

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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,

I hope you're not getting too comfortable. The curse of the couch potato... I won't say I'm falling into the category, but I do have to wonder about the third and fourth eye that is trying to appear in the middle of my forehead. Don't worry if that doesn't make sense to you...

I DO hope that you are taking the time to check out the readings for today's liturgy. Check out the Bishops' site. Just put 'USCCB Daily Readings' in your search bar, and "Voila" there you have it, even audio versions if you want.

When I look at the readings in the context of all we are going through right now with COVID-19, I'm hearing from **Acts**, "how are we taking care of the needy in the world?"

**First Peter** tells us that Jesus is the living stone on which discipleship is built. Then we become "... a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

**John** tells where the power is coming from: "whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these..."

I found a wonderful short reflection on these readings in the Creighton University Online Ministry archive. Written by Dr. Carol Zuegner, I thought her approach was great. Think of yourself as one of the disciples as she writes about them.

*"I really like the glimpses we get of the apostles in the gospels because those glimpses also let us see the human side of Jesus, his patience, and his love for them.*

*These men were often confused, puzzled, ready to believe, but they are human. Jesus tells them to not let their hearts be troubled because he has a place for them. They know the way. But Thomas and Philip are not so sure. Their hearts and minds haven't quite caught up.*

*We, like the apostles, have to believe, and if we believe, that's just the beginning. We have to believe and live the belief every day. Jesus and his message are the way, the truth and the life. At times, we will be like Philip: If you could just give us a clue, give us a little something.*

*We have been shown the way. If we believe and follow the way, we have to love our neighbor. We have to walk on the right path. That's not always easy. We know the right way. We are looking for a detour, that shortcut because it can be difficult. There are no shortcuts.*

*The second reading reinforces that idea of no shortcuts. We are laying the cornerstone of a spiritual house. Anyone who has tackled any project knows the importance of the cornerstone, the first steps to get you on the right track on building something that will last. Like the builders who measure twice and cut once, we know we have to prepare, to take the right steps.*

*We have to build our faith and our lives on that cornerstone. When we do, even if we are confused and puzzled, Jesus will soothe our troubled hearts. My prayer today is that I listen when Jesus calls us out of darkness into his wonderful light. I pray that the light shows me the way, the truth, and the life."*

When we emerge from our burrows and nests, I am praying we discovered something about ourselves that maybe we forgot, or even never knew.

I went back and *really* reread some retreat notes from the past. It was amazing what I had forgotten. I can't help but think the Lord wants me to shift into new gears. Imagine, at nearly 79! I guess you never know just how many gears you have. Keep shifting ...

In Jesus,



P.S. Happy Birthday, Dad. Not bad for 105. (Heaven ages you well. I know he's there after seven kids.)



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### Mass Intentions

- Saturday May 9**  
† Grace & Murray Toomey,  
req. by M.L. Toomey  
† Dominick Romano,  
req. by Bill & Ellie Loughran  
† William Mulooly, req. by M.L. Toomey
- Sunday May 10**  
Mother's Day Novena  
Living and Deceased of our Parish
- Monday May 11**  
Mother's Day Novena
- Tuesday May 12**  
Mother's Day Novena
- Wednesday May 13**  
Mother's Day Novena
- Thursday May 14**  
Mother's Day Novena
- Friday May 15**  
Mother's Day Novena
- Saturday May 16**  
Mother's Day Novena
- Sunday May 17**  
Mother's Day Novena  
Living and Deceased of our Parish

*Please note that, while we are unable to have Mass together, Monsignor is celebrating Mass daily for the intentions listed above. If you wish to request a Mass intention, please call the office.*

### 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, Charlotte Newbury, Steve Black, Jo Neumann

### IN MEMORIAM

## MARIE NEMEC-ZULLO May 3, 2020

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

### 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, we 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.

### MASSES ON COMPUTER

The Archdiocese of Miami is keeping a list on their website, <miamiarch.org> of websites where Masses can be viewed. EWTN also broadcasts the Mass at 8:00 am daily. You may also wish to go to <USCCB.org>, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops site and find the daily Scripture Readings for Mass, along with a host of other information.



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