

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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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,

How strange it feels to be writing this *Twitch* and wondering how, when and where you are likely to read it, if at all. I'm writing on Tuesday the 17th. Goodness knows what will be happening by Sunday. At least I can rely on St. Patrick to guide me with some Irish brilliance – or failing brilliance, good old luck. (I'm extremely prejudiced on my mother's side. County Mayo is sacred ground, even though there was a time when the rest of the Irish would say, "Mayo! God help us! Probably dates back to the hardships of the 19th century potato famine.)

Still, there is this:



Please note there are four leaf clovers in the three-leaf shamrock. Maybe that means Irish is *really* lucky

Otherwise, already I need to see some medical person regarding my ear lobes. They are getting really sore since we are playing a lot by ear.

As I watch the coverage of various elements of the ongoing COVID-19 story, how grateful I am for doctors, nurses, health care workers and first responders who go over and beyond. And their work has just begun... We need to promise them our prayers and support with prayer for good civic leadership as well.

One thing I have learned is the real need to "flatten the curve." In other words, by doing our very best at following the clear and simple

directions for washing hands and giving space to each other, we can stop the disease from peaking so quickly that it is impossible to give the treatment to critically ill folk in need.

I know that the prospect of literally months of being super-careful will get very old. As members of our high-speed American culture, we want instant solutions for everything, *NOW!* It's not going to work that way.

I found this in the letter of James, 5:7.

"Be patient, therefore, brothers (and sisters), until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains."

That's not a pious platitude. Think about it. What we read in Scripture is Spirit-filled. Often the words are culturally couched, but the Spirit comes through if you let it.

What could be a better example of a time for mutual encouragement than in the situation in which we find ourselves?. I hear James saying that there will be an end to what we are going through, and the Lord will bring us to a good end, a crop of healed people. Stuff happens when you are a farmer. Some of it not good. Still, there is the hope and promise of a good end, and that's what we depend upon now.

All over our country there's a sense of fear that comes from the unknown. Hear Donna Shalala: "Fear is a virus, too."

Recall Franklin Delano Roosevelt's first inauguration speech on March 4, 1933. In the deepest part of the great depression he said, "...let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself—nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance." I never read the whole address until now. I highly recommend it. Stay well, In Jesus,

Handwritten signature of Jim Fetzer.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	March 21 † Patrick & Nelly O'Connor, req. by Christopher O'Connor † Dick Reed, req. by Connie † Kathleen Madden, req. by The Hero's
Sunday 8:30 am	March 22 † Charles & Marie Maher, req. by Family † Sara Martinez, req. by Family Intention of Jim Cowgill, req. by Joan Morris
11:00 am	Living and Deceased of our Parish
Monday 8:00 am	March 23 † Donald J. Cooney, req. by Eileen Drenikowski † Donald J. Cavanagh, req. by Ceili Club
Tuesday 8:00 am	March 24 † Arthur & Lucille Henson, req. by Geraghty & Garrihy Family † Michael Middlemiss, req. by Grace Middlemiss
Wednesday 8:00 am	March 25 † Theresa M. Gardner Special Intention
Thursday 8:00 am	March 26 † Lisa Urban, req. by Valerie & Richard
Friday 8:00 am	March 27 † Ralph Lane McGrath, Sr., req. by Dolores & Jack Fink † Elizabeth Anne Nolan, req. by Ceili Club
Saturday 5:00 pm	March 28 † Dr. Anthony Garruto, req. by Dolores & Jack Fink † Dominick Romano, req. by Bill & Ellie Loughran † Charlie Riley, req. by a friend
Sunday 8:30 am	March 29 † Kathleen Madden Intention of Charlotte Newbury, req. by Sue & Scott Martinez
11:00 am	Living and Deceased of our Parish

REMEMBER THE SICK

Donn Taylor, Colt Becker, Nanchine McManus, Robert Re-al, 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, Charlotte Newbury

BIBLE SHARING...

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

MEN'S CLUB RAFFLE

The Men's Club will be raffling Two JetBlue round trip tickets to any JetBlue location. Tickets will be sold for \$25. Stay tuned for more details.

SAVE THE DATE ...

March 21-22 - St. Vincent de Paul truck scheduled to be in our parking lot

~~**March 27**~~ - Fish Fry/Raffles **POSTPONED**

~~**March 29**~~ - **11:00** - Archbishop Wenski - Special 60th Anniversary Mass - **POSTPONED**

April 1-2 - Photo sessions for Directory
Dec. 5-12 - Parish Cruise (*we hope*) - call office for more info.



Carry one another's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the love of Christ. Our weekly contributions of non-perishable food and hygiene items to St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank will definitely fulfill the law of Christ. To care is

to share!

PHOTO DIRECTORY ARE YOU IN?

We are creating a Parish Photo Directory for our 60th Anniversary, so we can "connect the faces with the names" of those we see regularly at Mass and social events and build a greater sense of community. We need the participation of **all** of our parishioners - including the "snowbirds." Please call the office during the week, or go online at: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/b722m18q/> to schedule a time to get your photo taken professionally in the Parish Hall. Our next photo sessions will be April 1-2 from 12-7pm. Our goal is to have at least 200 households photographed for the directory, and we're about half way there... **YOUR** participation will help to make this project a success! **We'll keep you posted if this schedule changes.**

SAINT TERESA'S PRAYER

*Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.*

As we face the challenges associated with Covid-19, let's remember that we are all one in the Body of Christ. Even if we are unable to come together as a Parish community to celebrate Eucharist, let's hold each other close in prayer and be patient and considerate toward all. We will do our best to keep you updated with changes in schedules, and offer any assistance we can. Feel free to call the office with any questions or concerns.

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

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