

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES

Saturday 5 pm
(Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 8:30 & 11 am

Weekdays 8:00 am
(Mon. through Fri.)

Holy Days
(Schedule varies)

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Mission Statement

We, the family of St. Sebastian Parish, are a stewardship parish, sharing God's Gifts. We are the hands and feet of Christ on Earth. In union with the Universal Roman Catholic Church, we endeavor to become a prayerful and unified community deeply committed to Jesus Christ, and loving service in His name. We hope to be a welcoming, caring and friendly Parish Family, wherein the gifts and talents of all - young and old - are recognized, nurtured and used to build the Kingdom of God in the world.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

is arranged by appointment. Please call the office.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
(Confession) 4:00-4:45 pm on Saturday, or by appointment.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call the office as soon as anyone is seriously ill.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please call the office at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date.

PARISH REGISTRATION We invite anyone wishing to register in our Parish to visit or call the Parish Office, or stop by the Welcome table when you come for Sunday Mass to complete a census card and learn more about our Parish Family.



Dear Family,

ABCD Update!

You are great! As I write (on Feb. 11th) we are at 67% of our goal. That means **\$33,388** to go. I know we can.

For those of you who are visitors or new to the parish, **ABCD** (ArchBishop's Charities and Development) is the appeal the Archdiocese makes each year to help fund outreach work that extends beyond parishes. They are the joint responsibilities of all the parishes. It's a fixed part of the budget.

So, if we are not able to meet our goal, we will have to fund the difference from our regular parishes revenues. In return for that condition, the Archdiocese will also return to the parish any excess over our goal. Can I call that "we got your back" holiness?" Never mind. I won't push it.


Last year 151 households took part. So far, have heard from 95 households. Some of the outlying precincts haven't come in yet. More to the point, dear sisters and brothers, write your pledges/checks!

Jubilee Book Pictures!

As we announced, in answer to many requests, we are going to publish a new photo directory as another commemoration of our Diamond Jubilee Year. It's been ten years, so we are ready for an update, not that any of you have changed in ten years. However, some of the brothers and sisters have gone to the Lord, and there are new people in the community who we want to know better.

Today is the sign-up day, and the pictures will be taken on Wednesday through Saturday, **March 4th through March 7th**.

Mardi Gras Dinner!

Today you can purchase your dinner tickets for the **Mardi Gras Dinner**, *this coming Saturday, Feb. 22th*. Guys: not too late for a great Valentine's gift. You couldn't do better than this one. 

Maybe in this column I can get away from all the (worthwhile) things I'm hawking in the first column.

One of the challenges is that this is a parish where we try to cram 12 months' worth of parish life into less than six. You meet yourself coming around the bend more than once in a while.

Still, I think there are a lot of parishes that would be envious of all that goes on here in our tiny corner of the universe.

In the last analysis, my question is always whether what we do is letting us – and others – see the face of Jesus more clearly.

Last Sunday's gospel made it *very* clear that we can't use some sort of strained sense of false humility for not letting our light shine. It's not *our* light! It's the God given gift that enlightens and enlivens us for the sole purpose of being God's gift to an 'other.'

There is also the very good possibility, that with a little courage, we might actually let someone else's light shine in one or two of our own dark corners. Tell me you don't have one or two of those and I'll ask you to either check the length of your nose, or maybe spend a little more time looking.

Today's gospel gets into the section of the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew (chapters 5 through 7) that I call "The Emeril Lagasse" section, the "**kick it up a notch**" section. You've heard it said...BUT I say to you..."

Here's one thing about that first column: it means people coming together, and that's the only way the stuff in this second column is going to work. That's why we are called 'church,' the gathering, the coming together. See you in Church!

