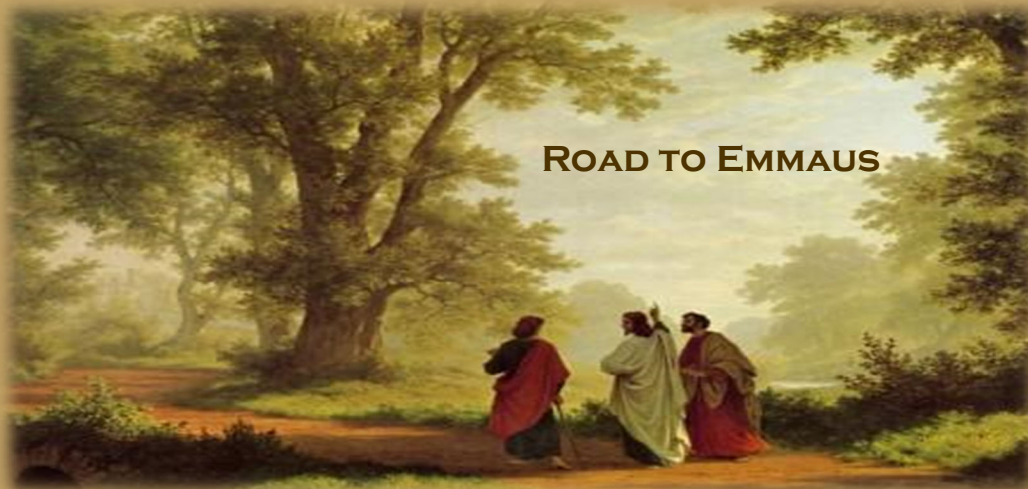


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*April 26, 2020
Third Sunday of Easter*



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**THE CHURCH IS OPEN SUNDAY-SATURDAY
9:00AM – 5:00PM
FOR PRIVATE PRAYER**

**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.

**COMING SOON –
ONLINE WEEKEND MASS
WITH FR. JOHN D. GILLESPIE,
FR. THOMAS P. WALSH
AND FR. WILLIAM MOONEY**



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

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April 18-19, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

As often, so this weekend the Scripture readings (I hope you're all reading and reflecting on the Church's daily lectionary) are especially apropos to our current situation: the earliest Christians, in fear for their lives, are gathered behind locked doors, anxious about what to do next; they aren't sure about tomorrow (Jn 20:19-31), but they know to stay closely connected today (Acts 2:42-47), to strengthen each other, and to expect the Lord in their midst (1 Pet 1:3-9). Pertinent advice, and perfect example again coronavirus.

When we know well our Judeo-Christian history, we recognize how often these conditions recur from century to century, and continent to continent. They may be new for you and me; but our ancestors faced similar danger, risk, or threat from nature, culture, politics, ignorance, greed. In fact, if you analyze our Church's "dna", you find the traces of antibodies left by the courageous and creative responses that our communal "immune system" recorded in our blood when we first overcame.

"The first Christian missionaries arrived in Japan in 1549 [16 years before the founding of St. Augustine]. Over the next sixty years they managed to convert over 300,000 Japanese, including some of the most powerful people in the country. But in the process they made enemies too, and in 1614 a nationwide ban was issued, followed by a campaign of persecution that forced the faithful to go underground.

For seven generations Hidden Christians—or Kirishitan—preserved a faith that had been strictly forbidden on pain of death. Illiterate peasants handed down the Catholicism that had been taught to their ancestors despite having no Bible or contact with the outside world." (John Dougill, In Search of Japan's Hidden Christians)

Finally, in 1865, after the re-opening of Japan, the seventh generation could leave the secrecy of their homes, and gather in a public building: the "church" came back to the church intact. The Japanese, Roman Catholic novelist Endo Shusaku writes, "In Japanese history there is no more attractive or interesting period than that of the Kirishitan, especially as it makes us think about what it is to be a human being."

The first generations of Christians met in the Temple, the synagogues, and their homes. After the Roman destruction of the Temple in 70 A.D., and the slow alienation from the synagogue in the next generations, they found themselves almost exclusively a "domestic church", families gathered together in someone's formal dining room, or warm kitchen. On May 3, 1920, the American archeologist James Henry Breasted set eyes on the recently discovered "domestic church" in the frontier fortress town of Dura-Europos, in Syria, built in 232 A.D. These ruins have been reconstructed, and in this centennial year of their discovery are considered by experts to be "the world's oldest church".

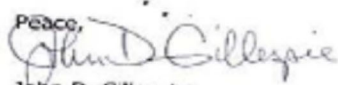
History shows that attacking Jewish synagogues is never enough to uproot Jewish faith and practice; you have to attack the Jewish home and hearth to make real headway. To the degree that Catholics invoke the "antibodies" in their bloodstreams from Jewish Jesus, Joseph, and Mary, we could survive a long drought shut out of our cathedrals, basilicas, shrines, and parish churches, as long as no one messes with our kitchens. Mexico was unable to suppress faith practices with the Plutarco Calles anti-Catholic laws (1926-29), largely because nearly every Catholic home has its altar, statues, candles, and devotionals. When the flame of Paschal faith is alive in each home, it's never hard to re-light the Easter Paschal Candle.

San Sebastian Parish is strong in its home-based faith-life. Prayer and Scripture reading are thriving despite our temporary limitations. Soon enough we will be gathered at our eucharistic table, the altar of sacrifice. Here we keep lit the Paschal Candle, and nurture the light of Christ.

