

San Sebastian Catholic Church

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April 19, 2020

*Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday*



Rev. Fr. John D. Gillespie, Pastor
Rev. Fr. Thomas P. Walsh, Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Fr. William Mooney, In Residence
Deacon James Swanson and Deacon Santiago Rosado

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COMING SOON LIVE STREAMING WEEKEND MASS WITH FR. JOHN D. GILLESPIE, FR. THOMAS P. WALSH AND FR. WILLIAM MOONEY

UPDATE for Religious Education Classes and Celebrations of the Sacraments

Due to health concerns, all Religious Education Classes have been canceled through the rest of the school year. All celebrations of the Sacraments have been postponed - if you have any concerns and would like to discuss your situation with me, please do not hesitate to contact me. I have been communicating with the families in our programs by email. If you are in our Program and have NOT been receiving these updates - please contact Susan at 904-824-6625 ext. 111 or 904-315-1352 or email to; susan@sansebastiancatholicchurch.com. We are all in this together through our prayers and the love of Christ. Stay safe.

The Chaplet of Mercy is recited using ordinary rosary beads of five decades:



- Make the *Sign of the Cross*
- Pray the *Our Father*
- Pray the *Hail Mary*
- Pray the *Apostles' Creed*
- Pray "*Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world*" on the Our Father bead
- Pray 10 "*For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*" on the Hail Mary beads
- Repeat for four more decades, praying "*Eternal Father...*" on the Our Father beads and then 10 "*For the sake of His sorrowful passion...*" on the Hail Mary beads
- At the conclusion of the five decades pray "*Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world*" three times.



If you would like to receive a weekly email of Fr. Mooney's Faith and Reason paper, email: Fr.WCMooney@gmail.com.



SAN SEBASTIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Easter Morning
April 12, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

The high-point of the Church's calendar, the pinnacle of our liturgical prayer, happened these past three days in the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. All of Lent, our intensified prayer, our fast and abstinence, our generous and sacrificial almsgiving, all is aimed at the Paschal feast in support of our brothers and sisters who join us new, and our renewed communion in Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection.

No disciple was present for each step with Jesus; often he was alone. Friends abandoned him; family distanced themselves from him; authorities restricted his movement; his people ignored him. Easter starts with break-up and disintegration; but it culminates in healing, re-union, communion, and commemoration.

A few of us, in your name and spirit, gathered in San Sebastian church on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday to commemorate and celebrate. In a good year, without coronavirus, you might not have been able to join us, because of work or health; you might not have chosen church over basketball, on TV or at your children's school; you might have been ignorant of the Triduum being the holiest time of our year, worth skipping every other Sunday if necessary.

But this isn't a good year for our families and parish, our community and church, our country or the planet. We are choosing isolation for awhile to help everyone else. We are restricting our movement and freedom a bit, in solidarity with the endangered and ill. We are even practicing discreet and hygienic contact with those we love and want to hug more, by loving more and hugging less. Our world is embracing this necessary cross, and we Christians and Catholics are extending our Lent.

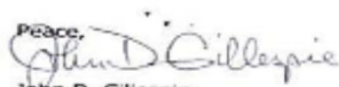
Even though you couldn't attend the Triduum, make a pledge to yourself that you will sacrifice as never before to celebrate these remarkable liturgies next year on April 1—3, 2021. Every sacrifice you make to participate will be paid back to you ten-fold. But this year you were doing the right thing by not filling the church, as we enter the Easter season. Instead, your right place was where God had led you in this desert of Lent, probably with family, but maybe even isolated from them. You will return, God's "faithful remnant".

Stay awhile longer with Jesus (Emmanuel, God-with-us); watch, wait, and pray, the two or three of you, in your Gethsemane. Coronavirus may be our crown of thorns at the moment, but the Holy Spirit fills us individually wherever we are, and will soon enough re-assemble us as his holy people, Eastering-in-us.

