

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.

January
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2020

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Jesus came from Galilee to John
at the Jordan to be baptized by him.

Matthew 3:13

The Baptism of the Lord

MASS SCHEDULE

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

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays.....7:30 - 8:00PM
Saturdays..... 3:30 - 4:30PM
or by appointment

ANOINTING of the SICK

Call a Priest at the Parish Office

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MON., TUES., WED., FRIDAY.... 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

PastorRev. Bill Thornton
Parochial VicarRev. Jerome Murphy
In ResidenceRev. Paul Perry
DeaconRev. Mr. Bill Turrentine
DeaconRev. Mr. David Previtali
Email: DcnDave@Outlook.com
Blog (Homilies): www.DcnDave.Blogspot.com
Parish ManagerMarianne Kambur
Parish E-mail sebastian94904@yahoo.com
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, Jr.
StSebastianCYO@gmail.com

Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick

Homebound / Hospital / Rehab Centers
Fr. Paul Perry

Life in Christ Marian Cenacle

Elizabeth Tremel (415) 331-7861
Maureen Westmiller (415) 925-9314

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
Gretchen Harris StSebPSR@gmail.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 FOR JANUARY 13-18

Mon 7AM Robert McCullough, Sr.
9AM Living & Deceased Members
of the Rosary Cenacle
Tue 7AM Kirtana Miller (Living)
9AM Robert Lechner (Living)
Wed 7AM Gloria Ilagan
9AM Charles McIlvain
Thu 7AM Nancy Ghilotti
9AM Dallara Family
(Living and Deceased)
Fri 7AM Pooh Manasthitikul
9AM Michael Uhlmann
Sat 7AM Antonio Sferra
9AM Liam Killpack

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

Angela, Anna Alessandria, Joe, Kristen, Mary, Milton & Ivette, Monica, Patrick, Sandra L., Stephanie, Tim, Elizabeth Cook, Tony Gallagher, Nancy Lampe, Monte Maroevich, Mark Piatti, Sherry Willis, Salvatore, John Pardini, Niki Perotti, Nora, Steven Williamson, Donald Kuchta and Bert, Richard, Thomas T., Deacon Bill Turrentine, Anne Marie Schlesselmann, Lesley Hill, Brian Whitty and Father Paul Perry.



In Memoriam—Please pray for the repose of the soul of Matt Tasley, who passed away recently.

Collection Envelopes Update—Usually at this time our new boxes of collection envelopes are ready. Unfortunately, the envelope company had a printing problem and the envelopes will be delayed until February. Please use a regular envelope for your donation and include your name on the outside. *Thank you!*



Join us for a cup of coffee after the 9 am and the 11 am Masses this Sunday. You can even drink your coffee while you help take down the decorations in the church!



Walk for Life West Coast 2020:

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 16th Annual Walk for Life

West Coast in San Francisco on Saturday, January 25, 2020. The rally begins at 12:30 pm in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down Market Street, begins at 1:30 pm. Last year's Walk drew 50,000+ people. For more information about the Walk, visit www.walkforlifewc.com. St. Sebastian Parish will provide transportation to the Walk in San Francisco. If you would like to go with Fr. Bill and your fellow parishioners, please call the Parish Office to register. 415-461-0704.



Christmas decorations "Un-Do" -

Your help is needed to take down the decorations around the church. Please join us this Sunday, January 12th following the 11:00 am Mass to lend a hand to make this a quick job. **Lunch is included!**

Archdiocesan Survey—Parishioner Survey cards were available on Sunday, December 22nd. Thank you to everyone who filled them out. The survey is now online. If you did not submit a card on Sunday, or if you want to submit more information or commentary on any of the questions, please use the survey: sfarch.org/parish-survey-English. The survey is anonymous and takes just a few minutes. Please complete the survey by January 31, 2020.

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!



SUNDAY COLLECTION

Weekly Goal	\$4,200.00
Sunday, January 5, 2020	\$2,403.00
Parish Improvement Fund:	\$1,352.00

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

As the New Year starts we are very grateful to all who contribute to St. Sebastian Parish. Your contributions support our parish ministries and your generosity is very much appreciated. Below is the list of parishioners who have supported the 2019 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. We did exceed our goal and we appreciate your contributions.

