

ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 23, 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

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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

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.svdv@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS JULY 23-29

Sun	7AM	
	9AM	The Parishioners of St. Sebastian
	11AM	The Parishioners of St. Sebastian
Mon	7AM	Carina Estera (Living)
Tue	7AM	Kathleen Woodcock (Living)
Wed	7AM	Hamp Noles
Thu	7AM	Mary Switzer (Living)
Fri	7AM	Lou and Annette Batmale
Sat	5PM	Poor Souls in Purgatory

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, 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 and Bill Crawford.

Today's Gospel passage from Matthew is filled with lessons both cautionary and consoling for the Christian steward as Jesus uses several parables to describe the kingdom of heaven and our role in it. First, He compares it to a field where both wheat and weeds have been sown. Both weeds and wheat are permitted to grow and only at the harvest time are they separated, or "judged" — the wheat gathered into the sower's barn and the weeds finally destroyed. So it will be for each of us at the end of our time on earth. It is a sobering reminder of the justice of God.

Next, He says the kingdom of heaven is like the small portion of yeast that is mixed in with flour for the making of bread. The yeast makes up an insignificant fraction of the ingredients, yet it is vital to the outcome — without that tiny bit of yeast, the bread simply will not rise. Similarly, He compares the kingdom of heaven to a mustard seed, "the smallest of all the seeds." But when it is full-grown it becomes the largest of all the plants, a sturdy and hardy bush where "birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches."

So often, the prayers that we pray, the service we offer, the gifts we give — in comparison to the immense needs around us — can seem laughably small. But, as Jesus makes clear through the images of yeast and mustard seed, that is not the truth! God sees and treasures and "grows" our offerings of time, talent, and treasure in ways we cannot begin to imagine. In justice, in gratitude, in love, let us remain faithful to the mission entrusted to our care for the building of the kingdom of heaven.

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PRAYER FOR WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY—July 23, 2023

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!

I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life. I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age. Amen.



Second Collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society—Many churches take up a second collection on the fifth Sunday of the month for the St. Vincent de Paul Society in their parishes. There are many people in need in our community and the good members of our St. Vincent de Paul Society have been very busy in helping those who need help with food, rent and utilities and the coffers are getting low. Please use the special white St. Vincent de Paul envelopes that you will find in the pews or write "St. Vincent de Paul" on the memo line of your check. Your generosity is very much appreciated.



The Parish Office will be closed for vacation Monday, July 24th through Friday, July 28th.

Collection Totals:

Sunday, July 16, 2023: \$2,696.00
Second Collection for Missionary: \$1,015.00

Thank you for your kind and generous donations.