

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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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. Ernest Biriruka
Pastor

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Frank Krauser
Richard Page
Connie Reed
Chuck Wobby

PARISH WEBSITE:

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.

From the desk of our Pastor, Father Ernest

The Effects of the Celebration of This Sacrament (The Anointing of the Sick)

1520 *A particular gift of the Holy Spirit.* The first grace of this sacrament is one of strengthening, peace and courage to overcome the difficulties that go with the condition of serious illness or the frailty of old age. This grace is a gift of the Holy Spirit, who renews trust and faith in God and strengthens against the temptations of the evil one, the temptation to discouragement and anguish in the face of death. This assistance from the Lord by the power of his Spirit is meant to lead the sick person to healing of the soul, but also of the body if such is God's will. Furthermore, "if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven."

1521 *Union with the passion of Christ.* By the grace of this sacrament the sick person receives the strength and the gift of uniting himself more closely to Christ's Passion: in a certain way he is consecrated to bear fruit by configuration to the Savior's redemptive Passion. Suffering, a consequence of original sin, acquires a new meaning; it becomes a participation in the saving work of Jesus.

1522 *An ecclesial grace.* The sick who receive this sacrament, "by freely uniting themselves to the passion and death of Christ," "contribute to the good of the People of God." By celebrating this sacrament the Church, in the communion of saints, intercedes for the benefit of the sick person, and he, for his part, through the grace of this sacrament, contributes to the sanctification of the Church and to the good of all men for whom the Church suffers and offers herself through Christ to God the Father.

1523 A preparation for the final journey. If the sacrament of anointing of the sick is given to all who suffer from serious illness and infirmity, even more rightly is it given to those at the point of departing this life; so it is also called sacramentum exeuntium (the sacrament of those departing). The Anointing of the Sick completes our conformity to the death and Resurrection of Christ, just as Baptism began it. It completes the holy anointings that mark the whole Christian life: that of Baptism which sealed the new life in us, and that of Confirmation which strengthened us for the combat of this life. This last anointing fortifies the end of our earthly life like a solid rampart for the final struggles before entering the Father's house.

V. VIATICUM, THE LAST SACRAMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN

1524 In addition to the Anointing of the Sick, the Church offers those who are about to leave this life the Eucharist as viaticum. Communion in the body and blood of Christ, received at this moment of "passing over" to the Father, has a particular significance and importance. It is the seed of eternal life and the power of resurrection, according to the words of the Lord: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." The sacrament of Christ once dead and now risen, the Eucharist is here the sacrament of passing over from death to life, from this world to the Father.

-from *Catechism of the Catholic Church* paragraphs 1520-1524

NOTE:

For the sick, do not call the priest at the last moment just in case the priest might not be available. Please call when the sick person is still able to talk so as to confess and receive the Eucharist.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	March 16 Living & Deceased of our Parish
Sunday 8:30 am	March 17 † Father Pat McDonnell, req. by Maher Family † Jim Cowgill, Jr., req. by Joan Morris † Irene Trumbly, req. by Family
11:00 am	Wellbeing of Bary Hogan, req. by Marcia Hogan
Monday 8:30 am	March 18 † Maiselle Shortley, req. by M.L. & Helen Toomey
Tuesday 8:30 am	March 19 † Grace & Murray Toomey, req. by M.L. & Helen Toomey Special Intention of Anna Marie Pierotti, req. by Anna Marie Pierotti
Wednesday 8:30 am	March 20 † Margaret Barrosse
Thursday 8:30	March 21 † Maxine Tanous, req. by M.L. & Helen Toomey
Friday 8:30 am	March 22 † Sara Martinez, req. by Bob Van Epps
Saturday 5:00 pm	March 23 † Joan Fuccillo, req. by Joan, Gary & Bill Fuccillo Wellbeing of Grace Middlemiss, req. by Abernethy Family
Sunday 8:30 am	March 24 Living & Deceased of our Parish
11:00 am	† James Patrick Murphy, req. by Family

