



San Sebastian Catholic Church Religious Education Newsletter

December 2017

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 12/01—Ritter Chavez-Castillo
 12/02—Izzy Ham
 12/02—Alexa Ordaz
 12/02—Daniel Lively
 12/03—Owen Johnstone
 12/05—Brielle Bibla
 12/06—Grace Antonelli
 12/06—Brady Blanco
 12/06—Aiden DelaCuadra
 12/06—Josie Guillory
 12/08—Grace Livingston
 12/08—Abby Matthews
 12/09—Nick Plambeck
 12/10—Aiden Blanco
 12/11 Mackenzie Lovely
 12/11—Lindsey Toombs
 12/12—Amyra Collazo
 12/14—Molly Koby
 12/15—Natalie Koby
 12/16—Claudia Mueckay
 12/16—Josephine Prater
 12/17—Sebastian Delgado
 12/17—James Emilio
 12/17—Charlie Emilio
 12/19—Griffin Clark
 12/19—Camille Rabino
 12/20— Evelyn DoRego
 12/20—James McCarthy
 12/21—Ava Grzymkowski
 12/21—Max Grzymkowski
 12/22—Ethan Riley
 12/28—Adelyn Crews
 12/28—Sophia Rojas
 12/29—Matthew Olkiewicz
 12/30—Fionnuala Skaggs
 12/30—Natalia Zamora
 12/31—Declan McCarthy
 12/31—Isabella Sequeira

December Birthdays



**MERRY CHRISTMAS!
¡FELIZ NAVIDAD!**



Class Schedule

- 12/06 - Class at St. Josephs
 12/13 - Pot Luck Christmas Party at San Sebastian at 6pm
 12/20 - NO CLASS
 12/27 - NO CLASS
 1/03/18- NO CLASS

Classes resume at St. Joseph's on Wed, January 10, 2018

Our Religious Education **Christmas Party** is Wednesday, **December 13th**. All students and their families meet at **San Sebastian at 6pm**.

The parish will provide the fried chicken, please bring a dish to share.

We are expecting a special visitor.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Sunday, 12/24 — Mass at 4:00pm with Children's Live Nativity & Sign Language

Mass at 9:00pm

Christmas Day, Monday 12/25—Mass at 10:00am and 12noon in Spanish.



Christmas Card and Craft Social — Sunday, Dec 3th 3:00-6:00pm

Enjoy fresh baked cookies, cheese, crackers and chips while you write out your Christmas cards & create Christmas Crafts in the San Sebastian Parish Hall. All materials provided.

Prayer for December Prayer for Families

We bless your name, O Lord, for sending your own incarnate Son, to become part of a family, so that, as he lived its life, he would experience its worries and its joys.

We ask you, Lord, to protect and watch over these families, so that in the strength of your grace its members may enjoy prosperity, possess the priceless gift of your peace, and, as the Church alive in the home, bear witness in this world to your glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Book of Blessings, (USCCB)

Children's Live Nativity—we will once again act out the gospel at the **4:00pm mass on Christmas Eve**. If you would like to participate, please come to the practice on **Saturday, Dec 16 at 10am at church**.



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SCRIPTURE CORNER

Bible Stories every Catholic should know:

Gospels: Infancy Narratives

Matt 1:18—2:23

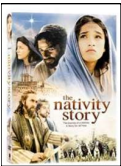
What does "Emmanuel" mean?

What led the magi to Bethlehem and who were they looking for?

Luke 1:26—2:20

Who told Mary that she was going to have a baby?

Who came to visit baby Jesus?



Parish Library has several books and DVD's on the birth of Jesus. Why not check one out and share the stories with your family this month.

SAINT OF THE MONTH

St. Stephen

Feast Day: December 26

Born :(around the time of Jesus) ::

Died: (around 33)



Stephen's name means crown. He was the first disciple who died for his faith in Jesus. As chapters 6 and 7 of the Acts of the Apostles tells us, Stephen was chosen as a deacon in the early Church. The enemies of the Church of Jesus were furious to see how successful St. Stephen's preaching was. They dragged St. Stephen outside the city of Jerusalem and stoned him to death. The saint prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!" and he fell to his knees but begged God not to punish his enemies for killing him. [Do you remember someone else saying something similar when he were dying?] Jesus

Christmas Card and Craft Social—Sunday, Dec 3 from 3:00-6:00pm



Enjoy some fresh baked cookies, cheese, crackers and chips while you write out your Christmas cards and create Christmas Crafts. San Sebastian Parish Hall. Fun for the whole family. All materials provided.



Aluminum Cans - To help support our Church, we will be collecting **aluminum cans for recycling**. Please only aluminum cans—no dog food or vegetable cans—rinse out and bring to class on Wednesday or mass on the weekend. A volunteer will periodically turn them in for recycling.



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary is Friday, Dec 8th. This is a holy day of obligation. San Sebastian will celebrate mass at 8:00am and 7:00pm.

Parish Penitential Service is Monday, Dec 11 at 7pm. We will have several priests available to hear confessions. This is a great way to prepare our hearts for Christmas.

Upcoming Events at San Sebastian Church:

Christmas Card & Craft Social—Sunday, December 3 from 3—6pm at San Sebastian. Come and write our your cards, decorate gingerbread houses and make crafts. All supplies provided.

Religious Ed Pot Luck Christmas Party—Wednesday, December 13 at 6pm at San Sebastian. We will provide the fried chicken, please bring a dish to share.

Parish Penitential Service—Monday, December 11 at 7:00pm

Live Nativity Practice—Saturday, December 16 at 10am & Saturday, December 23 at 10am

Parish Pot Luck Christmas Party—Sunday, Dec 17 at 5pm in the Parish Hall.