

Fifth Sunday of Lent

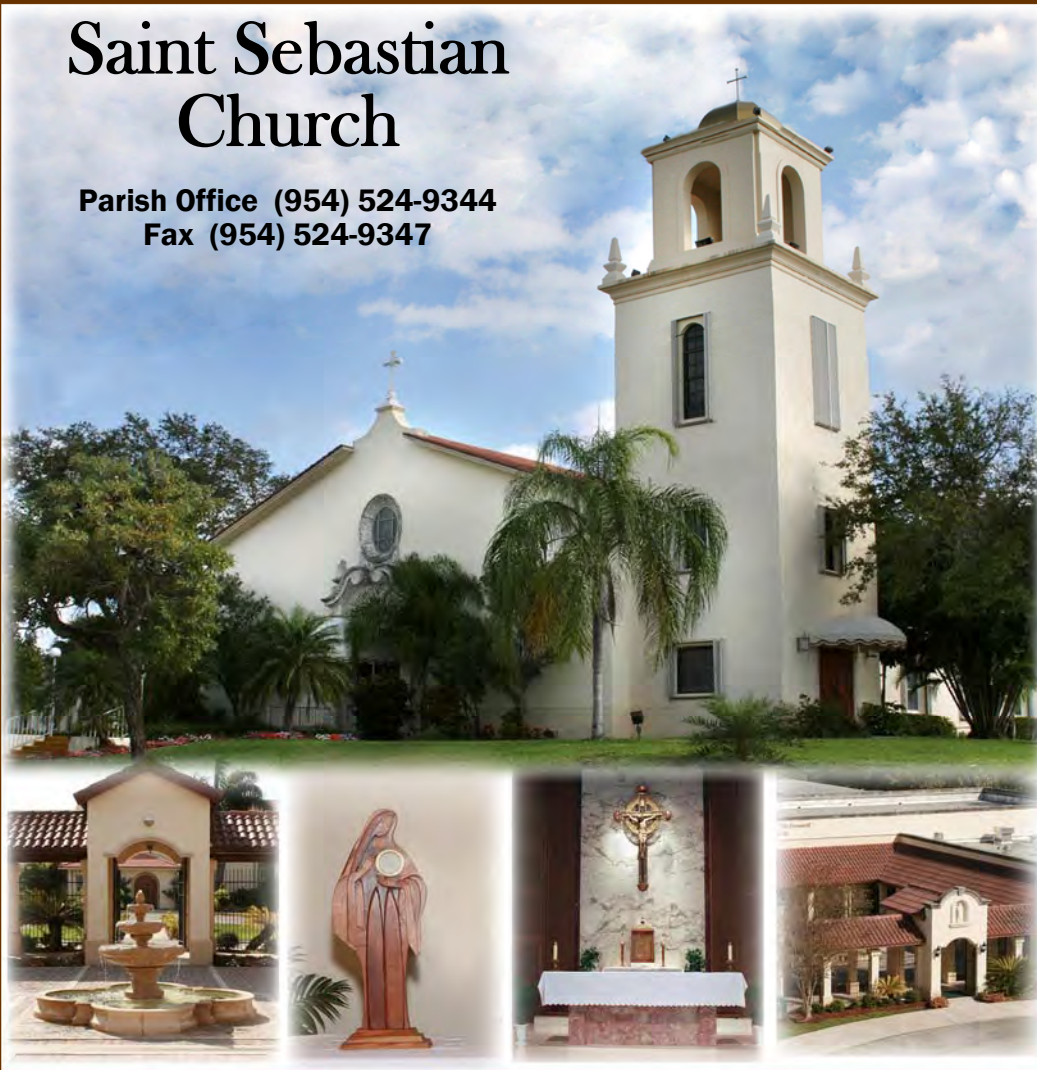
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Saint Sebastian Church

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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

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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,

It seems strange that during the most sacred time of year we cover everything that is beautiful in our churches, even the crucifix. Shouldn't we be looking at the painful scene at Calvary while we listen to the Passion narrative on Palm Sunday?

The Church recommends this practice during the last two weeks of Lent to heighten our senses and build within us a longing for Easter Sunday.

Why? Aren't the images designed to raise our hearts and minds towards heaven?

First of all, we use veils to **alert us** of the special time we are in. When we walk into church and notice everything is covered, we immediately know that something is different.

These last two weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum and these veils are *a forceful reminder to get ready*.

Secondly, the veils focus our attention on the **words** being said at Mass. When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses are allowed to **focus** on the striking words from the Gospel **and truly enter into the scene**.

Third, the Church uses veils to produce a heightened sense of **anticipation for Easter Sunday**. This is further actualized when you attend daily Mass and see the veils each day. You don't want them to be there because they are hiding some very beautiful images.

And therein lies the whole point: the veils are not meant to be there forever. The images need to be unveiled; it is unnatural for them to be covered.

