

The Epiphany of the Lord

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MASSES

Saturday 5 pm

(Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 8:30 & 11 am

Weekdays 8:00 am

(Mon. through Fri.)

Holy Days

(Schedule varies)

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Mission Statement

We, the family of St. Sebastian Parish, are a stewardship parish, sharing God's Gifts. We are the hands and feet of Christ on Earth. In union with the Universal Roman Catholic Church, we endeavor to become a prayerful and unified community deeply committed to Jesus Christ, and loving service in His name. We hope to be a welcoming, caring and friendly Parish Family, wherein the gifts and talents of all - young and old - are recognized, nurtured and used to build the Kingdom of God in the world.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

is arranged by appointment. Please call the office.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Confession) 4:00-4:45 pm on Saturday, or by appointment.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call the office as soon as anyone is seriously ill.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please call the office at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date.

PARISH REGISTRATION We invite anyone wishing to register in our Parish to visit or call the Parish Office, or stop by the Welcome table when you come for Sunday Mass to complete a census card and learn more about our Parish Family.



Dear Family,

Once again, our bulletin deadlines have me writing ten days before you'll read this. It's December 28th, the Feast of the Holy Innocents. Before they could even speak, they were witnesses to love in the face of horror.

This Christmas was a wonderful gathering of the faith family. The emus were a welcome addition. Ask someone if you don't get the reference.

Over the long New Year's holiday, I'm sure we will have had more happy moments – and perhaps a suitable quaff or two as well. The days will also see Fr. Bill Mason, OMI, and Fr. Karl Davis, OMI, visit us and I'm sure you'll meet one or the other. They are kindly offering me some welcome help, and all I had to do was offer them a bed. (Two beds, actually.) You might even meet Fr. Joseph McAuley who is coming from Scotland for a wedding. Suddenly, it got busy in priest city.

I enjoy saving all my Christmas cards until I really can sit down to really appreciate them. Bubba and I did that over a few quiet hours yesterday. What a happy time to think of friends near and far, new and old. I want to write/call/text/email/smoke-signal them all. If I can't get back to them, I can pray for them.

I'm putting all the cards in a basket on the dining room table, and each day throughout 2019, I'll pick one and pray for the folk who sent it. A family in my last parish taught me that wonderful idea.

In one of my homily commentaries, the writer remarked that Christmas was the third most important feast of our year. Easter ranks first and Pentecost second. The way we 'wrap' Christmas you might think otherwise. Still, no Christmas, then no Easter or Pentecost.

I received some nice presents for which I'm grateful, and as I said, hope to be able to thank the givers. The nicest one of all was unexpected.

Somehow just before Christmas, my paten, the plate for the Body of Christ during Mass, got a bad dent in the rim. I don't know how it happened, but it saddened me a little after seeing it come through fifty years unscathed. Well, low and behold, after another day, it mysteriously got "dedented." It looks like it always did. It turns out that Scotty Martinez of pancake breakfast fame took it to his second shop, his pickup, and bent it back. You'd never know.

Sue and Scott were also part of the team that included Ann Murry, Mark Ryan, and our own Patricio Diaz-Pizzaro. They joined Father Del Provino, the florist, in creating a wonderful place to recall the gift the Lord made of himself to all of us. And they did it in *four hours* on Dec.23rd!

Peter Manfredi corralled the brass into a wonderful overlay of music that left us smiling. Folks who stayed long enough after the liturgies heard a wonderful brass and organ version of the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah. It was a nice finale to their music throughout our Masses.

Since it's still December, I haven't really thought about New Year's resolutions yet. For sure, I'm not making any resolutions about weight. That's the biggest con job I can do on myself.

However, there are a couple of prayer areas to look at. I'll call it a review time. The review will yield the resolutions! Just because I'm aging doesn't mean there isn't something new to discover. All it takes is a little attention.

Perhaps that best captures what I hope for, simply doing a better job of paying attention. Attention to prayer, to others, to little things... and I can't leave out Bubba. He's the one who insists on the parking lot rosary each night.

May the Lord bless us with holy surprises in 2019 and may we help each other notice them.

In Him,



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Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	January 5 † Molly Dolloff, req. by Jim & Linda Hatlan
Sunday 8:30 am	January 6 Living and Deceased of our Parish
11:00 am	† Eleanor Sand, req. by Judy Fisher † Lucille Caiati, req. by Holshouser Family
Monday 8:00 am	January 7 † Ed O’Gorman, req. by Betty Intention of Cay Argiro
Tuesday 8:30 am	January 8 Intention of Frances Salerno
Wednesday 8:00 am	January 9 Intention of Carolyn Kastelic
Thursday 8:00 am	January 10 † Arthur & Lucille Henson, req. by Geraghty & Garrihy Families Intention of Marcia Hogan, req. by Barry
Friday 8:00 am	January 11 Intention of Jim Cowgill, Jr.
Saturday 5:00 pm	January 12 Special Intention
Sunday 8:30 am 11:00 am	January 13 For Priests Living and Deceased of our Parish

REMEMBER THE SICK Donn Taylor, Colt Becker, Antonis Constantis, Diana Borg, Nanchine McManus, Henriette Kerba, Robert Real, Mary Lou Mann, Gerard Turcotte, Cay Argiro, Peggy Lynch, Denise Bergeron, Jason Switek, Eula Manfield, Britany Fender, John Orozco, Suzanne Plum, Don Loughran, Jr., Joel Rivera, Patricia Townsend, Hayden O’Connor, Frances Salerno, Mary McCoy, Jim Cowgill, Jr., Bill Turnbull, Tiffany Malin, John Graff, Elizabeth Shotmeyer, Donna DeFazio, Virginia & Peter Hanna, Sandy Rodriguez, Reid Crosby, Nilsa Pagan, Jan Gray, Grayson Jack, Keith Fisher, Carolyn Kastelic, Lee Rodriguez, Noah Austin, Tommy Greene, Agatha Taglienti

YOU ARE INVITED

On Thursdays after Mass, we meet over coffee, sharing God’s word, our love of Jesus, and our love for each other. Please join us for this informal hour. We are now sharing from Luke & Acts of the Apostles.

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Have a wonder-filled week!

SAVE THE DATE ...

January 10, 2019 - Parish Social Evening Meeting sponsored by Men’s Club
January 25, 2019 - Men’s Club “An Evening in Venice”
March 22, 2019 - Fish Fry/ Auction



Let us include in our New Year’s resolutions to contribute weekly non-perishable food and hygiene items to our needy families in Fort Lauderdale.

The Food Bank to which we contribute (at Blessed Sacrament Church) is very thankful for our generous support. May we do even better in 2019!

Our deepest thanks to those who donated Christmas flowers in honor of:

*Jack & Helen Averell
Rene & Felicity Chabot
Charbonneau Family
Eileen & Alfonso Diaz
Fred & Winifred Fetscher
Theresa & Frank Gardner
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Hatlan Family
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Tom & Gerry Murnane
Charles Newbury
Nolan family
Dick Reed
Marjorie & Sherwood Rice
Sister Mary Rowley
Peggy Rudolph
Joseph Salerno
Eleanor Sand
Bill & Rosemary Schneider
Catherine Strong
Damien Townsley
Kitty & Sal Zoluccio*

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