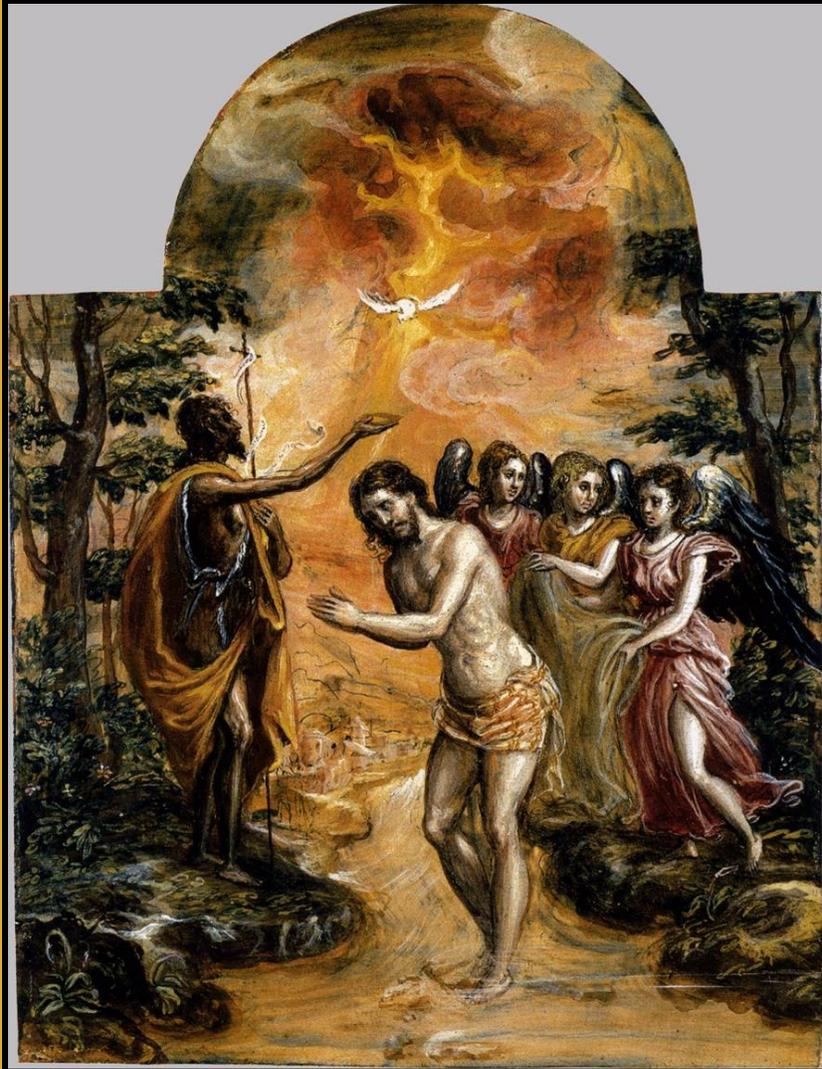


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JANUARY 10, A.D.2016



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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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Deacon Bill Turrentine

Deacon David Previtali

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Gretchen Harris: StSebPSR@gmail.com

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Deacon Dave: StSebCYG@outlook.com

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 11 - 16

Mon 7AM Don Harrington, *living*
9AM Mark de Rutte, *living*

Tue 7AM Tareila Bustamante
9AM Bridie O'Connell, *living*

Sat 7AM Tony Gallagher, *living*
9AM Stanley de Rutte, *living*

Since both Fr. Mark and Fr. Paul will be at attending a Convocation of Priests this week, there will be no Masses on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

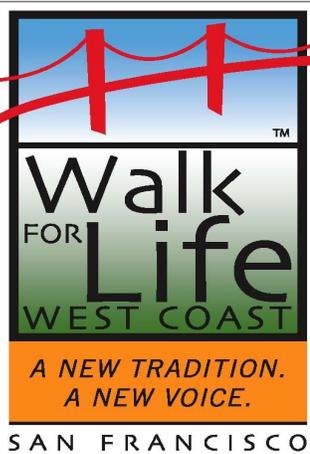
Angela, Bertha, Kristen, Mary, Monica, Patrick, Sandra L., Stephanie, Tim, Ann Boeri, Cathy Connor, Elizabeth Cook, Tony Gallagher, Nancy Lampe, Monte Maroevich, Chris Matthew, Mark Piatti, Rose Tannlund, and Sherry Willis.

Greetings!

Perhaps you have been greeted with a cheerful "Good Morning" when you have arrived at Mass; if so, you may have noticed what a difference such a greeting makes in getting you ready to celebrate with other parishioners in prayer and thanksgiving.

Would *you* like to be a greeter?

We would be *happy* to have a few more cheerful people to welcome others and hand them a bulletin or a worship aid. You can do it! Call the Parish Office at 415-461-0704 and let us know.



