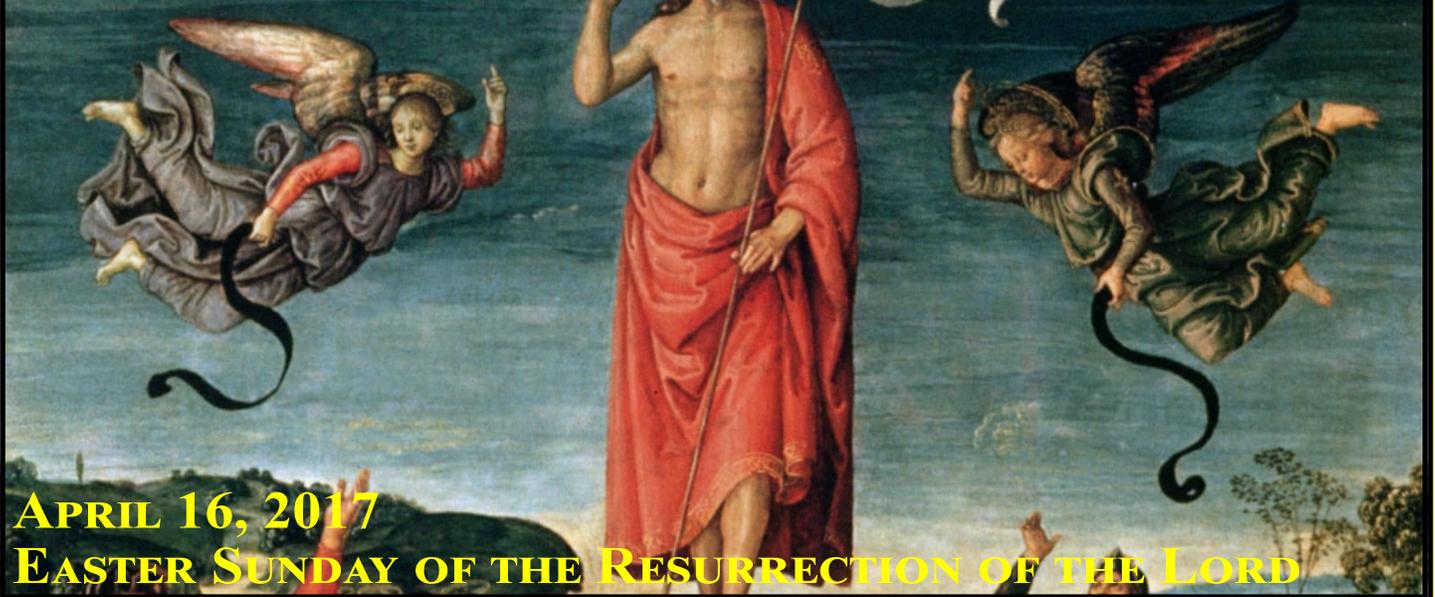


ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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MWF 9AM-2PM
415-461-0704



APRIL 16, 2017
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening5 PM
Sundays.....7AM, 9AM, & 11AM
Monday - Saturday7AM & 9AM

CONFESSIONS

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

ANOIDING of the SICK

Call a Priest at the Parish Office

PastorRev. Mark Taheny
Parochial Vicar.....Rev. Paul Perry
DeaconRev. Mr. Bill Turrentine
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Gretchen Harris: StSebPSR@gmail.com
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Parish Ministries & Groups

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

Deacon Dave Previtali
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Altar Society

Anne Marie Schlesselmann
Gretchen Harris

Bible Study - 10AM Sundays

Deacon Bill Turrentine

Children's Choir

Celeste Chapman celeste360@aol.com
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Eric Maddox

CYO

Robert McCullough
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Garden Club

