

# Third Sunday of Easter

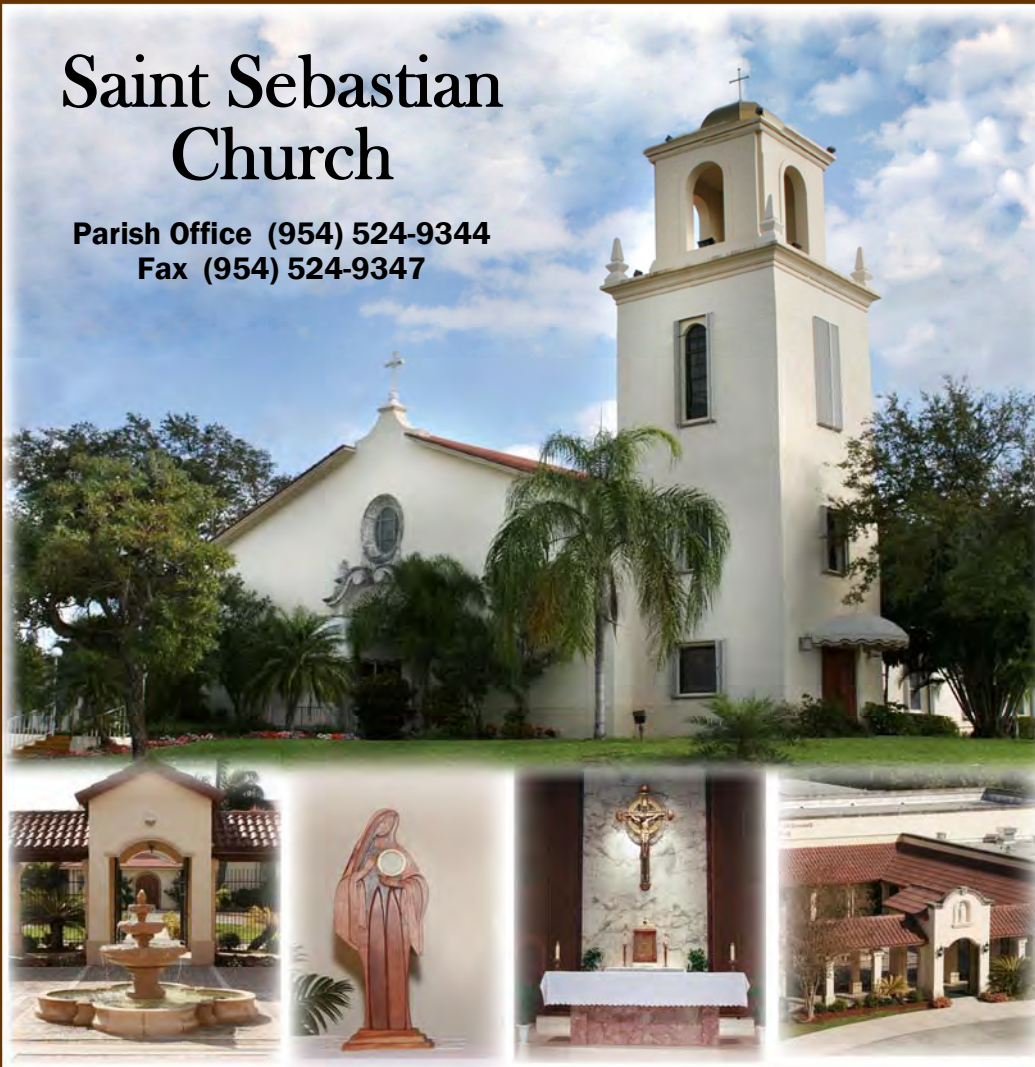
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## Saint Sebastian Church

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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

Rev. Msgr. James F. Fetscher  
*Pastor*

Miss Anne M. Gardner  
*Pastoral Assistant*

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*Office Assistant*

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*Director of Music*  
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*Maintenance*

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Nancy Adams  
Elizabeth Calhoun  
Judy Fisher  
Rosemary Guerin  
Frank Krauser  
Richard Page  
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,

Did you ever think the day would come? At long last we are beginning. This weekend, after the five p.m. Saturday liturgy, we “broke ground” for the kitchen addition and the new storeroom. The kitchen is on the northeast corner of the parish hall and the storage area will be on the north wall.

It’s been a long time coming, but the good news is that it’s paid for. The money we have saved includes the cost of the equipment as well.

I know over the years there has been some discussion about whether we needed a kitchen. We certainly seem to do pretty well most of the time.

My hope for the kitchen is not just making our current uses easier. Let’s imagine what else we might be able to do. The mantra in the back of my mind has been, “If you build it, they will come.” Who is “they?” I don’t know, but if we build it, we will find out.

Some of the “they” might have been here on Easter when 1,085 people came to offer Easter Praise. Thank you for creating the environment that welcomes people.

