

Fourth 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,

I intended to head this *Twitch* with “Building the Kitchen” and Kitchen came out Kingdom. I will ponder deeply any possible hidden meaning this may have. One possibility might be that Kitchen building IS Kingdom building.

For sure, I believe that heaven has a fully equipped kitchen. My hope is that we can anticipate the heavenly Kingdom by building an earthy Kitchen. When you think about it, a heavenly meal is what we are all about every time we gather in our worship home to break the Bread and drink the Cup.

...And how long have you been faithfully bringing food to place in our **DRIVE OUT HUNGER** grocery carts? Hopefully, that food finds its way to kitchens to feed those who are hungering. We have a concern for the hungry.

It’s been so long since I presented a vision of building a kitchen that some are even asking “What kitchen?” Others also (still) ask, “Why, kitchen.” Remember the movie, ‘Field of Dreams?’ Kevin Costner was determined to build a baseball field in the middle of nowhere. When asked who would even come, the response was, “If you build it, they will come.”

That’s my response to building our kitchen. I don’t think we even can begin to imagine the uses it will receive, but I am convinced that not only will it serve our needs and open up doors to more parish activities. I also think that we’ll find way of increasing our outreach to the poor.

I know we couldn’t have a neighborhood soup kitchen. Imagine things getting so bad that Harbour Inlet would need a soup kitchen. On second thought, don’t imagine that. You never know. I do know that imagination can open doors to opportunities we normally might not think of. Ask Barry and Marcia Hogan about doing outreach to the hungry. Why not *from* our kitchen? Just asking...

My happy news is that the architect and the engineers were here twice this past couple of weeks checking out utility lines and sewer flow and all the other exciting things you need to know about before you can start digging anything. I live in hope that the summer will see us through the final preparations. The plans need to be put out for bids and the city (which has already indicated that we have no problems building the kitchen and a storeroom) then must review, etc. etc. etc.

I’ve told some of you that I feel I have at least until 2029 on this earth, because the state of Florida renewed my driver’s license until then, and I have every intention of using it all up. I *don’t* expect to be waiting that long for a shovel-in-the-ground moment. Dare I say the Fall? No, I don’t dare say that because I’m still Irish enough to feel I’d jinx it.

Remember that I said from the beginning that we would not go into debt to build the kitchen and that we needed to have the money on hand. Little did I dream just how well the Lord would provide for us when we received the proceeds of the sale of the house next to the rectory. We will also be able to add to our Catholic Community Foundation investment. The interest which the CCF produces just about covers the lean income summer months.

We are very close resuming **Coffee and Donuts** on Sunday mornings.

Are there some among you who would be willing to help? What we did in the past was ask one couple to honcho a small group one Sunday a month. (Those who picked the fifth Sunday got the brownie points and a few Sundays off as well.)

If you might be willing to help give Annie a call at the parish office. The one thing I sincerely **DO NOT** want to happen is for Annie to be doing the running as she already volunteered to do. I said NO. (Nicely...)

In Jesus,



Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	May 7 Wellbeing of Betty O'Gorman - 90th Birthday, req. by Family Living & Deceased of our Parish
Sunday 8:30 am	May 8 † Kevin Rebholz, req. by Men's Club † Terri Donaldson, req. by Barrow Family Wellbeing of Marcia Hogan, req. by Barry Hogan
11:00 am	Mother's Day Novena
Monday 8:30 am	May 9 Mother's Day Novena
Tuesday 8:30 am	May 10 Mother's Day Novena
Wednesday 8:30 am	May 11 Mother's Day Novena
Thursday 8:30 am	May 12 Mother's Day Novena
Friday 8:30 am	May 13 Mother's Day Novena
Saturday 5:00 pm	May 14 Mother's Day Novena
Sunday 8:30 am	May 15 Mother's Day Novena
11:00 am	Living & Deceased of our Parish

REMEMBER THE SICK

Nanchine McManus,
Mary Lou Mann, Su-
zanne 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.

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 house-keeping 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.



"If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted than shall your lights rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday." (Isaiah 58:10). Let's light up the hearts of our needy families in our city by our weekly and generous donations of non-perishable food and hygiene items collected in the shopping carts at the church doors. 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.

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. 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.

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.

Have a fantastic week!



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Saint Sebastian Parish invites YOU to

A ROSARY RALLY in the PUBLIC SQUARE

Celebrating the 105th Anniversary of Mary's Apparitions in Fatima

Saturday, May 14

12 noon - 1:00 pm.

at the intersection of SE 17th Street and 2700 Mayan Drive, Fort Lauderdale
in front of The Church By The Sea; park in their lot.

For info, please call Linda 954-604-5507

