

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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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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PASTORAL COUNCIL

Nancy Adams
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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

CHRIST'S REDEMPTIVE DEATH IN GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

"Jesus handed over according to the definite plan of God"

599 Jesus' violent death was not the result of chance in an unfortunate coincidence of circumstances, but is part of the mystery of God's plan, as St. Peter explains to the Jews of Jerusalem in his first sermon on Pentecost: "This Jesus [was] delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God." This Biblical language does not mean that those who handed him over were merely passive players in a scenario written in advance by God. "He died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures"

601 The Scriptures had foretold this divine plan of salvation through the putting to death of "the righteous one, my Servant" as a mystery of universal redemption, that is, as the ransom that would free men from the slavery of sin. Citing a confession of faith that he himself had "received," St. Paul professes that "Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures." In particular Jesus' redemptive death fulfills Isaiah's prophecy of the suffering Servant. Indeed Jesus himself explained the meaning of his life and death in the light of God's suffering Servant. After his Resurrection he gave this interpretation of the Scriptures to the disciples at Emmaus, and then to the apostles.

"For our sake God made him to be sin"

602 Consequently, St. Peter can formulate the apostolic faith in the divine plan of salvation in this way: "You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your fathers . . . with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was made manifest 'at the end of the times for your sake.'" Man's sins, following on original sin, are punishable by death. By sending his own Son in the form of a slave, in the form of a fallen humanity, on account of sin, God "made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

603 Jesus did not experience reprobation as if he himself had sinned. But in the redeeming love that always united him to the Father, he assumed us in the state of our waywardness of sin, to the point that he could say in our name from the cross: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Having thus established him in solidarity with us sinners, God "did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all," so that we might be "reconciled to God by the death of his Son."--.

God takes the initiative of universal redeeming love

604 By giving up his own Son for our sins, God manifests that his plan for us is one of benevolent love, prior to any merit on our part: "In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins." God "shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us."

605 At the end of the parable of the lost sheep Jesus recalled that God's love excludes no one: "So it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish." He affirms that he came "to give his life as a ransom for many"; this last term is not restrictive, but contrasts the whole of humanity with the unique person of the redeemer who hands himself over to save us. The Church, following the apostles, teaches that Christ died for all men without exception: "There is not, never has been, and never will be a single human being for whom Christ did not suffer."

Mass Intentions

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

Monday 8:30 am **March 25**
 † Theresa M. Gardner,
 † Angelina Barcello, req. by Family

Tuesday 8:30 am **March 26**
 † Maiselle Shortley,
 req. by M.L. & Helen Toomey

Wednesday 8:30 am **March 27**
 † Maxine Tanous,
 req. by M.L. & Helen Toomey
 † Charles & David Riley, req. by a Friend

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

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

Saturday **8:00 pm** **March 30 - Easter Vigil**
 For Our Parishioners & Benefactors

Sunday 8:30 am **March 31**
 † Charles & Marie Maher,
 req. by Family
 † Dolores Hesse Fink,
 req. by Husband Jack
 † Ossi Pierotti,
 req. by Anna Marie Pierotti

11:00 am Living & Deceased of Our Parish

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, 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 or by calling the office). Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE

March 23 & 24 - St. Vincent de Paul Truck in our parking lot.
April 2 - Bus trip to Ave Maria, sponsored by Men's Club
April 14 - Dedication of New Kitchen & Storage Area

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Mass at 8:30 am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Confessions after Mass on Wednesday

Holy Thursday, Mar. 28: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8:00 pm

Good Friday, Mar. 29: Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Distribution of Holy Communion at 3:00 pm

Easter Vigil, Mar. 30: Mass begins at 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday, Mar. 31: Masses at 8:30 and 11:00 am

Kitchen & Storage Area Dedication!

On Sunday, April 14th, Archbishop Wenski will celebrate the Dedication of our new Kitchen and Storage area in the Parish Hall after the 11:00 am Mass. The kitchen will be named the Msgr. James F. Fetscher Kitchen in recognition of his 12+ years of service as our Pastor. If you plan to attend the **reception following the Dedication, please RSVP via the sign-up sheets at the church doors, or by calling the Parish Office. Please be sure to respond by April 7th** so we can prepare accordingly.

As we reflect on the Passion, death and resurrection of Our Savior, Jesus Christ, this week, let us also think of those who suffer today. Your weekly donations of non-perishable food and hygiene items help to ease the suffering of some of the needy residents in Broward County. Please fill our church shopping carts to overflowing as a sign of our gratitude for the many blessings we continually receive. **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.



IRELAND...



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.

Ave Maria Tour April 2, 2024

\$100.00 / person includes bus, tours, & Lunch.



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- 8:15 Board bus at St Sebastian's**
 - 9:30 Arrive at Ave Maria**
 - 10:00 Mother Teresa Center**
 - 11:00 Lunch at Oasis Restaurant**
 - 12:00 Mass at Ave Maria Church**
 - 1:00 Church Tour**
 - 2:00 Trolley ride of the city**
 - 2:45 Religious Shop**
 - 3:15 Board Bus to St Sebastian's**
 - 4: 30 Arrive home at St Sebastian's**

**Our bus carries 24 so don't delay, see Annie to pay and get on the Tour List.
The Ave Maria tour list will fill fast.**

Brought to you by St Sebastian's Men's Club

For more information:

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