

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.



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 24, 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

PastorRev. Bill Thornton

DeaconRev. Mr. Dave Previtali

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Grades K-6:

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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

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

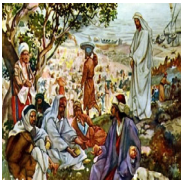
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MASS INTENTIONS SEPTEMBER 24-30

Sun	7AM	
	9AM	Frances Noles
	11AM	The Parishioners of St. Sebastian
Mon	7AM	Carmen Arvisu
Tue	7AM	Kathleen Woodcock (Living)
Wed	7AM	Helen Derham
Thu	7AM	Michael Maring
Fri	7AM	Edna Jovanna Herrera (Living)
Sat	5PM	Sofia Kolleth

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

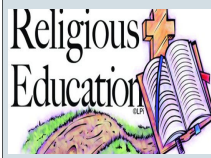
Angela, Nancy Lampe, Monte Marovich, Carolyn and Mark Piatti, Sherry Willis, Salvatore, John Pardini, Nora, Steven Williamson, Diane Riordan, Donald Kuchta, Bert, Richard, Thomas T., Deacon Bill Turrentine, Anne Marie Schlesselmann, Gary Hill, Edward Garchitorea, Fr. Paul Perry, Dave D., Phyllis Johnson, 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, Bill Crawford, Joanie McGuire, Barbara Ferst and Milene Meyer.



Our first reading, from Isaiah, reminds us that God often thinks bigger than we do. “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.” As His followers we must strive as best we can to think as God does, using our time (and our talents and treasure, too) with eternity in mind.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus offers us a glimpse of the “Godly logic” of the Father through a parable of a landowner hiring workers for his vineyard. Some workers are called early in the day, others not until very late. Yet the landowner pays them all a full day’s wage. This angered the laborers who had worked longest. But those laborers were relying on human logic and human calculations. They were not thinking as God does.

This can happen to us Christian stewards as well. We can grumble and complain (at least internally) when we compare ourselves to others and sense that not everyone is contributing as much as we are to the parish, the neighborhood, within our family and so on. At those moments, we need to think bigger! We must remember that it is a great privilege to have been called by the Father to work in His vineyard. Living the stewardship way of life brings us meaning, depth and purpose. Let’s embrace this Godly thinking and thank Him for calling us to this way of life. *©Catholic Stewardship Consultants*



It is time for a new school year!

Our Parish School of Religion classes are starting! Classes are held on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:00 pm for grades K through 5. Classes will begin on this week—**Wednesday, September 27th**. Registration packets were e-mailed home. If you are interested in religion classes for your child, please call the Parish Office at 415-461-0704.



Classes for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** will begin on Wednesday, October 4th. Registration forms will be mailed to all families. If you would like to register your child please call the parish office or send an e-mail message to Gretchen Harris at: stsebpsr@gmail.com.



Pennies from Heaven Raffle—This weekend the parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference will be selling “Pennies from Heaven” raffle tickets outside the church before and after the Masses. The tickets cost \$20 each or 10 tickets for \$100. The prize is \$1,000 and the drawing will be on October 7th. All proceeds will go to the St. Sebastian St. Vincent de Paul Conference for the benefit of the needy that the Conference serves in our community.



Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10 am
Starting on today, September 24th our Sunday Bible Study class will meet in the parish hall at 10:00 am led by Loretta Rogers. Each study group session lasts about 45 minutes. Stay after the 9:00 am Mass or come early to attend before the 11:00 am Mass. *All are welcome to join.*



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.

The second collection for the **Priests Retirement Fund** will be taken this weekend.

Collection Totals:

Sunday, September 17, 2023: \$5,021.00

Thank you for your kind and generous donations.

St. Sebastian Parish Picnic and BBQ!

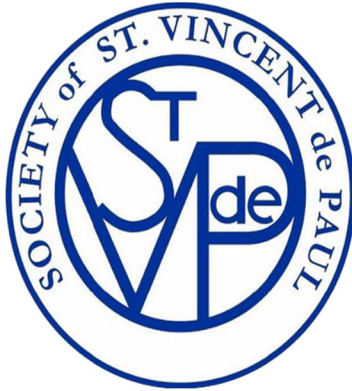


Sunday, October 1st
12:00 noon - on the Rectory Patio
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs
Famous Potato Salad
Desserts & Games
All are Welcome!

**Make sure
we know
you are
coming—
sign up by
Tuesday!**

\$7 Per Person
\$20 Per Family of 3+
Call the Parish Office
at 415-461-0704 to RSVP
All RSVP's needed by September 26th
So we know how much to prepare.





Annual St. Vincent de Paul Collection

September 27 is the feast day of St. Vincent de Paul. Each year St. Sebastian Parish observes his feast day with the proceeds of the second collection contributed to the St. Sebastian Parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference. This collection is an important fundraising event to support the efforts of our Parish Conference throughout the year. The annual St. Vincent de Paul collection will take place at the vigil Mass on September 23, and the Sunday Masses on September 24.

Our parish has a small but active St. Vincent de Paul conference. It is manned by volunteers who carry out the mission of the organization by assisting the needy within the geographic boundaries of our parish. Those boundaries include Greenbrae, Kentfield and southern San Rafael.

One might not expect it in affluent Marin, but within our parish there is poverty, illness and other tragic and often desperate circumstances that our neighbors simply cannot shoulder alone. Among the types of requests we have handled recently:

Assistance with rent, utilities and food for disabled and severely ill individuals who cannot work and those who suffer a catastrophic circumstance that leave them with little or no economic resources.

Assistance with housing resources for the poor.

Providing access to food resources primarily by giving Safeway cards.

Assistance with funeral costs for an indigent family.

Every penny that the St. Sebastian Conference collects goes to assist the needy among us.

In addition to its good works, the St. Vincent de Paul Society members engage in personal spiritual development activities under the guidance of our Chaplain Deacon Dave Previtali.

We are grateful to those of you who have contributed in the past though the fifth Sunday collection or by direct contributions to the Conference. Your kindness truly makes a difference.

If you are able, please give generously at the Masses on September 23/24. Please use the white envelopes that you will find in the pews or write "St. Vincent de Paul" on the memo line of your check.

If you are interested in joining us, you are urged to get in touch with Phil Fant who leads the St. Sebastian Conference at: pfant@fantlaw.com.