

ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

373 Bon Air Road
Greenbrae, CA 94904

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



“IN THE END, MY IMMACULATE HEART WILL TRIUMPH.”

- OUR LADY OF FATIMA

MAY 14, 2017

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 VicarRev. Paul Perry
DeaconRev. Mr. Bill Turrentine
DeaconRev. Mr. David Previtali
Email: DcnDave@Outlook.com
Blog (Homilies): www.DcnDave.Blogspot.com
Secretary.....Agata Konopka

Parish School of Religion / Confirmation:
Gretchen Harris: StSebPSR@gmail.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

CYO

Robert McCullough
StSebastianCYO@gmail.com

Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick

Homebound / Hospital / Rehab Centers
Fr. Paul Perry

Garden Club

Barbara Cancilla

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

Faith Formation, Food & Fellowship
Meets last Tues. of the Month 7-8:30PM
Deacon Dave Previtali, coordinator

Music Ministries

Eric Maddox
Celeste Chapman celeste360@aol.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 MAY 15 - 20

Mon 7AM Bill Crawford, *living*
 9AM Pierre-Albert Ledermann, *living*

Tue 7AM Herman Schlesselmann
 9AM Thanksgiving

Wed 7AM Sal Gumina
 9AM Tami Tanner

Thu 7AM Souls in Purgatory
 9AM Paul Smith

Fri 7AM Janina Rusiecka
 9AM Bill Buckingham, *living*

Sat 7AM Anna Corr
 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.

**TODAY'S 2ND COLLECTION:
CATHOLIC CHARITIES CYO APPEAL**

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 Archdiocese. Your contributions directly support programs that provide housing services for homeless families, refugee and immigrant services for newcomers, aid for the working poor, children and youth, and thousands of others who are struggling to meet their most basic needs. Put your faith into action and change a life for the better today with a donation to Catholic Charities.

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.
Last Weekend	\$ 4,896.
Parish Improvement	\$ 1,617.



**Fr. Paul Perry's
June 3rd Jubilee**

We hope that you will be able to join us at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, June 3rd to celebrate Fr. Paul's 50 Years of Priesthood!

**Mass will be at Noon,
followed by a Luncheon in the Parish Hall.**

Since being ordained on June 3, 1967, Fr. Paul has served at a number of parishes and institutions in San Mateo, San Francisco, and Marin, but in 1999 he began eighteen years (*so far*) here at St. Sebastian's, while serving also at San Quentin State Prison and Marin General Hospital.

Your presence is requested!

If you will attend, please RSVP at 415-461-0791 so that our committee can prepare the luncheon.

TODAY IS "COFFEE SUNDAY"

Don't "run off", but be sure to come to the Parish Hall after the 9am or 11am Mass and visit with fellow parishioners who look forward to seeing you there!



"Coffee Sunday" is scheduled for the second Sunday of every month.

CALLING ALL GOLFERS:

Our Lady of Loretto Parish is holding its 13th Annual Youth Ministry Golf Tournament, Thursday, June 29th, at Indian Valley Golf Club. Dinner will follow at OLL parish hall, 6:30 PM. We invite you to join us! A \$150 golf package includes lunch, golf, golf cart, dinner, and prizes. Sign up individually or with a foursome. Dinner only--\$35 families; \$20 for adults; \$10 for youth 12-18; under 12 free. For more info, visit the OLL Youth Ministry website at www.ollnovato.org. Tournament sponsored by the Youth Ministry Golf Committee and Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Loretto Council 3950. Thank you!

PRAYING THE ROSARY prepares our hearts to receive God's grace and teaches us to place ourselves in the hands of God, allowing him to guide our steps along the path of our faith journey. Praying the Rosary allows us to make room for God, to glorify his name, and to make him truly present in our lives.

“HAIL, FULL OF GRACE”:
MARY, THE MOTHER OF BELIEVERS

— An excerpt from *Mary: The Church at the Source*
by Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger

“From henceforth all generations will call me blessed”—these words of the Mother of Jesus handed on for us by Luke (Lk 1:48) are at once a prophecy and a charge laid upon the Church of all times. This phrase from the Magnificat, the spirit-filled prayer of praise that Mary addresses to the living God, is thus one of the principal foundations of Christian devotion to her.

The Church invented nothing new of her own when she began to extol Mary; she did not plummet from the worship of the one God to the praise of man. The Church does what she must; she carries out the task assigned her from the beginning. At the time Luke was writing this text, the second generation of Christianity had already arrived, and the “family” of the Jews had been joined by that of the Gentiles, who had been incorporated into the Church of Jesus Christ. The expression “all generations, all families” was beginning to be filled with historical reality. The Evangelist would certainly not have transmitted Mary’s prophecy if it had seemed to him an indifferent or obsolete item. He wished in his Gospel to record “with care” what “the eyewitnesses and ministers of the word” (Lk 1:2-3) had handed on from the beginning, in order to give the faith of Christianity, which was then striding onto the stage of world history, a reliable guide for its future course.

