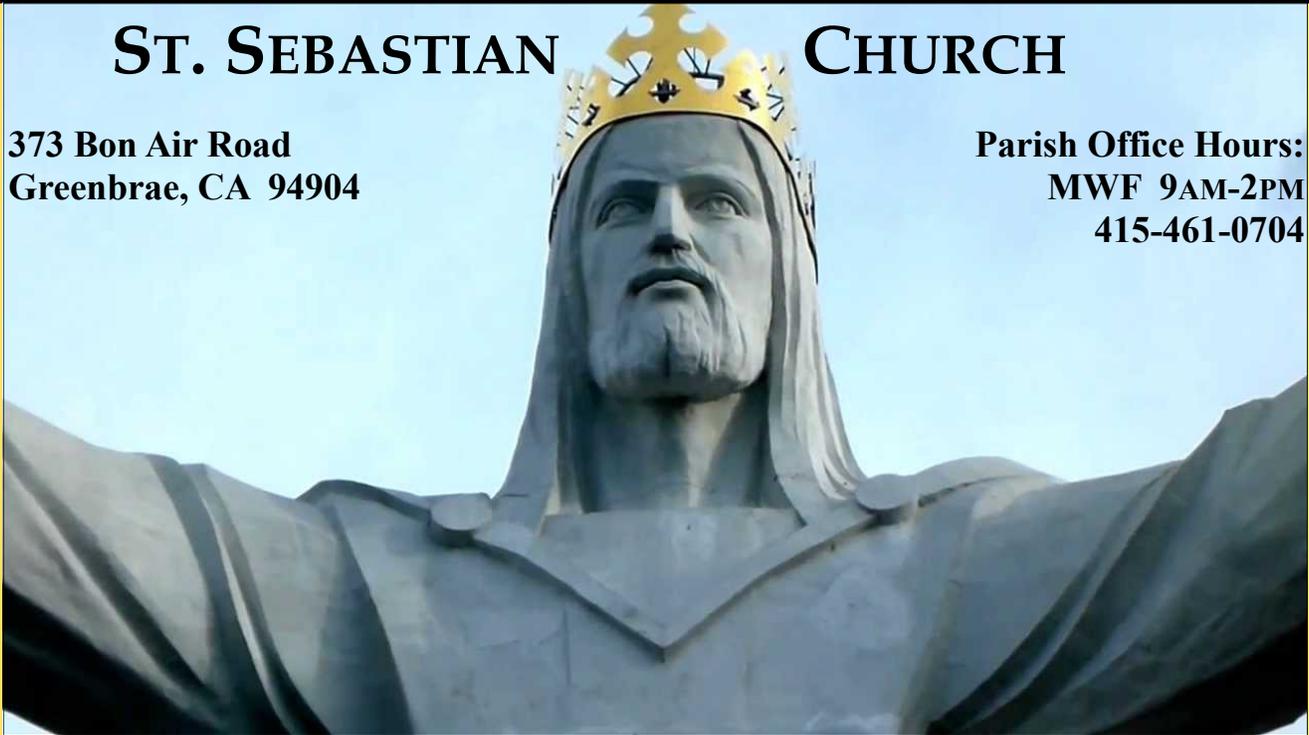


# ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

373 Bon Air Road  
Greenbrae, CA 94904

Parish Office Hours:  
MWF 9AM-2PM  
415-461-0704



## Nov. 20, 2016 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening ..... 5 PM  
Sundays ..... 7AM, 9AM, & 11AM  
Monday - Saturday ..... 7AM & 9AM

### CONFESSIONS

Saturdays ..... 3:30 - 4:30PM  
or by appointment

### ANOIDING of the SICK

Call a Priest at the Parish Office

Pastor ..... Rev. Mark Taheny  
Parochial Vicar ..... Rev. Paul Perry  
Deacon ..... Rev. Mr. Bill Turrentine  
Deacon ..... Rev. Mr. David Previtali  
Secretary ..... Agata Konopka

*Parish School of Religion / Confirmation:*  
Gretchen Harris: [StSebPSR@gmail.com](mailto:StSebPSR@gmail.com)  
R.C.I.A. DcnDave@outlook.com

### Parish Ministries & Groups

#### Adult Faith Formation / R.C.I.A.

Deacon Dave Previtali

#### Altar Society

Anne Marie Schlesselmann  
Gretchen Harris

#### Bible Study - 10AM Sundays

Deacon Bill Turrentine

#### Children's Choir

Celeste Chapman [celeste360@aol.com](mailto:celeste360@aol.com)  
Gretchen Harris [StSebPSR@gmail.com](mailto:StSebPSR@gmail.com)

#### Adult Choir

Eric Maddox

#### Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick

Homebound / Hospital / Rehab Centers  
Fr. Paul Perry

#### Garden Club

Barbara Cancelli [bacancilla@sbcglobalnet](mailto:bacancilla@sbcglobalnet)

