

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

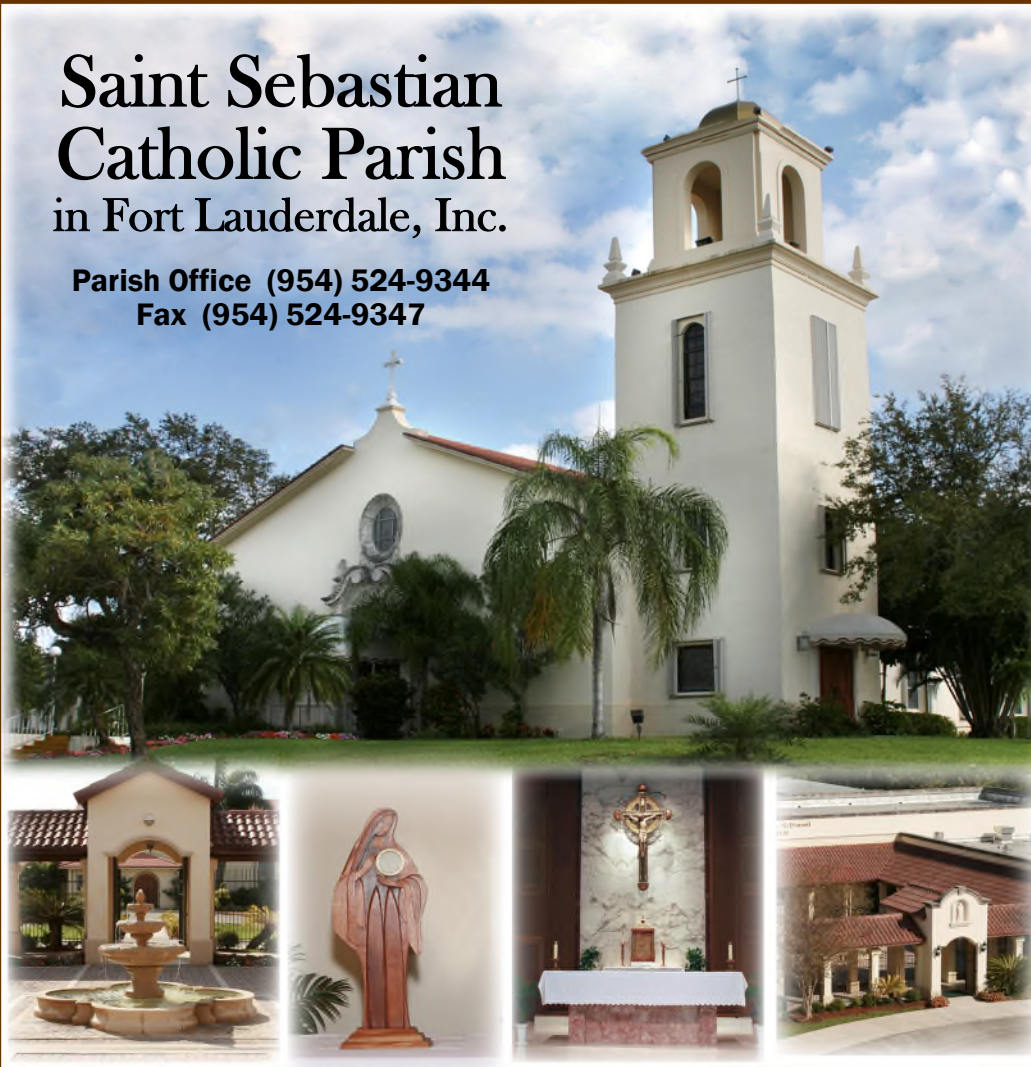
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MASSES

Saturday 5 pm
(Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 8:30 & 11 am

Weekdays 8:30 am
(Mon. through Fri.)

Holy Days
(Schedule varies)

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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



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

HAPPY EASTER!

HAPPY EASTER my dear Parishioners of Saint Sebastian's! What a wonderful thing to know and to believe that Jesus is Risen! As years go by in my life, I feel even more excited about this. First of all because we are celebrating the Pascal Mystery of our Salvation. By his Passion and Resurrection, Jesus has saved us from our sins and from death, He has freed us from the ancient foe, the Devil, and obtained for us New Life in him.

