

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.

THE LORD IS
Kind & Merciful
PSALM 103

FOCUS

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 17, 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

PastorRev. Bill Thornton

DeaconRev. Mr. Dave Previtali

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Grades K-6:

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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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415-461-0704

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

Marian Previtali dm121281@yahoo.com

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 SEPTEMBER 17-23

Sun	7AM	
	9AM	Living members of the Cincotta, Lazio and Alioto Families
	11AM	The Parishioners of St. Sebastian
Mon	7AM	Hamp and Frances Noles
Tue	7AM	Mel Santander
Wed	7AM	Liam and Peter Killpack
Thu	7AM	Luis Carlos Herrera Murillo
Fri	7AM	Robert McCullough, Sr.
Sat	5PM	Catherine Vacca (Living)

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

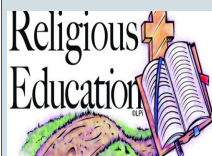
Angela, Nancy Lampe, Monte Maroevich, Carolyn and Mark Piatti, Sherry Willis, Salvatore, John Pardini, Nora, Steven Williamson, Diane Riordan, Donald Kuchta, Bert, Richard, Thomas T., Deacon Bill Turrentine, Anne Marie Schlesselmann, Gary Hill, Edward Garchitorea, Fr. Paul Perry, Dave D., Phyllis Johnson, 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, Joanie McGuire, Barbara Ferst and Milene Meyer.

 **In Memoriam**—Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Peggy Byrne** who passed away recently. Peggy's funeral will be on Thursday, September 28th at 11:00 am.



Our first reading, from Sirach, addresses the complicated emotion of anger. "Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord?" We have all been wounded by others at some point, some perhaps quite deeply. Our emotions are gifts from God. But we must steward them well, rather than allowing them to overcome us. How do we do this? Sirach tells us. "Remember your last days, set enmity aside... Remember the Most High's covenant and overlook faults." We embrace the stewardship mindset — not brooding over hurts, but recalling all the gifts our good God has given us, all the love He continually pours out upon us, and we put our focus and trust in Him.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus reminds us of the true position we have before Him in light of all that He has done for us, comparing the kingdom of heaven to a "king who decided to settle accounts with his servants." In the parable, a debtor is brought before the king, owing such an overwhelming debt that it could not possibly be repaid. Yet, the king is filled with compassion for the servant, forgives the debt and lets him go free. Doesn't that sound like each of us in relation to the King of Kings? The Father has given us life, and then sent His only Son to die for us to free us from our sin "debts" and make eternal life with Him possible for us. It is impossible for us to repay this debt. All we can do is thank God by giving Him our whole selves — inside and out. What joy and freedom we find in the stewardship way of life! ©Catholic Stewardship Consultants



It is time for a new school year!

Our Parish School of Religion classes are starting! Classes are held on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:00 pm for grades K through 5. Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 27th. Registration packets were e-mailed home this past week.


If you are interested in religion classes for your child, please call the Parish Office at 415-461-0704.



Classes for the Sacrament of

Confirmation will begin on Wednesday, October 4th. Registration forms will be mailed to all families. If you would like to register your child please call the parish office or send an e-mail message to Gretchen Harris at: stsebpsr@gmail.com.

There will be two Second Collections next weekend:

- 1) Our annual collection for the good works of our **St. Vincent de Paul Society**. Please use the white envelopes that you will find in the pews or write "St. Vincent de Paul" on the memo line of your check. 
- 2) The **Priests Retirement Fund** collection will also be taken up next weekend. Your support of the retired priests in our Archdiocese who have taken care of us throughout their lives is very much appreciated.



Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10 am

Starting on Sunday, September 24th our Sunday Bible Study class will meet in the parish hall at 10:00 am led by Loretta Rogers who used to co-lead the group with Deacon Bill Turrentine. Each study group session lasts about 45 minutes. Stay after the 9:00 am Mass or come early to attend before the 11:00 am Mass. *All are welcome to join.*



All are welcome to join the **Padre Pio Prayer Group** on Saturday, September 23rd at St. Cecilia Church in Lagunitas at 10 am for a special celebration Mass on Padre Pio's Feast Day with a rosary and social time.

Collection Totals:

Sunday, September 10, 2023: \$3,935.00
Church in Latin America: \$496.00

Thank you for your kind and generous donations.

St. Sebastian Parish Picnic and BBQ!



Sunday, October 1st
12:00 noon - on the Rectory Patio
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs
Famous Potato Salad
Desserts & Games
All are welcome!

\$7 Per Person
\$20 Per Family of 3+
Call the Parish Office
at 415-461-0704 to RSVP
All RSVP's needed by September 26th
So we know how much to prepare.





Annual St. Vincent de Paul Collection

September 27 is the feast day of St. Vincent de Paul. Each year St. Sebastian Parish observes his feast day with the proceeds of the second collection contributed to the St. Sebastian Parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference. This collection is an important fundraising event to support the efforts of our Parish Conference throughout the year. The annual St. Vincent de Paul collection will take place at the vigil Mass on September 23, and the Sunday Masses on September 24.

Our parish has a small but active St. Vincent de Paul conference. It is manned by volunteers who carry out the mission of the organization by assisting the needy within the geographic boundaries of our parish. Those boundaries include Greenbrae, Kentfield and southern San Rafael.

One might not expect it in affluent Marin, but within our parish there is poverty, illness and other tragic and often desperate circumstances that our neighbors simply cannot shoulder alone. Among the types of requests we have handled recently:

Assistance with rent, utilities and food for disabled and severely ill individuals who cannot work and those who suffer a catastrophic circumstance that leave them with little or no economic resources.

Assistance with housing resources for the poor.

Providing access to food resources primarily by giving Safeway cards.

Assistance with funeral costs for an indigent family.

Every penny that the St. Sebastian Conference collects goes to assist the needy among us.

In addition to its good works, the St. Vincent de Paul Society members engage in personal spiritual development activities under the guidance of our Chaplain Deacon Dave Previtali.

We are grateful to those of you who have contributed in the past though the fifth Sunday collection or by direct contributions to the Conference. Your kindness truly makes a difference.

If you are able, please give generously at the Masses on September 23/24. Please use the white envelopes that you will find in the pews or write "St. Vincent de Paul" on the memo line of your check.

If you are interested in joining us, you are urged to get in touch with Phil Fant who leads the St. Sebastian Conference at: pfant@fantlaw.com.