

# Third Sunday of Easter

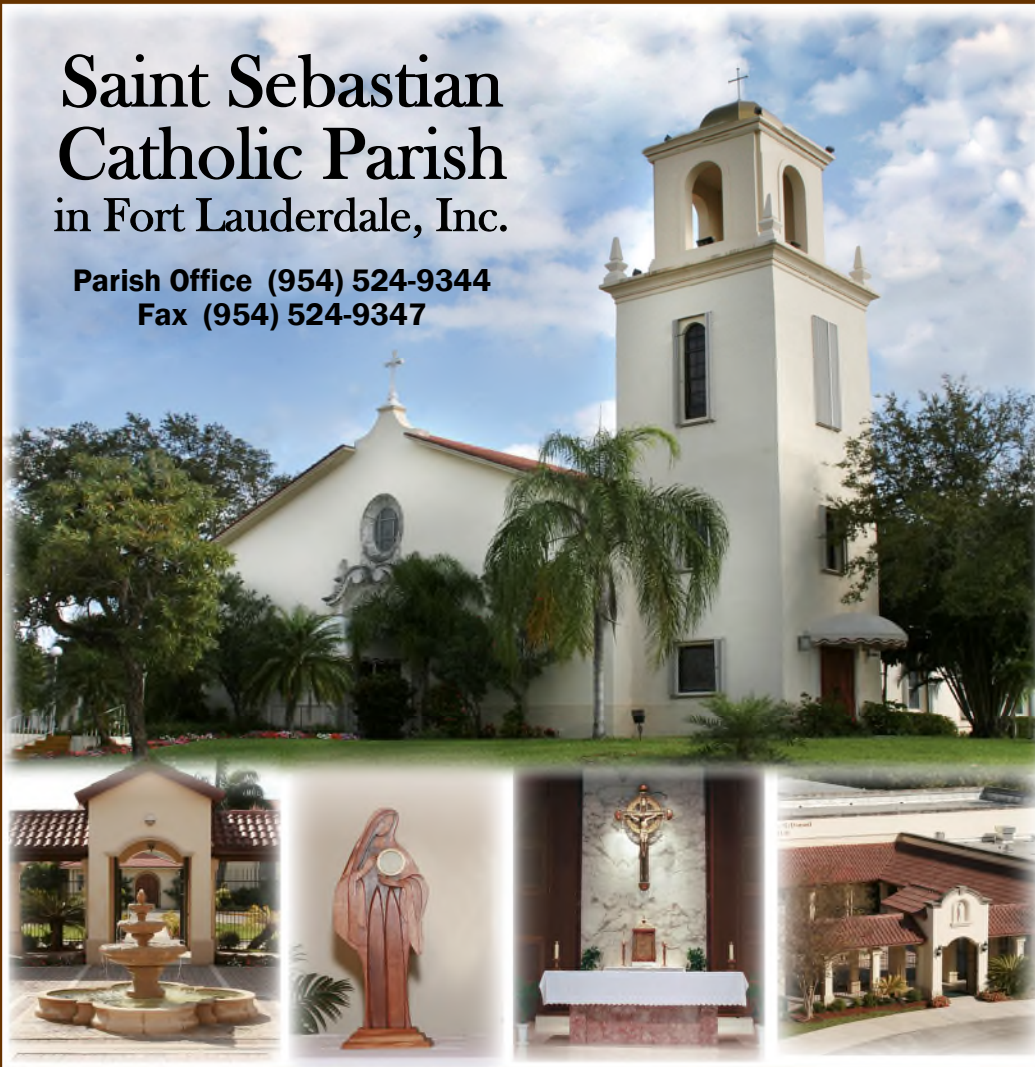
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## Saint Sebastian Catholic Parish in Fort Lauderdale, Inc.

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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*

Miss Anne M. Gardner  
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*Maintenance*

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Nancy Adams  
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Rosemary Guerin  
Frank Krauser  
Johnny Mann  
Richard Page  
Connie Reed

**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.

# ***From the desk of our Pastor, Father Ernest***

## **On the Third Day He Rose from the Dead**

**638** "We bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, this day he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus." The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ, a faith believed and lived as the central truth by the first Christian community; handed on as fundamental by Tradition; established by the documents of the New Testament; and preached as an essential part of the Paschal mystery along with the cross:

Christ is risen from the dead!  
Dying, he conquered death;  
To the dead, he has given life.

## **I. THE HISTORICAL AND TRANSCENDENT EVENT**

**639** The mystery of Christ's resurrection is a real event, with manifestations that were historically verified, as the New Testament bears witness. In about a.d. 56, St. Paul could already write to the Corinthians: "I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve . . ." The Apostle speaks here of the living tradition of the Resurrection which he had learned after his conversion at the gates of Damascus.

