



**Saint Sebastian
Feast Day - January 20th**

The specifics of St. Sebastian's birth and childhood have been lost through the ages. It is believed he was born in Gaul (modern-day France) to a wealthy Roman family. He was raised as a Christian in a time when being Christian was very dangerous. St. Sebastian was a favorite of Emperor Diocletian, and served as a captain of the infamous Praetorian Guard. Diocletian hated Christians and ordered many to be tortured and killed. He did not know that St. Sebastian was a Christian. St. Sebastian had secretly been bringing supplies to persecuted Christians who had been imprisoned for their faith. One day a woman named Zoe, the wife of a soldier, was brought to St. Sebastian. She had lost her power of speech. St. Sebastian prayed with her and made the Sign of the Cross over her and she was healed. Many learned of what had happened and became Christians too.

Diocletian heard of Zoe and the other Christians and had them all arrested. He ordered them to be put to death. St. Sebastian heard of this and since he had been close with Diocletian he went before him to try to change his mind, telling Diocletian that he, too, was a Christian. Diocletian would not be persuaded and instead ordered that St. Sebastian be killed too.

Diocletian had St. Sebastian tied to a tree and treated as "target practice" by his fellow soldiers. They shot him with arrow after arrow but the arrows that pierced his strong body failed to kill him. When the soldiers left, a Christian woman named Irene nursed him back to health. Sebastian went to meet with Diocletian to tell him what he thought about his cruelty and tried to preach to him about becoming a Christian. Diocletian was surprised to see him alive. Diocletian ordered his soldiers to beat St. Sebastian with heavy clubs until he was dead. Then they took his body and pushed it in the city's sewers.

The arrows are still an important symbol of his sainthood. Since he was able to endure such incredible punishment, he is often invoked as the patron of athletes. Archers are also known to pray to him in times of need.



OUR MISSION STATEMENT
As a Catholic Church Family, we respond to Christ's call, evangelize, and welcome all generations to the Holy Eucharist.

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Rectory Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

PARISH MOTTO

St. Pius X adopted the motto of St. Paul for his work as Pope, "to restore all things in Christ, so that Christ may be in all in all."

MASS SCHEDULE

ST. ANTHONY:

Monday - Friday: 7:00 a.m.

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

ST. PIUS X:

Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

RCIA:

Confessions:

Before weekend Mass or by appointment.

Baptism:

Second Sunday of the month. The Seminar is the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Please contact the rectory for forms prior to seminar.

Marriage:

Please contact Fr. Luke six months prior to desired ceremony date.

Funeral:

Please contact Fr. Luke before final arrangements of funeral.

Anointing of the Sick:

Call the rectory if emergency

C.C.D. Classes:

Grades K - 11th Mass 9:00 a.m followed by class at the Senior Center for 10:15 a.m.

Ministry to the Sick and Shut In:

Parishioners unable to attend mass and receive communion, please call the rectory.

**Scripture Outline & Reflection
READINGS**

ISAIAH 62:1-5; PSALMS 96:1-3, 7-10

1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-11

JOHN 2:1-11

At Cana in Galilee, Jesus performed the first of his signs, revealing his glory to his disciples (3), and later to the nations (1, Ps). He has revealed as well the manifestation of the Spirit who distributes different gifts as he chooses (2).



Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim.

Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it.

John 2:6-7

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1st Collection: \$1,379.80 \$159.25

2nd Collection: \$. 175.00 \$ 56.22

This weeks Online Giving \$302.00

Total Weekly Offerings \$2,072.25

MASS ATTENDANCE

St Anthony 114 St. Pius X 26



Holy Baptism

We welcome into our Catholic Family

Ghadwick Paul Martin, III

Rade Adam Martin

Michael L. Enclade, IV

Wes Henry LeBlue

Who has ever known Your counsel except You had given wisdom and sent Your Holy Spirit from on high?

Wis. 9:17

REFLECTION: When we try to discern God's will, we are asking the Holy Spirit to clarify what course of action we should take. In this sense, we are surrendering to that which the Spirit wants of us.

Does that surrender mean that we are losing our freedom, or are we actually more free when we choose to embrace God's will?

PRAYER: Not my will, but Your will be done, O Lord.

Daily Meditations with the Holy Spirit



MASS INTENTIONS

ST. ANTHONY

January 15th 4:00 Karen Touchard

January 16th 9:00 Repose of the Soul of Philip Hebert, Sr.

Floyd Porche

Barbara Perrin

Kirk Perrin

Gerry Favaloro

Justi Danos

Morris Arcement

Nelvin Perrin

Althea Perrin

Louis Biondolillo

Glenn Perrin

Edna Perrin

Huey Perrin

ST. PIUS X

January 16th 10:30 All Deceased Parishioners



St. Anthony Sanctuary Lamps

All Aborted Babies



St. Pius X Sanctuary Lamps

Daniel Berthelot

St. Anthony & St. Pius X Altar Flowers



Nelson Perrin, Sr.



Rena and Elias Basse, Sr.

Susan Verdin



Special Prayer Intentions for the citizens of Lower Lafitte

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Parishioners and Louis Parria, Leon Joesph Harvey, Sr., Erica Kay Schieffer, Fr. John Ryan, Ethel McAllister, Jules Alexie, Daniel Sugasti, Robert Farrington III, Philip Hebert, Sr. Karen Touchard, Carissima Fisher, Garrell Adam, Wendy Adam, Flossie Wildey, Adelaide Fabre, R.J. Pizani, Camille Beasley, Ledia Adam, Chris Oliver, John Hanley, Mary Enclade, Ernest Agoff, Peggy Bourgeois, Nolan Chaisson, Ariel Elizabeth Smith & Baby Judah Isaiah, Dot Perrin, Benjamin Martin, Chris Dufrene, Jr., Herman Helmer, June Fazende, Eugene Coulon, Azora Griffen, Morris Arcement, Freddie Prestenbach, Justi Danos, Huey "TeNeg" Perrin and Floyd Porche

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Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

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