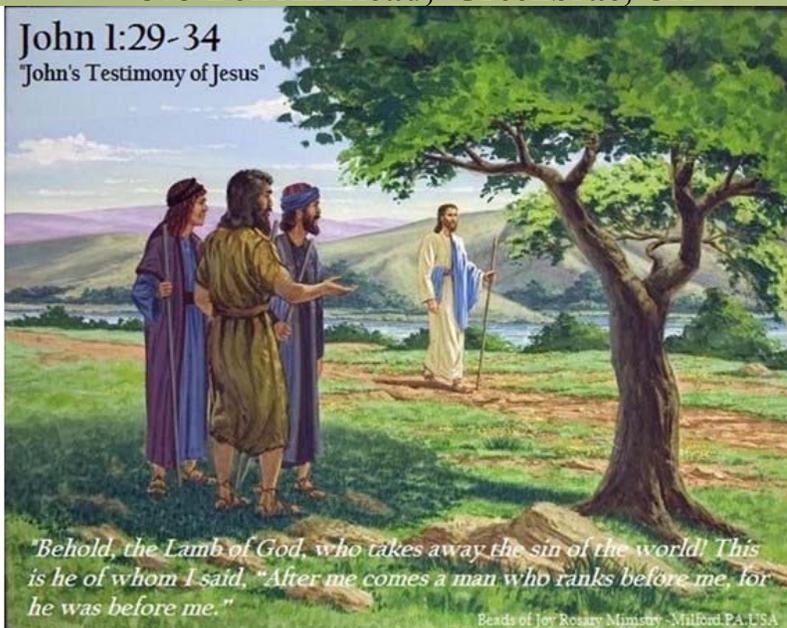


ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

373 Bon Air Road, Greenbrae, CA

John 1:29-34
"John's Testimony of Jesus"



"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, for he was before me.'"

Beads of Joy Rosary Ministry - Milford, PA, USA

JANUARY 14, 2018 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

Email: DcnDave@Outlook.com

Blog (Homilies): www.DcnDave.Blogspot.com

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.svdvp@gmail.com

Young Vincentians Group

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 15-20

Mon 7AM Rose de Rutte (Living)
 9AM Kenneth Massucco Family (Living)

Tue 7AM
 9AM Ralph Lomele

Wed 7AM de Rutte Family (Living and Deceased)
 9AM

Thu 7AM Sean de Rutte
 9AM Patricia & James Lazor (Living)

Fri 7AM Andrues Family (Living and Deceased)
 9AM Ly Dinh Nguyen

Sat 7AM Dr. Lou Geissberger
 9AM Charles & Nancy Hoffman

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Angela, Anna Alessandria, Terry Batmale, Joe, Kristen, Mary, Milton & Ivette, Monica, Patrick, Sandra L., Stephanie, Tim, 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 9 am Mass, down in the Parish Hall.
Drop in and take part!



Walk for Life West Coast 2018: Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 14th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on January 27, 2018. There will be Mass at 9:30AM celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at St. Mary's Cathedral. The rally begins at 12:30 pm in San Francisco's

Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down the city's Market Street, begins at 1:30 pm. Last year's Walk drew 50,000+ people. For complete information about the Walk, call 415-658-1793 or visit www.walkforlifewc.com.



BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS—
 Our warm welcome to the children recently baptized at St. Sebastian: **Hunter Johnson**, son of Ryan and Lauren Johnson and **Taylor Tiernan**, daughter of Chris and Kristin Tiernan.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Dr. Louis Geissberger and Donald Odgers who passed away recently.



Save the date: The **PASTA DINNER** is Saturday, February 10th. More details to follow.

HUGE THANK YOU FOR MEN'S CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST! - A special word of gratitude to the following members of the parish Men's Club who gave of themselves and their time to serve us a delicious Epiphany Pancake & Bacon Breakfast: Paul McConville, Jerry Doherty, Corey Dallara, Tom Cavanaugh, Tom Harris, Robert Johnson and Deacon Dave Previtali. Men like you help to make our parish a vibrant Christian community!



Wedding Anniversary Mass—
 The Archdiocese of San Francisco will be offering the annual Wedding Anniversary Mass on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 10:00 am at the Cathedral. All couples celebrating '5 Year Anniversaries' (5 years, 10, 15,...40, 50) or more are invited to celebrate. Please register at www.anniversarymass.net.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPE USERS—Boxes of donation envelopes are available to be picked up in the vestibule of the church. Year end tax letters will be sent out this month to everyone who contributed \$250 or more during 2017. Using envelopes enables us to acknowledge your contributions. If you are not an offertory envelope user and you would like to receive envelopes, please call the Parish Office at 415-461-0704. Thank you for your support!

SUNDAY COLLECTION

<i>Weekly Goal</i>	\$ 4,200.00
Sunday, January 7th:	\$ 4,169.00
Parish Improvement Fund:	\$ 805.00

Thank you for your kind and generous donations to our parish.