The unveiling before Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth. We live in a "veiled" world, in exile from our true home. It is only through our own death that the veil is lifted and we are finally able to see the beauty of

everything in our lives. ("At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known." I Cor 13:12)

The only statue we didn't cover was the Pieta. Given the subject matter of a mother holding her dead Son in her lap, might also help us anticipate what would happen to that Son once he was laid in the tomb. And that's what we want to celebrate.

I know our day-to-day lives go on no matter what we are recalling and celebrating within our sacred spaces and our hopeful hearts. Nevertheless, the whole point of sacred time is helping us see that our day-to-day lives are *not* the whole story.

We have a call to eternity that Jesus has made possible. If you are really going to hear that call, you must make an effort to turn down the volume on everything else, at least for a little while.

For me, turning off the TV would be a good start. I have enough terrible images of Ukrainian devastation to pray over without having to see them replayed over and over.

THIS THURSDAY NIGHT, APRIL 7TH AT 6:30 P.M. WE WILL HAVE A

RECONCILIATION SERVICE.

USE THE EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE PAGE WE PASSED OUT.

JOT DOWN YOUR OFFENSES AND BRING THEM WITH YOU.

YOU WILL PRESENT THEM TO THE PRIEST AND HE WILL GIVE YOU ABSOLUTION AND THEN WE WILL BURN THOSE PAPERS.

We can't make it any easier and you can't afford to waste this opportunity. Don't blow it.

In Jesus,



Mass Intentions

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 11:00 am	April 3 Living & Deceased of our Parish † John LoBiondo, req. by George & Celia Sparacio † Alexander Cordy, req. by his children People of Ukraine, req. by Don Bourque
Monday 8:30 am	April 4 † James Creveling, req. by Isabel Halpin
Tuesday 8:30 am	April 5 † Michael Gallo, req. by Isabel Halpin In Thanksgiving
Wednesday 8:30 am	April 6 † Ellie Loughran, req. by husband, Bill
Thursday 8:30 am	April 7 † Rosemary Schneider, req. by Linda Schneider
Friday 8:30 am	April 8 † Kevin Rebolz, req. by St. Sebastian Men's Club
Saturday 5:00 pm	April 9 † Mario Lopez Calderon, req. by Gisella † Ellie Loughran, req. by husband, Bill † David Horney, req. by Don Bourque
Sunday 8:30 am 11:00 am	April 10 † Thomas Oberle, req. by Friend † Dolores Fink, req. by Sandy Polselli Wellbeing of Marcia Hogan, req. by Barry Hogan 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, Betty O'Gorman

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-954.290.1194 or Carole-954.529.6547 for info. Please join us!

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 5 - Bus trip to tour the City of Ave Maria

April 7 - 6:30 pm Communal Reconciliation Service

April 8 - 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross followed by Simple Supper



"Whoever shuts his ear to the poor will call and not be answered." (Proverbs 21:13)
There are many cries of the poor in Fort Lauderdale. Let us hear them and react by weekly contributions of non-perishable food and hygiene items. Let's fill our church shopping carts with these items. To care is to share. **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.**

RICE BOWLS

Please bring your filled CRS Rice Bowl with you next week-end and place it in the large basket that will be in front of the lectern in the sanctuary. These donations will be counted, combined, and sent in one check to Catholic Relief Services to help in their important work of feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and welcoming the stranger. Thank you.

THANK YOU FROM S.S.C.C.W.

St. Sebastian Council of Catholic Women wishes to thank all those who donated and purchased items from our Trinkets and Treasure sale. The 38 volunteers who worked the sale were invaluable. This year, we made just over \$2,000, which we use to fund other worthy causes.

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.

LEAVE A LEGACY

Create a legacy that celebrates your faith and gives your life a gift that lasts forever. Contact the *Office of Planned Giving* of the Archdiocese of Miami to learn how you can remember your church in your final will and testament. Please call 305.762.1112.

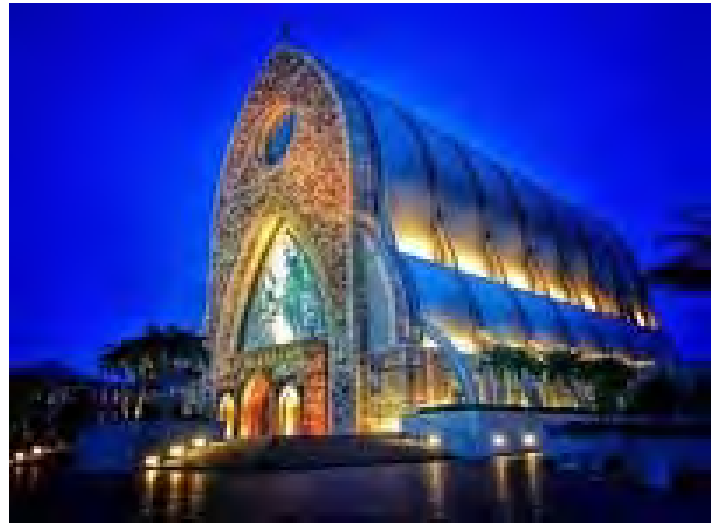
Have a wonderful week preparing the way of the Lord!

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***

