

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Saint Sebastian Church

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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,

LENT It's hard to believe Ash Wednesday arrives this week. No Meat for everyone over 14, and fasting for those 14-59. Also, there's no meat on all the Fridays of Lent. How often I have said to you or myself in the past, "Let's all go and make the sacrifice of having a lobster on Friday since we can't eat meat."

Somehow, we know that doesn't quite meet the call to do the kinds of things that help us remember who we are, namely people who repent of our sins and believe in the gospel. Those are the words that come with the ashes. We mark our heads with the ashes to remind ourselves that our destiny is with the Lord. It's the earthly existence that comes from ashes and returns to them.

Don't forget what we heard from Teilhard de Chardin last week: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience; we are spiritual beings having a human experience." Jesus, risen from the dead, guarantees that spirituality. When he became man and died and rose again, he made us the spiritual beings that aren't defined by ashes but are glorified by grace.

While you still have three days, take a minute right now and just ask yourself if there is some special action you can do during Lent that will help bring you back to your core "spiritual being." Whether it's giving something up or doing something extra, whatever it is, just something that's a little break in your normal routine.

As I'm writing, I'm thinking to myself, "OK, hotshot, what are YOU going to do or give up or whatever?" I'm not sure yet, but I promise you I will figure it out before Ash Wednesday. The one thing that will guarantee that promise is now all of you know I've got to come up with something. Nothing like a little public scrutiny to keep you honest. Don't you wish that worked everywhere....?

ABCD I am stunned at our response to this year's ABCD, the annual ArchBishops Charity Drive. Our goal was \$105,383 and we have reached \$121,024. For those of you who have fun with it, that's **114.8%** of our goal.

We will be able to receive back the 14.8% and take ourselves on a Caribbean cruise. Well, okay, maybe we can float a canoe out the inlet in front of the rectory.

Seriously, I think our concern to reach out to others in the ABCD before we dealt with our own budget and needs, has been a blessing for us. I want to tell you a secret that perhaps it's okay to share now. Some of you remember Marti Huizenga. She was a parishioner and insisted on remaining in the background. She generously supported ABCD and it always made the difference in making our goal. After both she and Wayne went to the Lord, it was kind of natural to wonder what would happen. Last year we didn't quite make it.

This year, it's as though Marti sent word to some very generous folk, and they stepped forward to fill her space. I want you folk to know that you occupy a very holy space and believe, me, it's about a lot more than \$\$\$\$. Thank You in the name of the poor who the Archdiocese reaches through these efforts of ours. You're making it possible.

I wanted to say something about **Arnold Abbott**. As our sunbirds and snowbirds know, Arnold was dedicated to feeding the hungry, and managed to annoy a lot of people in the process. I sent him a contribution a few years ago because I thought he was trying to do the right thing and I got back a really nice note. The city passed ordinances about where public outreach for feeding could take place. Arnold pretty much ignored them, and the city didn't enforce the ordinances because it made them look bad. They were certainly between a rock and a hard place. There are no grinchies in this story.

My one hope is that our community can enshrine Arnold Abbott in our memories by continuing to work in every way we can to feed the hungry. That's why you bring groceries every week to the baskets at the Church doors and why we support Hope, South Florida. Thank you, Lord, for Arnold. He surely sees you face to face.

In Jesus,

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Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	March 2 Living and Deceased of our Parish
Sunday 8:30 am	March 3 † Gerard Turcotte, req. by Sue & Scott Martinez † Lillian Succurto, req. by Elaine & Vito Intention of Jeanne Doyle, req. by Mike & Jeannie O'Neill
11:00 am	† Rido Nassar, req. by Mona Hamawy & Family † Rosemary Kubisch, req. by Fran Hulse
Monday 8:00 am	March 4 † Frances Salerno, req. by Judy Fisher
Tuesday 8:30 am	March 5 Intention of Sister Marguerite
Wednesday 8:00 am	March 6 - ASH WEDNESDAY † William Brown, req. by Rene, Felicity & Eve † Ed O'Gorman, req. by Betty
6:00 pm	Living and Deceased of our Parish
Thursday 8:00 am	March 7 † Arthur & Lucille Henson, req. by Geraghty & Garrihy Families
Friday 8:00 am	March 8 Intention of Charlotte Newbury, req. by Judy Fisher
Saturday 5:00 pm	March 9 † Frances Salerno, req. by Marilyn Sims † Annemarie & Frank Ryder, req. by Claire Intention of Connie Reed, req. by Tricia LaPerch
Sunday 8:30 am	March 10 † Grace & Murray Toomey, req. by M.L. & Helen Toomey Intention of Marcia Hogan, req. by Barry Intention of Josie Sharpe, req. by Tricia
11:00 am	Living and Deceased of our Parish

REMEMBER THE SICK Donn Taylor, Colt Becker, Antonis Constantis, Diana Borg, Nanchine McManus, Henriette Kerba, Robert Real, Mary Lou Mann, Peggy Lynch, Denise Bergeron, Jason Switek, Eula Manfield, Brittany Fender, John Orozco, Suzanne Plum, Don Loughran, Jr., Joel Rivera, Patricia Townsend, Hayden O'Connor, Mary McCoy, Jim Cowgill, Jr., Bill Turnbull, Tiffany Malin, John Graff, Elizabeth Shotmeyer, Donna DeFazio, Peter Hanna, Sandy Rodriguez, Reid Crosby, Nilsa Pagan, Jan Gray, Grayson Jack, Keith Fisher, Carolyn Kastelic, Lee Rodriguez, Noah Austin, Tommy Greene, Agatha Taglienti, Charlotte Newbury

IN MEMORIUM

VIRGINIA HANNA
February 20, 2019

May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in Peace. Amen.

SAVE THE DATE ...

March 6 - ASH WEDNESDAY-Lent begins
March 16-17- St. Vincent de Paul truck here
March 17 - Pancake Breakfast
March 22 - Fish Fry/ Auction



What can we do during the 40 days of Lent to bring us closer to God? Contributing weekly to our church shopping carts with non-perishable food for our needy is a good beginning.

You are Cordially invited to help with our 14th Annual Andy Hurst Memorial

FISH FRY AND AUCTION!

- * **Auction items are needed:** ideas include tickets to theater or sporting events - or other fun things in the area; service or restaurant gift cards; hotel stays; games; jewelry; basket of cheer... be creative!
- * Please procure items and **bring them to the office by this Friday, March 8th,** along with the completed Donor Description Form, which you can find at the church doors or in the office.
- * This is one of **our major fundraisers of the year,** with the proceeds going toward our Parish operation, so your support is important.
- * Decide this week **how you will help**... with set-up & decorating, serving at the event, clean-up; and then use the sign-up sheets at the church doors next weekend to let us know.
- * **Spread the word** that this is a fun evening! Invite your friends to enjoy our "Key West at Sunset" theme. Music, social hour and Silent Auction begin at 5:30pm followed by a delicious fish dinner.
- * **Dinner tickets** are \$20 for adults/ \$10 for children under 12. A limited number of reserved tables are available for advance purchase only for \$250, which includes 8 dinner tickets and 2 bottles of wine per table. **Tickets go on sale after each Mass beginning March 8, & in the Office during the week.**

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

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