

# Third 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.



Megr. Jim Fettscher

Dear Family,

Here we are, half-way through Lent, and as one of my commentators, [Maureen McCann Waldron](#) said, "I haven't been as good as I thought I could be with my Lenten resolutions." My author went on to say, "What's my reaction? Say, 'oh well, the heck with it,' or say, 'thank you Lord, for the next three weeks to get it right.'" I'm opting for the latter.

She went on to make another point that grabbed my attention. She said, "Today, instead of redoubling our own efforts and trying to 'manage' Lent on our own, we ask God, 'What is it you want to give me this Lent?'"

I was especially struck by, "What is it you want to *give* me?" I think if I had a dialogue with the Lord about Lent it was more along the lines of, "What do you want me to do?" The subtle difference for me is that if I ask God what he wants to give me, the gift itself will determine my 'doing'.

I'm writing this letter on last week's flood day, aka, the Feast of St. Joseph. I just finished giving a short homily that noted we never heard any words from St. Joseph in the Scriptures. All we hear about is what he *did*. Now, as I think about it, he certainly *heard* God's voice. That's what the word 'angel' means: messenger. The angel in the dream encouraged him and as a result Joseph knew what to do because he was able to *listen*.

That brings me to today's irony. Last Sunday, I mentioned that one thing I wished to do for Lent was spend an hour before the Blessed Sacrament each day. I didn't tell you my other resolution. Considering the development of this *Twitch*, I'll tell you my second resolution was to try and listen better. Joseph had the grace to listen. Look what happened!

In this second half of Lent, we pray that we can hear better.

Switching gears, I'm having another one of those writing-about-something that hasn't happened as though it already did, namely **FISH FRY AND AUCTION**. Nevertheless, I know how much time and effort has already gone into it. I also know about the fabulous crew of people who have worked this year and for many years, beginning with Elli Hurst and Annie Gardner. Mary Wood, Liz Siegle, Chuck Wobby, Judy Fisher, Connie Reed, Ann Murry, and Maura Brassil were part of the planning committee and there are always the faithful who sign up for jobs during the event itself. (e.g., God bless Fred Schmid for his careful catering of the kegs.)

To all of you, I sure hope it doesn't sound less than totally heartfelt, my thanks for doing the kinds of things that build this community. Demographically, we are actually shrinking a bit. I know the Finance Committee has its concerns about that. I give them (small cases of) the jitters when I say it will all be well. Of course, they know that, but are not sure if I remember that "God helps those who help themselves."

One of the examples that makes me always encouraged about the well-being of the parish is the great coming-togethers we have like the Fish Fry. ...and Spaghetti Dinner, and Oktoberfest, and the Spring Women's Luncheon. Hmmm. There's a lot of food there, so let's throw in coffee-and-donuts as well!

Then I see Tommy and Barbara Rogan and Scott Martinez and Jackie Chapdelaine standing at doors ministering hospitality, along with a great bunch of ushers who extend the greeting inside. They are all welcoming folk to the greatest feast of all, the Blessed Eucharist, the ultimate breaking of bread.

Does it get any better than this? Until I get to heaven, this will do.

In Jesus,

## Third Sunday of Lent

### Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>March 23</b> † Dick Reed, req. by Connie † Frances Salerno, req. by Claire Ryder † Cathy Hurst, req. by Tricia LaPerch
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am	<b>March 24</b> † Charles & Marie Maher, req. by Family Anthony Nardella, req. by Jeannie La Lama Intention of Jim Cowgill, Jr., req. by Joan Morris
11:00 am	Living and Deceased of our Parish
<b>Monday</b> 8:00 am	<b>March 25</b> † Theresa M. Gardner † Anne & Joseph Burns, req. by Joan Memolo Intention of Brenda Ferzacca, req. by Al & Lila Ferzacca
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 am	<b>March 26</b> † Marie Calise, req. by Grace Middlemiss † Louis Matukas, req. by wife, Grazina Matukas
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 am	<b>March 27</b> † Margaret Finlay, req. by Kari & Philip O'Connell † Madalyn Mingey, req. by Jeannie O'Neill
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 am	<b>March 28</b> † Barbara LaPerch, req. by Tricia LaPerch † Eric Peterson, req. by Maura Brassil
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 am	<b>March 29</b> † Jack Kennedy, req. by Mary Kennedy † Martin Memolo, req. by Joan Memolo † Charlie & David Riley, req. by a friend
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>March 30</b> † Geraldine Amatucci, req. by Diana Florio † Frances Salerno, req. by Joan & Bill Fuccillo † Norma Mock, req. by Maura Brassil
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am	<b>March 31</b> Living and Deceased of our Parish
11:00 am	† Marie Torkelson, req. by Tom & Kaye Drohan † George Florio, req. by Diana Florio † Arthur Hughes, req. by Helena Hughes

### 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, Betsy Walters, Regan Gallo, Isabella Rodriguez

### IN MEMORIAM

## EUGENE L. TOUGAS

February 23, 2019

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

### SAVE THE DATE ...

**March 30** - Sandwich Ministry  
**April 5** - SSCCW Installation of Officers & Breakfast  
**April 13** - St. Vincent de Paul truck here.



The only miracle repeated in all four Gospels is the feeding of the 5,000, showing God's concern for the hungry. Let it be our concern also. Let's fill our shopping carts with love for our needy. To care is to share.

### LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Our Lenten Bible Study resumes this Monday, March 25th, at 7:00 pm in the stage section of the Parish Hall. The series focuses on the Sunday readings we heard at Mass the weekend before, with an opportunity- in small groups- to reflect upon how the message contained in those readings impacts our lives here and now. **All are welcome** and no "prior Bible knowledge" is needed.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held this Friday, March 29th, at 6:30 pm in the main church, followed by Simple Supper in the Parish Hall.

### COUNCIL-CATHOLIC WOMEN

On Friday, April 5th, newly elected officers will be installed at the 8:00 am Mass. Breakfast at Lago Mar Resort will follow. Cost is \$25. All ladies in the parish are invited to join us. Make reservations with Mary Ann at 954-764-4113 as soon as possible as seating is limited.

### OPERATION RICE BOWL

Just a reminder that our Parish family is participating in Operation Rice Bowl to benefit the work of Catholic Relief Services. The idea is that you fast one day a week during Lent, and the money saved by fasting is put into the "rice bowl". On Palm Sunday weekend, a basket will be in the church sanctuary for your filled "rice bowls." Our small sacrifices can make a big difference in the lives of those with very little, whom CRS helps. Rice Bowls are available at the church doors.

### RESPECT LIFE NEWS

The movie *Unplanned* is coming to theatres nationwide on March 29, 2019. It is based on the true story of Abby Johnson's transformation from being one of Planned Parenthood clinic directors to becoming a pro-life advocate.

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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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