MARRIAGE **Married Couples: Looking for a New Years Resolution?** Why not make a commitment to do something to improve your marriage—like attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is February 9-11, 2018 in San Jose. For more information visit the website: sanjosewwme.org or contact Ken and Claranne at: applications@sanjosewwme.org.



ENCOUNTER

© J.S. Paluch Co., Inc.



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK—William Cardinal Levada is principal celebrant at a special 11:00 am Mass for World Day of the Sick on February 10th, at which the Anointing of the Sick will take place. All are invited. The event is sponsored by the Order of Malta, which will arrange rides for people who need them. The Order of Malta says: “Bring a friend who is sick and experience a ‘special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one’s suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding everyone to see in his sick brother or sister the face of Christ’” The theme for this year’s Day of the Sick is provided by the words that Jesus spoke from the Cross to Mary, his Mother, and to John: “Woman, behold your son... Son, behold your mother. And from that hour the disciple took her into his home” (John 19:26-27).

Holy Hour for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life—Please join us in praying for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. We see the shortage of those in Religious life and know that we need more men and women to work in the vineyard of the Lord. Please come and pray in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for an increase in Vocations within our Archdiocese. Where: St. Hilary Church, 761 Hilary Dr., Tiburon When: Friday, January 19, 2018 at 7:00 pm Who: All faithful who want to pray for an increase in Vocations. Questions: Please contact Fr. Andrew Ginter, Assistant Vocations Director at 415-614-5556 or by e-mail at: ginter.andrew@sfarch.org.

WORD OF LIFE

“To be actively pro-life is to contribute to the renewal of society through the promotion of the common good. It is impossible to further the common good without acknowledging and defending the right to life, upon which all the other inalienable rights of individuals are founded and from which they develop.”

— Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 101.



© J.S. Paluch Co., Inc.

BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD

John’s introduction was a simple declaration: “Behold, the Lamb of God.” The two disciples immediately responded. Jesus sensed their willing hearts and invited them to follow him. Do you

sometimes wish that recognizing the Lord would be so straightforward in your own life? Would it not be wonderful if a friend could point to Christ with certainty? While we do not always have such a clear sense of God’s presence with and within us, we do have a regular opportunity to encounter Christ, in the celebration of the Mass. Like the disciples, we too hear, “Behold the Lamb of God.” After the consecration, just before we receive Holy Communion, the priest raises the host and says, “Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.” It is like having a friend point the way to the Lord for us. Here is Christ, ready for us to receive his Body and Blood, to enter into deep communion with him, and to live our lives as disciples. Nourished in word and sacrament, we are called to point the way to the Lord as witnesses to Christ’s love.

The Lord does not only call people like Samuel and the two disciples. God calls each of us. We must be attentive to God’s presence in prayer, sacred scripture, the sacraments, interactions with others, the beauty of creation. We are to grow in willingness to respond, to live as God’s people in the daily circumstances of our lives. Eli’s guidance to Samuel is for us as well: with an open heart and mind, we do well to say to God, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” Like the two disciples in today’s Gospel, we must be ready to set aside whatever might stand in the way of our relationship with Christ and our Christian living. It was more than Simon’s name that changed. The disciples discovered Jesus in a new way of life, and they shared the goodness of this life with all.

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, “Behold, the Lamb of God.” The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi..., where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come, and you will see.” (John 1:35-37).

**January 20th is the Feast Day of
Our Parish Patron Saint Sebastian, Martyr**

St. Sebastian was an officer in the Roman army, esteemed even by the heathen as a good soldier, and honored by the Church ever since as a champion of Jesus Christ. Born at Narbonne, Sebastian came to Rome about the year 284, and entered the lists against the powers of evil. He found the twin brothers Marcus and Marcellinus in prison for the faith, and, when they were near yielding to the entreaties of their relatives, encouraged them to despise flesh and blood, and to die for Christ.

God confirmed his words by miracle: light shone around him while he spoke; he cured the sick by his prayers; and in this divine strength he led multitudes to the faith, among them the Prefect of Rome, with his son Tiburtius. He saw his disciples die before him, and one of them came back from heaven to tell him that his own end was near.

It was in a contest of fervor and charity that St. Sebastian found the occasion of martyrdom. The Prefect of Rome, after his conversion, retired to his estates in Campania, and took a great number of his fellow-converts with him to this place of safety. It was a question whether Polycarp the priest or St. Sebastian should accompany the neophytes. Each was eager to stay and face the danger at Rome, and at last the Pope decided that the Roman church could not spare the services of Sebastian. He continued to labor at the post of danger till he was betrayed by a false disciple. He was led before Diocletian, and, at the emperor's command, pierced with arrows and left for dead. But God raised him up again, and of his own accord he went before the emperor and conjured him to stay the persecution of the Church. Again sentenced, he was at last beaten to death by clubs, and crowned his labors by the merit of a double martyrdom.

