

# Third Sunday of Lent

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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)

### PARISH STAFF

Rev. Msgr. James F. Fetscher

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### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Nancy Adams

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Judy Fisher

Rosemary Guerin

Frank Krauser

Patrick O'Dea

Connie Reed

Chuck Wobby

### PARISH WEBSITE:

[stsebastianfl.org](http://stsebastianfl.org)

### 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,

Last Saturday, I had a first. It was the first time in my eleven years as your Pastor that no one came for 4:00 p.m. Saturday Reconciliation (good old confession). As I think about it, the people who do come are a few regulars. So, in reality the vast majority of you are not here.

Of course, we have been unable to do the communal Penance services for a while. Another thing we can blame on COVID.

So, I would like to correct that by inviting you to our **Communal Celebration of Reconciliation on April 7<sup>th</sup>, the Thursday before Palm Sunday, at 6:30 p.m.**

The first thing I want to do is apologize. At some point, I mentioned my concern and the person I was talking to asked me, "Why do you think they don't come?" The only honest answer I could give is that I have simply not preached/catechized/talked/pleaded – whatever word you want – sufficiently.

What is Reconciliation? It's more than confession. That's why the terminology changed when Vatican II revised our sacramental life. *Sacraments are about personal encounters with God through His Son Jesus.* Vatican II helped us see 'attending church' as very important family gatherings. *It's not me and God; it's we and God.*

The word confession reminds me of sort of a sin bin where we come and dump. It's a one-way operation. Thinking that way is one reason why someone will say, "I always say the same thing." All they are doing is making room so they can refill with more of the same. We call those vices, bad habits. (Virtues are good habits.) Because we're not really thinking about what we're doing, after a while, it simply becomes boring AND unimportant.

How often you have heard me say, "Sin is the abuse of a relationship. There is nothing you can do that offends God that hasn't hurt someone else, maybe beginning with yourself." The word Reconciliation is more reflective of something happening between two persons, healing abuses.

Here we're talking about me and the other members of the Body of Christ with whom I journey. If I know I'm going to meet someone, there's some kind of preparation. In 'sacrament land', that's what we call an examination of conscience – what have I done 'con-scientia' – with knowledge?

A few years ago, we used an Adult Examination of Conscience that people found helpful. I am including it in this week's bulletin. Do yourself a favor and find a quiet space to really think about it. Grab a piece of paper and jot down some of the things you think apply to yourself. **Save that list and bring it to our Penance Service on April 7<sup>th</sup>.**

By the way, that's my Mom's 110<sup>th</sup> birthday. Since I know she is a saint, ask her and all your saintly Moms to help us revive as we celebrate God's love and mercy.

We're starting at 6:30 so you'll have light to travel with, and you will **not** be waiting in lines for hours.

I suspect you will be hearing thoughts like these for the second time this weekend. Mid-Lent penance focus seem well-timed.

You know how I feel about pushing money stuff, but I think this is important. Eight families (of whom I am one) contributed 66% (\$78,800) of our **ABCD** goal of 119,234.63. To those other seven my heartfelt thanks and the thanks of the marginalized of our Archdiocese who benefit. Altogether 103 households pitched in so far, and to you also, my thanks. As I write, we are still \$11,000 short of the goal. I'll find Peter and ask him to give me the balance, but Paul would prefer you do it.

In Jesus,



## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>March 19</b> † Marie & Albert Bourke, req. by Don Bourke † Richard Pianowski, req. by Elli Hurst † Elli Loughran, req. by Bill Loughran
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30	<b>March 20</b> Intentions of Jim Cowgill, Jr. & Family, req. by Joan Morris
11:00 am	Living & Deceased of our Parish
<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>March 21</b> † Souls in Purgatory, req. by Richard Schmelz Family
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>March 22</b> † Victoria Zaldivar Wellbeing of Mary Ann Dougherty, req. by Rosary Group
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>March 23</b> † Ellie Loughran, req. by Family † Janet "Grace" Parente, req. by Tana Tricola
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>March 24</b> † Dr. John J. Corcoran, req. by Isabel Halpin
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>March 25</b> † Theresa M. Gardner † Angelina Barcello, req. by Family
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>March 26</b> † Dick Reed, req. by Connie Reed † David Horney, req. by Don Bourke † Ellie Loughran, req. by Bill Loughran
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am	<b>March 27</b> † Dolores Hesse Fink, req. by The Fink Family
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 Rodrigues, , Margaret Reitz, John Harris, Stephen Black, Jo Neumann, John E. Hurley, Jonathan Hughes, Kathleen Gerium, Mary Alice Zittle, Michael Cavallaro, Alvaro Arevalo, Michelline Toulouse, Dr. Laura Evatt, Kari Albertson, Diane & Alexander Garville, Paul Ristow