When he went through his Passion and death, he looked like that 'corner stone' rejected by the builders. In human terms, all seemed lost. Dead and buried, what would come after? Nevertheless, his Sacrifice on the Cross was not in vain: On the third day he rose again! We do not have all the details of that event as Pope Saint John Paul II admitted in his catechesis on Jesus Christ ([A Catechesis on the Creed, Volume 2, Jesus Christ](#), Pauline Books & Media 1996). But we know it is real: He rose from the dead and his disciples could bear witness of what they saw with their own eyes. Saint Paul to the Corinthians (1Co 15), makes one of the most compelling reports on the Jesus' resurrection: Our faith would be worthless if there is no resurrection.

With Jesus's resurrection we have the hope that we too will rise from death. So, our sufferings and our death are not the end of us but a passage that led us to a new life that will never end. My dear brothers and sisters, we have to set this reflection in the context of our world where many people live as if there is no resurrection; their goals are only in this world. They want to enjoy everything they can in this world and the longest they can because they have no perspective of the resurrection. That is the essence of the atheism we see in this world and culture. Without faith in God, in Jesus Christ his Son, there is no perspective of life after this life. But for us who believe, we know that the gates of heaven have been opened by the Cross of Jesus.

For those who believe, then new things happen: *"If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God"*. We do not run away from this world, but we run away from sin and we fulfill our goals in this world guided by God's light, motivated by his love, and with the firm hope that we will see him in the glory of the resurrection. In fact, we should try to improve the condition of this world as way of getting credit for the world to come. So, we should make us order our priorities according to God's love and his will. Our choices in different areas of our life should reflect our faith: whether in social life, in our businesses, in politics, in the use of our time, resources and talents, in other words in what we do for God's kingdom. Right now, in this land, we have a grave problem of truth: objectivity is not easy because we prefer our feelings, interests and pleasures. Beyond any kind of interest and taste, we should be discerning in prayer, so that what do and say should correspond to the truth as God wants.

We, as disciples of Jesus have also that joyful mission of proclaiming the Good News of his Resurrection. Again, tell the whole world without fear and hesitation that Jesus is alive. That means to give hope to our world who could be fixed on material things only. We do not have a meaning about suffering and death without the resurrection of Jesus. When tragedy strikes, when sickness destroys our dreams, when in the middle of our human failures, sins and problems, only the Risen Lord can give us the right answers and direction. We pray that the bright light of Jesus' resurrection may continue to shine brightly on every human being and in every situation we face. *"So it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this."* Lk 24: 47-48. Happy Easter!

Mass Intentions

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| Saturday 5:00 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 |
| Monday 8:30 am | April 1 Wellbeing of Peggy Kieff, req. by Judy Fisher Wellbeing of Jack Averell |
| Tuesday 8:30 am | April 2 † Mallory Pinheiro, req. by Elli Hurst |
| Wednesday 8:30 am | April 3 Wellbeing of Mary Kennedy, req. by Grace Middlemiss |
| Thursday 8:30 am | April 4 Wellbeing Georgiana Eschen, req. by Grace Middlemiss |
| Friday 8:30 am | April 5 † John Belcher, req. by Frank Maguire |
| Saturday 5:00 pm | April 6 † Mario Lopez Calderon, req. by Gisella Reyes |
| Sunday 8:30 am | April 7 † Ray Biondi, req. by Anna Marie Pierotti † Jim Cowgill Jr. req. by Abernethy Family |
| 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, 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, Melissa Mirabile, Marge Mitchell, Rasoul Karimi

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.

SAVE THE DATE

April 2 - Bus trip to Ave Maria, sponsored by Men's Club

April 7 at 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Sunday

April 14 - Dedication of New Kitchen & Storage Area

April 27-28 St. Vincent de Paul Truck in our parking lot

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.

Happy Easter Let us share the joy of His Resurrection by our generous contributions of non-perishable food and hygiene items to the needy in our city. Make our church shopping carts be the "Easter Baskets" for our less fortunate brothers and sisters. To care is to share. **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.



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.

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.



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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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