

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.

And He said to them,

"The **HARVEST** is plentiful,

but the **LABORERS** are few."

Luke 10:2

*14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 6, 2025*

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

ANOIDTING of the SICK

Call a Priest at the Parish Office

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MON., WED., FRI..... 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 - 10AM Sundays

In the Parish Hall

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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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 JULY 6-12

Sun 7AM

9AM Serena Greer

11AM The Parishioners of St. Sebastian

Mon 7AM Souls in Purgatory

Tue 7AM Birthday Thanksgiving

Wed 7AM Tom, Serge & Stephanie Cincotta

Thurs 7AM Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone
(Living)

Fri 7AM Ed and Helen Hennessey

Sat 5PM Hans-Peter Kolleth (Living)

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Angela, Monte Maroevich, Mark Piatti, Sherry Willis, Salvatore, John Pardini, Nora, Steven Williamson, Diane Riordan, Donald Kuchta, Bert, Richard, Thomas T., Deacon Bill Turrentine, Dave D., Edward Garchitorena, Phyllis Johnson, Ron Murphy, L. Colin, Neyat Tesfay, Verna Giel, Blake Dombrowski, Kevin B., Dr. Elizabeth Rocco, Bill Crawford, Milene Meyer, Eric Maddox, Donna T., Diana M., Terry A., Marian C., Nick A., Dave Anderson, Larry Marvier, Jack G., Rosa Levia, Miriama, Janet T., Maria Coronado, Christopher Meyer, Vicki Evans, Connor and Braeden Harris Meringolo, Tinsley Principe, David Cabral and Mike DeAngelo.

Archdiocesan Workshop Available— American Saints with Professor Lisa Lickona

Six weeks starting July 22nd at 6:00 pm by Zoom
This course is a dive into the lives and spirituality of eight extraordinary men and women: Isaac Jogues, Kateri Tekakwitha, Junipero Serra, Elizabeth Ann Seton, Damien of Molokai, Katherine Drexel, Blessed Solanus Casey, and Blessed Stanley Rother. How did these men and women encounter Christ in America? What can they teach us about seeking Christ in our own time and place?

For more information contact Eduardo Banos at 415-614-5569 / banse@sfarch.org.

2025 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal—We are very appreciative of the response of our parish thus far to the Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made your gift, we ask you to please contribute. We invite everyone to share a portion of God's blessings with others. Every gift makes a real difference. We hope for 100% participation from our parish. Thank you for your support of the Archdiocesan ministries who depend on the programs and services. Your generosity changes lives.

Want to have your expectations turned upside down? Just give a listen to Luke's Gospel these days. Jesus told one follower not to say goodbye to his family and told another not to attend a funeral. "Let the dead bury the dead," he told him.

And this Sunday, he tells his followers, as they head into the world, to take nothing with them — "no money bag, no sack, no sandals." I'm sending you like lambs among wolves, he says. Throughout this series of Gospel readings, we're being cautioned, again and again: Don't get, just give. Don't save up, but surrender. Don't load up, but let go. Christ's continuing message here is one of detachment — or, in a popular phrase of the recovery movement: let go and let God.

But wait, there's more. This week we realize that when Jesus sends his followers into the world, they are not being sent empty-handed. They go bearing one simple message, one priceless word: "Peace." Jesus tells them: "Into whatever household you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.'" Peace. It is also the first word he will say to them after the Resurrection, when he appears in the upper room. And it is the great message he is asking them — and asking us — to carry into the world. Carry no sack, no money, no sandals. Carry, instead, peace.

This is where it starts. It is his first word to those who wish to follow Christ. We'll remember that it was also the first word spoken by Pope Leo XIV when he stepped onto the balcony after his election in May — and the first word he chose to transmit on social media just a few days later. Peace.

Are we getting the message? It's worth asking ourselves this week: how well are we spreading that word? Whatever else there may be in the world today, there is very little peace. And that extends far beyond just the absence of war. They are also the countless conflicts that erupt in our daily lives — between spouses, between parents and children, between neighbors and co-workers. How often do we offer to people in our lives, with what we say or how we live, "peace"? How often do we make peace our mission and our message?

The writer Anthony de Mello tells the story of a man whose marriage was in trouble. He sought some advice from a spiritual master. The master told him, "You must learn to listen to your wife." The man took the advice to heart and returned several weeks later and said he'd learned to listen to every word his wife was saying. The master smiled and said, "Good. Now go home and listen to every word she isn't saying."

Maybe if more of us did that — not just with our spouses, but with each other — it might be a beginning, a first step, toward making peace a reality. To listen that way means you don't have the last word. In fact, it makes Christ's first word the last word. Peace! It means living with a kind of humility and attentiveness to one another that Christ asks of us. It is a way of going into the world with nothing — except what really matters. The detachment that Jesus is demanding isn't just a detachment from things. It is a detachment from ourselves. It is separating from our own pride, our own ego, our own sense of entitlement, our own feeling that we always have to be right.

It is taking with us nothing but what we are — stripped of what we pretend to be, divested of what we own, all that we use to impress people. It is putting that aside and carrying forth just one message, in Christ's name: peace. Are we willing (as a famous song once put it) to give peace a chance? The day we can live that spirit and give it joyfully to others, we may not have a sack or money or sandals. But we will be wealthy beyond measure. And the world will be, too.

Deacon Greg Kandra is an award-winning author and journalist, and creator of the blog "The Deacon's Bench."