

alleluia!



*Christ has Risen!*



# Easter - The Resurrection 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)

### PARISH STAFF

Rev. Msgr. James F. Fetscher

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### PASTORAL COUNCIL

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### 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,

Some people think that 'Christ' is Jesus's last name. Actually, it is His title. It means Anointed, the Chosen One. One writer notes, "In Old Testament prophetic writing, it (Christos) was used as a descriptive title of an expected deliverer of the Jewish nation." Attaching Christ to Jesus, switching it from description to name happened over centuries, coming to the way we now speak his name, Jesus Christ.

What does it mean to us? Today would be a good time to think about just what does the name "Jesus" mean to me?

Perhaps you come to St. Sebastian today, or perhaps you are reading this *Twitch* online because you know there is something special about today. You definitely know it's more than bunnies and eggs. Yet even eggs (new life) and bunnies (fertility) say something about what we celebrate. As kids, we loved coloring Easter Eggs. How much fun it was writing your name on an egg in wax, and then seeing your name appear almost magically after the dye colored everything but your name.

I remember the song, "In Your Easter Bonnet," recalling Easter parades down New York's Fifth Avenue, but I don't recall any lyric that sang about why they were parading, other than finery.

We call His Name sacred, and yet it sure gets thrown about sometimes. It certainly must have power. You hear it hollered in the most drastic/angry/surprised situations:

"J \_\_\_ C \_\_\_!"

In the first reading we heard today from the Acts of the Apostles. St. Peter said that "everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his *name*." That's the power Paul is talking about in I Corinthians 15:17: "If Christ has

not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins."

It gives me a bit of a chill to think that there would ever be a time when I would ravage His name with a swear or an oath. Unfortunately, I confess to occasions, rare but there...

Jesus Christ is the name of Him who *revives and reestablishes* my relationship with God.

We really do get our value systems screwed up sometimes, don't we... and that's a statement not a question.

And yet, He forgives all. He does because the Resurrection shows His power over death. As every Emmaus brother and sister knows, "**JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!**"

In I Corinthians 15:55, Paul asks, "Where, O Death is your victory? Where, O Death, is your sting?"

In times when 'organized religion' comes under criticism and we have our challenges from within and without, we need to constantly remind ourselves that we are not in this alone. As the wise Indian Chief said in the movie *Little Big Foot*, "Some days the magic works; some days it doesn't." Maybe we could say the same about Church community.

Nevertheless, we are all we've got, and so if there are many faces gathered today - some a little less familiar than others, praise God for the whole bunch of us, because community is essential to faith. The community is where Jesus has chosen to reveal Himself. "Where two or three are gathered in my Name, there I am in the midst of them." (Mt. 18:20)

I pray for all of you as we gather, and I thank Jesus for the gift all of you are to my faith journey. With gratitude, I am yours

In the Christ, our Risen Lord,





## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 8:00 pm	<b>April 16 - EASTER VIGIL</b> Parishioners & Benefactors
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30	<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
<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 18</b> † Frances Janke & her son, Bobby, req. by Drenikowski Family † James J. Slowey, req. by Elizabeth Slowey Wellbeing of Anthony & Kim Barbagallo –25th Anniversary
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 19</b> † Colton Cameron-Sanders, req. by Tod & Nancy Olson-Weston † Dick Pearce, req. by The Church Group
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 20</b> † Ellie Loughran, req. by husband, Bill † Mildred McGinity, req. by Grace Middlemiss
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 21</b> † Charlotte Newbury
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 22</b> † Rene Chabot, req. by Family
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>April 23</b> Living & Deceased of our Parish
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 24</b> † Dolores Hesse Fink, req. by The Fink Family
11:00 am	Special Intention

## 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, Carol Houghton

## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

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. Age appropriate helping at home can be good, 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.

## MEN’S CLUB MEETING

St. Sebastian Men’s Club will hold a general meeting on Thursday, April 21, at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall.



“Carry one another’s burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” (Galatians 6:2) We can share the burdens of the needy in our city by our weekly contributions of non-perishable food and hygiene items which are distributed by the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank. 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.**

## CONGRATULATIONS &amp; WELCOME!

Congratulations to **ZELA ANTE**, who was received into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the reception of Holy Communion for the first time at the Easter Vigil. Congratulations also to **CHRISTIAN GARBAYO**, who was received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation and reception of Holy Communion for the first time. We welcome you with great joy and offer you our love and support. May God bless you and keep you close always!

## SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

There will be a special collection next weekend for the Catholic Home Missions. Home mission dioceses are those dioceses in the United States and its territories that cannot provide basic services without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass, the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and laypeople. Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered home missions. Please plan to use the specially designated envelope which you will find in the pews next week, or in your boxed set, for your gift to this appeal, and place it in the Offertory basket, along with your contribution to our Parish Family. 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!

## 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, a Vista-class ship, recently emerged from dry dock with exciting updates - including completely refreshed suites and new lounge, dining and entertainment venues. Package includes shipboard accommodations, ocean transportation, entertainment and daily activities, on-board meals, and some beverages. Shore excursions, personal expenses, gratuities, insurance, alcoholic beverages are not included.

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. Initial payment is due June 1 with the final payment due on July 27. Contact Lou Abitabilo, Independent Vacation Specialist, Dream Vacations at: labitabilo@dreamvacations.com or 570-955-0470 or 570-237-5128.