

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

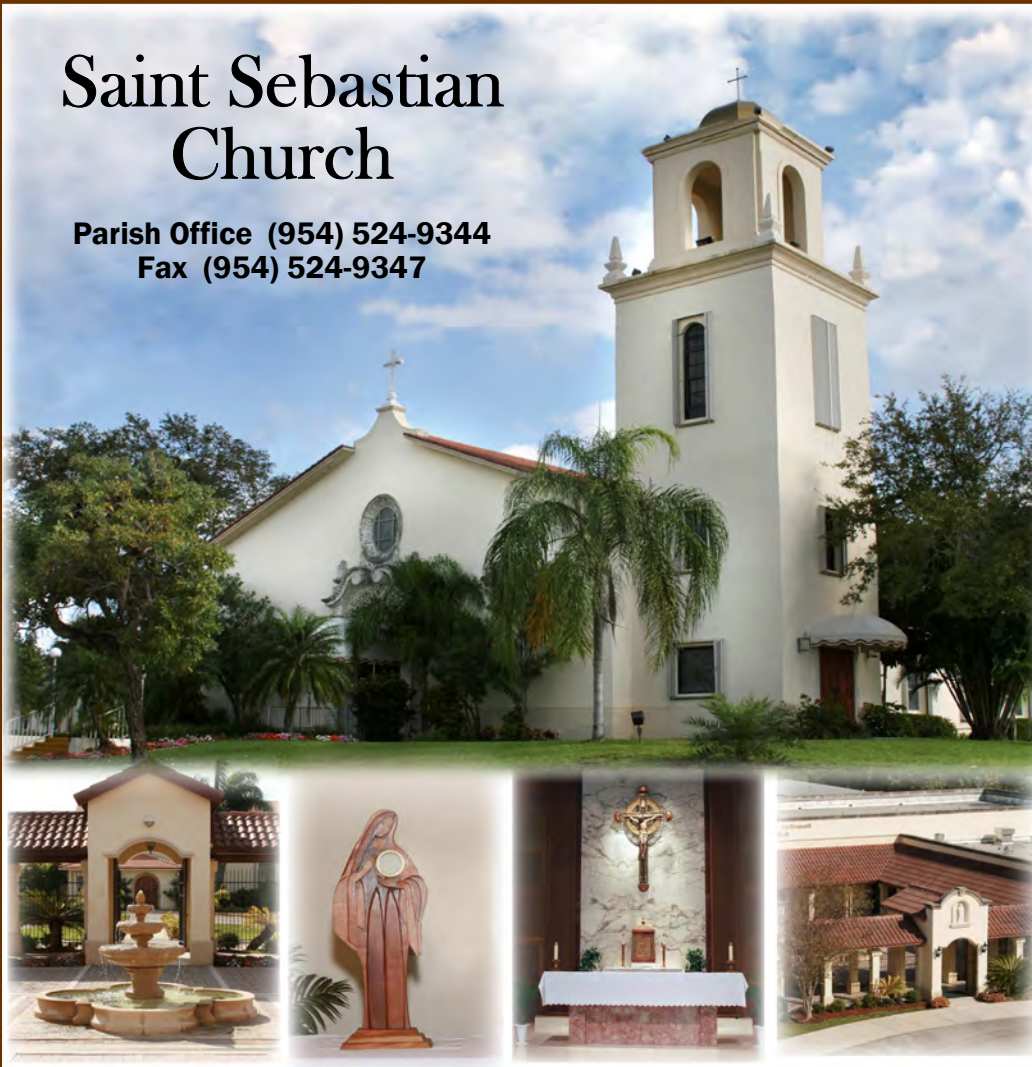
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## Saint Sebastian Church

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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. Msgr. James F. Fetscher  
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### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Nancy Adams  
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**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.

Dear Family,

"A great 20th-century theologian said, 'No matter how low you fall in your life, you will meet Jesus coming up from deeper down to meet you.'"

You heard me use that quote last Sunday. Since then, I've labored in vain to find out who the theologian is. However, I'm contacting the good Dominican in Dublin who included the quote in his gospel commentary in *Today's Good News*.

It's funny how you can get caught up in something that in the long haul probably doesn't make much difference. After all, it's the message that matters, not the messenger. Being lifted up with the Lord's support under you is a pretty good message.

Truthfully, I really have thought more about the message than the messenger. Remembering that Christ supports me, enlivens me, empowers me, encourages me to pass on His words through my actions. At the end of the day, that's quite an examination of conscience: "What did my actions say today?"

A few things are coming up this week that are blessings for us.

Next Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Mass Marius Garbayo and Ava Gutierrez will be making their First Communions. You may see Marius come up and check in with me during Sunday Mass while his parents are going to Communion. We've been on a countdown and he knows that praying for me is his special job. I'll get Ava on that mission as well. It's good to have friends in important places and I can't think of a more important place than a child making his or her First Communion.

Two other folk important to our parish are Msgr. Michael Hippee who celebrates his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of priesthood and Father Gary Wiesmann who celebrates his 40<sup>th</sup>. Msgr. Hippee is retired from Wisconsin and Father Gary has been preaching missions on behalf

of the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica. It's a bit stunning to realize that between the three of us, this year marks 145 of priesthood.

I don't pretend to speak for them, but I suspect they join me in hoping that the Lord used us and we didn't allow too much of ourselves to get in the way.