Last night in the dark of San Sebastian church, we lit for you the Paschal candle against coldness and blindness in our world. We broke the silence to proclaim to you the Exsultet's extravagant Good News of triumph over sin and death. Together we are pushing back the darkness and disease. The victory is already ours in Christ with the flame you carry faithfully in your heart. Light, now, the candle you meet in the least of your brothers and sisters.

"Therefore, O Lord, we pray you that this candle, hallowed to the honor of your name,
may persevere undimmed, to overcome the darkness of this night.
Receive it as a pleasing fragrance, and let it mingle with the lights of heaven.
May this flame be found still burning by the Morning Star:
the one Morning Star who never sets, Christ your Son,
who, coming back from death's domain, has shed his peaceful light on humanity,
and lives and reigns for ever and ever."

Alleluia!

Peace,

John D. Gillespie
Pastor

GET REAL!

Those of us who flatter ourselves that we have a “realistic” view of the world may listen to the first reading today and say, “Get real!” when we hear Luke’s account of the early, Elysian days of the Christian movement. All seems to be rosy, lots of wonders are performed, everyone shares selflessly, they eat together in “exultation,” and the Lord added to their numbers? Well, who wouldn’t be attracted to a group like this? From the wind that swept through the upper room at Pentecost as the Spirit of God blew over the face of the waters in Genesis, and the fire that appeared over each disciple as the light appeared at the dawn of creation, Luke’s intent in Acts is to show a new creation, a restoration of creation’s original goodness through the working of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who continues to make us into the Body of Christ. We may occasionally, like Thomas in the Gospel, say, “Get real!” but our ultimate reality in the Spirit is to work continually to make our Christian community a new creation, one in which others will find God’s joy and beauty.

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¡BÁJENSE DE LAS NUBES!

Los que nos felicitamos por ser “realistas” en este mundo podemos escuchar la primera lectura de hoy y decir, “¡bájense de las nubes!” cuando oímos el relato de Lucas sobre los primeros días ideales del movimiento cristiano. Todo parece color de rosa, se obran muchos prodigios, todos comparten sin egoísmo, comen juntos “con alegría” y el Señor aumentaba el número de creyentes. ¿Cómo no sentirse atraído a un grupo semejante? Desde el viento que llenó el cuarto en la planta alta durante Pentecostés así como el Espíritu de Dios sobre las aguas en Génesis, y el fuego que apareció sobre cada discípulo, como la luz que apareció en el albor de la Creación, la intención de Lucas en Hechos es mostrar una nueva creación, una restauración de la bondad original de la Creación por la obra del Espíritu Santo. Es el Espíritu quien continúa formándonos en el Cuerpo de Cristo. En ciertas ocasiones, así como Tomás en el Evangelio, decimos ¡bájense de las nubes!” pero la última realidad es que el Espíritu obra continuamente para hacer que nuestras comunidad cristiana sea una nueva creación, una en que los demás encontrarán el gozo y la belleza de Dios.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20;
 Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
 Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;
 Mk 16:15-20
 Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;
 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 4:23-31; Sal 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
 Martes: Hch 4:32-37; Sal 93 (92):1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
 Miércoles: Hch 5:17-26; Sal 34 (33):2-9; Jn 3:16-21
 Jueves: Hch 5:27-33; Sal 34 (33):2, 9, 17-20;
 Jn 3:31-36
 Viernes: Hch 5:34-42; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14;
 Jn 6:1-15
 Sábado: 1 Pe 5:5b-14; Sal 89 (88):2-3, 6-7, 16-17;
 Mc 16:15-20
 Domingo: Hch 2:14, 22-33; Sal 16 (15):1-2, 5, 7-11;
 1 Pe 1:17-21; Lc 24:13-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter
 (or Sunday of Divine Mercy);
 Julian Calendar Easter
 Tuesday: St. Anselm; Yom Hashoah (Holocaust
 Remembrance Day)
 Wednesday: Administrative Professionals Day;
 Earth Day
 Thursday: St. George; St. Adalbert
 Friday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen;
 National Arbor Day
 Saturday: St. Mark

