

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.



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 30, 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

Marian Previtali dm121281@yahoo.com

St. Martha Women's Club

Parish Social & Service Events

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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 30-AUGUST 5

Sun 7AM
 9AM The Parishioners of St. Sebastian
 11AM The Parishioners of St. Sebastian
 Mon 7AM Sean Cotter (Living)
 Tue 7AM Unbelievers
 Wed 7AM Margaret Wilner
 Thu 7AM Stan Lawrence
 Fri 7AM Jennifer Macchello
 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.

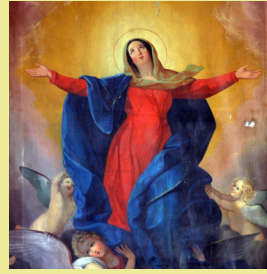


Second Collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society—Many churches take up a second collection on the fifth Sunday of the month for the St. Vincent de Paul Society in their parishes.

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.

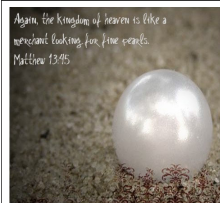
THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE TREASURE HIDDEN IN A FIELD, WHICH A MAN FOUND AND COVERED UP. THEN IN HIS JOY HE GOES AND SELLS ALL THAT HE HAS AND BUYS THAT FIELD.

Matthew 13:44



Tuesday, August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Vigil Mass will be on Monday, August 14th at 6:00 pm. Masses on the Holy Day, Tuesday August 15th will be at 7:00 am and 6:00 pm.



Again, the Kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. Matthew 13:45

The stewardship way of life could be described as a daily pursuit of the kingdom of heaven. In our Gospel passage from Matthew today, Jesus employs three parables to describe this kingdom.

In the first of today’s parables, our Lord reminds us that living for Him and for His kingdom will be costly. But the deep joy that comes in following Him makes the “price” entailed worth it. Jesus says, “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” Next, He says the kingdom of heaven is “like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all he has and buys it.”

In each of these stories, the kingdom of heaven is somewhat “hidden.” We must intentionally search for it amidst the noise of the world that bombards us. Yet, our Lord reminds us that His Kingdom is meant for everyone and He wants us to find it! He says, “It is like a net thrown into the sea which collects fish of every kind.”

But Jesus concludes His teaching with a rather ominous image, reminding us that every “fish” will also be judged as good or bad. “The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace.” This is a description that is difficult to forget. Clearly Jesus wants to get our attention.

Let us pray for the wisdom to recognize the kingdom of heaven in our midst and intensify our efforts to pursue it starting right now. There is no time to lose, and we will obtain the immeasurable joy that only comes when we live as disciples of Jesus.