#### Greeters at Mass

Marian Previtali

#### Hospitality Ministers

Coffee Sundays (2nd Sunday each Month)  
Jerry & Fran Doherty

#### Lenten Soup Suppers

Paul & Thérèse Haddad

#### Life in Christ Marian Cenacle

Elizabeth Tremel (415) 331-7861

#### Liturgical Lay Ministries

Lectors / EMHCs / Altar Servers  
Deacon Dave Previtali

#### Men's Club

Tom McCarty, coordinator  
[MrTomMcCarty@gmail.com](mailto:MrTomMcCarty@gmail.com)

#### Natural Family Planning

Deacon Bill & Pat Turrentine

#### Parish Council

Marian Previtali [dm121281@yahoo.com](mailto:dm121281@yahoo.com)

#### Parish School of Religion (PSR)

Grade K-6; Confirmation: Grade 7-8  
Mrs. Gretchen Harris

#### St. Martha Women's Club

Parish Social & Service  
Marian Previtali [dm121281@yahoo.com](mailto:dm121281@yahoo.com)

#### St. Vincent de Paul Conference

Works of Mercy for Needy / Poor  
Meets 4th Sunday of each Month  
Phil Fant, President [pfant@fantlaw.com](mailto:pfant@fantlaw.com)

#### Young Vincentians Group

High School / College Youth  
in Service to the Needy / Poor  
Mrs. Gretchen Harris, Adult Moderator

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 21 - 26

Mon 7AM All Souls Novena  
9AM Yvonna, *healing*

Tue 7AM Musicians at the Vocation Mass  
9AM Gordon Gilfillan

Wed 7AM Carmella Kramer  
9AM All Souls Novena

### **Thanksgiving Day**

9AM Anita Guasch

Fri 7AM Tom & Annetta Lazio  
9AM Joanne Hively

Sat 7AM Barbara Wakida  
9AM Rory McGovern, *living*

## **Thursday is**

### **“THANKSGIVING DAY”.**

Come with your family and give thanks to God, who has given us *everything!*

**Our Mass will be at 9 a.m.**

and we will have a special blessing of a simple gift for you to take home with you.



### 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, Mark Piatti, Rose Tannlund, & Sherry Willis.

### TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION: CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

The collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. CCHD's grants improve education, support economic development, and create affordable housing in low-income neighborhoods. Help us continue to defend human dignity and build communities of solidarity. Please give to the CCHD Collection.

### WORD OF LIFE

“A model of care has been developed specifically for families whose infant is likely to die before or after birth. Often called ‘perinatal hospice,’ ...[it] provides precious moments together—whether the baby is inside or outside the womb—which can be cherished forever.”

—“*Supporting Families Who Receive a Prenatal Diagnosis*” ([www.goo.gl/JqdQJT](http://www.goo.gl/JqdQJT)),  
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule for anyone who is interested in lighting the Advent Wreath at Masses during Advent. Please arrive 5 minutes before Mass so you can be in the Entrance Procession.

### 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!*



### NOVEMBER 23 — ST. CLEMENT, POPE, MARTYR

“We must look upon all the things of this world, as none of ours, and not desire them. This world and that to come are two enemies. We cannot, therefore, be friends to both; but we must resolve which we would forsake, and which we would enjoy. And we think, that it is better to hate the present things, as little, short-lived, and corruptible; and to love those which are to come, which are truly good and incorruptible. Let us contend with all earnestness, knowing that we are now called to the combat. Let us run in the straight road, the race that is incorruptible. This is what Christ saith: keep your bodies pure and your souls without spot, that ye may receive eternal life.”

### SUNDAY COLLECTION

<i>Weekly Goal</i>	<b>\$ 4,200.</b>
<b>Last Weekend</b>	<b>\$ 3,771.</b>
<b>Archdiocese for Military Services</b>	<b>\$ 1,504.</b>

## SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

*While governments may crumble, Christ's Kingdom, unlike the kingdoms of this world, will last forever.*

Each year at the conclusion of the liturgical year, we fittingly celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. As the Apostle St. Paul teaches us, "In Jesus Christ every thing in heaven and earth was created... and continues in being" (Col 1:16-17). He is the 'Alpha and Omega', the 'Beginning and End', the 'Way, Truth, and Life'. Indeed, Christ promises to His faithful friends the gift of salvation, the pledge of everlasting life through His Resurrection. Therefore, faithfulness to Christ, our King, opens the door to our eternal happiness.

In 1925, Pope Pius XI instituted the Feast of Christ the King in the encyclical *Quas Primas* (from Latin, "In the First") to respond to secularism - the adoration of 'idols' of the earthly world, such as money and fame, above God. Pope Pius XI recognized that secularism would breed hostility against the Church. In fact, during the 20th century, governments in Mexico, Russia, and Europe, infiltrated by secularism, threatened not only the Catholic Church but also civilization itself. *Quas Primas* gave Catholics the hope that while governments may crumble, Christ's Kingdom, unlike the kingdoms of this world, would last forever.

