

# Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy

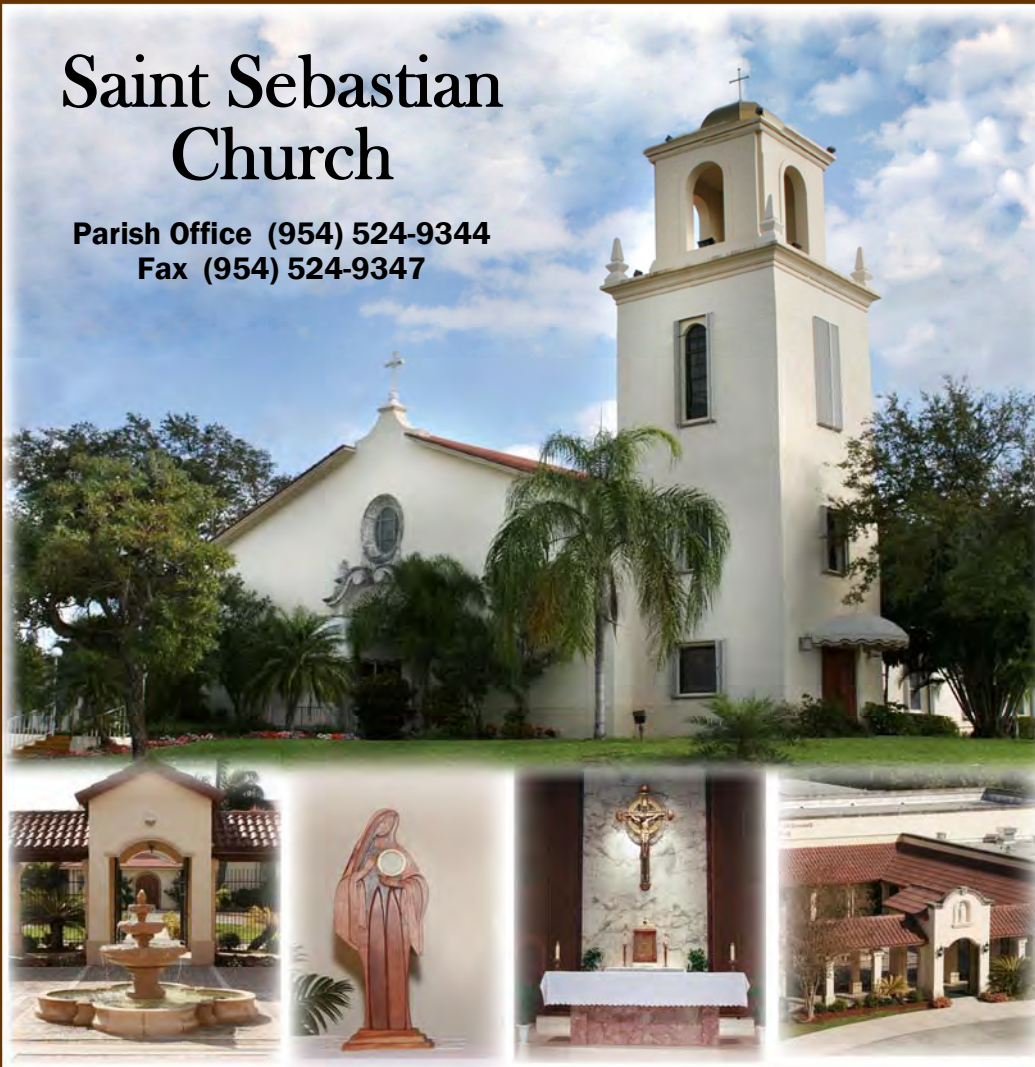
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## Saint Sebastian Church

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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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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



## 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,

On April 22, 2001, which was one year after establishing Divine Mercy Sunday, Pope John Paul II re-emphasized its message in the Resurrection context of Easter:

“Jesus said to St. Faustina one day: ‘Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy’. Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity.”

The devotion to Divine Mercy Sunday grew rapidly after its designation by Pope John Paul II and is now widely celebrated by Catholics. The Divine Mercy image is often placed in a location in the church for veneration. Our image hangs in the little chapel just outside the priest’s sacristy with the image of the Infant of Prague.

The liturgical celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday reflects the devotional elements of Divine Mercy itself. The first prayer of that Mass beginning with:

*Heavenly Father and God of Mercy, We no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for He is alive and has become the Lord of Life.*

This opening prayer refers to divine mercy as the key element in the plan of God for salvation and emphasizes the belief that it was through mercy that God gave his only son for the redemption of mankind, after the fall of Adam.

*Divine Mercy Sunday*, May 1, 2011, at the Vatican, included the beatification of Pope John Paul II, for which over a million pilgrims went to Rome. John Paul II died in April 2005 on the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday. not only was beatified on Divine Mercy Sunday, by his successor, Pope Benedict XVI, but was canonized together with Pope John XXIII also on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, 2014, by Pope Francis.



As I think about it, what could stand more closely to the very heart of the meaning of the Resurrection than God’s Mercy?

Why did Jesus go through His Passion and Death and what was the promise of it all? The answer is God’s Mercy poured out on us. What gift could better symbolize God’s love shining through his Son?