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Segundo Domingo de Pascua
 (o de la Divina Misericordia);
 Pascua en el calendario juliano
 Martes: San Anselmo;
 Yom HaShoa (memorial del holocausto)
 Miércoles: Día de los Administradores Profesionales;
 Día de la Tierra
 Jueves: San Jorge; San Adalberto
 Viernes: San Fidel de Sigmaringa;
 Día del Árbol
 Sábado: San Marcos

FIRE

Be who God meant you to be and you will
 set the world on fire.

—St. Catherine of Siena

LIBERTAD

Los verdaderos líderes deben estar dispuestos
 a sacrificarlo todo por la libertad de su pueblo.

—Nelson Mandela

Parish Contributions

Parishes everywhere have been impacted economically and are struggling. Catholics are asked to continue giving during these difficult times. You can mail or drop off your contributions to the church office. At the bottom of this page we have provided information on San Sebastian's On-Line Giving program "WeShare" If you have any questions or concerns please contact the church office

At 904-824-6625- Monday - Friday from 9:00am - 3:00pm

Thank you to those who have been sending in weekly contributions.

Our collections have taken a significant drop over the past few weeks.

Posted below are Weekly totals.

COLLECTIONS for 04/11 - 04/12

Weekly	\$ 7,686.00
Weekly On Line Giving Month to Date	\$ 4,549.50
Church Mortgage	\$ 14,091.00
Building/Maintenance	\$ 145.00.
Religious Enrichment Ctr.	\$ 355.00
Outreach for the Poor	\$ 00.00
Liturgical Supplies	\$ 35.00
Parish Support for Rel. Ed	\$ 00.00
Parish Insurance Subsidy	\$ 00.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 00.00
Good Friday	\$ 175.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 50.00
Palm Sunday	\$ 00.00
Easter Sunday	\$ 145 .00

For your convenience we have placed a mail slot in the GIFT SHOP DOOR. To place your Parish Envelopes



Use Your Envelopes or use On-Line Giving

We encourage everyone to use their envelopes or On Line Giving. Think of your envelopes / on-line giving as a gift to God. You take the time to thoughtfully, prayerfully choose your gift, wrap it & present it eagerly to our Lord. Many times families will ask for a letter stating that they are registered, participating members of San Sebastian in order to become a Godparent, Confirmation Sponsor or to enroll in Catholic Schools. Using your envelope or Online Giving makes our job easier & allows us to say, Yes! this family is registered & participating here at San Sebastian.

IT'S SAFE. IT'S SIMPLE. IT'S CONVENIENT.

Donate today using your debit card, credit card, checking, or savings account.

1

Visit your church website and click **Give Online**.

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Set up your account.

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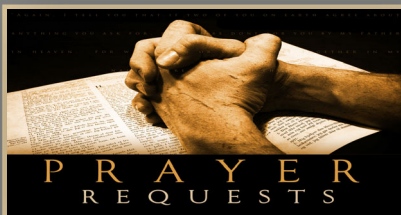
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**Week 1**

Theresa Columbus*	Jenny Harvey*
Sr. Anne Haarer*	Deb Shaffrey*
Cecelia Lavinghouse*	Dee Vanta*
Shirley Macdonald*	Cathy Wood*
John Kotlinski*	Renaldo Pernia*
Margaret Power*	David Shields*
Lloyd Rasmussen *	John Speciale*
Michael Leahy *	Domnick Caro*
Nelson "Tiny" Cline*	Carol Jankowski*

Week 2

Dan Burkhardt*	Audrey Burnett*
Maureen & Joe Patrick *	Lu Taylor*
Mackenzie Dean *	Cindy Fessler*
Fabian P. Funk*	Charles Hall*
Madison Masters*	Jane Arena *
Barbara Ann Miller*	Coleen Caro*
Caitlin O'Connell*	

