

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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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

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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 co-worker of mine had a great insight: "I can hardly stand watching what is happening in Ukraine, but I feel guilty if I turn it off." (Annie has the brilliance in this operation.)

Boy, did that strike a chord with me. You feel helpless, but you know you can't simply tune it out. Once again, we find ourselves on our knees, or as close to that as you can get when you are 80.

Does prayer work? Well, I guess if rockets are flying into your apartment building you might wonder. On the most basic level, standing at a distance from the Ukraine horrors, I find myself appealing to God for the people who may not even be able to think straight, much less pray. However, the more I see of the Ukrainians, the greater my admiration. I was touched to see Presidents Bush and Clinton bringing the national flowers of Ukraine, sunflowers, to a Ukrainian Church. When I checked with 'Siri' to make sure I had the right flower, Siri called it the "common sunflower." When you get an answer like that you tend to minimize something called 'common.' There is surely nothing 'common' about those people, their leaders, and the hope their resilience can give the world in the face of evil.

Today is Laetare Sunday. "Laetare," Rejoice! These days, that might be hard to do. Of course, we know that today is anticipating Easter. The liturgy is trying to reflect the idea that we can hardly wait for the wonder of Easter.

Still, we don't do that in a vacuum. Our space is filled with heartbreaking news. I've been pondering and came to the point where I think today is an *invitation* to rejoice, and if any rejoicing is going to happen, I've got to *decide* to do it. In days gone by, I've often said long before faith, hope and charity were feelings, they were decisions. Looks like rejoicing falls in the same category.

Deciding to rejoice isn't some sort of self-delusion. I'm choosing the attitude I want to have as I deal with the stuff when it hits the fan. I may have to momentarily duck, but unlike my aging body, I'm standing up straight spiritually. That's the position I want to be in so I can see the face of the Lord shining through the complex features that make up my life.

I hope that doesn't sound too dramatic. My life isn't a drama. It is a series of opportunities that I often don't take advantage of, and that's what I'm thinking about as I write. I've said before that writing this reflection is probably more important for me to do than you to read. It keeps me on course or helps me get back on course if I need to.

Try to imagine that the love of God that we find in His invitation to rejoice, is like a giant magnet that has the power to pull us through so much of the 'stuff' that seems to get in our way. I'm hoping that there is enough steel in my backbone that God's magnet will keep pulling me to Himself.

On Friday we prayed with Pope Francis as he dedicated Ukraine and Russia. We will continue that prayer in hope.

I believe that we can restore our Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary that Pope Francis led us in is a nice way for us to restore our tradition.

Beginning next Friday, April 1, 2022, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. every Friday. I hope you will find some time to be there at some point.

With my continue prayer for you as we emerge from the catacombs and try to be the face of Jesus for our communities, I'm yours,

In Jesus,



Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	March 26 † Dick Reed, req. by Connie Reed People of Ukraine, req. by Don Bourke † Ellie Loughran, req. by Bill Loughran
Sunday 8:30	March 27 † Dolores Hesse Fink, req. by The Fink Family People of Ukraine, req. by Don Bourke 11:00 am Living & Deceased of our Parish
Monday 8:30 am	March 28 † Renee Parker Monihan, req. by Isabel Halpin People of Ukraine, req. by Don Bourke
Tuesday 8:30 am	March 29 † David Rohrer, req. by Isabel Halpin People of Ukraine, req. by Don Bourke
Wednesday 8:30 am	March 30 † Ellie Loughran, req. by Family † Patricia King, req. by Eileen Drenkowski People of Ukraine, req. by Don Bourke
Thursday 8:30 am	March 31 † Souls in Purgatory, req. by Richard Schmelz Family People of Ukraine, req. by Don Bourke
Friday 8:30 am	April 1 † Gene Oman, req. by Jacquie Anselmo Wellbeing of Jack Averell People of Ukraine, req. by Don Bourke
Saturday 5:00 pm	April 2 † Mario Lopez Calderon, req. by Gisella † Ellie Loughran, req. by Bill Loughran † Betty Kelly, req. by Hero Family
Sunday 8:30 am	April 3 Living & Deceased of our Parish 11:00 am † John LoBiondo, req. by George & Celia Sparacio † Alexander Cordy, req. by his children People of Ukraine, req. by Don Bourke

REMEMBER THE SICK

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, Betty O'Gorman

Nanchine McManus,
Mary Lou Mann, Suzanne Plum, Don

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; Phone: 1-877-HELP-CRS; By check: Ukraine Response, Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, Maryland 21297-0303.

SAVE THE DATE!

April 1 - 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross followed by Simple Supper

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

April 7 - 6:30 pm Communal Reconciliation Service



In the month of February, the Pantry at Blessed Sacrament Church served 600 clients representing 1771 individuals. Donations from parishes and individuals has been extremely generous. We thank all of you for helping make the food distribution so successful. **If you know of anyone in need, please let**

them know that The St. Vincent DePaul Society conducts a drive thru grocery distribution every Friday from 1:30-4 PM at Blessed Sacrament Church, 1701 E Oakland Park Blvd (entrance to the parking lot is located on NE 33rd Street and will be closed at 3:45). First timers must provide proof of residency in Broward County.

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS 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 use the specially designated envelope - either in your boxed set or those in the pews - for your gift to this appeal, and place it in the Offertory basket which is passed only once.

CONGRATULATIONS LINDA HATLAN!

Congratulations to Linda Hatlan (past president of St. Sebastian Council of Catholic women—SSCCW) for winning the prestigious **Our Lady of Good Counsel Award**. She has shown significant support and outstanding dedication, loyalty and service to the Council of Catholic Women not only on the Parish level but the District and Archdiocesan level as well.

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!

ST. SEBASTIAN PARISH CRUISE

November 5, 2022, 14 Night Spanish Farewell on the Oostendam sailing from Barcelona, Spain to Ft. Lauderdale. Ports of Call: Murcia (Cartagena) Spain, Malaga, Seville (Cadiz) Spain, Lisbon, Portugal, Funchal (Madeira) Portugal. Oostendam, a Vista-class ship, recently emerged from dry dock with exciting updates. Package includes shipboard accommodations, ocean transportation, entertainment and daily activities, on-board meals, and some beverages. Limited Ocean View Balcony cabins available starting at \$1854. per person, based on Double occupancy, which includes all taxes and fees, but no insurance and no air transportation to Barcelona. Contact Lou Abitabilo, Independent Vacation Specialist, Dream Vacations at labitabilo@dreamvacations.com or 570-955-0470 or 570-237-5128.

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**

