

# ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 30, 2015



**“This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
in vain do they worship me,  
teaching as doctrines human precepts.”**

## 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 ..... Bill Turrentine  
Deacon ..... David Previtali  
Secretary..... Agata Konopka

*Parish School of Religion:*  
Gretchen Harris: StSebPSR@gmail.com

*Confirmation Youth Group:*  
Deacon Dave: StSebCYG@outlook.com

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR AUG 31 - SEPT 5

Mon 7AM Jerry McEowen, *living*  
9AM Jack Van Zander

Tue 7AM Larry Piatti  
9AM Souls in Purgatory

Wed 7AM Unbelievers  
9AM Cecilia de Rutte, *Birthday*

Thu 7AM Christina Piatti  
9AM Vocation Mass June 28, *Thank you*

Fri 7AM Maureen Westmiller, *living*  
9AM P.J. & Mag O'Connell, *living*

Sat 7AM Souls in Purgatory  
9AM Ryan Dallara, *Birthday*

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

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

### SUNDAY COLLECTION

**Weekly Goal** \$ 5,200.  
**Last Weekend** \$ 2,894.

### CATHOLIC MARIN BREAKFAST CLUB

**Friday, September 4, 2015**  
following the 7am Mass

**Speaker: Father Thomas Massaro, S.J.**  
*Dean of Jesuit School of Theology  
Santa Clara University*

Fr. Massaro will speak on "The Extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the Family: Theological Considerations"

Members \$8. / Visitors: \$10.

RSVP to sugaremy@aol.com or call 415-461-0704

### Upcoming Events:

**October 2:** A Presentation from Osher Lifelong Learning

**November 6:** Mary Kay Sweeney Homeward Bound

**December 4:** Fr. Roger Gustafson, St. Hilary's

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **PSR & Confirmation Youth Group** begin middle of September
- **Saturday, October 3rd, 9:30 AM**  
-Blessing of the Animals
- **Sunday, October 4th, Parish Picnic**
- **Saturday, November 14th, Craft Fair**  
-Calling all artists to come sell your goods

More details to follow.

**Please save the date!**

### **PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION ("PSR")**

**Registration for children  
is now underway!**

**Classes begin next month, in September!**

To register, contact Gretchen Harris  
415-307-2751 or StSebPSR@gmail.com

**Please don't wait to register your children  
at the last minute! Call now.**

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**Our Confirmation Youth Group ("CYG") will  
also begin soon. Contact Dave Previtali  
StSebCYG@outlook.com**

### CENACLE OF PRAYER

**NEXT SUNDAY**

3 to 4pm

Exposition

of the Blessed Sacrament,

Rosary, Meditation,

& Benediction

Spend an hour here

with Our Lord.



**E**ach day be conscious of your duty to be a saint.  
**A** saint! And that doesn't mean doing strange things. It means a daily struggle in the interior life and in heroically fulfilling your duty right through to the end.  
—*Saint Josemaría Escrivá*

### 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!*



## WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

Here is an excerpt from the Preparatory Catechism that gives you a good idea of what we emphasize: “Love is our mission, and it is by loving God and one another that we will be fully alive.”

### Created for Joy

We are more than an accident of evolution. We are greater than the sum of our biology. God exists. He is good. He loves us. He made us in his image to share in his joy. He takes an active hand in our lives. He sent his only Son to restore our dignity and lead us home to him.

### The Mission of Love

God works through us. We have a mission. We are in the world for a purpose — to receive God’s love and to show God’s love to others. God seeks to heal a broken universe. He asks us to be his witnesses and helpers in that work.

### The Meaning of Human Sexuality

The tangible, earthly, corporeal world is more than inert matter or modeling clay for the human will. Creation is sacred. It has sacramental meaning. It reflects God’s glory. That includes our bodies. Our sexuality has the power to procreate, and shares in the dignity of being created in the image of God. We need to live accordingly.

### Two Become One

We are not made to be alone. Human beings need and complete each other. Friendship and community satisfy that longing with bonds of common interest and love. Marriage is a uniquely intimate form of friendship that calls a man and a woman to love each other in the manner of God’s covenant. Marriage is a Sacrament. Married love is fruitful and offered without reservation. This love is in the image of Jesus’s faithfulness to the Church.