The continued existence of such praise at least in one strand of early Christian tradition is the basis of Luke’s infancy narrative. The recording of these words in the Gospel raises this veneration of Mary from historical fact to a commission laid upon the Church of all places and all times.

The Church neglects one of the duties enjoined upon her when she does not praise Mary. She deviates from the word of the Bible when her Marian devotion falls silent. When this happens, in fact, the Church no longer even glorifies God as she ought. For though we do know God by means of his creation— “Ever since the creation of the world [God’s] invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made” (Rom 1:20)—we also know him, and know him more intimately, through the history he has shared with man. Just as the history of a man’s life and the relationships he has formed reveal, what kind of person he is, God shows himself in a history, in men through whom his own character can be seen.

JESUS IS CATHOLIC

— From *In The Fullness of Faith: On the Centrality of the Distinctively Catholic* by Hans Urs von Balthasar

Jesus must be Catholic, otherwise his Church, which follows him and is promised his fullness, could not be called Catholic. Being Catholic means embracing everything, leaving nothing out. How can an individual human being do this, even if he is the only begotten Son of God? We shall not explain this by theological speculation. It is something that can reveal itself to us only if, in the openness of faith, we let our eyes rest on his self-manifestation. He is the revelation of someone else, of the Father, who is “greater” than he, and yet with whom he is “one”. This is the message of his words and his life.

A Church can be Catholic only because God is Catholic first, and because, in Jesus Christ and ultimately in the Holy Spirit, this catholicity on God’s part has opened itself to the world, simultaneously revealing and giving itself. The Spirit is “Person”, the “We” in God: he provides the basis for the “we” that exists between God and ourselves, and hence too between men. But we would know and possess nothing of this if Jesus Christ had not stood at the alpha and omega of all God’s ways in the world, as the form of revelation available to anyone who is open to it, i.e., is prepared to believe.

WORD OF LIFE

“Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering. ... Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all.”

— “*Every Life is Worth Living*” Prayer Card USCCB
Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

The quality with which a work is done can be more important than the sheer quantity of tasks a person completes. What value, for example, that a social worker counsels fifty people a day if each feels like a processed can rolling through an assembly line? Or what value is there in people parroting hundreds of prayers without real conscious engagement? As Archbishop Oscar Romero said: “We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and do it very well.” Or as Mother Teresa put it: “We cannot do great things on this earth; we can only do little things with great love.”

— Chris Lowney, *Heroic Living*



MINISTRY OF THE MONTH:
LITURGICAL MUSIC MINISTRIES

The primary purpose of liturgical music is tied to the very purpose of the liturgy itself: the praise and glory of God. The aim of our music ministry is to encourage active participation of the congregation gathered at St. Sebastian's to offer God this praise and worship with their voices as well as their hearts. We really want to grow our music ministry and for this to happen, we need more people to participate at the liturgy as choir members, cantors or liturgical musicians.

Choir members are those who want to sing the Mass in group with others. All ages (adults and children) and all voices are desired and needed! You do not need to know how to read music. You do not need to have a voice that awes and inspires! What you will need is a generous heart that wants to contribute to the praise and worship of God and be someone willing to simply give your best, whatever that might be! The choir usually sings at the weekly 11AM Mass and with children at the monthly PSR Masses. Contact one of the persons listed below for more details.

Cantors are individuals who are experienced singers and who have a knowledge of music. These are men, women and youth who are willing to make a commitment to a regular schedule of assignments for our weekend Liturgies. The cantor leads the congregation in song throughout the Liturgy. Our Cantors are very dedicated to commitment to their ministry and to sharing their "gift of song" for the good of the parish! If you qualify as a cantor and wish to be a song-leader contact the parish office for further details.

Liturgical Musicians are those who have received from God the ability to play a musical instrument and would like to give Him thanks for this talent by offering its use in the liturgy. While the organ is the traditional liturgical instrument, it is by no means the only one which the Church uses in her praise and worship of God. Talk with one of the contact persons listed below to see how your instrument might contribute to our praise and worship.

Liturgical Music Ministry Contact Persons:

Eric Maddox sebastian94904@yahoo.com (with "Attn: Eric" in the subject line and the parish secretary will pass it on to him - or see Eric in person before or after the 9AM & 11AM Sunday Masses); Celeste Chapman celeste360@aol.com.