

Second Sunday of Easter-Divine Mercy

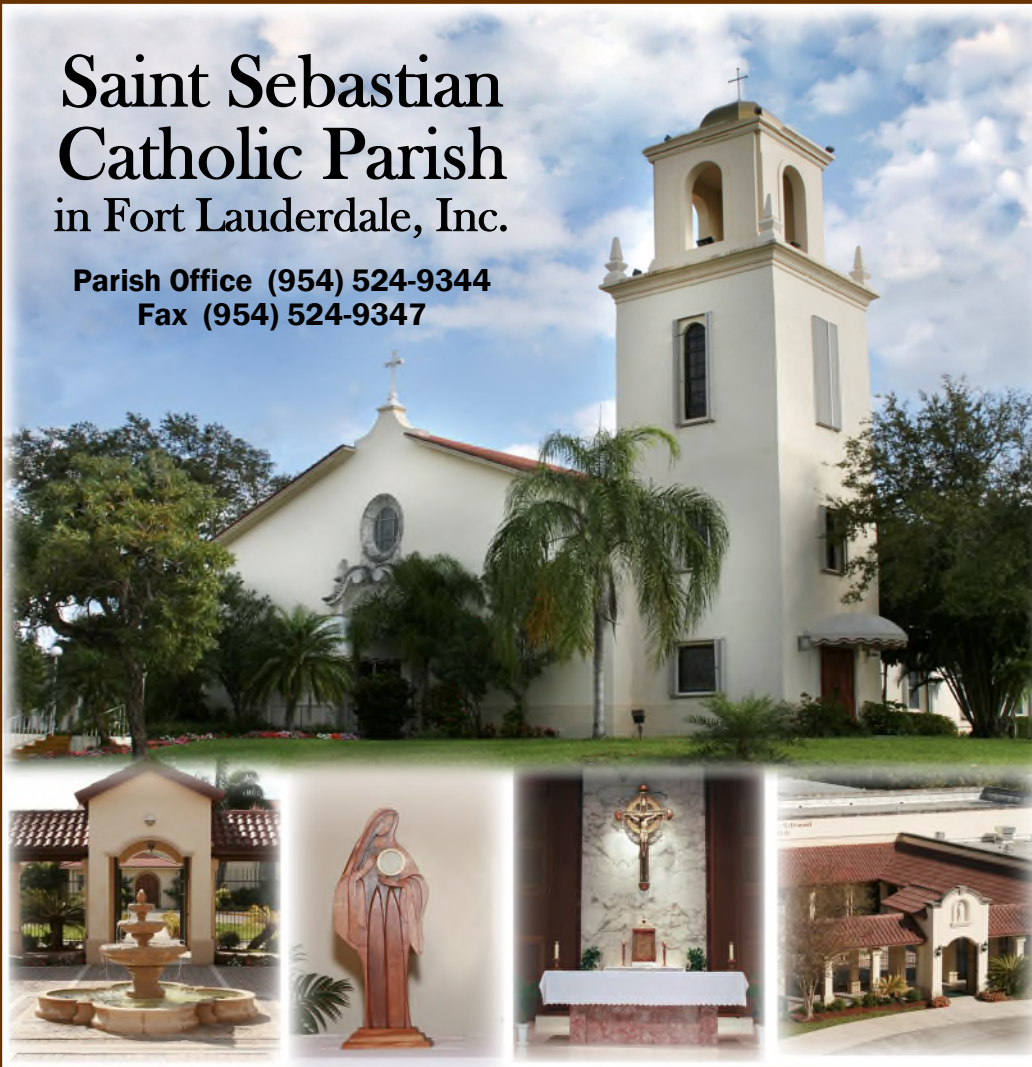
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MASSES

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

Divine Mercy Sunday

Jesus' Mercy revealed to Sister Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938)

299 When, on one occasion, my confessor told me to ask the Lord Jesus the meaning of the two rays in the image, I answered, "Very well, I will ask the Lord."

During prayer I heard these words within me: **The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls...**

These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross.

These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father. Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him. I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy.

300 + Ask of my faithful servant [Father Sopocko] that, on this day, he tell the whole world of My great mercy; that whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment.

+ Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My Mercy.

+ Oh, how much I am hurt by a soul's distrust! Such a soul professes that I am Holy and Just, but does not believe that I am Mercy and does not trust in My Goodness. Even the devils glorify My Justice but do not believe in My Goodness.