Barbara Cancilla

Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick

Homebound / Hospital / Rehab Centers
Fr. Paul Perry

Greeters at Mass

Marian Previtali

Hospitality Ministers

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

Life in Christ Marian Cenacle

Elizabeth Tremel (415) 331-7861

Liturgical Lay Ministries

Lectors / EMHCs / Altar Servers
Deacon Dave Previtali

Men's Club

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Natural Family Planning

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Parish School of Religion (PSR)

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

St. Martha Women's Club

Parish Social & Service
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St. Vincent de Paul Conference

Works of Mercy for Needy / Poor
Meets 4th Sat. of each Month at 10am
Phil Fant, President pfant@fantlaw.com

Young Vincentians Group

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 17 - 22

- Mon 7AM Lazio, Alioto & Cincotta Families, *living*
9AM Ann O'Connell, *living*
- Tue 7AM Intentions of Our Lady
9AM Rebecca Stadtner, *living*
- Wed 7AM Mary King
9AM Margaret Ruth Murnane
- Thu 7AM Wayne Batmale & family, *living*
9AM Departed Clergy
- Fri 7AM Mary Lou Smith
9AM Sister Annunciata O'Sullivan
- Sat 7AM Joan Sullivan
9AM Souls in Purgatory

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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



THE RESURRECTION AS TRANSCENDENT EVENT

O truly blessed Night, sings the Exultet of the Easter Vigil, which alone deserved to know the time and the hour when Christ rose from the realm of the dead! But no one was an eyewitness to Christ's Resurrection and no evangelist describes it. No one can say how it came about physically. Still less was its innermost essence, his passing over to another life, perceptible to the senses. Although the Resurrection was an historical event that could be verified by the sign of the empty tomb and by the reality of the apostles' encounters with the risen Christ, still it remains at the very heart of the mystery of faith as something that transcends and surpasses history. This is why the risen Christ does not reveal himself to the world, but to his disciples, "to those who came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people."

— Catechism of the Catholic Church, 647

**SOUP SUPPER
THANK YOU!**



Our Wednesday Evening Lenten Soup Suppers were enjoyable and successful due to the generosity and hospitality of so many of you:

Those who provided us with a wonderful variety of tasty soups to feed everyone who came down to the Parish Hall after the 5:15pm Masses, and Noah's Bagels at Bon Air Center, who donated the bagels. Thank you!



We are grateful also for the members of our parish St. Martha's Women's Club, who set-up and cleaned-up in the kitchen; Taylor Arnold, who set up and took down the tables and chairs; the Confirmation students who helped serve and clean-up.

Jesus, himself, said that He had come to *serve*, not to be served. We thank all who have served us in so many ways. Happy Easter!

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Weekly Goal	\$ 4,200.
April 2 Weekend	\$ 6,241.
Parish Improvement	\$ 1,599.

NEXT WEEK SECOND COLLECTION:

**BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION/
CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS**

Here in the United States, our home mission dioceses are unable to fund essential pastoral work so they struggle to serve the needs of their communities. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the US are considered home missions. Through your support, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses and form vibrant faith communities by funding programs, such as religious education, seminarian formation, and lay ministry training. Please help strengthen the Church at home, and prayerfully consider supporting this appeal.

the TRUTH of the RESURRECTION

Joseph Cardinal RATZINGER

— An excerpt from *Introduction to Christianity*, by Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger

To the Christian, faith in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is an expression of certainty that the saying that seems to be only a beautiful dream is in fact true: “Love is strong as death” (Song 8:6). In the Old Testament this sentence comes in the middle of praises of the power of *eros*. But this by no means signifies that we can simply push it aside as a lyrical exaggeration. The boundless demands of *eros*, its apparent exaggerations and extravagance, do in reality give expression to a basic problem, indeed *the* basic problem of human existence, insofar as they reflect the nature and intrinsic paradox of love: love demands infinity, indestructibility; indeed, it is, so to speak, a call for infinity. But it is also a fact that this cry of love cannot be satisfied, that it demands infinity but cannot grant it; that it claims eternity but in fact is included in the world of death, in its loneliness and its power of destruction. Only from this angle can one understand what “resurrection” means. It is the greater strength of love in face of death.

