

ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 8, 2016



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
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Deacon David Previtali
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Confirmation Youth Group:

Deacon Dave: StSebCYG@outlook.com

MASS INTENTIONS FOR MAY 9 - 14

Mon 7AM David Pinoni
 9AM The Unborn

Tue 7AM Deacon Michael Liliedahl, *living*
 9AM Chas & Nancy Hoffman

Wed 7AM Joe Cincotta, *living*
 9AM for Our Nation's Conversion

Thu 7AM Thanksgiving in Year of Mercy
 9AM Virginia Santander

Fri 7AM Joe Cincotta, *living*
 9AM Mary King

Sat 7AM Tosca Des Rosiers, *living*
 9AM Frank Healy

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

Angela, Joe, Kristen, Mary, Milton & Ivette, Monica, Patrick, Sandra L., Stephanie, Tim, Ann Boeri, Judy Christadore, Cathy Connor, Elizabeth Cook, Tony Gallagher, Nancy Lampe, Monte Maroevich, Chris Matthew, Mark Piatti, Rose Tannlund, & Sherry Willis.

**TODAY SECOND COLLECTION:
CATHOLIC CHARITIES CYO**

This annual second collection asks parishioners to live their faith by generously supporting the good work of Catholic Charities, the social services arm of the Catholic Church in our local area. Your contributions directly support programs and services that provide relief for homeless families, frail seniors, immigrants, the working poor, children and youth, and many of our most vulnerable neighbors who are struggling to meet even their most basic needs. Put your faith into action and change a life for the better today by contributing to Catholic Charities. Together, we are Catholic Charities!

For more information on the work of Catholic Charities and how you can help strengthen families and reduce poverty locally please contact Jane Ferguson Flout at 415 971 1227 or jfergusonflout@CatholicCharitiesSF.org.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

<i>Weekly Goal</i>	\$ 4,200.
Last Weekend	\$ 4,664.
Parish Improvement	\$ 1,508.



Prayer to the Mother of the Lord for all mothers

Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Dear mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love- the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.

On this Mother's day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you...

In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen



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!



THE ASCENSION OF CHRIST AND HIS GLORIFIED EXISTENCE

Forty days after his Resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven. During this period between his Resurrection and Ascension, He actually gave the primacy He had promised to Peter, as we read in John 21. The many events between His resurrection and ascension preclude the theory that He ascended on Easter. His ascension does not mean that heaven is somewhere up in space. This was a way of making clear that He was leaving the present mode of existence. St. Paul in Colossians 3:1 urges us to live our lives now as if we had already died, had risen, and had ascended with Him. In a mystical sense we have done that, in that our Head has done that. In the physical sense it is still in the future.

He ascended to receive the glory due to Him as conqueror of sin and death (Philippians 2:8-11); to be our Mediator and advocate with the Father (Hebrews 9:24); to send the Holy Spirit as He had promised at the Last Supper (John 16:7); and to prepare a place for us as He also promised (John 14:2).

Now He is seated at the Father's right hand, which means that, as He said, "all power has been given to Me in heaven and on earth (Matthew 28:18). He always had that power as God, but now He exercises it as man, as King of the Universe, with His Mother beside Him as Queen of the Universe.

As God He is everywhere, but not as man, though He is present on earth most widely in the Holy Eucharist, even as man.

Besides this real bodily presence in the Eucharist, Christ is present on earth in other, lesser ways. Vatican II explained the various forms of presence, in the Constitution on the Liturgy, # 7: "Christ is always present to His Church, especially in liturgical actions. He is present in the Sacrifice of the Mass in the person of the priest; 'He is the same one, now offering by the ministry of priests, who then offered Himself on the Cross [citing the Council of Trent].' But He is most greatly present under the Eucharistic species. He is present by His power in the Sacraments, so that when anyone baptizes, Christ Himself baptizes. He is present in His word, for He speaks when the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church. He is present, finally, when the Church prays and sings the Psalms, He who promised 'Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in their midst'"(Matthew 18:20).