"T'is the gift to be simple, t'is the gift to be free, t'is the gift to come down where we ought to be ...

To turn, turn will be our delight, till by turning, turning we come 'round right." [Shaker Hymn—1848]

Keep the flame alive in your hearts and in your kitchens, and soon enough we'll "come 'round right".

Peace,

 John D. Gillespie
 Pastor

GOD'S PLAN

Saint Peter speaks to us twice today. In the first reading, we hear an excerpt from his sermon on Pentecost; in the second, part of his first letter. Once a frightened, uneducated fisherman who often said just the wrong thing, now Peter is speaking what he knows to be true. Everything Jesus had said now makes sense. His death and rising were all part of God's plan, and our faith and hope can be centered on God.

Today's Gospel tells the story of Jesus' walk to Emmaus with two of the disciples. Frightened, sad, and confused, the two of them don't recognize Jesus, who tells them what we heard Peter say above: All this had to happen as part of God's plan. In the end, these disciples recognize Jesus as we are to recognize him—in the breaking of the bread.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59, or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
 Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter
 Tuesday: St. Peter Chanel;
 St. Louis Grignon de Montfort
 Wednesday: St. Catherine of Siena
 Thursday: St. Pius V
 Friday: St. Joseph the Worker; First Friday
 Saturday: St. Athanasius; First Saturday

STAY WITH US, LORD

Walk with us, Lord, along the road of resurrection! Explain for us, so slow to believe, the things that Scripture says of you. Break the bread of the Eucharist with us whenever we share our lives with our brothers and sisters. Stay with us each time night approaches and the daylight fades in our hearts!

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EL PLAN DE DIOS

Hoy san Pedro nos habla dos veces. En la primera lectura, escuchamos un pasaje de su sermón en Pentecostés; en la segunda, parte de su primera carta. Antes, un aterrorizado pescador con poca educación quien a menudo decía lo equivocado, el Pedro de ahora habla sobre la verdad que conoce. Todo lo que Jesús había dicho ahora tiene sentido. Su muerte y resurrección eran parte del plan de Dios, y nuestra fe y esperanza pueden centrarse en Dios.

El Evangelio de hoy describe el relato del camino a Emaús en el que Jesús se une a dos discípulos. Aterrorizados, tristes y confundidos aquellos dos no reconocen a Jesús, quien les dice lo que escuchamos a Pedro decir arriba: todo esto tuvo que suceder como parte del plan de Dios. Al final, estos discípulos reconocen a Jesús así como nosotros debemos reconocerle — al partir el pan.

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 6:8-15; Sal 119 (118):23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
 Martes: Hch 7:51 — 8:1a; Sal 31 (30):3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
 Miércoles: Hch 8:1b-8; Sal 66 (65):1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
 Jueves: Hch 8:26-40; Sal 66 (65):8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
 Viernes: Hch 9:1-20; Sal 117 (116):1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59, ó (por la memoria) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 ó Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Sal 90 (89):2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
 Sábado: Hch 9:31-42; Sal 116 (115):12-17; Jn 6:60-69
 Domingo: Hch 2:14a, 36-41; Sal 23 (22):1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Tercer Domingo de Pascua
 Martes: San Pedro Chanel;
 San Luis María de Montfort
 Miércoles: Santa Catalina de Siena
 Jueves: San Pio V
 Viernes: San José obrero; Primer viernes
 Sábado: San Atanasio; Primer sábado

QUÉDATE CON NOSOTROS, SEÑOR

Camina con nosotros, Señor, por el camino de tu resurrección. Explicanos a nosotros, tardos para creer, lo que la Escritura nos dice de ti. Parte el pan de la Eucaristía con nosotros cuando compartimos nuestras vidas con los hermanos y hermanas. Quédate con nosotros cada vez que se acerca la noche y la luz se apaga en nuestros corazones.

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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 04/19 - 04/20

Weekly	\$	5,022.00
Weekly On Line Giving Month to Date	\$	8,721.50
Church Mortgage	\$	1,315.00
Building/Maintenance	\$	865.00.
Religious Enrichment Ctr.	\$	425.00
Outreach for the Poor	\$	00.00
Liturgical Supplies	\$	35.00
Parish Support for Rel. Ed	\$	00.00
Parish Insurance Subsidy	\$	00.00
Triduum & Easter	\$	763.00

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.

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**Week 1**

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*

Week 2

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 3

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 5

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 4

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 6

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*

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

04/25 Sat	4pm - Fr. Claude Brubaker +
04/26 Sun	8am - Curtis Moser +
04/26 Sun	10am - Our Parishioners
04/26 Sun	12pm - Andres Roca +
04/27 Mon	NO MASS
04/28 Tue	8am - Curt Moser +
04/29 Wed	8am - Don & Tara Guernan
04/30 Thu	8am - Paul & Olga Guernan
05/01 Fri	8am - Felipe & Maria Torres
05/02 Sat	4pm - Dan Bell +
05/03 Sun	8am - Our Parishioners
05/03 Sun	10am - Roy Carrubba +
05/03 Sun	12pm - Elias Marin +



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 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 Peebles Lt Victor A. Ramos Cpl Julia A. Taylor
 E6 Matthew Pradon SSGT Airman Andrew J. Peters Pvt Zachary
 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.