



വിശുദ്ധ സെബസ്ത്യാനോസ് സഹായങ്ങൾ

തിരുനാൾ മംഗളാശംസകൾ

വിശുദ്ധനായ സെബസ്ത്യാനോസേ
ഞങ്ങൾക്കു വേണ്ടി പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കേണമേ

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



St. Sebastian

The name **Sebastian** is a Latin baby name. In Latin the meaning of the name Sebastian is: Venerable; revered. Sebastian was the son of a wealthy Roman family. He was educated in Milan and became an officer of the imperial Roman army, and Captain of the Guard. He was a favorite of Emperor Diocletian. During Diocletian's persecution of the Christians, Sebastian visited them in prison, bringing both supplies and comfort. He is reported to have healed the wife of a fellow soldier by making the sign of the cross over her. During his time in the army he converted many soldiers and a governor.

Nothing is known about St. Sebastian's youth other than the fact he may have come from southern France and he was educated in Milan. He joined the Roman Army in 283 AD, ostensibly to be of service to other Christians who were being persecuted by the Romans. St. Sebastian distinguished himself and for his excellent service, he was promoted to serve in the Praetorian Guard to protect Emperor Diocletian.

While serving as a Praetorian Guard, Marcus and Marcellian, twin brothers, were imprisoned for refusing to make public sacrifices to the Roman gods. The brothers were deacons of the Christian Church. During their imprisonment, their parents visited them to implore them to renounce Christianity. However, St. Sebastian convinced both parents to convert to Christianity. St. Sebastian also converted several other prominent individuals, including the local prefect. This led to his discovery and he was reported as a Christian to Emperor Diocletian in 286. The Emperor, who was already infamous for ordering the deaths of hundreds of Christians, scolded Sebastian and ordered him to be killed by having him tied to a stake on a training field and used as target practice.

Archers riddled his body with arrows, his body was described as, "full of arrows as an urchin." Believed to be dead, the archers left his body for retrieval and burial. He was recovered by Irene of Rome, whose Christian husband was a servant to Diocletian and also martyred. Irene discovered that Sebastian was still living and she hid him and nursed him back to health. Once well, Sebastian went in search of Diocletian to surprise him. He managed to catch Diocletian by a stairwell and proceeded to criticize him loudly and publically for his persecution of the Christians. Diocletian, surprised that Sebastian was still alive, was immediately taken aback, but recovered his composure. This time, he would not permit

Sebastian to escape with his life. He ordered his former guard to be beaten to death with clubs, then thrown into the sewers.

His body was recovered by a Christian woman, named Lucina, and she secretly buried him in the catacombs beneath Rome. Nearly 80 years after his death, around 367, his remains were moved to a basilica in Rome, built by Pope Damasus I. His body, or at least some relics from his body were reportedly removed and shared with a community of monks in France. His cranium was sent to a German monastery where it was placed in a special silver case in 934. The relic remains in its case today in a special reliquary in Ebersberg.

St. Sebastian was commonly invoked as a protector against the plague. According to historical records, he defended the city of Rome against the plague in 680. His association with the plague could be because he survived being shot full of arrows and in pagan belief, pestilence was delivered by arrows shot by the gods above. Even Christian Romans would appreciate this symbolism. That symbolism is even captured in artwork as late as the Renaissance, where artists painted plague victims with black arrows in their body. In artwork, St. Sebastian is depicted with arrows shot into his body, often tied to a post or a tree. His second execution is virtually never depicted. St. Sebastian is the patron saint of soldiers, athletes, and those who desire a saintly death.

We are celebrating the **feast of St. Sebastian on 20th of this month**. All are welcome. Let us pray to St. Sebastian for his intercede for our families.

Fr. Suni Padinjarekkara

HOLY MASS, NIGHT VIGIL & NOVENA TIMINGS

Holy Mass:

Monday – Friday | 7 PM. Saturday | 9:30 AM.

Sunday | 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM (English), 11:30 AM

Night Vigil:

First **Off Weekend Friday** of the Month | 8 PM. to Midnight

Adoration

Every Friday | 9 AM -7 PM.

Monday – Friday | 6-7 PM. Saturday | 8:30 - 9:30 AM.

