

# ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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

“Whoever humbles himself  
will be exalted,” Matthew 23: 1-12



## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time November 5, 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  
Saturdays .....3:00 - 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 School of Religion:*

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### Parish Ministries & Groups

#### Adult Faith Formation / R.C.I.A.

Deacon Dave Previtali

#### Altar Society

Gretchen Harris

#### Bible Study - 10AM Sundays

In the Parish Hall  
Loretta Rogers

#### CYO

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.svdp@gmail.com

## MASS INTENTIONS NOVEMBER 5-11

Sun	7AM	
	9AM	Frances Noles
	11AM	The Parishioners of St. Sebastian
Mon	7AM	Frances Noles
Tue	7AM	Souls in Purgatory
Wed	7AM	Hildegard Buel
Thu	7AM	William Shore, Jr.
Fri	7AM	Hamp and Frances Noles
Sat	5PM	Hans and Sofia Kolleth

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

Angela, Nancy Lampe, Monte Marovich, 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 Garchitorena, 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, Milene Meyer and Eric Maddox.



There is no question that Jesus had a way with words. The Word of the Lord is filled with what we are very familiar with in our society — soundbites if you will, which convey so much meaning. The last verses of today's Gospel from St. Matthew contain one of those short statements which carry so much more meaning. Jesus says, "The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

In those two sentences are found the key to a stewardship way of life, which revolve around service and humility. There is no question that these are powerful words. They reveal to us all that we need to understand to be a true disciple of Christ. In his letter to the Philippians St. Paul wrote, "Though He was in the form of God, He did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." (Phil. 2:5-8).

True humility will be ultimately exalted by God. Our society teaches us to strive to reach the top, but Jesus is reminding us that we need to regard others as more important than we are. We have two choices in life perhaps, to be self-exalters, or to be God-exalted. Is there any doubt as to what we as Christians should pursue?

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Please keep in your prayers all those in our parish who have passed away this past year. We also remember all of our family members and friends who have passed away. *Pierre Apheceix, Anna Alessandria, Peter Saco, Joseph James Kelly, Peter Killpack, Barbara McCullough, Alice Berringer, Margaret Wilner, Hildegard Buel, Frederick Garms, Sofia Kolleth, Frances Noles, Peggy Byrne.*

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.**

**May the souls of the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen.**



**All Souls Envelopes**—All Souls envelopes can be found on the tables around the church. Please place your envelope in the collection boxes with the names of those you would like to have remembered in prayer throughout the month of November. All names and envelopes will be placed on the altar all month.



**Join us for Coffee & Donuts** after the 9:00 am Mass today, November 5th on the plaza outside of church.



**The St. Martha's Women's Club** will meet on Saturday, **November 11th** from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. All women in the parish are invited to attend.



**St. Martha's Women's Prayer Group**—We meet on most first Tuesdays of each month at 10:00 am in the parish hall to pray the Scriptural Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. *Please bring your special intentions and join us!* Call or email for more information and to get on the email reminder list: Pat Turrentine at 415-246-3160 or [pat@t-tine.com](mailto:pat@t-tine.com).

### **Collection Totals:**

Sunday, October 29, 2023: \$3,792.00  
St. Vincent de Paul: \$960.00

*Thank you for your kind and generous donations.*