



# San Sebastian Catholic Church Religious Education Newsletter

## January 2018

### Happy New Year ! ¡Feliz Año Nuevo!

1/01—Koltyn Ham  
 1/04—Cooper Blanco  
 1/05—Victoria Betterman  
 1/07—Ian Hernandez  
 1/07—Katie Patch  
 1/08—Brendan Bernhard  
 1/09—AJ Fezza  
 1/10—Reese Lopez  
 1/11—Andrew Benyacko  
 1/11—Eliana Rivera  
 1/12—Odin Garcia  
 1/12—Ben Kerllenevich  
 1/15—Ashton Czelusniak  
 1/15—Matthew VanHoose  
 1/20—Landyn Ramos

### January Birthdays



1/22—Daniela Camacho  
 1/22—Ian Perez-Castillo  
 1/22—Evan Maily  
 1/24—Mia Sartori  
 1/27—Anna Kerllenevich  
 1/27—Caroline Larrabee  
 1/28—Jessica Gagliardi  
 1/29—Jake Schulte  
 1/30—Joey DeAcutis  
 1/30—Ashli Larocque  
 1/31—Gabby Sartori

### Class Schedule

1/03/18 - NO CLASS  
 1/10/18 - Class at St. Joseph's  
 1/17/18 - Class at St. Joseph's  
 1/24/18 - Class at St. Joseph's  
 1/31/18— Class at St. Joseph's

### NOVENA TO ST. SEBASTIAN PRAYER FOR EVERY DAY

Merciful Father,  
 may the glorious intercession  
 of Your blessed martyr  
 Saint Sebastian be our protection.  
 Bless our parish, named in  
 his honor and placed  
 under his protection.  
 Grant all that we ask for  
 in these days of prayer  
 in preparation for his feast,  
 according to your will,  
 through our Lord Jesus  
 Christ your Son,  
 Who lives and reigns with You  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, for ever and ever. Amen

### Saint Sebastian is specially remembered on January 20th

Sebastian was a secret Christian in the Roman army. He helped Christians who were in prison, bringing them food and clothing. When the Emperor learned that Sebastian was a Christian, he ordered him tied to a stake and shot by archers. When a Christian woman took his body for burial, she discovered he was still alive! She nursed him back to health. Sebastian went to the palace and told the Emperor how unjust and cruel he was. He was martyred in Rome around 288 AD. *We will pray a novena to St. Sebastian beginning January 11th for 9 days.*



### Prayer for January Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Welcome to Victor Vientos—our new Catechist for Grade 8.

Thank you to Jeanne Barton for her dedication to this class during our first semester. You are a blessing!



### About the Mass ...

### Opening Prayer

We observe a moment of silence. We remember that we are in God's presence. We lift up our minds and hearts to God. We remember what God has done for us. We ask God the Father to help us live as children of God and followers of Jesus. The priest leads us in prayer. (From Eucharist: Do this in memory of me. RCL)

San Sebastian celebrates mass at 4pm on Saturdays, 8am, 10am (Sign Language), and 12noon (in Spanish) on Sundays. Daily mass Tue—Fri at 8am.

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## SCRIPTURE CORNER

Bible Stories every Catholic should know:

From the Gospels: Parables of Jesus

Here are just a few you might know already:

Matt 18:21-35

Matt 20:1-16

Mark 4:1-20

Mark 4:30-32

Luke 10:25-37

Luke 15:1-7

**What is a parable?**

**What is your favorite parable of Jesus?**

Sermon on the Mount: Matthew 5:1-12

**Which Beatitude do you live out the best?**

## St. Genevieve

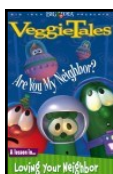
Feast Day: January 03

Born: 422 :: Died: 500



St. Genevieve practiced charity and obedience to God's will every day of her life, not just in times of need. She never gave up trying to do as much good as possible. Faithfulness to Jesus and courage are the special gifts of witness she leaves for us. One of the best ways for us to help our country is to pray for our leaders. We should ask God to guide them for the good of us all.

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



## WEBSITES

[www.aliveinchrist.osv.com](http://www.aliveinchrist.osv.com)—games and info

[www.sansebastiancatholicchurch.com](http://www.sansebastiancatholicchurch.com)—parish information, contacts, and calendars.



Ministry Fair will be the weekend of  
January 20—21, 2018

Please check out the displays in Gathering Space  
and find your perfect fit.

**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.



**Confirmation Preparation** - Jan 28 at 6:00pm  
**Communion Preparation** begins Feb 12 at 6:00pm

**DON'T FORGET OUR COLLECTION  
FOR CLEAN WATER —  
EACH CLASS HAS A JAR. THANKS!**



## Upcoming Events at San Sebastian Church:

**Parish Ministry Fair** — After all masses on January 20—21st. Find your best fit.

**March for Life** — Saturday, January 13 begins with mass at 9am at the Prince of Peace on the Mission of Nombre de Dios then peaceful march to downtown St. Augustine at 10:30am

**San Sebastian Feast Day** is January 20th. We will begin a Novena to St. Sebastian on Jan 11. Novena will be prayed for the next 9 consecutive days after all masses.