

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Saint Sebastian Church

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MASSES

Saturday 5 pm

(Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 8:30 & 11 am

Weekdays 8:00 am

(Mon. through Fri.)

Holy Days

(Schedule varies)

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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.

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 Family.



Dear Family,

Here I am once again, thinking about something that, AS I WRITE, has not happened yet. With God's help, by the time you read this *Twitch*, we will have had a wonderful Sixtieth Anniversary Dinner.

Next week I'll be sure and thank all those who made it happen, but I especially know I will be grateful to Connie Reed and Liz Calhoun for arranging the venue and keeping track of all those names with their filets or salmons.

As usual, I also know I am and will be, *profoundly* grateful to Annie Garner who designed and made the name tags. Why tags? You know how you see someone across the aisle at the same Mass every Sunday and you always smile and say hello, and after all the years of doing that, it's just too embarrassing to say, "Oh, by the way, what's your name again?" And if you think you're embarrassed, imagine how I feel.

(A few years back I think I told the story about Monsignor Rastatter who was my pastor growing up in Holy Family. He used to call me 'Sheik.' I always thought that was pretty cool. It was not until many years later, talking to one of our parishioners here who also had served Monsignor at a parish up this way, that he too was called Sheik. That was his way of dealing with names. I guess I thought I might have been the only sheik, but thinking about it now, all I can say is how special Monsignor made me feel and I hope I can follow his example, even when I don't know each name.)

Getting back to gratitude, that's what this Jubilee year is about: saying thanks to the Lord for making us this special community, a community of *believers*. It's worth celebrating.

Think about all that has happened here in the last sixty years. Actually, there is no way anyone

can think about it all, but each believer who has passed through here has been touched by the Spirit in some way. Whether we were (are) sunbirds, snowbirds, peacocks or emus, (or a black ani, a species of cuckoo bird,) or whatever, the point is, above all else we have been and continue to be, **the Mystery of the Body of Christ at work.**

At the dinner, I asked the celebrators to write down two thoughts; first, to think of one particular happy memory you have of your life at St. Sebastian, and second, what one thing do you wish for the parish and its future. I can tell you my answers. One happy memory – among many – was my 50th anniversary of being a priest. My hope for the next 60 years is that we will not be under water. (Perhaps technology will give us a way to put the parish on a floating dock. That way, as the water rises, we can move the parish with us.)

Seriously folks, the bottom line is how are we making the face of Jesus visible to ourselves, and to every person we meet. It's a well-worn question, but one that can never be asked enough.

That's my little daily examination of conscience: did I try to find a new way to show the Lord. It's not that it always needs to be a new way of doing, but it must always be a way of 'showing up' for the new things that constantly confront me (and you.)

Other events are in the works to mark our Jubilee including a special Mass of celebration with Archbishop Wenski on March 29th. (We'll ask the Lord to let us ease up on Lent for the events.) My prayer is that we will always be a place of discovering Jesus anew. As always, I am yours in Him,



PS Special request: Are there any Philatelists (stamp collectors) among you? I'd appreciate a 'consultation.'

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Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	January 18 † Molly Yen, req. by Donald Bourke † Dominick Romano, req. by Bill & Ellie Loughran † Marjorie & Sherwood Rice, req. by Cheri
Sunday 8:30 am	January 19 † Grace & Murray Toomey, req. by M.L. Toomey † Sister Mary Rowley, S.C. Intention of Annie Gardner, req. by Charlotte Newbury
11:00 am	Living and Deceased of our Parish
Monday 8:00 am	January 20 In Thanksgiving, req. by Joe & Patti Garrihy Intention of Grace Middlemiss, req. by Dottie Nolen
Tuesday 8:00 am	January 21 † William Mullooly, req. by M.L. Toomey
Wednesday 5:00 pm	January 22 † Brian Schwahn, req. by Jarchow Family
Thursday 8:00 am	January 23 † Linda Block, req. by Friends
Friday 8:00 am	January 24 † John Fasenmyer, req. by sister, Connie
Saturday 5:00 pm	January 25 † Dr. Anthony Garruto, req. by Dolores & Jack Fink † Yanko Salazar, req. by Donald Bourke † Rosemary & Bill Schneider, req. by Cheri
Sunday 8:30 am	January 26 † Michael Nelson † Patrick & Nelly O'Connor, req. by Christopher O'Connor Intention of Msgr. Jim Fetscher, req. by Charlotte Newbury
11:00 am	Living and Deceased of our Parish

