

Easter - The Resurrection of Our Lord

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MASSES

Saturday 5 pm
(Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 8:30 & 11 am

Weekdays 8:30 am
(Mon. through Fri.)

Holy Days
(Schedule varies)

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Rev. Msgr. James F. Fetscher
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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.



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.

Dear Family,

A Blessed and Happy Easter. Welcome to our visitors. I'm so grateful we have had the ability to outfit the parish hall with a live feed of our liturgies *with* the Eucharist.

The team has been wonderful; Patricio Diaz-Pizzaro with endless furniture arranging, super musician-turned-techie Peter Manfredi with his tireless creativity and work in making the new slides for the readings and hymns we use during the liturgies, and Annie Gardner who coordinated the volunteers who "sanitize" the pews each weekend. You'll find them named across the page in a special corner of thanks. (I was going to make some reference to Annie as the parish's special Easter Bunny, but after due consideration thought better of the idea. We simply say, "Thanks Annie, for everything.")

I've talked to more than a few people in the last couple of weeks who have spoken of how concerned they were about coming to Mass.

When I assured them that their concern was precisely why Archbishop Wenski – along with the bishops of the country - lifted the Sunday Mass obligation, they said something that began like, "Yes, but..." Why is it so hard to make adjustments to habits, even if the habits are virtues?

Along with some other words that I don't want to hear or see like "Fattening, Exercise, etc...." I am now more than ready to add "Covid."

The last thing I expected to be doing in an Easter letter is writing about a corona virus disease whatever its number. Perhaps Holy Week is a good time because the virus has certainly been a cross to carry for millions - even billions of people around the world.

Who would have thought that a vaccine might be the hope for those billions, our *Light* at the end of a long siege? We must do all we can as a country to see that vaccines are provided and distributed throughout the world. What a great privilege we have to become a standout nation rising to its capabilities to do good.

That's a Resurrection.

Joining the Risen Lord in the *Light* of His glory is the hope we share as Christians. Vaccines flow from people using their God-given gifts.

I have the image of Dr. Rochelle Walensky, the director of the Center for Disease Control, *ardently* pleading with us, even if we have received a Covid vaccine, NOT to relax the precautions we take with masks and washing and spacing.

She tells us, indeed there is a *Light* in the vaccine, but if we don't continue our precautions, and finish as quickly as we can getting the country vaccinated, we run the risk of giving virus variants a foothold. I'm not a doctor, obviously, but I hope we have the good sense to listen to the experts.

I suspect that if someone isn't ready to let the Risen Jesus be the *Light* of his/her salvation, they probably wouldn't listen to the pleas of a smart doctor. I am sure that none of us fall in that category. ***"Capisci?"***

Thanks for your many Easter greetings to the parish team. I couldn't have better people to work with and I pray that all of us can celebrate this very strange year with some new insights that do nothing but bring us closer to the Risen Lord. You have all our prayers to that end,

In Jesus, our Risen Lord and Savior,



Mass Intentions

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| Saturday 8:00 pm | April 3 For our Parishioners & Benefactors |
| Sunday 8:30 am | April 4 † Charles & Marie Maher, req. by Family |
| 11:00 am | Living & Deceased of our Parish |
| Monday 8:30 am | April 5 † Irene Siow Rogers, req. by Qui Lan & Jack Intention of Mona Hamawy, req. by Grace Middlemiss |
| Tuesday 8:30 am | April 6 † Mario Calderon, req. by Patricia Akin † Jack Armstrong, req. by Jean Armstrong |
| Wednesday 8:30 am | April 7 † David Conley, req. by Helen & M.L. Toomey |
| Thursday 8:30 am | April 8 † Souls in Purgatory, req. by Richard Schmelz Family |
| Friday 8:30 am | April 9 † Bob & Marilyn Romano First Responders & Healthcare Workers |
| Saturday 5:00 pm | April 10 † Mario Calderon, req. by Gisella † Joseph Toth, req. by John & Josephine Hero |
| Sunday 8:30 am | April 11 † Bob Romano, req. by Men's Club Intention of Marcia Hogan, req. by Barry |
| 11:00 am | Living & Deceased of our Parish |



Happy Easter! Will our needy families in our city be able to also say that? With our very generous contributions of non-perishable food and hygiene items, perhaps they will. How pleased Jesus Christ Our Savior will be to know that the many blessings He has given us, we are sharing with our less fortunate brothers and sisters. To care is to share.

**A GIGANTIC
THANK YOU**

**TO OUR FABULOUS TEAM OF
“PEW WIPERS”**

*who wipe down the pews after each Mass
to help to keep us all safe*

Lourdes & Jim Cowgill

Patricio Diaz-Pizarro

Barbara Diulus

Michele & Sam Nelson

Patrick O’Dea

Ernest Poursine

Norma Serrano

We are most appreciative of your efforts!

REMEMBER THE SICK

Nanchine McManus, Mary Lou Mann, Peggy Lynch, Denise Bergeron, Suzanne Plum, Don Loughran, Jr., Hayden O’Connor, Jim Cowgill, Jr., John Graff, Elizabeth Shotmeyer, Peter Hanna, Sandy Rodriguez, Lee Rodriguez, Noah Austin, Tommy Greene, Agatha Taglienti, John Masna, Margaret Reitz, Donna Wasowicz, John Harris, Charlotte Newbury, Stephen Black, Jo Neumann, John E. Hurley, Joan Memento, Sophia Schwab, Jonathan Hughes, Kathleen Gerium, Mary Alice Zittle, Father Art Dennison

DIAL-IN FOR BIBLE SHARING

Participate in our teleconferencing Scripture sharing: Call in starts at 9:05 and sharing begins at 9:15 each Thursday morning. Dial 848-777-1212. When prompted put in 1431434 #. We are in I & II Corinthians. Call Mary Kennedy 954.290.1194 or Carole Duksta 954.529.6547 for information. Please join us!

DREAMING OF A CRUISE?

We are being optimistic and planning a 7 Day Eastern Caribbean Cruise on board Holland America’s Nieuw Amsterdam, departing Port Everglades on December 11, 2021. Ports of call: Grand Turk Island, Turks & Caicos; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S.V.I.; Half Moon Cay, Bahamas. Limited Balcony and Ocean View cabins available starting at \$884. per person. Deposit of \$350. per person is due by June 1. For more information, please stop in the parish office.

RICE BOWLS

Please return your filled “Rice Bowl” via the basket in the sanctuary or drop it by the office by Monday, April 12th. Your donations will be combined and sent to the Catholic Relief Services to help the many needy people they serve.

Happy Easter—Rejoice, He is Risen!

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