### Creating the Future

Marriage is meant to be fertile and welcome new life. Children shape the future, just as they themselves are shaped in their families. Without children, there can be no future. Children reared with love and guidance are the foundation for a loving future. Wounded children portend a wounded future. Families are the bedrock for all larger communities. Families are domestic churches, places where parents help children discover that God loves them and has a plan for each child’s life.

### All Love Bears Fruit

Not everyone is called to marriage. But every life is meant to be fertile. Every life has the power and the need to nurture new life — if not through bearing and raising children, then through other vital forms of self-giving, building and service. The Church is an extended family of different vocations, each distinct but each needing and supporting the others. Priesthood, religious life and the celibate lay vocation to enrich, and are enriched by, the witness of the married state. The different ways of being chaste and celibate outside of marriage are ways of donating one’s life to God’s service and the human community.

### Light in a Dark World

At its best, the family is a school of love, justice, compassion, forgiveness, mutual respect, patience and humility in the midst of a world darkened by selfishness and conflict. In these ways, the family teaches what it means to be human. However, many temptations arise which try to coax us into forgetting that male and female are created for covenant and communion. For example, poverty, affluence, pornography, contraception, philosophical and other intellectual mistakes can all create contexts that challenge or threaten healthy family life. The Church resists these things for the sake of protecting the family.

### A Home for the Wounded Heart

Many people, especially today, face painful situations resulting from poverty, disability, illness and addictions, unemployment, and the loneliness of advanced age. But divorce and same-sex attraction impact the life of the family in different but powerful ways. Christian families and networks of families should be sources of mercy, safety, friendship and support for those struggling with these issues.

### Mother, Teacher, Family: The Nature and Role of the Church

The Church has institutional forms because she must work in the world. But that does not exhaust her essence. The Church is the Bride of Christ, a “she,” not an “it.” In the words of Saint John XXIII, she is our mother and teacher, our comforter and guide, our family of faith. Even when her people and leaders sin, we still need the Church’s wisdom, Sacraments, support and proclamation of the truth, because she is the body of Jesus himself in the world; the family of God’s people writ large.

### Choosing Life

God made us for a reason. His love is our life mission. This mission enables us to find our true identity. If we choose to embrace this mission, we will have a new perspective on many issues, not just the family. To live the mission of the domestic church means that Catholic families will sometimes live as minorities, with different values than their surrounding culture. Our mission of love will require courage and fortitude. Jesus is calling, and we can respond, choosing lives of faith, hope, charity, joy, service, and mission.

<http://www.worldmeeting2015.org/about-the-event/catechisis/>

### September 3: SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT



If we knew at what time we were to depart from this world, we would be able to select a season for pleasure and another for repentance. But God, who has promised pardon to every repentant sinner, has not promised us tomorrow. Therefore we must always dread the final day, which we can never foresee. This very day is a day of truce, a day for conversion. And yet we refuse to cry

over the evil we have done! Not only do we not weep for the sins we have committed, we even add to them.... If we are, in fact, now occupied in good deeds, we should not attribute the strength with which we are doing them to ourselves. We must not count on ourselves, because even if we know what kind of person we are today, we do not know what we will be tomorrow. Nobody must rejoice in the security of their own good deeds. As long as we are still experiencing the uncertainties of this life, we do not know what end may follow...we must not trust in our own virtues.

– *Saint Gregory the Great, from Be Friends of God*

### DISCERNMENT DAY

Have you ever wondered what life is like as a nun? Are you drawn to a life of prayer and have a deep desire for love and service?

**The Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery, 215 Oak Grove Ave., Menlo Park, CA** will host a Discernment Day for single Catholic women ages 18-40 on **October 10, 2015**.

**RSVP by October 3rd**, or for more information contact Sister Joseph Marie O.P. at [vocations@nunsmenlo.org](mailto:vocations@nunsmenlo.org) or visit our website at: <http://nunsmenlo.org/discernment-days/>.

The day begins with Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by Divine Office, Adoration, Rosary, Conferences and Vocation stories given by our Dominican nuns and friars.