

ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

373 Bon Air Road
Greenbrae, CA 94904

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

APRIL 23, 2017

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

MASS SCHEDULE

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

CONFESSIONS

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

ANOINTING of the SICK

Call a Priest at the Parish Office

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

Parish School of Religion / Confirmation:
Gretchen Harris: StSebPSR@gmail.com
R.C.I.A. DcnDave@outlook.com

Parish Ministries & Groups

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

Deacon Dave Previtali
DcnDave@outlook.com (email)
www.dcnave.blogspot.com (homilies)

Altar Society

Anne Marie Schlesselmann
Gretchen Harris

Bible Study - 10AM Sundays

Deacon Bill Turrentine

Children's Choir

Celeste Chapman celeste360@aol.com
Gretchen Harris StSebPSR@gmail.com

Adult Choir

Eric Maddox

CYO

Robert McCullough
StSebastianCYO@gmail.com

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

Deacon Dave Previtali, coordinator
DcnDave@outlook.com

Natural Family Planning

www.ccli.org, www.live-the-love.org

Parish Council

Marian Previtali 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

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 24 - 29

Mon 7AM Grace Lawrence
 9AM Charlene Powell

Tue 7AM Intentions of Our Lady
 9AM Souls in Purgatory

Wed 7AM Vivie Bigotta
 9AM Cesar Arvisu

Thu 7AM J. Emilio V. Reynoso
 9AM John Andrew Anderson

Fri 7AM J. Emilio V. Reynoso
 9AM Steve Lechner, *living*

Sat 7AM J. Emilio V. Reynoso
 9AM Brian Whitty, *living*

**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.

**TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION:
BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION/
CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS**

By virtue of our baptism into Christ Jesus, we are all missionaries, beginning with our own families and parishes. Like the Apostles, we are encouraged to reach out to our brothers and sisters in faith, love, and sacrifice. We must continue to build God's Kingdom in our world. You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today. 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.
April 9 Weekend	\$ 3,749.
Holy Land	\$ 3,025.
Easter	\$ 8,818.
Flowers	\$ 1,285.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN

We ask for your prayer upon these children who are receiving Jesus in their 1st Holy Communion today at the 9:00 Mass:



Gabriela De Freitas
Brayden MacEachern
Kinsey Schafer
Sophie Staats
Maeve Tran

AN EASTER THANK-YOU

A great "Thank you" to everyone who helped us to celebrate Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter: Those who decorated the church: Gretchen Harris, Ann Marie Schlesselmann, Annette Villanueva, Braeden Harris, Marian Previtali, Bev Young, Barbara Cancilla, Robert Johnson, and Benedict Conran; donated flowers, served as lectors and readers, and the Choir and cantors. Our parishioners and many visitors were certainly blessed and edified by attending the Sacred Triduum (3 days) here at St. Sebastian's.



ALTAR OF REPOSE

The Parish Altar Society would like to express a huge "Thank you!" to parishioner Annette Villanueva and friend, Mark Angeles, for their hours of time, talent & treasure in designing and setting up our Holy Thursday Altar of Repose. It was one of the most elaborate and beautiful our parish has had and an awesome tribute to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary.

"This was precisely the time when those ideologies of evil, Nazism and communism, were taking shape. Sister Faustina became the herald of the one message capable of off-setting the evil of those ideologies, that fact that God is mercy—the truth of the merciful Christ. And for this reason, when I was called to the See of Peter, I felt impelled to pass on those experiences of a fellow Pole that deserve a place in the treasury of the universal Church."

~ Pope St John Paul II, *Memory and Identity*

St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed, for example:

"My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. ... It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy."
(Diary, no. 699)

On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

— uscbb.org

ST. RAPHAEL AND ST. ISABELLA CONFERENCES OF THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY 13TH ANNUAL BOCCE BALL TOURNAMENT AND PICNIC

Sunday, May 7, 2017

Join us for a day of fun including a delicious BBQ lunch provided by Marin Joe's restaurant. Picnickers and spectators of all ages are welcome, as well as players. You will be helping a worthy cause and 100% of all proceeds fund our work to help the needy in our parishes. For information and/or sign up forms contact: Dean DeGiovanni 415 485 3855 or Joe Martino 425 479 8477.

MARIAN RETREAT IN PREPARATION FOR CONSECRATION

Saturday, May 6, 8:15 am – 2:30 pm
St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco

In preparation for the consecration of the archdiocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, a special Marian Retreat is Saturday, May 6, at the Cathedral. Check-in and hospitality begin at 8:15am, Rosary- 9:00am; morning and afternoon learning sessions have tracks in English and Spanish. 11:00am - Mass celebrated by Cardinal William Levada; lunch- noon; the day closes at 2:30pm after Adoration and Benediction. The suggested donation is \$20. See the online Calendar for complete information and registration. Space is limited; RSVP early, to Karen Guglielmoni guglielmonik@sfarch.org.

As we begin a seven-month period of preparation which culminates at the Rosary Rally on October 7, the archdiocesan website at sfarch.org/IHM offers news, history, prayers, events, activities, art, and music.

SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL 45-YEAR CELEBRATION DINNER

Friday, May 5, 6:00 pm
St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco
Saint Mary's Cathedral of the Assumption turned 45 this year, and the recognition of that anniversary year closes on Friday, May 5, with an exuberant evening gathering: A buffet dinner will be held in Patrons Hall in the Cathedral Events Center, catered by La Tapatia Mexican restaurant, and entertainment with mariachi music and folkloric dancers. Join in the celebration and thanksgiving. Tickets are \$25.
415-567-2020.

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.

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.