Time and again, I get feedback from visitors near and far. They felt welcome. It’s not that we need to hear such praise. Rather, it helps us to remember that our mission is to show the face of Jesus as well as we can. The folk who stand at the Church doors on the weekends to say “hello and welcome” set the tone. Something so simple speaks volumes about who and what we are.

As we break ground for the kitchen we are especially praying for the safety of the builders. Our construction company is CRR General Contractors. Alex Rodriguez is the chief honcho. He built our shrine area for the mosaic of Our Lady, Star of the Sea. Alex has been wonderfully patient as we waded through the stuff required by the Archdiocese and the city. All seems finally in order.

Speaking of worthwhile projects...

We are reaching our ABCD goal of \$143,516. On April 14<sup>th</sup>, we had \$19,147 to go. Last Monday, a very generous parishioner came in and asked how much we had to go. He then wrote a check for \$10,147. It brought a smile to Annie’s face when she saw the \$147 added to the \$10,000. She and the generous parishioner agree that the rest of us could come up with the remaining \$9,000.

If you are a visitor, our ABCD is the annual appeal the Archdiocese makes to the Catholic Community for helping the Archdiocese in its outreach to parishes and ministries in need. Most dioceses throughout the country have some kind of similar appeal.

I hope you are sharing in the work of your diocese “up north” and if you put a tiny bit into the ABCD appeal “down south,” I have every confidence the Lord will be able to add them together and give you the gold star for superior participation. And never forget, participation is far more than giving money. ALL our actions speak louder than our words, even our check writing.

I still have very good feelings about the visit of Bishop Enrique Delgado, our auxiliary bishop, who came last Sunday to confirm Brendan Gipps, Aleksandra Rohleder and Jasmine Trang. You will find them pictured across the page with the Bishop.

Bishop Enrique’s good humor made the ceremony a real pleasure. His master of ceremonies, Raul Panellas, made the ceremony flow. Raul is the coordinator of the Worship and Spiritual Life Office. That was a job I had 1,000 years ago, actually 54 years. I was the first director. After that I was succeeded by people who kicked it up quite a few notches. My goodness! So many memories. Maybe I’m getting old. Love and Peace,

In Jesus,



**Mass Intentions**

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>April 22</b> † Jim Cowgill Jr., req. by Joan and Bill Fuccillo † David Horney, req. by Don Bourke † Donald Murry, req. by Ann Murry
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 23</b> † Dolores Hesse Fink, req. by husband Jack † Jim Cowgill Jr., req. by Carol and Bob McMahon † Marilene Azer & Georges Dermarker, req. by Mona Dermarker
11:00 am	Living & Deceased of our Parish
<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 24</b> † Thomas Simpson, req. by Marcia & Barry Hogan
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 25</b> † Marie Bourke, req. by Don Bourke
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 26</b> † Marilene Azer, req. by Kaye Drohan Wellbeing of Nau Family
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 27</b> Wellbeing of Jacob & Yvonne Simpson, req. by Marcia & Barry Hogan
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 28</b> † Joan Pazak, req. by Kaye Drohan
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>April 29</b> † Molly Yen, req. by Don Bourke Wellbeing of Bill Fucciolo, req. by Kaye Drohan
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 30</b> Living and Deceased of our Parish
11:00 am	† Jim Cowgill, Jr., req. by John & Sandi Mann † Leo McGinity, req. by Grace Middlemiss † Antonio Cristiani, req. by Claudia Cristiani

**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 Keyzers, Judy Flood, Sister Frances Voss, O.S.C., Rae Pietrzak, Tom Casey, Charles Benoit, Rob Messerschmidt, Mary Pat Connolly. Anne McCormick

**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.

**MEN'S CLUB NEWS**

This Thursday, April 27, Victor DeBianchi will speak and answer any questions on Wills and Trusts after the 8:30 Mass in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Weekend of April 22-23 - St. Vincent de Paul Truck here**  
**Sunday, April 23rd - Bloodmobile in our parking lot.**  
**Thursday, April 27 - Victor DeBianchi - on Wills & Trusts**  
**Sunday, May 14th at 11:00 Mass - First Holy Communion**

During the month of March (5 Fridays), the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at Blessed Sacrament Church served 847 clients representing 2460 individuals. All of this is possible due to the continued generosity of food donations from surrounding parishes. They are so grateful to all of you. 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.**



**CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2023**



In spite of the bridge malfunction and related traffic nightmares, Bishop Delgado administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to Brendan Gipps, Aleksandra Rohleder and Jasmine Trang last Sunday at the 11:00 Mass. **A heartfelt thanks to their teachers - Frank Krauser and Maddy Facarazzo** - for their commitment to passing on the Faith to our young people. May this Parish Family always support these students with our prayers and example.

*The work we are beginning today  
helps enliven our faith.*

*We know the words of the Psalm:*

*“If the Lord does not build  
the house,  
in vain do its builders labor.”*

*Whenever we look to the interests  
of the community  
we are God’s own co-workers.*

*Let us pray for his help,  
that God will  
bless this construction  
and all who work here.*

*May God’s protection  
keep them safe from injury.*