REMEMBER THE SICK

Mary Lou Mann, Suzanne Plum, Don Loughran, Jr., Sandy Rodrigues, John

Harris, Stephen Black, Alvaro Arevalo, Paul Ristow, Matt Keyzers, Judy Flood, Sister Frances Voss, O.S.C., Tom Casey, Charles Benoit, Rob Messerschmidt, Anne McCormick, Patricia Moss, Patty Marma, Diane Johnson, Jim Guerin, Susan Lochrie, Agnes McCauley, Teri Beth Gooch, Ray Wicklander, Kathy Mahoney, Lila Ferzacca, Cash Dugan, Harriette Sessa, Ann Maher, Mary Ann Smith, Linda Spitzer, Stephanie & Savannah Kate Allen, Grace & Angelo Ferrara, Blakeleigh Riley, Connie Reed, Jorge Rave

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, call Mary Kennedy at 954-290-1194. We will be sharing from the Book of Ephesians with Isabel Jarman facilitating.

REGISTRATION

If you attend Mass at St. Sebastian regularly, please become a registered member of our parish. Complete a registration form (found at the Welcome Table at the main entrance of the church, on our website, or by calling the office).



Happy St. Patrick's Day!



SAVE THE DATE

March 22 - Stations of the Cross after 8:30 am Mass

March 23 & 24 - St. Vincent de Paul Truck

Each Friday, the line never seems to shorten as the needy arrive at the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank at Blessed Sacrament Church. Your weekly donations of non-perishable food and hygiene items help to provide essentials to the most needy in Broward County. Let's continue to fill our church shopping carts with food and hygiene items. To share is to care. **PLEASE REMEMBER: In addition to food and hygiene items, the Pantry needs plastic grocery bags for food distribution and empty, clean egg cartons for 6 or 12 eggs** (they cannot use the cartons for 18 eggs). You can also place these items in the shopping carts. Thank you! If you know of anyone in need, please tell them that a drive thru grocery distribution takes place every Friday from 1:30-4 PM at Blessed Sacrament Church, 1701 E Oakland Park Blvd (entrance to parking lot on NE 33rd Street and closes at 3:15). First timers must provide proof of residency in Broward County.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!

Congratulations to the winners of the St. Sebastian Council of Catholic Women's Cash Raffle held at their Fashion Show on Saturday, March 9th! The winners are:

- \$500. Hy Montero
- \$300. Lolena Bottino
- \$100. Carol Kirkpatrick
- \$100. Linda DeBold

The Council thanks all who participated and helped to make this event a success!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Eucharistic Adoration takes place in our Chapel of the Divine Healer on Fridays from after the 8:30 am Mass until 5:00 pm. Please consider this opportunity to spend some quiet time with the Lord in prayer. If you'd like to commit to a specific time slot each week, please call the office as there are available times.

PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE

Disabled parking spaces are reserved only for those who have a handicapped license plate or visible permit displayed on their vehicle. Please be considerate of those who need this accommodation.

IRELAND...

Do you want to extend your Irish experience beyond St. Patrick's Day? Our Irish Adventure is scheduled to depart September 29th for 9 days/8 nights of travel around Ireland. Estimated cost is \$4,200 which includes air, hotels and most meals. If you want to join us, please call the Parish Office prior to April 1st. Deposit of \$250 is due by May 4th.



A LENTEN THOUGHT



As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst... 'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor—He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you.

-St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Holy Week Schedule

*Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord*

March 23rd: Mass at 5:00 pm

March 24th: Mass at 8:30 & 11:00 am

*Monday-Wednesday, March 25-27:
Mass at 8:30 am*

*Wednesday, March 27:
Confessions after 8:30 am Mass*

*Holy Thursday, March 28th:
Mass of the Lord's Supper: 8:00 pm*

*Good Friday, March 29th:
Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3:00 pm*

*Easter Vigil, March 30th:
8:00 pm*

(please note there is no 5:00 pm Mass)