

ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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



12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 25, 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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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

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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

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MASS INTENTIONS JUNE 25-JULY 1

Sun	7AM	
	9AM	Fr. Francis Filice
	11AM	The Parishioners of St. Sebastian
Mon	7AM	Chris Ourtiague
Tue	7AM	Janneka Hipkins (Living)
Wed	7AM	Tom Cincotta
Thu	7AM	Maria Cucaro
Fri	7AM	Gabriel, Mary & Ignatius Kellady
Sat	5PM	Tom & Annetta Lazio & Children

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, Margaret Wilner, 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.



In Memoriam—Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Lesley Hill** who passed away recently.



Retrouvaille Weekend

Give yourself a virtual retreat and learn more about Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long I). It helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools, concepts, and values to help get your marriage back on track. You are not alone.

For confidential information or to register for the July 2023 program beginning with a weekend (Friday evening, during the day Saturday and Sunday), on July 28-30, 2023 please call [\(415\) 893-1005](tel:4158931005) or [\(800\) 470-2230](tel:8004702230) or email to: SF@retroCA.com or visit the website at: themarriagehelp.com

DWELLING PLACE

God dwells wherever we let God in.

—Ancient Jewish saying

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Men's Club Meeting—St. Sebastian Men's Club monthly meeting is Monday, June 26th from 7-8:30 pm in the hall. All men are encouraged to attend and see what we are about. Come enjoy some time with us in discussing our Catholic faith, growing in social fellowship and having some time for personal quiet prayer in the Adoration chapel. Contact Deacon Dave at: dcndave@outlook.com for more information.

Count Your Blessings

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your blessings, see what God hath done!
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Collection Totals:

Sunday, June 18, 2023: \$5,165.00

Thank you for your kind and generous donations.



STS. PETER AND PAUL

June 29th

Saints Peter and Paul's Story

Peter (d. 64?) Saint Mark ends the first half of his Gospel with a triumphant climax. He has recorded doubt, misunderstanding, and the opposition of many to Jesus. Now Peter makes his great confession of faith: “You are the Messiah” (Mark 8:29b). It was one of the many glorious moments in Peter’s life, beginning with the day he was called from his nets along the Sea of Galilee to become a fisher of men for Jesus.

The New Testament clearly shows Peter as the leader of the apostles, chosen by Jesus to have a special relationship with him. With James and John he was privileged to witness the Transfiguration, the raising of a dead child to life, and the agony in Gethsemane. His mother-in-law was cured by Jesus. He was sent with John to prepare for the last Passover before Jesus’ death. His name is first on every list of apostles.

And to Peter only did Jesus say, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven” (Matthew 16:17b-19).

But the Gospels prove their own trustworthiness by the unflattering details they include about Peter. He clearly had no public relations person. It is a great comfort for ordinary mortals to know that Peter also has his human weakness, even in the presence of Jesus.

He generously gave up all things, yet he can ask in childish self-regard, “What are we going to get for all this?” (see Matthew 19:27). He receives the full force of Christ’s anger when he objects to the idea of a suffering Messiah: “Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do” (Matthew 16:23b).

Peter is willing to accept Jesus’ doctrine of forgiveness, but suggests a limit of seven times. He walks on the water in faith, but sinks in doubt. He refuses to let Jesus wash his feet, then wants his whole body cleansed. He swears at the Last Supper that he will never deny Jesus, and then swears to a servant maid that he has never known the man. He loyally resists the first attempt to arrest Jesus by cutting off Malchus’ ear, but in the end he runs away with the others. In the depth of his sorrow, Jesus looks on him and forgives him, and he goes out and sheds bitter tears. The Risen Jesus told Peter to feed his lambs and his sheep (John 21:15-17).

Paul (d. 64?) If the most well-known preacher today suddenly began preaching that the United States should adopt Marxism and not rely on the Constitution, the angry reaction would help us understand Paul’s life when he started preaching that Christ alone can save us. He had been the most pharisaic of Pharisees, the most legalistic of Mosaic lawyers. Now he suddenly appears to other Jews as a heretical welcomer of Gentiles, a traitor and apostate.

Paul’s central conviction was simple and absolute: Only God can save humanity. No human effort—even the most scrupulous observance of law—can create a human good which we can bring to God as reparation for sin and payment for grace. To be saved from itself, from sin, from the devil, and from death, humanity must open itself completely to the saving power of Jesus.

Paul never lost his love for his Jewish family, though he carried on a lifelong debate with them about the uselessness of the Law without Christ. He reminded the Gentiles that they were grafted on the parent stock of the Jews, who were still God’s chosen people, the children of the promise.