

Third Sunday of Easter

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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,

Why the big "OF"? (Look slightly to your right and up.) Easter is a humongous feast. It's so important that we want to keep it around. We have an eight-day period called an octave where each day is called Easter. That's why today isn't the second AFTER Easter, but the third Sunday OF Easter. I'm sure you have been awake all week wondering about that, and now you know.

Seriously, think about it. After Easter day we had the octave, or eight day period where the language of the liturgy kept speaking each day as though it were Easter Sunday. Why? The idea behind the octave custom after major feasts is that in a real sense, THE UNIVERSE STOPS. The death and Resurrection of Jesus exploded business as usual. For the disciples, things were radically different. In general people thought that Messiah meant someone that would get rid of the Roman domination.

As it turned out, the disciples learned that it was another type of kingdom altogether. HEAVEN IS OPEN! No longer is there any doubt about the destiny of humankind. The new kingdom is ours for the asking. *No wonder time stops*, then and now.

Did you notice time stopping? I was celebrating Mass each morning with a good group of friends. We noticed because the liturgy kept making Easter a "today" issue. To be honest, if I had not been saying Mass or saying the daily Liturgy of the Hours, I don't know if I would have noticed either. And yet each year for nearly 2,000 years our prayer life has urged us to stop and treasure what we have been given. Listen to the opening verses of the "Exsultet," the song that is sung right after we light the Easter candle on Holy Saturday night.

**Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God's throne!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!**

**Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor,
radiant in the brightness of your King!
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!
Darkness vanishes forever!**

**Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!
The risen Savior shines upon you!
Let this place resound with joy,
echoing the mighty song of all God's people!**

You can find the rest of the hymn by googling "Exsultet" and reading the Wikipedia article which is great. Make it a calorie-free Easter treat.

Thank you for being nice to all of our Easter visitors. I often get feedback from visitors who write and say just how welcome they felt. YOU DID THAT! (And so does Frank K, the Holy Uber Man.) My heartfelt thanks to all the people who made our celebrations come alive, decorators, musicians, cleaners and especially Annie Gardner, without whom... fill in the blank!

I'm almost afraid to say anything, but our architect, Alberto Llorente, has been able to get some response from our equipment designer. You probably don't need all the gory details, but if you have built things, you know stuff happens. Anyway, Alberto is a good man who has greater patience than I do, and probably will be able to get things back on course.

Once we actually get a shovel in the ground, I'm hoping we'll have a better sense of when we actually may have the kitchen and the storeroom to use.

Everyone has been kind about asking about my health. I'm still alive. I tell them not to worry because the state of Florida renewed my driver's license and it is good until 2029. I have no intention of checking out prior to having used every bit of that time. I'm kind of hoping the Lord agrees.

Meanwhile we push on

In our Risen Lord,

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	April 30 † Leo McGinity, req. by Grace Middlemiss † Ricardo Cordova, req. by Don Bourke † Judith Lambertson, req. by Bowes, Moffatt, Shaffer Families
Sunday 8:30 am	May 1 † Dolores Hesse Fink, req. by Sandy Polselli † Grace & Murray Toomey, req. by M.L. & Helen Toomey † Albert Bourke, req. by Don Bourke Living & Deceased of our Parish
11:00 am	
Monday 8:30 am	May 2 † Cornell McCoy, req. by Nancy Olson † Steve Toth, req. by Paul Ristow Wellbeing of Penny Mickey, req. by Irish-American Ceili Club
Tuesday 8:30 am	May 3 † Dick Pearce, req. by The Church Group
Wednesday 8:30 am	May 4 † Ellie Loughran, req. by husband, Bill † Sister Marguerite McGilly Wellbeing of Amie Uribe, req. by Amy Carroll
Thursday 8:30 am	May 5 † Sandra Casa, req. by Jacquie Anselmo † Kathleen "Kate" Scerbo-Nelson, req. by Paul & Catherine Ristow
Friday 8:30 am	May 6 † Rene Chabot, req. by Family
Saturday 5:00 pm	May 7 Living & Deceased of our Parish
Sunday 8:30 am	May 8 † Kevin Rebolz, req. by Men's Club † Terri Donaldson, req. by Barrow Family Wellbeing of Marcia Hogan, req. by Barry Hogan Living & Deceased of our Parish
11:00 am	

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, , Alvaro Arevalo, Michelline Toulouse, Dr. Laura Evatt, Kari Albertson, Diane & Alexander Garville, Paul Ristow, Betty O'Gorman, Craig & David Mitchell, Carol Houghton, Mary Connors, , Ed Fetscher

BIBLE SHARING

Come for coffee and scripture sharing each Thursday in the Parish Hall at 9:15 am. Everyone is invited. You may also join us on-line by dialing 848-777-1212. When prompted put in 1431434#. For more information, please call Mary Kennedy at 954-290-1194. We will be sharing from the Gospel of Luke.

Have a wonderful week!



During the Easter Season, let us rejoice in Jesus' resurrection by sharing the Good News with our needy families by sharing our non-perishable food and hygiene items with those finding it difficult to provide these necessities. Please fill our church shopping carts with these gifts. 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.

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

A Novena of Masses for your mothers - living and deceased - will be celebrated beginning on Mother's Day and continuing through Monday, May 16th. If you would like to include your mother in the Novena, please write her name on the card which you can find in the pews and place it in the basket in the sanctuary. The basket will be placed on the altar during the Novena.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

As another year of our Parish Religious Education comes to a close, we wish to gratefully acknowledge our dedicated faculty who have ministered to our six students on Sundays during past the school year. They are: Madelyn Facarazzo, Frank Krauser and Susan Mansolillo and Annie Gardner. Thank you for your efforts at passing on the Faith to the next generation. God bless you!

ST. JOSEPH'S RESIDENCE

A caring Assisted Living facility, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Miami, offering furnished apartments or suites, 24/7 nurse on duty and emergency pull cord systems. They provide three meals served daily, weekly housekeeping and laundry, as well as assistance in bathing, dressing, and monitoring medications. There is a beautiful chapel offering scheduled and private worship... all for a reasonable monthly rate. For more information, please call 954.739.1483.

PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY

Are you suffering from the pain of abortion? God's greatest gift is to forgive you and show you his mercy. Confidential help is available. Contact Project Rachel Ministries at 1-888-456- HOPE. Don't wait. Our God is a loving and merciful God.

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.

St. Sebastian Church Cruise

**November 5, 2022, 14 Night Spanish Farewell on the Oosterdam
sailing from Barcelona, Spain to Ft. Lauderdale, FL**



Departing from: Barcelona, Spain

Ports of Call:

Murcia (Cartagena) Spain, Malaga, Seville (Cadiz) Spain, Lisbon, Portugal, Funchal (Madeira) Portugal

Highlights:

Oosterdam, a Vista-class ship, recently emerged from dry dock with exciting updates—including completely refreshed suites and new lounge, dining, and entertainment venues, such as Music Walk™, with Lincoln Center Stage, B.B. King's Blues Club and Billboard Onboard. Guests can choose from among delectable specialty restaurants, hone culinary skills with EXC Port to Table and thrill to BBC Earth Experiences.

Your Package Includes:

Your package includes shipboard accommodations, ocean transportation, entertainment and daily activities, on-board meals, and some beverages. It does not include shore excursions, personal expenses, gratuities, Insurance, or alcoholic beverages.

Limited Ocean View Balcony cabins available starting at \$1854 per person (**\$132 per night!**), 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 final payment due on July 27.

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