At the same time it is proof of what only immortality can create: being in the other who still stands when I have fallen apart. Man is a being who himself does not live forever but is necessarily delivered up to death. For him, since he has no continuance in himself, survival, from a purely human point of view, can only become possible through his continuing to exist in another. The statements of Scripture about the connection between sin and death are to be understood from this angle. For it now becomes clear that man’s attempt “to be like God”, his striving for autonomy, through which he wishes to stand on his own feet alone, means his death, for he just cannot stand on his own. If man - and this is the real nature of sin - nevertheless refuses to recognize his own limits and tries to be completely self-sufficient, then precisely by adopting this attitude he delivers himself up to death.

(...) After his Resurrection Christ did not go back to his previous earthly life, as we are told the young man of Nain and Lazarus did. He rose again to definitive life, which is no longer governed by chemical and biological laws and therefore stands outside the possibility of death, in the eternity conferred by love. That is why the encounters with him are “appearances”; that is why he with whom people had sat at table two days earlier is not recognized by his best friends and, even when recognized, remains foreign: only where he grants vision is he seen; only when he opens men’s eyes and makes their hearts open up can the countenance of the eternal love that conquers death become recognizable in our mortal world, and, in that love, the new, different world, the world of him who is to come. That is also why it is so difficult, indeed absolutely impossible, for the Gospels to describe the encounter with the risen Christ; that is why they can only stammer when they speak of these meetings and seem to provide contradictory descriptions of them.



RESTORING AFFORDABLE CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE IN THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

The Archdiocesan Respect Life Program is sponsoring a conference at St. Mary's Cathedral Saturday, April 29, on “Restoring Affordable Catholic Health Care in the San Francisco Bay Area.” The seminar will introduce developments occurring at the grassroots level to allow Americans to find affordable and ethical health care solutions.

Conference begins at 8 AM with celebration of Mass at the Cathedral's Altar of Our Lady of Guadalupe, a Continental breakfast in St. Francis Hall, and opening prayer and welcome by Archbishop Cordileone at 9 AM. Adjournment is at noon. Cost is \$20. For additional information and to RSVP, contact Vicki Evans at 415-614-5533 or evansv@sfarch.org.

MARRIAGE HELP

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too.

For confidential information about or to register for the San Francisco Retrouvaille Weekend Experience program beginning with a weekend on **April 28-30**, call 415-893-1005 or email: SF@RetroCA.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com, Phone: 800-470-2230.

April Ministries of the Month:
Altar Society and Garden Club

Our praise of God and appreciation of His gifts to our parish community are expressed in two very tangible ways through the upkeep of both our parish church and grounds. The two Ministries of the Month for April are dedicated to this reflection of God's beauty in the care they take for both His house of worship and the campus it rests upon.



The Altar Society sees to the care of the interior of the church in general and, as our name implies, to the sanctuary, especially by seeing to the washing and care of linens, candles, and various items used for worship. The banners and wreath of Advent, the trees and lights of Christmas, the flowers and décor of Easter are all an expressions of the Society members' devotion as they plan and direct helpers in decorating of the church for the celebrations of the liturgical year. Interested parishioners are heartily encouraged to contact the persons listed under this ministry on the front of the bulletin via the parish office.



Just as the house of God deserves our utmost attention and care, so too do the grounds upon which it rests. And as Spring returns our parish Garden Club can use a lot of helping hands to see to the upkeep and continued beautification of landscape and our several outdoor shrines: two in honor of Our Lady (I the parking lot) and the large one to our patron, St. Sebastian, facing Bon Air Rd. The Garden Club is quite active during the Spring, Summer and Fall months so if you love outdoor work and wish to expression your devotion in this manner, contact the parish office to be put into contact with the person in charge of the Club.