

# Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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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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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,

Lent ends this Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Then we enter into the Sacred Triduum, three Holy Days that say it all. This is who we are: the people of the Table, the people of the Cross, the people of the Empty Tomb.

Today, our palms remind us of the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem to the shouts of *Hosanna*. (Our palm crosses are made by a church up north that uses the proceeds to support some African missions.)

Reading the Passion account from Luke reminds us of how quickly the *Hosannas* proclaimed by the people of Jerusalem become *Crucify Him* of the temple leaders.

We've heard it before. We're inclined to think, "Been there, done that." But have we?

What do we hear in these days of a COVID restricted life that separates us from each other? Are we left with caution about coming together again? What do these days say about the atrocities of horror being rained upon Ukraine? What do these days say about multiple meaningless shootings in so many parts of the country? Does *Crucify Him* take on new dimensions for us? It sure does for me. So, what do we do?

Perhaps washing and drying each other's hands on Thursday will help heal us. Perhaps carrying the Cross on Good Friday as we sing, "Come, let us worship," will help focus us. Perhaps the new fire of Holy Saturday that enflames the Easter Candle will bring the light of Christ to our troubled hearts.

Reread the previous paragraph, only this time, leave out 'Perhaps.' We *believe* that these Holy Days will **heal**, **focus**, and **enlighten** us!

We cannot do with less, but the good news is that we will not need more. We pray to have our heads engaged and our hearts pumping with a little of the Holy Spirit's adrenaline. "I will send you the

Spirit," (John 15:26,) seems just right for the occasion.

Over the years it seems to me that we get some our biggest numbers on Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday. Is it because we're giving something away? That sounds a little snippy and I don't mean it that way. I just wonder why. I think it is because tangible things help us relate to intangible blessings. Think of your rosary or a favorite statue. They bring us closer to the blessings they represent. (If you want to read a good article about sacramentals, check out <Simply Catholic: What are sacramentals?>)

As the crowds cry out their praises, did they miss some things? For example, what kind of powerful leader would be riding a mere colt? The Pharisees were looking beyond the crowd's enthusiasm and Jesus seems to have made them nervous. "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." His response: "I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out."

By Thursday night, the Pharisees with the help of Judas will have regained control – AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT. Then comes, as I said at the top, the Empty Tomb.

Every year we hear the story. We know how it ends. We celebrate what we call our salvation.

Still, as we move through the days of this week, hearing and re-embracing our story, we need to be careful not to skip any steps.

He asks us to work through our crosses, too. Don't believe for one second that He did not mean it when He said, "Father... take this cup away..." There are many times when we face the same kind of challenges, for whatever the reasons. Then He says, "Not as I will it..." He teaches us by example as well as word. His witness is His promise to us. "We shall overcome."...too! Happy Holy Week.

In our Loving Brother,





Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>April 9</b> † Mario Lopez Calderon, req. by Gisella † Ellie Loughran, req. by Bill Loughran † David Horney, req. by Don Bourke
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30	<b>April 10</b> † Thomas Oberle, req. by Friend † Dolores Fink, req. by Sandy Polselli Wellbeing of Marcia Hogan, req. by Barry Hogan
11:00 am	Living & Deceased of our Parish
<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 11</b> † Alice Brandon, req. by Tod Weston & Nancy Olson Wellbeing of Dr. Lesley D'Ambola, req. by Jack Fink
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 12</b> † Howard Hermes, req. By Lorraine Hermes † Dick Pearce, req. by The Church Group
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 13</b> † Ellie Loughran, req. by husband, Bill
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 PM	<b>April 14 - HOLY THURSDAY</b> Mass of the Lord's Supper
<b>Friday</b> 3:00 pm	<b>April 15 - GOOD FRIDAY</b> Celebration of the Lord's Passion
<b>Saturday</b> 8:00 PM	<b>April 16 - EASTER VIGIL</b> Parishioners & Benefactors
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 17 - EASTER SUNDAY</b> † Charles & Marie Maher, req. by Maher Family † Rick Bean, req. by Linda & Tom Lucas Wellbeing of Barry Hogan, req. by Marcia Hogan
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, Betty O'Gorman, Craig & David Mitchell

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

*Did you know...* Child abuse comes in many forms. Most people identify child abuse as physically hitting a child. Neglect, failing to provide a child with proper nutrition, housing and supervision can also cause irreparable harm. Expectations that a child be an active participant in the care of home and family, or even age-appropriate jobs is a part of healthy development. But excessive demands can cross into a form of servitude that is beyond the societal norms. Child pornography is a form of sexual abuse, with real victims in every image. The viewing of these images is an offense against the human dignity.

A STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today's Gospel, we hear that the owner of the donkey had only to be told, "The Master has need of it," to give the animal gladly. Do we give as readily to the Lord?



As Lent comes to a close, let us consider our duty to be mindful of those less fortunate, and contribute non-perishable food and hygiene items to our church shopping carts. 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 33<sup>rd</sup> Street and will be closed at 3:45). First timers must provide proof of residency in Broward County.*

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The collection on Holy Thursday is for Bread For The World, which is a Christian advocacy organization based in the United States that advocates for policy changes to end hunger. Good Friday's collection is for the Shrines of the Holy Land.

REMEMBER YOUR RICE BOWLS

Please remember to return your filled CRS Rice Bowl! You can give it to an Usher or drop it off at the Office. 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.

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!

CONGRATULATIONS, NANCY!

Nancy R. Adams, MG, USA (ret.), a St. Sebastian parishioner since 2005, was recently honored by being inducted into the U.S. Army Women's Foundation Hall of Fame. In addition to breaking gender barriers, MG Adams served as Director of AMEDD Personnel, Assistant Surgeon General for Nursing, and Commander of the US Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventative Medicine. Since retiring from the military, Nancy has worked for TRICARE, the Department of Defense healthcare program, became one of the founders of VetFed Resources, and is a senior partner with Martin, Blanck & Associates, a healthcare consulting, business development, and acquisition assistance organization... all in addition to serving our Parish Family. How blessed we are to have Nancy as an active parishioner!

ST. SEBASTIAN PARISH CRUISE

November 5, 2022, 14 Night Spanish Farewell on the Oosterdam sailing from Barcelona, Spain to Ft. Lauderdale. Ports of Call: Murcia (Cartagena) Spain, Malaga, Seville (Cadiz) Spain, Lisbon, Portugal, Funchal (Madeira) Portugal. Oosterdam 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 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.

# + HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE +

*Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (April 11th -13th)*

*Mass at 8:30 am*

## **Holy Thursday, April 14th**

*Mass of the Lord's Supper*

*8:00 pm*

*(NO MORNING MASS)*

## **Good Friday, April 15th**

*Celebration of the Lord's Passion*

*Liturgy of the Word, Intercessions, Adoration of the Cross, Holy Communion*

*3:00 pm*

*(NO MORNING MASS)*

## **Easter Vigil, April 16th**

*Blessing of the Fire, Easter Proclamation, Liturgy of the Word, Baptismal Liturgy,  
Liturgy of the Eucharist*

*8:00 pm*

*(NO 5:00 PM MASS)*

## **Easter Sunday, April 17th**

*8:30 and 11:00 am*