

Epiphany of the Lord

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Saint Sebastian Church

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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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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,

When the Three Kings came, they were representatives of the gentile world. The light of the Christ child shone upon them, too. Not only did they see his star in the east, but they also had very good connections with angels, and they receive a warning in a dream not to return to Herod the Great. Herod had murdered two of his own sons, some of his wives, and his father-in-law as well to stay in power. When the Magi left town not telling Herod about the Messiah, he murdered all the boys younger than two years of age, because they too, threatened his reign. Joseph hid Mary and Jesus in Egypt to avoid Herod's evil.

Herod and Evil seems like one heck of a way to begin the first TWITCH OF 2022. Fortunately, that's not what we heard as the first reading today. Did you hear Isaiah?

What incredible words. I steal some thoughts from Fr. Tom Shanahan, S.J., (of Creighton University.) He says,

"Consider for contemplation some of the words and phrases offered by the prophet:

1. the "splendor" of Jerusalem
2. the "glory of God"
3. the "light" that pierces the darkness
4. becoming "radiant" by what you see and experience
5. your heart will "throb and overflow"

the "riches" of the sea will be emptied out for you"
THAT'S the way to begin a New Year. In the middle of all the stuff that challenges us today, there is extraordinary news: We are people of light. The glory of the Lord is lighting us up. We come together as a community of believers to remind ourselves of just who we are. We leave hand in hand, or maybe elbow to elbow, to show each other the way, and to be light for each other, the light that comes from faith.

We sing, "Let it Shine, let it Shine, let it Shine!"

Let what shine? This little light, that's what. And...
"Im gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine,

It's not just let the light shine; but *I'm 'gonna'* be the one to shine it. Anyone got a battery?

Sometimes our batteries do run low. I have one in the power chair I use that's persnickety sometimes. I plug it in to charge and it eventually winks back in green. For no good reason, however, sometimes it just says, "I think I will slow down for a while." The chair moves slower. I just wait until it changes its mind and it decides to go where I want to go.

SO, speaking of being charged, where do you think we will wind up this year? Shall 2022 be a time of healing and hope? Seems to me, the answer is, "It's up to us." At least I know for myself that what will be important is what I bring to the table. I won't wait for someone else to do it for me. It's one thing to be gracious about accepting the kindness of other people; it's another thing to expect it, as though it was your due, and not because someone else is being kind. I'd like 2022 to be a time when I can kick it up a notch by working harder at noticing the goodness of other people. I know the more I see in them the more I will "do likewise."

I'd also like to begin this year the way I ended 2021. I want to thank all the people who make this a great parish, especially all the ministry people. The "attitude of gratitude" is a pretty good fuel, if you want to mirror the face of Jesus in day-to-day living.

I was thinking about making a resolution for 2022 to preach shorter, but you're not going to get *that* lucky. Here's a prayer for great times to be spent together, with and in the Lord.



Mass Intentions

Saturday 8:30 am	January 1 - Solemnity of Mary In Thanksgiving
Saturday 5:00 pm	January 1—Vigil for Sunday Living & Deceased of our Parish
Sunday 8:30 am	January 2 † Charles & Marie Maher, req. by Family
11:00 am	For the Sick
Monday 8:30 am	January 3 † Murray Fried, req. by Rosemary & Jim Guerin
Tuesday 8:30 am	January 4 † Souls in Purgatory, req. by Richard Schmelz Family
Wednesday 8:30 am	January 5 † Kenneth McGinity, req. by Grace Middlemiss
Thursday 8:30 am	January 6 † Eleanor Sand, req. by Judy Fisher
Friday 8:30 am	January 7 † Edmund & Julia O'Dea, req. by Patrick O'Dea
Saturday 5:00 pm	January 8 † Ellie Loughran, req. by Joan & Bill Fuccillo † Dolores Fink, req. by Jim & Rosemary Guerin
Sunday 8:30 am	January 9 † Thomas Boylan, req. by M.L. Toomey † Jerome Kettner, req. by Maynard & Rosie
11:00 am	Living & Deceased of our Parish

REMEMBER THE SICK

Nanchine McManus, Mary Lou Mann, Suzanne Plum, Don Loughran, Jr., Jim Cowgill, Jr., Peter Hanna, Sandy Rodriguez, Lee Rodriguez, John Masna, Margaret Reitz, John Harris, Charlotte Newbury, Stephen Black, Jo Neumann, John E. Hurley, Sophia Schwab, Jonathan Hughes, Kathleen Gerium, Mary Alice Zittle, Michael Cavallaro, David Calhoun, Alvaro Arevalo, Trebor Wright, Michelline Toulouse, Margaret Farragher, Mary McGuire, Dr. Laura Evatt

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 will be sharing from the Book of Jeremiah. Call Mary at 954.290.1194 or Carole at 954.529.6547 for info. Please join us!



