

ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

373 Bon Air Road, Greenbrae, CA 415-461-0704 www.sebastian94904.com

Parish Mission Statement: The mission of St. Sebastian Parish is the salvation of souls.

*20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
"O woman, great is your faith!"*



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 20, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 7:00 am
Saturday: 10:30 am at The Tamalpais
for Tamalpais residents
5:00 pm Vigil
Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00 am and 11:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays.....7:00 - 8:00 PM
Saturdays3:00 - 4:30 PM
or by appointment

ANointing of the Sick

Call a Priest at the Parish Office

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MON., TUES., WED., FRIDAY.... 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM

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Parish Ministries & Groups

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

Deacon Dave Previtali

Altar Society

Gretchen Harris

Bible Study - 11AM Sundays

Meeting via Zoom
Loretta Rogers

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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

Parish Council

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St. Martha Women's Club

Parish Social & Service Events
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

MASS INTENTIONS AUGUST 20-26

Sun	7AM	
	9AM	Mildred Miller
	11AM	The Parishioners of St. Sebastian
Mon	7AM	Souls in Purgatory
Tue	7AM	Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone (Living)
Wed	7AM	Prescita Negrido
Thu	7AM	Socorro Smith
Fri	7AM	Vincent Ayala
Sat	5PM	Helen Derham

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Angela, Nancy Lampe, Monte Mareovich, Carolyn and Mark Piatti, Sherry Willis, Salvatore, John Pardini, Nora, Steven Williamson, Diane Riordan, Donald Kuchta, Bert, Richard, Thomas T., Deacon Bill Turrentine, Anne Marie Schlesselmann, Gary Hill, Peggy Byrne, Edward Garchitorea, Fr. Paul Perry, Dave D., Phyllis Johnson, Ron Murphy, Connor Meringolo, L. Colin, Neyat Tesfay, Mary Helen Pidgeon, Verna Giel, Patricia Leahy, Christine Karas, Blake Dombrowski, Marilyn S., Kevin B., Dr. Elizabeth Rocco, Bill Crawford and Joanie McGuire.



Our Gospel today from Matthew reminds us to trust in Him even when it seems He is not answering our prayers.

God wants to lead us to the joy of heaven to spend eternity with Him. For that, we must be strong in faith and live our lives as an act of love and gratitude to Him. In other words, we must allow Him to transform us into saints. This is what the stewardship way of life is meant to do. Sometimes, that will feel painful to us. Often, it will be challenging.

Jesus certainly challenged the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel passage from Matthew. She called out to Him on behalf of her daughter, who was being tormented by a demon. What did Jesus do in reply to this mother's desperate plea? Nothing. He "did not say a word in answer to her." Undeterred, the woman continues to call out to Him, yet He still does not give her what she asks for. Instead, He continues to challenge her faith.

And she rises to the challenge to such an impressive degree that Jesus exclaims, "O woman [a term of deep respect in that day], great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." Imagine hearing those words proclaimed over us by God. Truly there could be no higher honor than hearing our Lord say that to us.

So we must accept the difficulties that come with the stewardship way of life. Some days will be a true challenge to our trust in God. But those are the days when God is making saints of us. Let's embrace the hard days during these difficult times. The deep joy that eventually comes, the eternal reward He promises, will be so worth it.

But when we embrace the stewardship way of life, letting go of a tight hold over our money, time, and talents, our lives become a grand adventure, rooted firmly and gratefully in the God Who always cares for us.

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Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Matthew 15:28 ESV

B BIBLE PORTAL

A Prayer for the New School Year:



Lord our God, in your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries of the universe.

Send your Holy Spirit upon our students and fill them with your wisdom and blessings. Grant that they may devote themselves to their studies and draw ever closer to you, the source of all knowledge.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collection Totals:

Sunday, August 13, 2023: \$4,981.00

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