## STATIONS AND SIMPLE SUPPER

Stations of the Cross are held on Fridays during Lent at 6:00 pm in the church, followed by a Simple Supper (soup and bread) in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

## 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 Letter to the Romans. Call Mary at 954.290.1194 or Carole at 954.529.6547 for info. Please join us!

*Have a wonderful week!*

## SAVE THE DATE!

**March 25-27 WOMEN'S RETREAT.** *Be Compassionate As Our Heavenly Father is Compassionate.* Limited space; sign up soon. 561-626-1300 or [www.ourladyofflorida.org](http://www.ourladyofflorida.org). Carpool from church.

**April 5 - Bus trip to tour the City of Ave Maria**

**April 7 - 6:30 pm Communal Reconciliation Service**



*So do not worry and say, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear?' (Matthew 6:31).*

Jesus is depending on us to fulfill those needs of the less fortunate in our community. By our weekly contributions of non-perishable food and hygiene items we are accepting His call. Please fill the church shopping carts to the brim. To care is to share.

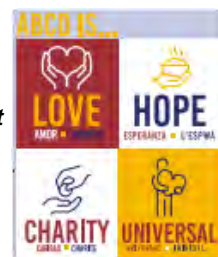
## SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The Catholic Relief Services Collection is an opportunity for you to help improve the lives of the most vulnerable people around the world and here in the United States. Your support funds organizations dedicated to aiding people affected by war and natural disasters, migrants and refugees in need of material and legal assistance, and people worldwide whose livelihoods are impacted by changing political and environmental conditions. Please plan to use the specially designated envelope - either in your boxed set or those that will be in the pews next weekend - for your gift to this appeal, and place it in the Offertory basket which is passed only once.

## WE'RE SOOOO CLOSE...

As of March 16th, with the help of 109 people, we have reached about 99.2% of our goal of \$119,234.63. ***If you have yet to make a gift to the ABCD, we need your help to get that last \$935.83!***

Please make your pledge and drop it in the collection basket or in the Parish Office. We're **so** close to our goal...with God's help and yours, we'll get there!



## HELP FOR UKRAINE

As Ukrainians flee from the Russian bombardments **Catholic Relief Services** and its Caritas partners on the ground are ready, across Ukraine and in bordering countries, to provide safe shelter, hot meals, hygiene supplies, transport to safe areas, counseling and more. Donations can be made directly to CRS:

- Online: [support.crs.org/ukraine](http://support.crs.org/ukraine).
- By phone: 1-877-HELP-CRS.
- By check: Ukraine Response, Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, Maryland 21297-0303.

The St Sebastian's Men's Club cordially invites you to

## **THE CITY OF AVE MARIA**

for a Mass, lunch, tour of the City, tour of the Oratory and a visit to The Mother Teresa Museum

***Tuesday,  
April 5, 2022***



### **Agenda for the day:**

9:15 AM leave St Sebastian's Church

11:00 AM Lunch at The Pub and Grill

12:00 PM Mass at Ave Maria Oratory

1:00 PM Tour of Ave Maria Oratory

2:00 PM Trolley Ride of  
the City of Ave Maria

3:00 PM Mother Teresa Museum 1 Hour

4:00 PM Leave for Fort Lauderdale

5:45 PM arrive back at St Sebastian's Church

This will be an all-day affair.

Fee of \$100.00 will cover all costs of this tour, including air-conditioned bus, trolley, snacks and lunch.

Please make check payable to **St. Sebastian Men's Club** and drop it off in the Parish office.

Any Questions you can call ***Ed Reholz at 954-495-1650***