Novenas : St. Antony Tuesday | After 7 PM. Mass

St. Jude Thursday | After 7 PM. Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Saturday | After 9:30 AM. Mass





January 20

Sunday Readings: January 2019 / St. Thomas Koodarayogam

January 27

7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:30AM

7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:30AM



First Reading: Num 11:11-20

First Reading: Num 11:23-35

Second Reading: Heb 4:1-10

Second Reading: Heb 7:23-28

Holy Gospel: Jn 1:29-34

Holy Gospel: Jn 2:1-11



BIBLE QUIZ # 9

1. Who is Tobit's wife?

തോബിന്റെ ഭാര്യയുടെ പേര് ?

2. Who is Yudith's husband?

യൂദിത്തിന്റെ ഭർത്താവിന്റെ പേര് ?

3. Who was Esther?

എസ്തർ ആരായിരുന്നു ?

4. Who were saved from fire because of their faith?

വിശ്വാസം നിമിത്തം അഗ്നിയിൽ നിന്നും രക്ഷിക്കപ്പെട്ടവർ ആരെല്ലാം ?

5. During which prophet's time did Israel have many lepers? ഏത് പ്രവാചകന്റെ കാലത്താണ് ഇസ്രായേലിൽ അനേകം കുഷ്ഠരോഗികൾ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നത് ?

Name of the contestant

Family Name

Phone #

Bible Quiz # 8 Correct Answers.

- 1. ആമോസ് പ്രവാചകൻ
- 2. വിശ്വാസത്തിന്റേയും സുകൃതജീവിതത്തിന്റേയും
- 3. അലസത
- 4. മൊറാറി
- 5. വാഷ്നി രാജ്ഞി
- 6. ഏലിയാ
- 7. ജോബ്
- 8. ഏശയ്യാ പ്രവാചകന്റെ
- 9. കുഷ്ഠ രോഗി യേശുവിനോട്
- 10. ലൂക്ക് 15

Please refer to the POC Bible and the New American Bible only.

6. "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace." Who said this? കർത്താവേ അവിടുത്തെ വാഗ്ദാനമനുസരിച്ച് ഇപ്പോൾ ഈ ദാസനെ സമാധാനത്തിൽ വിട്ടയയ്ക്കണമേ ആരുടെ വാക്കുകളാണിവ ?

7. What did the angel of God give the shepherds as sign of Jesus' birth? കർത്താവിന്റെ ദൂതൻ ആട്ടിയന്മാർക്ക് യേശുവിന്റെ ജനനത്തെപ്പറ്റി എന്തായാളമാണ് കൊടുത്തത് ?

8. "Who did Jesus tell to be "wise as serpents"?" നിങ്ങൾ സർപ്പങ്ങളെപ്പോലെ വിവേകികളാകുവിൻ എന്ന് യേശു പറഞ്ഞതാരോട് ?

9. According to the law of the Lord, every male opening the womb shall be called ____? കടിഞ്ഞൂൽ പുത്രന്മാരൊക്കെയും എങ്ങനെ വിളിക്കപ്പെടണം എന്നാണ് കർത്താവിന്റെ നിയമത്തിൽ പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നത് ?

10. Where was baby Moses found? ശിശുവായ മോശയെ കണ്ടെത്തിയത് എവിടെയാണ് ?

Last Week Winners

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Beenamol Maruthachikal

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01/20/19: A class on "Art of Catholic Parenting" after 9 am Mass (By Fr. Suni Padinjarekkara)
EZRA Prayer Meet : March 30 & 31

CCD News

1st Semester progres reports are available. Parents, please come to classroom to pickup.

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Kazchaveppu by St. Thomas Koodarayogam

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Sunday collections	\$ 1142.00

January 13

Annual contributions	\$ 1600.00
Building Fund	\$ 5375.00
Sunday collections	\$ 1500.00

2019 Koodarayogam Monthly Reading

January	St. Thomas
February	St. Stephens
March	St. Joseph
April	St. George
	May Ave Maria & St. Michaels
June	St. Antony
July	St. Alphonsa & St. Christopher
August	Holy Family
September	St. Anns
October	St. Theresa
November	St. Jude
December	St. Xaviers



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