That thought brings me back to the opening of this *Twitch*. With Jesus below us pushing up, we can celebrate His support, even *despite* our shortcomings (not that Mike and Gary have any shortcomings, of course.)

I hope you'll be able to help me say "Thank You" to the Lord for my 55 years. Join me for a special Mass of Thanks on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Noshes will follow.

I'm almost afraid to mention the next item, but you can see that the "silt fencing" is up. That's the black plastic you see strung around the east end of the Parish Center. Its intent is to keep driveway dirt and the like from moving around too much during construction.

I've waited 10 years to see it happen, and the reason I was hesitant to mention it is because I'm too Irish and God forbid, I jinx it. We prayed for Alex Rodriguez and his team from CRR General Contractors when we broke ground.

Now we ask the Lord to keep holding the shovel. "Bring all the parts together, Lord, to give us new spaces that widen and brighten the future of our parish, wherever the You want to lead us."

Last Monday we celebrated St. Joseph the worker. As we build, who better to walk with us than the carpenter God picked to guide his family?

In Jesus,





## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>May 6</b> † Pasquale Polselli, req. by Sandra Polselli † Cassie Pollakis, req. by Isabel Halpin † James Curley, req. by Wife
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am	<b>May 7</b> † Charles & Marie Maher, req. by Family † Dolores Fink, req. by Sandra Polselli † Jim Cowgill, Jr., req. by 8:30 Ushers
11:00 am	Living & Deceased of our Parish
<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>May 8</b> † Joan Cooney, req. by Kathleen Hulsy Wellbeing of Peter Kolesnik, req. by Frank Krauser Wellbeing of Patty Marma, req. by 11:00 Eucharistic Ministers
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>May 9</b> † Jason Timothy Cholakis, req. by Mary Kennedy
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>May 10</b> Wellbeing of Marcia Hogan, req. by Barry Hogan Wellbeing of Bertha Cordova, req. by Don Bourke Wellbeing of Matthew Samuels, req. by Don Bourke
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>May 11</b> † Ruth Anne Anton, req. by Kathleen Hulsy † Judy Lorenz, req. by Eileen Drenikowski † Joan Cooney, req. by Eileen Drenikowski
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 12</b> † Jay Mann, req. by John & Sandi Mann
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>May 13</b> † Grace & Murray Toomey, req. by M.L. Toomey † Marie Bourke, req. by Don Bourke Wellbeing of Barry Hogan, req. by Marcia Hogan
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am	<b>May 14</b> † Mother's Day Novena
11:00 am	Living and Deceased of our Parish

## REMEMBER THE SICK

Mary Lou Mann, Suzanne Plum, Don Loughran, Jr., Sandy Rodrigues, John Harris, Stephen Black, Mary Alice Zittle, Alvaro Arevalo, Michelline Toulouse, Paul Ristow, Ed Fetscher, Margaret Donato, Matt Keyzers, Judy Flood, Sister Frances Voss, O.S.C., Rae Pietrzak, Tom Casey, Charles Benoit, Rob Messerschmidt, Mary Pat Connolly, Anne McCormick, Margaret Barrosse, Patricia Moss

## 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, please call Mary Kennedy at 954-290-1194. We will be sharing from the Gospel of Matthew, with Arthur Cholakis facilitating.

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Sunday, May 14th at 11:00 Mass -  
First Holy Communion**

**Saturday, May 20th at 8:30 am - Sandwich Ministry**

**Weekend of May 20-21 - St. Vincent de Paul truck in  
our parking lot.**

*"Never again will they be hungry, never  
again will they thirst." (Revelations 7:16).*

This passage refers to the faithful who lacked the basic needs while here on earth. We at St. Sebastian can - in a limited way - provide the food they need to survive by our weekly contributions of non-perishable food and hygiene items. These items are brought to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank at Blessed Sacrament Church, where they are distributed weekly. To care is to share. **ALSO:** The St. Vincent de Paul Pantry is in need of **plastic grocery bags** for food distribution and empty, clean **egg cartons**. At times, the Pantry receives donations of eggs in bulk, so egg cartons are needed to facilitate passing them along. You can place these items - along with your donations of food and hygiene items - in the shopping carts. Thank you! **If you know of anyone in need, please let them know that The St. Vincent DePaul Society conducts a drive thru grocery distribution every Friday from 1:30-4 PM at Blessed Sacrament Church**, 1701 E Oakland Park Blvd (entrance to the parking lot is located on NE 33<sup>rd</sup> Street and will be closed at 3:45). First timers must provide proof of residency in Broward County.



## MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

A Novena of Masses for your mothers - living and deceased - will be celebrated beginning on Mother's Day and continuing through Monday, May 16th. If you would like to include your mother in the Novena, please write her name on the card which you can find in the pews and place it in the basket in the sanctuary. The basket will be placed on the altar during the Novena.

## HELP FOR UKRAINE

As Ukrainians flee from the Russian bombardments **Catholic Relief Services** and its Caritas partners are on the ground offering aid. Across Ukraine and in bordering countries, they provide safe shelter, hot meals, hygiene supplies, transport to safe areas, counseling and more. Donations can be made directly to CRS: Online: [support.crs.org/ukraine](https://support.crs.org/ukraine); Phone: 1-877-HELP-CRS; By check: Ukraine Response, Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, Maryland 21297-0303.

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*May*

*Month of Mary,  
Our Blessed Mother*