REMEMBER THE SICK

Donn Taylor, Colt Becker, Nanchine McManus, Robert Real,

Mary Lou Mann, Peggy Lynch, Denise Bergeron, John Orozco, Suzanne Plum, Don Loughran, Jr., Joel Rivera, Hayden O'Connor, Jim Cowgill, Jr., Tiffany Malin, John Graff, Elizabeth Shotmeyer, Peter Hanna, Sandy Rodriguez, Nilsa Pagan, Grayson Jack, Lee Rodriguez, Noah Austin, Tommy Greene, Agatha Taglienti, Regan Gallo, Anthony Lekay, John Masna, Joan Ryan, Bharti Patel, Estelle Fabian, Beverly Bang, Margaret Reitz, Helena Hughes, Donna Wasowicz, David Hmielewski, Sister Marguerite McGilly, Frances Rohleder, John Harris, Chris Hoder

WOMEN'S RETREAT

"Eucharist: Blessed & Broken, Shared & Sent" March 20-22. Space is limited; sign up soon. \$50. deposit. To register, call 561.626.1300 or www.ourladyofflorida.org. Carpool from church.

BIBLE SHARING...

Thursdays, after Mass in the Parish Hall. We are in the Gospel of Luke., and you are welcome to join us.

SAVE THE DATE ...

January 18 - Ceili Club
January 25-26 - St. Vincent de Paul truck scheduled to be in our parking lot.
February 8-9 - Trinkets & Treasures sale +
February 22 - Mardi Gras Party
March 20 - Lenten Evening of Reflection with **Dan Schutte**
March 20-22 - Women's Retreat
March 27 - Fish Fry



"If you give some of your own food to the hungry...then your light will shine in the darkness" (Is. 58:10). We are the light of the world, so let us bring that light of hope to those needy in our community by our weekly contributions of non-perishable food and hygiene items. To care is to share.



CHRIST HAS NO BODY BUT YOURS...

...no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world, your feet with which he walks to do good, yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world. St. Teresa of Avila's quote is meant to show us that we are His eyes, hands and feet, and now we are to see, go and act on His behalf. As a Catholic community, we embrace the call to action to make God present in all our lives. Through the ABCD, we serve our community by giving hope to the hopeless, strengthening the faith of the discouraged and providing charity to those most in need. *Once a year, we are called to commit ourselves to the ongoing work of the Archdiocese of Miami through the ABCD. Next week, every parish in the Archdiocese will unite to be One in Faith, One in Hope and One in Charity so that together, through the ABCD, we can be the eyes, hands and feet of Jesus. Please prayerfully consider making a gift.*

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We meet on Tuesdays from 4:00-5:30 in the Parish Hall to make prayer shawls to comfort the ill. You are invited to join us to knit, crochet or just socialize. For more information, call Pat at 954.524.0034.

TRINKETS & TREASURES SALE

SSCCW will hold their annual sale on Feb. 8 from 8am-3pm and Feb.9 from 8am-1pm. Do your spring cleaning & donate your gently used household items, pictures, jewelry, books, etc. (**No Clothing**). Items may be delivered to the Parish Hall Wed. & Thurs. Feb.5-6 from 9-11am. Questions: call Mary Ann at 914.447.0084 or Linda at 954.604.5507.

Eucharistic Adoration is held on Friday from 8:30 - 5:00 in our Chapel.

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Do Not Park in the circle north of the church. This area is to be left free for drop-off & emergency vehicles only. Parking is available on the South side of the church. Your cooperation is appreciated.

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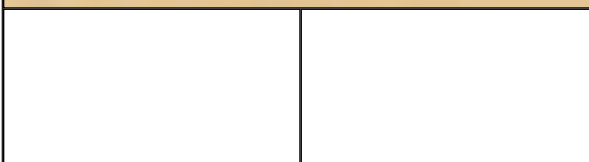
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