"He who is generous will be blessed for he will give some of his food to the poor" (Proverbs 22:9). We have been blessed so let us continue our weekly contributions of non-perishable food and hygiene items for our needy neighbors.

Let's fill our church shopping carts with love. To care is to share. If you know of any one in need, please tell them that a drive thru grocery distribution takes place every Friday from 1:30-4 PM at Blessed Sacrament Church, 1701 E. Oakland Park Blvd (entrance to parking lot on NE 33rd Street and closes at 3:45). First timers must provide proof of residency in Broward County.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ARE HERE!

2022 boxed sets of Offertory envelopes have arrived and are available for pick up in the main vestibule for those who used them in 2021. If you wish to begin using Offertory Envelopes, please print your name and phone number on the pad you'll find by the envelopes and we'll be happy to issue a set for you.

ST. JOSEPH'S RESIDENCE

A caring Assisted Living facility, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Miami, offering furnished apartments or suites, 24/7 nurse on duty and emergency pull cord systems. They provide three meals served daily, weekly housekeeping and laundry, as well as assistance in bathing, dressing, and monitoring medications. There is a beautiful chapel offering scheduled and private worship... all for a reasonable monthly rate. For more information, please call 954.739.1483.

PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY

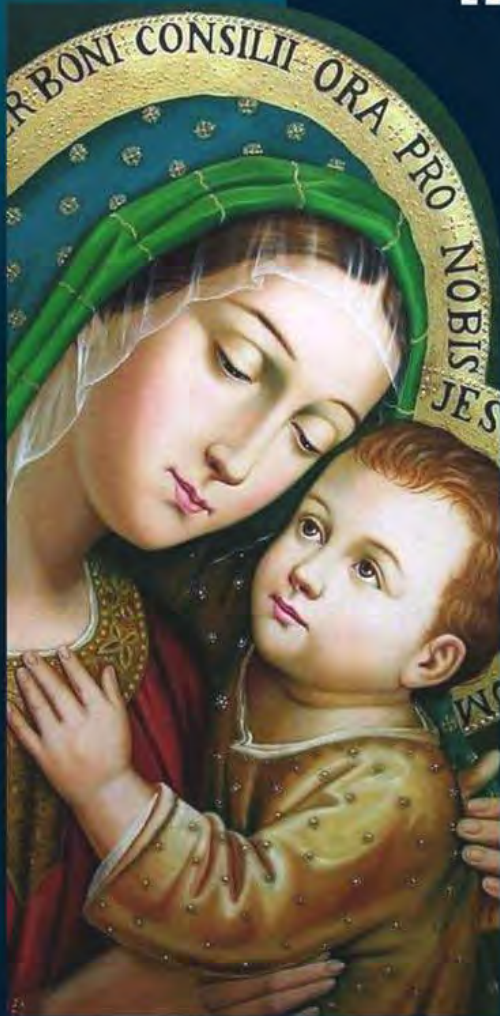
Are you suffering from the pain of abortion? God's greatest gift is to forgive you and show you his mercy. Confidential help is available. Contact Project Rachel Ministries at 1-888-456- HOPE. Don't wait. Our God is a loving and merciful God.

A BLESSING FOR EPIPHANY

O God of light and peace,
Whose glory, shining in the child of Bethlehem,
Still draws the nations to yourself:
Bless us abundantly
And dispel the darkness that shrouds our path,
That, like the wise men, we may come
To kneel before Christ in true worship,
Offer him our hearts and souls,
And return from His presence to live as He has taught,
Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

A DAY OF REFLECTION

Presented by MACCW



"Never Be Afraid To Trust An Unknown Future To A Known God"

22 JANUARY 2022
11 AM - 3 PM

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

2001 S OCEAN BLVD, POMPANO BEACH,
FL 33062

11 AM MASS CELEBRATED BY



Very Rev. Michael J. Greer, V.F.



LUNCH AT 12 NOON

Guest Speakers



Sister Karla Maria Icaza, SCTJM



Most Rev. Enrique Delgado



Rev. Msgr. Terence Hogan



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R.S.V.P By Wednesday January 12, 2022

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