7AM	Mary Lou Smith
	9AM	Rita Degan
Tue	7AM	Alice & Alexander
	9AM	Wilner Family, <i>living & deceased</i>
Wed	7AM	Tom & Annette Lazio
	9AM	Mullen Family, <i>living</i>
Thu	7AM	Unbelievers
	9AM	Sherie Wilner
Fri	7AM	Souls in Purgatory
	9AM	Mr/Mrs Juan Rodriguez: 50th Anniv.
Sat	July 4th: one Mass only	
	9AM	Souls in Purgatory

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

WORDS FROM ABRAHAM LINCOLN, 1863

We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us!

It behooves us then to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Last Weekend	\$ 3,333.
Weekly Goal	\$ 5,200.

REFERENCES TO GOD IN THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their **Creator** with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. ... We, therefore, the representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, assembled, appealing to the **Supreme Judge of the world** for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the name, and by the authority of the good people of these colonies, solemnly publish and declare, that these united colonies are, and of right ought to be free and independent states; ... And for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of **Divine Providence**, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor.

The Pledge of Allegiance and "Under God"

In February, 1954, with President Eisenhower sitting in Lincoln's pew, George MacPherson Docherty, the pastor at the church Lincoln attended, New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, delivered a sermon based on the Gettysburg Address titled "A New Birth of Freedom." He argued that the nation's might lay not in arms but its spirit and higher purpose. He noted that the Pledge's sentiments could be those of *any* nation, that "there was something *missing* in the pledge, and that which was missing was the characteristic and definitive factor in the American way of life." He cited Lincoln's words "*under God*" as *defining* words that set the United States *apart* from other nations.

President Eisenhower had been baptized a Presbyterian just a year before. He responded enthusiastically to Docherty in a conversation following the service. Eisenhower acted on his suggestion the next day and on February 8, 1954, Rep. Charles Oakman (R-Mich.), introduced a bill to that effect. Congress passed the necessary legislation and Eisenhower signed the bill into law on Flag Day, June 14, 1954. Eisenhower stated "*In this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource, in peace or in war.*"

The phrase "*under God*" was incorporated into the Pledge of Allegiance June 14, 1954, by a Joint Resolution of Congress.

—from Wikipedia

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

Donations may be left in the red barrels near the entrances of the church.
Your gifts are always appreciated!

Outdated or opened food items cannot be accepted.

Jam, Jelly	Sugar, granulated
Peanut Butter	Flour, Bisquick
Tuna	Pancake Mix
Corn	Syrup
Peas	Canned Ravioli
Chili, Pork & Beans	Canned Veggies
Canned Fruit	Pasta
Juice	Pasta Sauce
Coffee, Tea	Cooking Oil
Napkins	Soup
Paper Towels	Macaroni & Cheese
Toilet Paper	Laundry Detergent
Ketchup	Cleanser
Mayonnaise	Dish Soap
Mustard	Bar Soap
Cereal, (hot & cold)	Toothpaste
Rice	Toothbrushes

Please do not bring any other items such as clothing!

A WORD OF LIFE

“Brother kills brother. Like the first fratricide, every murder is a violation of the “spiritual” kinship uniting mankind in one great family, in which all share the same fundamental good: equal personal dignity. Not infrequently the kinship “of flesh and blood” is also violated; for example when threats to life arise within the relationship between parents and children, such as happens in abortion or when, in the wider context of family or kinship, euthanasia is encouraged or practiced.”

—John Paul II, *The Gospel of Life*, n.8.

FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM

“[W]e hold it for a fundamental and undeniable truth that religion, or the duty which we owe our Creator, and the manner of discharging it, can be directed only by reason and conviction, not by force or violence. The Religion then of every man must be left to the conviction and conscience of every man; and it is the right of every man to exercise it as these may dictate.”

—James Madison,
4th President of the United States of America,
*Memorial and Remonstrance
Against Religious Assessment*, 1785.

POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL "LAUDATO SI"

There is an excellent 55-minute discussion about the Pope's encyclical on IgnatiusInsight.com

From the offices of Ignatius Press, Fr. Joseph Fessio, S.J. and others have an in-depth analysis to help us appreciate how our Holy Father's words can help us change our hearts and be more grateful to God for our home which is His creation.

The **Archdiocesan Bioethics Working Group**—composed of local physicians and nurses, theologians, and philosophers—is interested in hearing about your recent experiences, and responding to your questions and ethical concerns on issues related to death and dying.

Please contact us through the Archdiocesan Respect Life Program by calling 415-614-5533 or emailing evansv@sfarchdiocese.org or writing to:

*Respect Life Program
Archdiocese of San Francisco
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BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study led by Deacon Bill Turrentine meets on Sundays after the 9am Mass, down in the Parish Hall.

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ABOUT TODAY'S GOSPEL

In today's Gospel, a woman who has suffered from a hemorrhage for twelve years approaches Jesus merely to *touch* his clothes, and she is immediately healed! Jesus tells her that it is her *faith* that has saved her.

In 1871, in Pontmain, France, the Virgin Mary appeared to four children, and under her feet, they could read words which were appearing on a large scroll: "My Son allows himself to be *touched*."

Yes; we can "touch" Jesus, through our *prayers*. Jesus was happy to have been *touched* by that woman, and he is pleased when we *touch* him as she did: *expecting* that he will help us, but leaving the details up to him as to how he will help us. We can also *touch* Our Lady and the saints in the same way.

In 2003, a wheelchair-bound woman named Colleen Willard, visiting Medjugorje, where Our Lady is said to have appeared, prayed to Our Lady and was *instantly* answered! In a wheelchair behind a crowd outside the house of a reported visionary named Vicka, listening to Vicka talk about Our Lady, Colleen prayed, "Oh, Mary, Vicka has seen you face-to-face, so please let me *see* her and it will be as if I'm seeing *you*." Instantly, Vicka interrupted her talk to walk through the crowd—which parted—and she prayed over Colleen who was behind them all. Colleen was then miraculously healed during Mass.

Char Vance, who was not yet Catholic at the time, was also in the same town, watching young and old pilgrims prayerfully ascending a mountain. Feeling that she had no faith, from her heart, she *touched* God by saying, "O God, heal my head, 'cause that's where all my trouble is." A monk then approached her, mentioned that the crucifix on his Rosary had once been touched to the stigmatic wounds of a holy mystic named Therese Neumann, and said, "I would like your permission to place it on your head." She was shocked, thinking: "Someone is tapped into my thoughts!" She later exclaimed, "I knew without a doubt that God existed!"

Now, not all of our prayers may be answered so quickly, or as we would prefer. But each of our prayers is heard! Yes, we can "*touch*" God all the time with our prayers. He is pleased when we touch him in faith, and He will answer us.