### **The empty tomb**

**640** "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen." The first element we encounter in the framework of the Easter events is the empty tomb. In itself it is not a direct proof of Resurrection; the absence of Christ's body from the tomb could be explained otherwise. Nonetheless the empty tomb was still an essential sign for all. Its discovery by the disciples was the first step toward recognizing the very fact of the Resurrection. This was the case, first with the holy women, and then with Peter. The disciple "whom Jesus loved" affirmed that when he entered the empty tomb and discovered "the linen cloths lying there," "he saw and believed." This suggests that he realized from the empty tomb's condition that the absence of Jesus' body could not have been of human doing and that Jesus had not simply returned to earthly life as had been the case with Lazarus.

### **The appearances of the Risen One**

**641** Mary Magdalene and the holy women who came to finish anointing the body of Jesus, which had been buried in haste because the Sabbath began on the evening of Good Friday, were the first to encounter the Risen One. Thus the women were the first messengers of Christ's Resurrection for the apostles themselves. They were the next to whom Jesus appears: first Peter, then the Twelve. Peter had been called to strengthen the faith of his brothers, and so sees the Risen One before them; it is on the basis of his testimony that the community exclaims: "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"

**642** Everything that happened during those Paschal days involves each of the apostles - and Peter in particular - in the building of the new era begun on Easter morning. As witnesses of the Risen One, they remain the foundation stones of his Church. The faith of the first community of believers is based on the witness of concrete men known to the Christians and for the most part still living among them. Peter and the Twelve are the primary "witnesses to his Resurrection," but they are not the only ones - Paul speaks clearly of more than five hundred persons to whom Jesus appeared on a single occasion and also of James and of all the apostles.

Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>April 13</b> † J. Patrick & Nelly O'Connor, req. by Family † Joan Fuccillo, req. by Abernethy Family † Dr. Jairo Casas, req. by Gloria Casas
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am 11:00 am	<b>April 14</b> Priests & Religious of our Archdiocese Living & Deceased of our Parish
<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 15</b> † Ossi Pierotti, req. by Anna Marie Pierotti
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 16</b> † Lawrence Fell, req. by Kathleen & Robert Hulsy
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 17</b> Wellbeing of Barry Hogan, req. by Marcia Hogan
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 18</b> † Joan Cecere, req. by Kathleen & Robert Hulsy
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 19</b> † Grace & Murray Toomey, req. by Helen & M.L. Toomey
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>April 20</b> † Joan Fuccillo, req. by Bill, Gary & Joan † Mildred McGinity, req. by Grace Middlemiss Wellbeing of Connie Reed, req. by Abernethy Family
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am 11:00 am	<b>April 21</b> † Dolores Hesse Fink, req. by husband, Jack † Margaret Barrosse † Edna Salg, req. by her loving daughter 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, 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 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.

Welcome Archbishop Wenski!

This Sunday, we welcome His Excellency, Archbishop Wenski to St. Sebastian. He will be the principle celebrant at the 11:00 am Mass, and will dedicate our new Kitchen and Storage Area after Mass. Your Excellency, we thank you - and your Priest Secretary, Father Ryan Saunders - for your presence today!

Welcome Back, Monsignor Jim Fetscher!

We also welcome our beloved former Pastor, Msgr. Jim Fetscher back to St. Sebastian for the Dedication. Monsignor's dream of a kitchen that would enable all to be fed has become a reality. **Thank you,** Monsignor, for your vision and leadership!

Thank you to those who put it all together!

Sincere thanks to the Architect, **Alberto Llorente**; to the General Contractor, **Alex Rodriguez** of CRR General Contractors; to **David Prada**, the Senior Director of the Archdiocesan Building and Property Office, and **Carlos Sanabria**, the Archdiocesan Project Manager, for the part each of you had in bringing the dream of our Kitchen and Storage area to reality. May God continue to bless you and your work!

SAVE THE DATE

- 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



*"For the needy shall not always be forgotten, nor shall the hope of the afflicted forever perish."* (Psalm 9:19) We at St. Sebastian, will not forget the poor, but will contribute our weekly gifts on non-perishable food and hygiene items for the needy in our community. Our church shopping carts stand ready to accept your donations. 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 33<sup>rd</sup> Street and closes at 3:15). First timers must provide proof of residency in Broward County.

*"Lord, let your face shine on us."*

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# DONATE BLOOD

**Saint Sebastian Catholic Church**  
**Sunday, April 21**  
**10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

All donors will receive\*:

- **\$20 eGift Card**
- **Insulated Tote Bag**
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

*Fact: Every two seconds of every day, someone needs blood.*



Appointments are encouraged, please visit [oneblood.org/donate-now](http://oneblood.org/donate-now) and use sponsor code **92**

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