

Twenty-second 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,

In my office is a ceramic plaque which I received many years ago. It's one of my favorite 'objet d'art.' If I told you about it before, forgive the repetition. Right now, it seems very relevant.

The special piece I'm looking at portrays two rather scraggly-looking buzzards sitting on an equally barren tree limb. One says to the other, "Patience hell. I'm gonna kill somethin'." Thanks to Annie, here it is.



I don't know about you, but there are moments...

What with the pandemic and its constrictions on our interactions with each other, I just want to yell out at someone or something, "ENOUGH ALREADY!" Of course, we know the "someone" is the Lord. But it's not nice to yell at the Lord, so I've got to find someone or something else to yell at.

Who else is there? Here comes another old cliché:

"When you are pointing your finger at someone, you usually have three fingers pointed at yourself."

So...

It's my challenge to work it out. I took the word "patience" and ran it through my Thesaurus. In addition to the expected ideas like placidity and serenity, tucked away in a corner called *dictionary form*, I found "stamina, endurance, determination, doggedness, vigor, energy, grit, fortitude, strength."

Those words sure don't sound like I'm sitting around. They speak to me about coming at a situation with a lot of very active resolve and wrestling the chaos to the ground and daring it to try to get up. The buzzards were closer to a good working definition of patience than they thought. It takes a lot of energy to go and get your own dinner. Waiting around and letting someone else do it is easier. You also might starve to death while you wait.

The patience we want is the activity that seeks life. The virtue of patience we seek is the attitude of wanting to create environments of hope and courage for people around us. It's the opposite of becoming a victim. We become victims when we let insensitive people and tough situations define who we are.

In these days of political pandemonium, it's too easy to start drawing lines in the sand which become walls of separation. Look around you. Do the things you see and hear welcome you into an encouraging environment, or do they push you away into icy isolation?

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.

For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it

Whatever the cost, Jesus tells us that following him is a promise of wonderful discovery no matter how hard the work

Buzzards wait. Disciples push on in hopeful expectation. Here's hoping...

In Jesus,

Fr. Jim

Mass Intentions

- Saturday August 29**
5:00 pm Living & Deceased of our Parish
- Sunday August 30**
8:30 am Intention of Charlotte Newbury
11:00 am † Vincent Hosker
- Monday August 31**
8:00 am Intention of Chris Cook,
req. by Grace Middlemiss
- Tuesday September 1**
8:00 am Special Intention, req. by
req. by Joe & Patti Garrihy
- Wednesday September 2**
8:00 am Intention of Susan Cook,
req. by Grace Middlemiss
- Thursday September 3**
8:00 am † Charles & Marie Maher,
req. by Family
- Friday September 4**
8:00 am Intention of Joan Cook,
req. by Grace Middlemiss
- Saturday September 5**
5:00 pm † Peter Comolli, req. by Donald Bourke
- Sunday September 6**
8:30 am Living & Deceased of our Parish
11:00 am † Vincent Hosker, req. by John Koons



As you do it to the least of my brothers you do it onto Me. (Matthew 25:10) As His disciples, we should carry on the work Jesus began while on earth. Our weekly gifts of non-perishable food and hygiene items should make us good disciples. Bring your donations any day you come to Mass and place them in the grocery cart at the church doors. To care is to share.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The special collection next weekend is for the Catholic University of America. Please use the specially designated envelope in your boxed set, or - if you don't have a boxed set, use a plain envelope and write "Catholic University" on it, so your gift will go where it's intended.

PLEASE REMEMBER...

The Parish Office is closed on Thursdays during the summer.

DIAL-IN FOR BIBLE SHARING

Participate in our teleconferencing Scripture sharing: Call in starts at 9:05 and sharing begins at 9:15 each Thursday morning. Dial 848-777-1212. When prompted put in 4314314 #. We are in the Gospel of Mark. Call Mary Kennedy 954.290.1194 or Carole Duksta 954.529.6547 for information. Please join us!

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JUST A THOUGHT...

"We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it."

Pope Francis, "Laudato Si"

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., Hayden O'Connor, Jim Cowgill, Jr., 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, Frances Rohleder, John Harris, Charlotte Newbury, Stephen Black, Jo Neumann, Jane Abitabilo, John E. Hurley, Joan Memolo

HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE

Here's the "Hurricane Prayer" to help us through the season. Please cut it out and attach it to your misalette, so we can recite it together at Mass.

Father,
 all the elements of nature
 obey your commands.
 Protect us and all your people
 during this season of storms and hurricanes.
 Calm our fears and help us
 prepare our hearts as well as our homes.
 Help us see you in all we may encounter,
 and help us to minister to each other in your name.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.



**Be Safe...
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Have a wonderful
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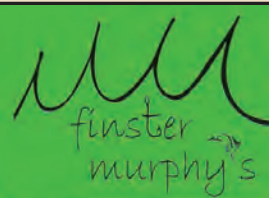


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