I didn’t realize the degree to which Divine Mercy played such a role in Pope Saint John Paul’s life. Considering what he went through in his life, especially in the last years, who more than he would have understood just what mercy really meant.

I’m grateful that none of the scripture readings today made any references to Noah. I’m going to take the Bible’s word for it that he was grateful when he could finally get off that Ark. I’ve been seriously wondering if I should consider getting at least a kayak.

I thank God (in His mercy) that the parish grounds came out of the one-in-a-thousand event okay. I’m praying for the folk who are still swimming out (as opposed to digging out.) **Sixty** ibis had a breakfast of swimming delicacies in my backyard on Friday morning. As for me, I’m not going to complain about brown grass for a little while.

In Jesus,

Mass Intentions

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Saturday** 5:00 pm **April 15**  
 † Pasquale Polselli,  
 req. by Sandra Polselli  
 † Grace & Murray Toomey,  
 req. by M.L. Toomey  
 † Guillermo Torres,  
 req. by Rosemary & Jim Guerin

**Sunday** 8:30 am **April 16**  
 † Edna Salg,  
 req. by her loving daughter, Susie  
 † Jim Cowgill, Jr., req. by Janet Stokoe  
 † Marilene Azer, req. by Anne Trainor  
 Living & Deceased of our Parish

11:00 am

**Monday** 8:30 am **April 17**  
 † Brendan Tremmel,  
 req. by Isabel Halpin  
 Wellbeing of Barry Hogan,  
 req. by Marcia Hogan

**Tuesday** 8:30 am **April 18**  
 † Marilene Azer, req. by S.S.C.C.W.

**Wednesday** 8:30 am **April 19**  
 People of Ukraine

**Thursday** 8:30 am **April 20**  
 † Mildred McGinty,  
 req. by Grace Middlemiss

**Friday** **April 21**  
 Priests of the Archdiocese

**Saturday** 5:00 pm **April 22**  
 † Jim Cowgill Jr.,  
 req. by Joan and Bill Fuccillo  
 † David Horney, req. by Don Bourke  
 † Donald Murry, req. by Ann Murry

**Sunday** 8:30 am **April 23**  
 † Dolores Hesse Fink,  
 req. by husband Jack  
 † Jim Cowgill Jr.,  
 req. by Carol and Bob McMahon  
 † Marilene Azer & Georges Dermakar,  
 req. by Mona Dermakar

11:00 am Living and Deceased of our Parish

**Saturday, April 22nd after 5:00 pm Mass -  
 Groundbreaking for our New Kitchen & Storage area  
 Weekend of April 22-23 - St. Vincent de Paul Truck  
 here**

**Sunday, April 23rd—Bloodmobile in our parking lot.**

**Sunday, May 14th at 11:00 Mass -  
 First Holy Communion**

**WELCOME AND THANK YOU,  
 BISHOP DELGADO!**

Our heartfelt thanks to Auxiliary Bishop Enrique Delgado as we welcome him to St. Sebastian Parish to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to three of the students in our Religious Education Program! Bishop, your presence blesses us as we celebrate this joyful moment in the life of our Parish...Thank you!

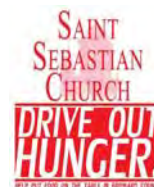
**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to our students being Confirmed this Sunday at the 11:00 Mass:

*Brendan Thomas* **Andrew** *Gipps*  
*Aleksandra Sarah* **Veronica** *Rohleder*  
*Jasmine Jessica* **Margaret** *Trang*

May you be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to be strong in your Catholic Faith, and serve others as Jesus did. We are proud that you are a part of our Parish Family, and continue to pray for you!

*“Only they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.” (Galatians 2:10)* How fortunate we are to be able to provide non-perishable food and hygiene items to the needy in our city. Let us be eager to do so. Let’s continue to fill our church shopping carts to the brim! To care is to share. **ALSO:** The St. Vincent de Paul Pantry is in need of **plastic grocery bags** for food distribution and empty, clean **egg cartons**. At times, the Pantry receives donations of eggs in bulk, so egg cartons are needed to facilitate passing them along. You can place these items - along with your donations of food and hygiene items - in the shopping carts. Thank you! **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.**



**REMEMBER THE SICK**

Mary Lou Mann, Suzanne Plum, Don Loughran, Jr., Sandy Rodrigues, John Harris, Stephen Black, Mary Alice Zittle, Alvaro Arevalo, Michelline Toulouse, Paul Ristow, Ed Fetscher, Margaret Donato, Matt Keysers, Judy Flood, Sister Frances Voss, O.S.C., Rae Pietrzak, Tom Casey, Charles Benoit, Rob Messerschmidt, Mary Pat Connolly. Anne McCormick

**GROUNDBREAKING!**

Great news! We are FINALLY ready to “put a shovel in the ground” and build our new kitchen and storage area! The groundbreaking ceremony will be on **Saturday, April 22nd after the 5:00 pm Mass**. All are welcome to join us for this event. Let’s pray that all goes well with the construction and we all enjoy many happy meals prepared in our new facility.

**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 online by dialing 848-777-1212. When prompted put in 1431434#. For more info, please call Mary Kennedy at 954-290-1194. We will be sharing from the Gospel of Matthew, with Arthur Cholakis facilitating.



*Jesus, I Trust in You*