

# ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 24, 2016



## 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 JANUARY 25 - 30**

Mon 7AM Nate Calvano, *living*  
 9AM De Rutte Family

Tue 7AM Theresa Ginn  
 9AM Lilia Santander

Wed 7AM Roger Sullivan  
 9AM Marie Van Soest

Thu 7AM Larry Piatti  
 9AM Chas & Nancy Hoffman

Fri 7AM Christina Piatti  
 9AM Massucco Family

Sat 7AM Andrues Family  
 9AM Loretta, *living*

**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.

**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!*



**Today's 2nd Collection  
St. Patrick's Seminary**

For over a century, St Patrick's Seminary and University in Menlo Park, California has been preparing men for the Roman Catholic priesthood. At a time when well-prepared priests are needed more than ever, we are blessed with an encouraging enrollment of men. With great blessings and opportunities, however, come great challenges.

The Seminary needs your support to continue providing outstanding academic programs and nurture the formation of priests for the Church.

Seminary Website: [www.stpsu.org](http://www.stpsu.org)

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

<b>Weekly Goal</b>	<b>\$ 4,200.</b>
<b>Last Weekend</b>	<b>\$ 3,227.</b>
<b>Disaster Relief</b>	<b>\$ 1,312.</b>

***St. Sebastian Parish***

**PARISH PASTA DINNER**

**Saturday, February 6, 2016, 6pm**  
*in our Parish Hall*  
*following the 5pm Mass*

Pasta, Salad, Garlic Bread  
Wine, Dessert  
Fun Trivia Prizes



**To Care for the Sick** is one of the Corporal Works of Mercy (see today's bulletin flap), and you might be able to help.

On the First Thursday of each month there is a Mass at Kindred Care on S. Eliseo, not far from St. Sebastian's, and we are looking for someone who would like to assist the few patients who attend, by wheeling them from their room to the Community Room about 10:00am. It's easy, and you would get to attend Mass and receive the graces and blessings. Call the Rectory 461-0704 if you would like to do so.

**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!

## **FOUR HOLY DOORS OF MERCY OPENED**

On Dec. 13, Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone and a crowd in the hundreds walked through the doors of St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco, the first of four holy doors designated by the archbishop for the Jubilee Year of Mercy which opened Dec. 8, 2015, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, and concludes Nov. 20, 2016, the feast of Christ the King.

St. Raphael Mission Church in San Rafael, the chapel at St. Patrick's Seminary & University in Menlo Park and the chapel at San Quentin State Prison were also chosen as pilgrimage sites by the archbishop who called the year "an extraordinary moment of grace and spiritual renewal" in his cathedral homily.

"Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. ... Christ came to reopen the door for us, so that we can regain access to paradise, come in from the dark and the cold – the dark and cold of sin and all of its gloomy consequences and gain the protection of God's grace from all of those harmful elements," he said.

The archbishop opened the holy door at the chapel at San Quentin on Christmas Eve where he celebrated Mass with about 200 inmates, prison employees, and the prison's Catholic chaplain, Jesuit Father George Williams. On Jan. 10, Bishop William Justice opened the holy door at St. Raphael Mission Church in San Rafael during a Mass there. Later that same day, the president-rector of St. Patrick Seminary, Sulpician Father Gladstone H. Stevens, opened the Holy Door of Mercy at the chapel at a 5 p.m. Mass.

—*From January 14, 2016 issue of Catholic San Francisco*

## **WORD OF LIFE**

"We were made to love and be loved; we are meant to depend on one another, serving each other in humility and walking together in times of suffering. Our relationships are meant to help us grow in perfect love."

—Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap.  
"2015 Respect Life Month Statement:  
Every Life is Worth Living"

## **PLENARY INDULGENCES AND ACTS OF MERCY**

As with every jubilee year in the history of the church, the Jubilee Year of Mercy presents the opportunity for the faithful to gain the indulgence of God's mercy.

Pope Francis has declared that in every diocese throughout the world, the faithful who pass through these holy doors may receive a Holy Year plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions, which include freedom from all attachment to sin, including venial sin, sacramental confession, reception of Holy Communion and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father.

In his jubilee letter, Pope Francis encouraged the faithful to "rediscover the richness encompassed by the spiritual and corporal works of mercy" and said the church will grant a plenary indulgence for performing an act of mercy in addition to the usual conditions for an indulgence.

Corporal works of mercy include actions that help support the physical needs of a human being. Spiritual works of mercy include counseling the doubtful, supporting the grieving and other actions that nurture the human spirit.

"Each time that one of the faithful personally performs one or more of these actions, he or she shall surely obtain the jubilee indulgence. Hence the commitment to live by mercy so as to obtain the grace of complete and exhaustive forgiveness by the power of the love of the Father who excludes no one," he said.

—*Archdiocese of San Francisco Year of Mercy*  
[sfarchdiocese.org/home/year-of-mercy](http://sfarchdiocese.org/home/year-of-mercy)

## **Holy Doors: A metaphor for Christ**

Throughout the world holy doors will be opened during this jubilee year in cathedrals and other pilgrimage sites chosen by local bishops. Passing through the doors is a ritual act symbolizing one's desire for reconciliation with God.

A video produced by Catholic News Service available on the Archdiocese of San Francisco's Jubilee Year of Mercy web page describes the holy door as "A metaphor for Christ, because we go through Christ into salvation. It's a metaphor for transformation and stepping toward something new."

# Holy Year of Mercy

December 8, 2015 — November 20, 2016

## Corporal Works of Mercy

To Feed the Hungry  
To Give Drink to the Thirsty  
To Clothe the Naked  
To Shelter the Homeless  
To Care for the Sick  
To Visit the Imprisoned  
To Bury the Dead



## Spiritual Works of Mercy

To Convert Sinners  
To Instruct the Ignorant  
To Advise the Doubtful  
To Comfort the Sorrowful  
To Bear Wrongs Patiently  
To Forgive Injuries  
To Pray for the Living and Dead

“A Time to Heal, to Help, to Forgive.”

### ***The corporal and spiritual works of mercy***

are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbors in their spiritual and bodily necessities. The spiritual and corporal works of mercy seek to help alleviate human misery – material deprivation, unjust oppression, physical and psychological illness and death. Such misery is an obvious sign of our inherited human frailty and need for salvation as a consequence of original sin. We are obliged to perform the works of mercy, according to our own ability and the need of our neighbors.

It is important to remember that ordinary deeds done every day to receive the corporal or spiritual needs of others are true works of mercy, if done with the love of God. Taking care of children, teaching children and adults about the faith, caring for elderly parents or a sick child or spouse are some additional examples.