My Heart rejoices in this title of Mercy.

301 Proclaim that mercy is the greatest attribute of God. All the works of My hands are crowned with mercy.

1182 (50) + Today the Lord said to me, **My daughter, My pleasure and delight, nothing will stop Me from granting you graces. Your misery does not hinder My mercy. My daughter, write that the greater the misery of a soul, the greater its right to My mercy; [urge] all souls to trust in the unfathomable abyss of My mercy, because I want to save them all. On the cross, the fountain of My mercy was opened wide by the lance for all souls—no one have I excluded!**

1190 + Jesus.— **From all My wounds, like from streams, mercy flows for souls, but the wound in My Heart is the fountain of unfathomable mercy. From this fountain spring all graces for souls. The flames of compassion burn Me. I desire greatly to pour them out upon souls. Speak to the whole world about My mercy.**

1541 My daughter, encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given to you. It pleases Me to grant everything they ask of Me by saying the chaplet. When hardened sinners say it, I will fill their souls with peace, and the hour of their death will be a happy one.

Write this for the benefit of distressed souls; when a soul sees and realizes the gravity of its sins, when the whole abyss of the misery into which it immersed itself is displayed before its eyes, let it not despair, but with trust let it throw itself into the arms of My mercy, as a child into the arms of its beloved mother. These souls have a right of priority to My Compassionate Heart, they have first access to My mercy. Tell them that no soul that has called upon My mercy has been disappointed or brought to shame. I delight particularly in a soul which has placed its trust in my goodness.

Write that when they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the merciful Savior.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	April 6 † Mario Lopez Calderon, req. by Gisella Reyes
Sunday 8:30 am	April 7 † Roy Biondi, req. by Anna Marie Pierotti † Jim Cowgill, Jr., req. by Abernethy Family
11:00 am	Living & Deceased of our Parish
3:00 pm	Priests & Religious of our Archdiocese
Monday 8:30 am	April 8 † Albertina Biondi, req. by Anna Marie Pierotti † John Koons, req. by Rosie & Family
Tuesday 8:30 am	April 9 † Joseph L. Barcello, req. by Family
Wednesday 8:30 am	April 10 Wellbeing of Marcia Hogan, req. by Barry Hogan
Thursday 8:30 am	April 11 Health of Fr. Daniel Houde, O.S.S.T.
Friday 8:30 am	April 12 Priests & Religious of our Archdiocese
Saturday 5:00 pm	April 13 † J. Patrick & Nelly O'Connor, req. by Family † Joan Fuccillo, req. by Abernethy Family † Dr. Jairo Casas, req. by Gloria Casas
Sunday 8:30 am	April 14 Priests & Religious of our Archdiocese
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 Ferrazza, 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 Gospel of Mark with Angela McNaughton facilitating.



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.

SAVE THE DATE

- April 7 at 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Sunday
- April 14 - Dedication of New Kitchen & Storage Area
- April 21 - Bloodmobile in our Parking lot
- April 27-28 St. Vincent de Paul Truck in our parking lot

Kitchen & Storage Area Dedication!

Next 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 today, or by calling the Parish Office no later than Monday, April 8th**, so we can prepare accordingly.



"If one of your kinsmen in any community is in need in the land which the Lord, your God, is giving you, you shall not harden your heart nor close your hand to him in his need." (Deuteronomy 15:7). The Lord has spoken. Let's keep our church shopping carts filled with non-perishable food and

hygiene items for those in need. 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.

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.

ESTATES, WILLS, TRUSTS, ETC.

Elder lawyer Victor DeBianchi, Jr. will again present his discussion about documents we should have before it is too late, Wednesday morning April 10, 2024. Sponsored by the Men's Club, the event will take place in the parish hall after the 8:30 morning Mass, about 9:15 am; all are invited.

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.

Have a wonderful week!

*With Praise and thanksgiving to
Almighty God,
we joyfully announce the
Dedication of the
New Kitchen & Storage Area
in Msgr. Patrick S. McDonnell Parish Center of
St. Sebastian Catholic Parish*

&

*The Naming of the Kitchen in honor of
Msgr. James F. Fetscher*

Sunday, April 14, 2024

following the 11:00 am Mass.

*The Blessing given by Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski
will be followed by a Reception in the Parish Hall.*

R.S.V.P. by this Monday, April 8, 2024

*using the sign-up sheets at the church doors or by calling
the Parish Office at 954.524.9344.*