—by Fr. William G. Most

May 13 — Our Lady of Fátima

Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three Portuguese children received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria, near Fatima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. Mary asked the children to pray the rosary for world peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners and for the conversion of Russia. The third visionary, Lucia dos Santos, became a Carmelite nun and died in 2005 at the age of 97.



Mary gave the children three secrets. Since Francisco died in 1919 and Jacinta the following year, Lucia revealed the first secret in 1927, concerning devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The second secret was a vision of hell.

Pope John Paul II directed the Holy See's Secretary of State to reveal the third secret in 2000; it spoke of a "bishop in white" who was shot by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows into him. Many people linked this to the assassination attempt against Saint John Paul II in St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981.

The message of Fatima is simple: Pray. Unfortunately, some people—not Sister Lucia—have distorted these revelations, making them into an apocalyptic event for which they are now the only reliable interpreters. They have, for example, claimed that Mary's request that the world be consecrated to her has been ignored. Sister Lucia agreed that Pope John Paul II's public consecration in St. Peter's Square on March 25, 1984, fulfilled Mary's request. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith prepared a June 26, 2000 document explaining the "third secret" (available at www.vatican.va).

Mary is perfectly honored when people generously imitate her response "Let it be done to me as you say" (Luke 1:38). Mary can never be seen as a rival to Jesus or to the Church's teaching authority, as exercised by the college of bishops united with the bishop of Rome.

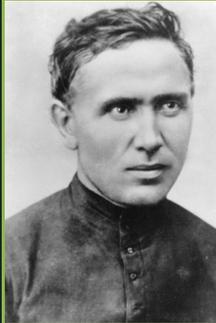
"Throughout history there have been supernatural apparitions and signs which go to the heart of human events and which, to the surprise of believers and non-believers alike, play their part in the unfolding of history. These manifestations can never contradict the content of faith and must, therefore, have their focus in the core of Christ's proclamation: the Father's love which leads men and women to conversion and bestows the grace required to abandon oneself to him with filial devotion. This too is the message of Fatima which, with its urgent call to conversion and penance, draws us to the heart of the Gospel" (The Message of Fatima, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, June 26, 2000).

**PENTECOST PREPARATION PRAYER FOR
THE RELEASE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN MY LIFE**

Lord God, I open myself to you. I turn to you and turn away from my sins. Please forgive me for all the things I have done wrong. Jesus, I welcome you as the Lord and Savior of my life. I commit myself to follow you. I ask you, Holy Spirit, to fill me and empower me with your presence to live as a child of God. Renew your power within me, oh Lifegiving Spirit, and let the fire of Pentecost burn within my heart, filling me with joy, peace, and grace. Unleash your presence within me and help me to use your gifts for the glory of God and the spreading of his kingdom. Amen

MAY 10 - ST. DAMIEN DE VEUSTER

Servant of Love for the Lepers of Molokai



“In order to draw closer to the poverty of Jesus Christ, I will ask only for that which is strictly necessary and useful, nothing which is superfluous or enjoyable. I will not complain if at anytime you deny my request. I will think twice before buying things more or less needed. I will keep an exact account and I will never use deceit in order to get what I want from my superiors. I will simply ask, I will not demand.”

St. Damien was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 11, 2009.

During the canonization homily, Pope Benedict XVI said: "Let us remember before this noble figure that it is charity which makes unity, brings it forth and makes it desirable. Following in Saint Paul's footsteps, Saint Damien prompts us to choose the good warfare (1 Tm 1:18), not the kind that brings division but the kind that gathers people together. He invites us to open our eyes to the forms of leprosy that disfigure the humanity of our brethren and still today call for the charity of our presence as servants, beyond that of our generosity."

**What Everyone Should Know about
The Prostate**

Speaker: Stan Rosenfeld

*Chairman, Patient Services Committee, UCSF
Executive on Board of Directors of the California
prostate Cancer Coalition,
Cancer Survivor*

**Healy Hall, St. Patrick Parish Center
Magnolia and King Streets, Larkspur
Wednesday, May 11, 2016, 7:00 p.m.**