Ms. Florence Adams
 Ms. Lucy Alderman
 Mrs. Anna Arena
 Mr. Wayne Batmale
 Mr. & Mrs. Ian Begg
 Mr. & Mrs. John Bessolo III
 Mr. and Mrs. J. Patrick Burke
 Mr. Robert Burke
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 Mr. & Mrs. Sal Catinella
 Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Cerruti
 Miss Angela Cincotta
 Mrs. Stephanie Cincotta
 Ms. Carolyn Collins
 Ms. Maureen Crabtree
 Ms. Victoria Evans
 Mr. Phil Fant & Ms. Carol Glaser
 Mrs. Vera Gaudiani
 Mr. Ted Geloso & Mrs. Madeline Metzger

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 Mr. & Mrs. William Shore
 Mrs. Edward Tarrant
 Rev. William Thornton
 Mr. & Mrs. Quoc Tran
 Mr. Thomas Trimble III
 Mr. & Mrs. Peter Truce
 Deacon & Mrs. William Turrentine
 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Westmiller
 Mr. Brian Whitty
 Mr. & Mrs. William Wilka
 Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Wilson



Baptism Congratulations to Isaiah Gerard V. Tuason, son of Gerard Tuason and Twinkle Jean Villapez, who was baptized by Deacon Dave Previtali on Sunday, December 28th.



Thank you to the St. Sebastian Men's Club for a delicious Pancake Breakfast last weekend. We had a great attendance of parishioners at the breakfast. What a great way to start off the New Year!



Save the Date for the Parish Pasta Dinner—Saturday, February 15th. Great sauce, great friends, great fun!

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? **Retrouvaille** helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about, or to register for the program on February 28- March 1st, call (415) 893-1005 or email: sf@retroca.com or visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

Open House at St. Patrick's School—In celebration of Catholic Schools Week, please join the St. Patrick School community for an Open House! Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 11:30 am. St. Patrick's takes pride on partnering with the parent community to educate the whole child.

BEND, DON'T BREAK

When you encounter difficulties and contradictions, do not try to break them, but bend them with gentleness and time. —*St. Francis de Sales*



**Saint Hilary of
Poitiers**
**Saint of the Day for
January 13**

(c. 315 – c. 368)

Saint Hilary of Poitiers' Story

This staunch defender of the divinity of Christ was a gentle and courteous man, devoted to writing some of the greatest theology on the Trinity, and was like his Master in being labeled a “disturber of the peace.” In a very troubled period in the Church, his holiness was lived out in both scholarship and controversy. He was bishop of Poitiers in France.

Raised a pagan, he was converted to Christianity when he met his God of nature in the Scriptures. His wife was still living when he was chosen, against his will, to be the bishop of Poitiers in France. He was soon taken up with battling what became the scourge of the fourth century, Arianism, which denied the divinity of Christ.

The heresy spread rapidly. Saint Jerome said “The world groaned and marveled to find that it was Arian.” When Emperor Constantius ordered all the bishops of the West to sign a condemnation of Athanasius, the great defender of the faith in the East, Hilary refused and was banished from France to far off Phrygia. Eventually he was called the “Athanasius of the West.”

While writing in exile, he was invited by some semi-Arians (hoping for reconciliation) to a council the emperor called to counteract the Council of Nicea. But Hilary predictably defended the Church, and when he sought public debate with the heretical bishop who had exiled him, the Arians, dreading the meeting and its outcome, pleaded with the emperor to send this troublemaker back home. Hilary was welcomed by his people.

Reflection

Christ said his coming would bring not peace but a sword (see Matthew 10:34). The Gospels offer no support for us if we fantasize about a sunlit holiness that knows no problems. Christ did *not* escape at the last moment, though he did live happily ever after—after a life of controversy, problems, pain and frustration. Hilary, like all saints, simply had more of the same.