Week 3

Marcella Butler *	Anita Gieselman*
Maureen Lively*	Raul Maldonado*
Byron Merwin*	Krista Morris*
Kaden Morris*	Connie Mosher*
Pat Prater*	Valerie Roberts*
Zaelie Grace Sims*	Jane Young*
Sally Walton*	Emily C. Urbina*
Stephen Thomas*	Joey Torregosa*
Kelly Clause*	Roby Baird *

Week 5

Andy Butler*	Toni O'Connell*
Camille Carrubba*	Linda Flister*
Anita Guevara*	Richard Jackman*
Rebecca Law*	Phyllis Markowitz*
Noah McLeod*	Fred Meeks*
Denise Orr*	Norman Pickett*
Lillian Sias*	Brandon Usina*
Roger Miller *	Dorrie Miller*
Larry Cain	Michael Vartuli*

Week 4

Larry Lachat *	Eddie Columbus
Jen Brown*	Rich Jackman, Sr.*
Austin Bradock*	John Busketta*
Rose Busketta*	Audrey Largent*
Ken Markowitz*	Carmen Medina*
Violeta Michta *	John Michta*
Priscilla Baird *	Bobby Baird*

Week 6

Doug Conlon*	Sheila Steigner *
Anna Donalson*	Wayne Holt*
Tommy Kynard*	Herman Longo*
James Watcke*	Ada Nackashi*
Belinda C. Rose*	Fran Tucker*
Leroy Kinlaw*	Barry Masters *
Shaq Borrero*	Vonda Coleman*

To add a name to the prayer list Call
Tyra Rousseau at the church office
 824-6625 ext 102 office email
tyra@sansebastiancatholicchurch.com

Please Pray For the Repose of the Souls Of:

Edeleen Meeks
Steve Hoffman
Mark Hoffman



Mass Intentions

04/18 Sat	4pm - Poor Souls in Purgatory
04/19 Sun	8am - Our Parishioners
04/19 Sun	10am - Chris Gates +
04/19 Sun	12pm - Alexander & Guimia Figueroa
04/20 Mon	NO MASS
04/21 Tue	8am - Special Intention
04/22 Wed	8am - Unborn Children - Spec Intention
04/23 Thu	8am - Poor Souls in Purgatory - Spec Intention
04/24 Fri	8am - Homobono & Julia Perez +
04/25 Sat	4pm - Fr. Claude Brubaker +
04/26 Sun	8am - Curtis Moser +
04/26 Sun	10am - Our Parishioners
04/26 Sun	12pm - Andres Roca +



LS1 Juan Carlos Bermejo Sgt. Evan Burgess Marcos Rios,
 Spec Jason Polly Lt Col Dr. Eric J. Colon 1st Lt Vito John Errico
 Lt. Betsy Hoyos Lt. Col Sean Navin "Tipper" Chris Esdonge, Jr
 Maj. David Pasquale Col. Dave Francis Cpt. Nestor L. Lugo
 PFC Justin Peeples Lt Victor A. Ramos Cpl Julia A. Taylor
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 Thompson AM2 Omar Samanamud Sgt Julian R. Taylor,
 PFC Robert Young, James Nizza Chief/WO Charlie Sharpe
 CDR. Mark M. Walstead, Lt. Paul Jeffrey Mouhalis, CDR Eric Meyers

Father in Heaven, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

We ask that you bring your loving and healing presence to all those who are sick and suffering right now. Please comfort them.

Please be with the grieving families of those who have passed away.

Please have mercy on those who have died, may they be with You in heaven.

Please stand at the side of all medical professionals who are putting themselves at risk while they work to bring healing to others.

Please protect all those essential workers who are helping others at their own risk. Send us your peace and overwhelming presence.

Help us to continue to return to You with our whole hearts throughout this ordeal. Amen.