

ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 3, 2016

“I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature:

*“Jesus, I trust in You”
(Diary, 327)*

*“Mankind will not have peace until it turns to my mercy”
(Diary, 300)*



“My Lord and my God!”

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening.....5 PM
Sundays7AM, 9AM, & 11AM
Monday - Saturday ..7AM & 9AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays3:30 - 4:30PM

EXPOSITION & ADORATION

Mon-Fri 7:30-8:55am, 9:30-10:30, 3-4pm

Pastor Rev. Mark Taheny
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Deacon David Previtali
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Deacon Dave: StSebCYG@outlook.com

MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 4 - 9

Mon 7AM Joe Cincotta, *living*
 9AM Norma Geissberger

Tue 7AM Winifred Whitty
 9AM William P. Walsh

Wed 7AM Joe Cincotta, *living*
 9AM Elizabeth Tremel, *living*

Thu 7AM Joe Cincotta, *living*
 9AM Christina Piatti

Fri 7AM Joe Cincotta, *living*
 9AM Jonjon Vasquez, *living*

Sat 7AM Souls in Purgatory
 9AM Jeff Arnold, *living*

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Angela, Joe, Kristen, Mary, Milton & Ivette, Monica, Patrick, Sandra L., Stephanie, Tim, Ann Boeri, Judy Christadore, Cathy Connor, Elizabeth Cook, Tony Gallagher, Nancy Lampe, Monte Maroevich, Chris Matthew, Mark Piatti, Rose Tannlund, & Sherry Willis.

AN EASTER THANK-YOU

A great "Thank you" to everyone who helped us to celebrate Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter: Those who decorated the church, donated flowers, served as lectors and readers, and the Choir and cantors. Our parishioners and many visitors were certainly blessed and edified by attending the Sacred Triduum (3 days) here at St. Sebastian's.

NO "HOLY HOUR" TODAY

We will ***not*** have our usual monthly "Holy Hour" today since the Sacrament of Confirmation at our 11AM Mass necessitates adjusting the schedule for the afternoon.

BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study led by Deacon Bill Turrentine meets on Sundays after the 9am Mass, down in the Parish Hall.

Drop in and take part!



PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMANDI

The following young people will be Confirmed here at St. Sebastian's this Sunday, April 3 at 11AM Mass:

Taylor Arnold	Grace Hood
Grace Augusto	Madison Kessler
Charlotte Blake	Timothy Marks
Henry Blake	Deuce McWhorter
Katherine Brubaker	Isabella Parmenter
Alexa Dal Porto	Gabriela Reina
Ikaria Falvey	Kailah Sarganis
Kari Geissberger	Julia Walker

May God bless them with a deep and abiding faith!

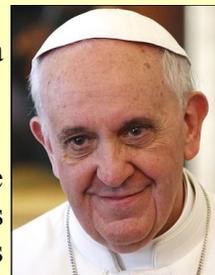
"GIVE AND TAKE" BAKE SALE-THANK YOU

The Young Vincentians high school youth group and the St Sebastian PSR students would like to thank our parishioners for their wonderful generosity at the Give and Take bake sale this weekend. We will be sending \$415.69 to the Hanna Boys Center!

POPE FRANCIS' APRIL INTENTIONS

Universal: Small Farmers
That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labor.

Evangelization: African Christians
That Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus Christ amid political-religious conflicts.



SUNDAY COLLECTION

<i>Weekly Goal</i>	\$ 4,200.
3-20-2016 Weekend	\$ 3,973.
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 1,826.
Holy Land	\$ 2,177.
Easter	\$ 13,566.

THE DIVINE MERCY AND THE SECOND COMING

Why would Christ emphasize in our time a doctrine, the Divine Mercy, which has been part of the patrimony of the Faith from the beginning, as well as request new devotional and liturgical expressions of it? In His revelations to St. Faustina Jesus answers this question, connecting it to another doctrine, also sometimes little emphasized, that of His Second Coming. In the Gospel the Lord shows us that His first coming was in humility, as a Servant, to free the world from sin. Yet, He promises to return in glory to judge the world on love, as He makes clear in his discourses on the Kingdom in Matthew chapters 13 and 25. In between these Comings we have the end times or era of the Church, in which the Church ministers reconciliation to the world until the great and terrible Day of the Lord, the Day of Justice. Every Catholic should be familiar with the teaching of the Church on this matter, contained in paragraphs 668 to 679 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Only in the context of public revelation as taught by the Magisterium can we situate the words of private revelation given to Sr. Faustina.

You will prepare the world for My final coming.
(Diary 429)

Speak to the world about My mercy ... It is a sign for the end times. After it will come the Day of Justice. While there is still time, let them have recourse to the fountain of My mercy. (Diary 848)

Tell souls about this great mercy of Mine, because the awful day, the day of My justice, is near. (Diary 965).

I am prolonging the time of mercy for the sake of sinners. But woe to them if they do not recognize this time of My visitation. (Diary 1160)

Before the Day of Justice, I am sending the Day of Mercy. (Diary 1588)

He who refuses to pass through the door of My mercy must pass through the door of My justice. (Diary 1146).

In addition to these words of Our Lord Sr. Faustina gives us the Words of the Mother of Mercy, the Blessed Virgin,

You have to speak to the world about His great mercy and prepare the world for the Second Coming of Him who will come, not as a merciful Savior, but as a just Judge. Oh how terrible is that day! Determined is the day of justice, the day of divine wrath. The angels tremble before it. Speak to souls about this great mercy while it is still the time for granting mercy. (Diary 635).

It is clear that, like the message of Fátima, the urgency here is the urgency of the Gospel, "repent and believe." The exact timing is the Lord's. However, it is also clear that we have reached some critical phase of the end times that began with the birth of the Church. To this fact Pope John Paul II alluded at the consecration in 1981 of the Shrine of Merciful Love in Collevaleenza, Italy, when he noted the "special task" assigned to him by God "in the present situation of man, the Church and the world." In His Encyclical on the Father he urges us "to implore God's mercy for humanity in this hour of history ... to beg for it at this difficult, critical phase of the history of the Church and of the world as we approach the end of the second millennium."





ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Mary has an important role to play in God's plan. From all eternity God destined her to be the mother of Jesus and closely related to him in the creation and redemption of the world. We could say that God's decrees of creation and redemption are joined in the decree of Incarnation. Because Mary is God's instrument in the Incarnation, she has a role to play with Jesus in creation and redemption. It is a God-given role. It is God's grace from beginning to end. Mary becomes the eminent figure she is only by God's grace. She is the empty space where God could act. Everything she is she owes to the Trinity.

"Enriched from the first instant of her conception with the splendor of an entirely unique holiness, the virgin of Nazareth is hailed by the heralding angel, by divine command, as 'full of grace' (cf. Luke 1:28). To the heavenly messenger she replies: 'Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to thy word' (Luke 1:38). Thus the daughter of Adam, Mary, consenting to the word of God, became the Mother of Jesus. Committing herself wholeheartedly and impeded by no sin to God's saving will, she devoted herself totally, as a handmaid of the Lord, to the person and work of her Son, under and with him, serving the mystery of redemption, by the grace of Almighty God."

(Vatican II, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, 56).