12TH ANNUAL
**WALK FOR LIFE—
WEST COAST**
Saturday, January 23
Rally 12:30-1:30 pm
Walk at 1:30pm
Civic Center Plaza
San Francisco
www.walkforlifewc.com

TODAY IS "COFFEE SUNDAY"

Be sure to come to the Parish Hall after the 9am or 11am Mass and visit with fellow parishioners.



**"Coffee Sunday" is the
second Sunday of every month.**

If you would like to assist in serving coffee and pastries on Coffee Sundays, please call the Parish Office. We'd love to have you! Hosts usually set things up ahead of time, visit with parishioners, and put things away after Mass.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPE USERS

Envelopes may be picked up from the table in the vestibule. End-of-Year Letters, for income tax purposes, will be sent out this month to those who contributed \$250 or more during 2015. Using the envelopes enables us to acknowledge your contributions. If you are not an offertory envelope user and would like envelopes, please call the office at 461-0704. Thank you for your support!

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!



SUNDAY COLLECTION

Weekly Goal	\$ 4,200.
Christmas	\$ 15,808.
Christmas Flowers	\$ 400.
Dec. 27 Weekend	\$ 4,049.
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 2,363.
Jan. 3 Weekend	\$ 6,503.
Parish Improvement	\$ 1,531.

Looking For an Exceptional Catholic Education?

Join the fun at Saint Hilary School in Tiburon! Saint Hilary School is a K-8 Catholic school where children receive an exceptional academic and spiritual foundation, allowing them to develop their unique personal and intellectual gifts.

Kindergarten Application Deadline: 1/15/16

RSVP to admissions@sainthilaryschool.org or 415-937-5502

BISHOPS INVITE ALL CATHOLICS TO MAKE A DIGITAL PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE

When people hear the word "pilgrimage," many think of far-off destinations, such as Lourdes, Fatima, or Santiago de Compostela. Today, in the digital era, we have the opportunity to make a pilgrimage without ever leaving our hometown. In fact, the U.S. Bishops are asking Catholics to consider making a digital pilgrimage. The overarching intention is the end to abortion, however, as Catholics, we also recognize the need to pray for the protection of and respect for all human life.

Christians have been making pilgrimages since the Apostolic Age, motivated not only by the desire to venerate holy relics and places, but also to make a prayer out of their journey.

Whether they are walking for a month across France and Spain to Santiago de Compostela or flying to Mexico to visit the apparition site of Our Lady of Guadalupe, pilgrims make sacrifices often resulting in aching feet and weary bones, but also in an increased love for the Lord and gratitude for all of His blessings.

As wonderful and spiritually enriching as these opportunities are, monetary, physical and family circumstances often keep us from embarking on such journeys. However, just because we can't trek 30 miles per day, we can still undertake a pilgrimage—a prayerful and sacrificial journey for a special intention.

This January 22nd marks the anniversary of the infamous 1973 Roe v. Wade decision, which legalized abortion throughout pregnancy. Forty-three years later, over 57 million children's lives have been ended, and their parents, grandparents, siblings and many others suffer in the aftermath.

Of course, the unborn are not the only ones whose lives we should petition God to protect. We should pray regularly for the hungry, those without shelter, persons with disabilities, and all who are vulnerable. As bills legalizing doctor-assisted suicide are being introduced in a growing number of states, we should also pray that all those nearing the end of their lives may receive care that respects the sanctity of their lives. The Church recognizes and joyfully proclaims that each person's life has value—from conception to natural death.

It is with these intentions for the respect and protection of human life in mind that the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops invites all Catholics to make a 9 day digital pilgrimage. "9 Days for Life" will take place January 16-24 (the nine days surrounding the anniversary of Roe v. Wade). To participate, visit www.9daysforlife.com and sign up for daily alerts (accessible via email, text message, or an app) or download and print the novena.

Together, people across the country can unite in prayer for the protection of life at all stages.

Along with daily prayer intentions, "9 Days for Life" also provides reflections, suggested acts of reparation, and additional resources. One important aspect of pilgrimages is that the participant grows spiritually and perhaps even develops some resolutions by the pilgrimage's completion. "9 Days for Life" seeks to foster a deeper understanding of the value of life and encourages participants to continue to pray, support and advocate for life long after the pilgrimage's end.

Sign up now at www.9daysforlife.com to join this important spiritual journey!

—from usccb.org

A PRAYER FOR THE JUBILEE OF MERCY

BY POPE FRANCIS

Lord Jesus Christ,

you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.

Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money;
the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things;
made Peter weep after his betrayal,
and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:

“If you knew the gift of God!”

You are the visible face of the invisible Father,

of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy:

let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness

in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error:

let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,

so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,

and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,

and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy,

you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen.