

# ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

373 Bon Air Road  
Greenbrae, CA 94904

Parish Office Hours:  
Mon.-Wed.: 9am-4pm  
Friday: 9am-4pm  
415-461-0704

## FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

*O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



**DECEMBER 24, 2017**

**4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### MASS SCHEDULE

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

### CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays..... 7:30 - 8PM  
Saturdays..... 3:30 - 4:30PM  
or by appointment

### ANOINTING of the SICK

Call a Priest at the Parish Office

Pastor ..... Rev. Bill Thornton  
Parochial Vicar ..... Rev. Paul Perry  
Priest in Residence... Rev. Jerome Murphy  
Deacon ..... Rev. Mr. Bill Turrentine  
Deacon ..... Rev. Mr. David Previtali

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Parish Manager..... Marianne Kambur

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

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, Food, Fellowship & Service  
Meets last Mon. 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  
Stsebastian.svdp@gmail.com

### Young Vincentians Group

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

# CHRISTMAS at ST. SEBASTIAN'S



**Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses.** Because Christmas, which is a Holy Day of Obligation, is on a Monday, things might be a bit confusing for some people. **Christmas Eve Mass on Sunday Dec 24 does not also fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation for Sunday morning.** We will have our usual Saturday 5PM Vigil Mass and Sunday morning Masses (7, 9 & 11AM) for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent.

**Holy Day Christmas Masses are as follows:**

**Dec. 24 Christmas Eve 5:30PM** (contemporary music) and **9:00PM** (organ)

**Dec. 25 Christmas Day 7:00AM** (contemporary music) **9:00AM** (organ) and **11:00AM** (organ)

## **MASS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 25 - 30**

Mon	7AM	Alice & Alexander
	9AM	Pat & Daphne de Rutte (Living and Deceased)
	11AM	The Holy Family
Tue	7AM	Fr. Bill Thornton (Living)
	9AM	Peter & Daphne de Rutte (Living and Deceased)
Wed	7AM	Ralph Lomele
	9AM	Fr. Paul Perry (Living)
Thu	7AM	The Wilmer Family
	9AM	Fr. Jerry Murphy (Living)
Fri	7AM	The Imbimbo Family (Living and Deceased)
	9AM	Peter & Daphne de Rutte (Living and Deceased)
Sat	7AM	Thanksgiving for all God's Graces in 2017
	9AM	James Miller

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

Angela, Anna Alessandria, Terry Batmale, 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.

## **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** \$ 4,200.00  
**Last Weekend** \$ 3,853.00

## Christmas

Christmas is one of the most important days of the Church year, second only to Easter itself. It is the feast of the incarnation, the feast of God becoming flesh (the Latin "in carne" means "enfleshment"). It is a uniquely Christian teaching, the Divine choosing to become one of us. Because of this belief, God is not only Transcendent, but also wholly Immanent, Emmanuel (God-with-us). While remaining Transcendent (meaning we must rise above our present condition to reach Him), He is at the same time Immanent (meaning He is with us as we rise toward Him). Every Eucharist is like Christmas where the bread and wine are transformed into His flesh, His Body and Blood, and, in a sense, He is born anew on the altar.

The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts, and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him...including the fact that he was born to die for us.

The Christmas tree and the Nativity scene are popular symbols of the season and a tradition in many Christian homes. It is also traditional to exchange Christmas gifts with family and friends as a way to honor God the Father's gift of his only son to the world. Having received the gift of Christ, we naturally want to pass that gift along to our loved ones.

—*usccb.org*

“Celebrate the feast of Christmas every day, even every moment in the interior temple of your spirit, remaining like a baby in the bosom of the heavenly Father, where you will be reborn each moment in the Divine Word, Jesus Christ.”

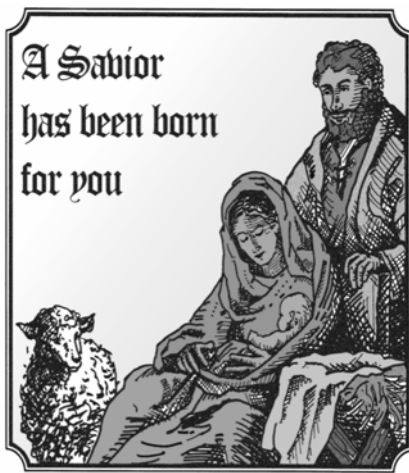
—*St. Paul of the Cross*



**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH**



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST**—Saturday, January 27, 2018. The *Walk for Life West Coast* is an annual pro-life event protesting abortion, held in San Francisco. It is held annually on a Saturday near January 22, the anniversary date of the decision in the United States Supreme Court case, *Roe v. Wade*.



Christmas 2017

Dear Parishioners,

We want to take this opportunity to wish you all the blessings of the Season and to thank you for your participation and support this past year.

As we approach the celebration of Christ's birth—the event for which we number our years—we can lift up in our prayers all the people whom God has placed in our lives, beginning with our parents and siblings, all our relatives, friends, schoolmates, teachers, spouses, children, and religious men and women. We are even connected to the shepherds of Bethlehem and to the angels who came, singing, from Heaven to announce the good news to them. The shepherds told the good news to their families, and today we proclaim that same good news. We sing “Angels We Have Heard on High”, “Silent Night” and “O Holy Night” because the story still needs to be told!

Thank you for being part of the “Greatest Story Ever Told” as that story unfolds here at St. Sebastian Parish. Thank you for helping to keep the flame of faith alive for generations yet to come! God bless you all!

Yours in Christ,

*Father Bill Thornton*

*Father Paul Perry*

*Father Jerome Murphy*

*Deacon Bill Turrentine*

*Deacon Dave Previtali*

*and Staff*