In Jesus,



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Mass Intentions

- Saturday** **February 15**
5:00 pm † Margaret & Allen McCutcheon, req. by Family
† Dominick Romano, req. by Bill & Ellie Loughran
† Alma Lee Garrett, req. by Mimi Bauer
- Sunday** **February 16**
8:30 am † Charles & Marie Maher, req. by Family
† Kay Fasenmyer, req. by Family
11:00 am Living and Deceased of our Parish
- Monday** **February 17**
8:00 am † Frances Salerno, req. by Mary Ann Smith
Intention of Barry Hogan, req. by Marcia Hogan
- Tuesday** **February 18**
8:00 am † Kevin Geraghty, req. by Geraghty Family
- Wednesday** **February 19**
8:00 am † Allison Logue, req. by her parents
- Thursday** **February 20**
8:00 am Intention of Mary Kennedy, req. by Mona Hamawy
- Friday** **February 21**
8:00 am † Stephen Mickey, req. by Ceili Club
- Saturday** **February 22**
5:00 pm † Grace & Murray Toomey, req. by M.L. Toomey
† William Mullooly, req. by M.L. Toomey
† Patrick & Nelly O'Connor, req. by Christopher O'Connor
- Sunday** **February 23**
8:30 am Intention of Cowgill Family
Intention of Charlotte Newbury
11:00 am Living and Deceased of our Parish

REMEMBER THE SICK

Donn Taylor, Colt Becker, Nanchine McManus, Robert Real,

Mary Lou Mann, Peggy Lynch, Denise Bergeron, John Orozco, Suzanne Plum, Don Loughran, Jr., Joel Rivera, Hayden O'Connor, Jim Cowgill, Jr., Tiffany Malin, John Graff, Elizabeth Shotmeyer, Peter Hanna, Sandy Rodriguez, Nilsa Pagan, Grayson Jack, Lee Rodriguez, Noah Austin, Tommy Greene, Agatha Taglienti, Regan Gallo, John Masna, Bharti Patel, Beverly Bang, Margaret Reitz, Helena Hughes, Donna Wasowicz, David Hmielewski, Sister Marguerite McGilly, Frances Rohleder, John Harris

WOMEN'S RETREAT

"Eucharist: Blessed & Broken, Shared & Sent" March 20-22. Space is limited; sign up soon. \$50. deposit. To register, call 561.626.1300 or www.ourladyofflorida.org. Carpool from church.



CHRIST HAS NO BODY BUT YOURS...

Thank you to all who have already generously responded to the call to be the eyes, hands and feet of Jesus through your gift to the ABCD. If you have not made your 2020 commitment to ABCD, please do so this week. We are slowly inching toward our goal, but need the participation of **every parishioner** to get there ... please do your part!

SAVE THE DATE ...

- February 22 - Mardi Gras Party** - Last Call - Tickets on sale at back of church
February 29 - Essential Readers & Eucharistic Ministers Workshop +
March 4-7 - Photo sessions for Directory
March 20-22 - Women's Retreat
March 27 - Fish Fry
March 29 - 11:00 - Archbishop Wenski - Special 60th Anniversary Mass.

ESSENTIAL PARISH WORKSHOP

for
Readers, Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday, February 29th at 10:00 am



"If you pour yourself out for the hungry then shall your light rise in the darkness." (Isaiah 58:10) We let our light shine when we donate our weekly non-perishable food and hygiene items. To care is to share.

LENT IS COMING...

Please bring your old palms to be burned and used for ashes on Ash Wednesday. February 26th Place them in the container in the sanctuary by next Sunday.

BIBLE SHARING...

Thursdays, after Mass in the Parish Hall. We are in the Gospel of Luke, and you are welcome to join us.



PHOTO DIRECTORY

We are creating a new Parish Photo Directory for our 60th Anniversary, and we need your help! Have you ever noticed that we seem to sit in the same place at the same Mass every weekend, and the same people sit around us... we know their faces, but not their names - and it's been that way for so long that we're embarrassed to ask their names? With a Parish Photo Directory, we can "connect the faces with the names." In order to make this work, we need the participation of **all** of our parishioners - including the "snowbirds." Please take a moment after Mass today - or call the office during the week - to schedule a time to get your photo taken professionally in the Parish Hall. Photos will be taken March 4-6 from 12-7pm and on March 7 from 10am-5pm. YOUR participation will help to make this project a success, so get registered for your photo session today!



Eucharistic Adoration is held on Friday from 8:30 - 5:00 in our Chapel.

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This area is to be left free for drop-off & emergency vehicles only. Parking is available on the South side of the church. Your cooperation is appreciated.

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