Although *Quas Primas* was written almost 90 years ago, it continues to ring true today. For instance, secularism continues to separate people from God, as evidenced by the rejection of Church teachings and the denial of God Himself. In addition, recent Pew Research Center data shows the worldwide increase of religious hostilities. Now more than ever, we must celebrate that Jesus Christ is King of the Universe.

Bearing witness to the truth in this age can be difficult. But Christ has shown us that 'kingship' must always be at the service of the good of mankind. Therefore, with His grace and in hope of His gift of salvation, let us bear witness to the truth, even when it is unpopular or costly to do so. In this way, we become faithful servants of Christ, preparing the way for His Kingdom, both on earth and in heaven.

— *uscgb.org*

## IN CHRIST, WE MUST PRESERVE OUR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS.

Jesus Christ reveals the fulfillment of the truths of creation found in the book of Genesis: "God saw every thing that He had made, and behold, it was very good" (Gen 1:31). Therefore, "made in [His] image and likeness," each of us possesses an immeasurable goodness (Gen 1:26). And, this goodness from Christ, given to the heart of man, calls us to fight for what is justly ours: the right to life, freedom of conscience and religious freedom.

## IN CHRIST, WE MUST EVANGELIZE IN LOVE.

Christ, both meek and humble of heart, is the perfect servant of God: Through His teaching and His life, Jesus intended to confirm, not to coerce, others in faith (*Dignitatis Humanae*, no. 11). Through our daily action, let us follow Christ's loving example of showing the truth to others.

## IN CHRIST, WE MUST PROCLAIM THE TRUTH.

Christ's Kingship "bear[s] witness to the truth" (John 18:37). In bearing this witness, Christ acknowledges government authority, "rendering to Caesar the things that are Caesar's" (Matthew 22:21). Nonetheless, we are asked to speak out "against governing powers which oppose the holy will of God" (*Dignitatis Humanae*, no. 11).

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## ADVENT SPEAKER SERIES

**St. Patrick Church**  
**114 King Street, Larkspur, CA**

God welcomes you to spend one hour each week during Advent to wait for the One who can dramatically change your life for the better. Will you come and join us so we can await His arrival together?

Candlelit prayer time: 6:30 – 7:00p.m.

Guest speaker: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**November 30**

Fr. Claude Williams, O. Praem.

*"Wait on the Lord and be of Good Courage"*

**December 7**

Fr. David Pettingill

*"Discovering the One who is Always Present"*

*Wine & Cheese Reception*

*Please RSVP: 415-924-0600*

## THANKSGIVING

The tradition of eating goose as part of the Martin's Day celebration was kept in Holland even after the Reformation. It was there that the Pilgrims who sailed to the New World in 1620 became familiar with this ancient harvest festival. When, after one year in America, they decided to celebrate a three days' thanksgiving in the autumn of 1621, they went in search of geese for their feast. We know that they also had deer (a present from the Indians), lobsters, oysters, and fish. But Edward Winslow, in his account of the feast, only mentions that "Governor Bradford sent four men on fowling that so we might after a more special manner rejoice together, after we had gathered the fruit of our labors." They actually did find some wild geese, and a number of wild turkeys and ducks as well.

The Pilgrim Fathers, therefore, in serving wild turkeys with the geese, inaugurated one of the most cherished American traditions: the turkey dinner on Thanksgiving Day. They also drank, according to the ancient European tradition, the first wine of their wild-grape harvest. Pumpkin pie and cranberries were not part of the first Thanksgiving dinner in America, but were introduced many years afterward.

The second Thanksgiving Day in the New World was held by the Pilgrims two years later, on July 30, 1623. It was formally proclaimed by the governor as a day of prayer to thank God for their deliverance from drought and starvation, and for the safe arrival from Holland of the ship Anne.

In 1665 Connecticut proclaimed a solemn day of thanksgiving to be kept annually on the last Wednesday in October. Other New England colonies held occasional and local Thanksgivings at various times. In 1789 the federal Congress authorized and requested President George Washington to proclaim a day of thanksgiving for the whole nation. Washington did this in a message setting aside November 26, 1789 as National Thanksgiving Day.

After 1789 the celebration reverted to local and regional observance for almost a hundred years. There grew, however, a strong desire among the majority of the people for a national Thanksgiving Day that would unite all Americans in a festival of gratitude and public acknowledgment for all the blessings God had conferred upon the nation. It was not until October 3, 1863, that this was accomplished, when President Abraham Lincoln issued, in the midst of the Civil War, a Thanksgiving Proclamation. In it the last Thursday of November was set apart for that purpose and made a national holiday.

— *Excerpted from the Handbook of Christian Feasts and Customs, Francis X. Weiser, SJ*