

Fifth Sunday of Lent

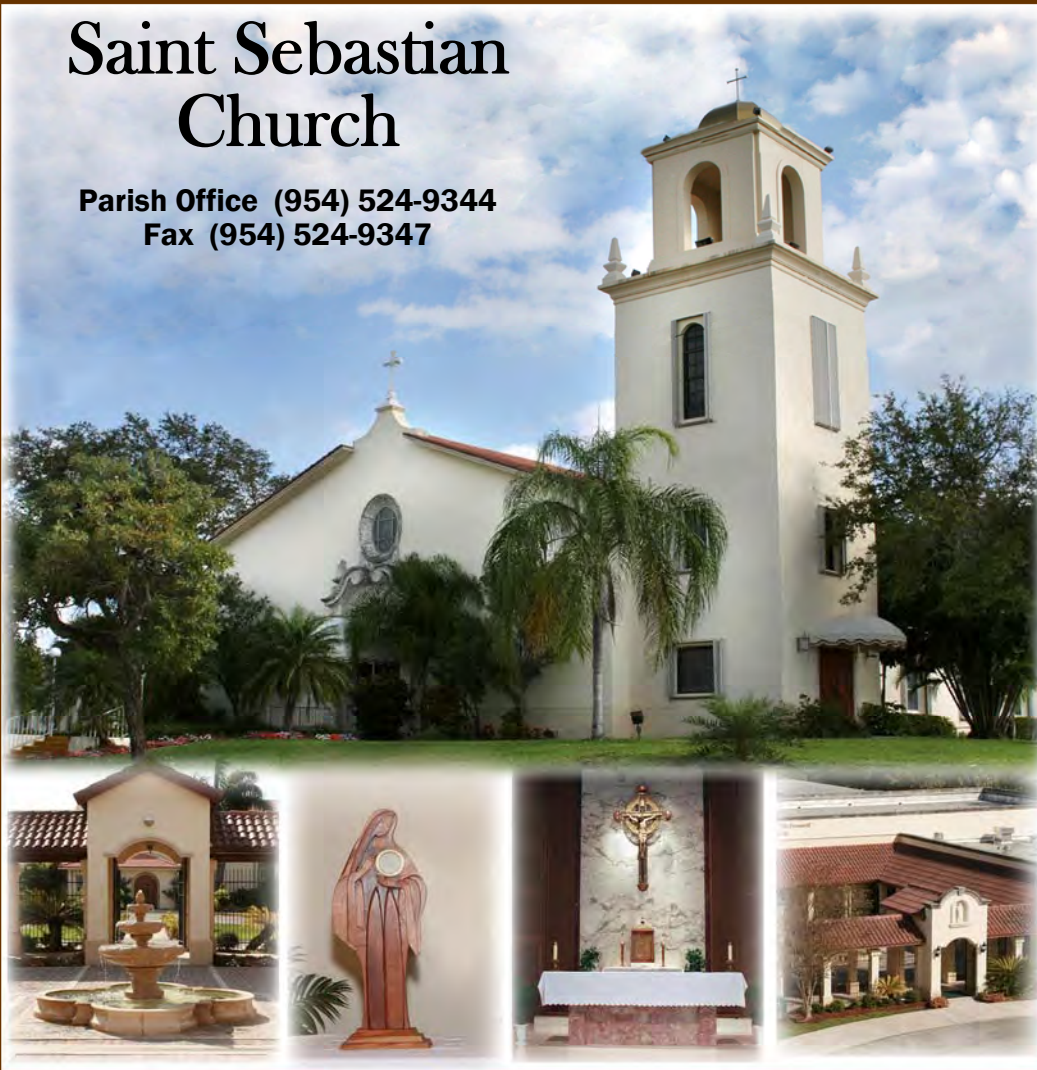
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Saint Sebastian Church

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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)

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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 Family.



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,

What is God writing on your heart? When I read today's scripture from Jeremiah, that was the first thing that came to my mind. For the Jews, it was their Law that God was writing, but it wasn't on stone tablets; it was on their hearts. The Law was God's gift that was meant ultimately to be a matter of the heart.

So, here I am thinking, "What is God writing on my heart?" If I want God writing something on my heart, I've got to do what the Jews did and bring something— like the Law — which I treasure. For some reason I can't explain, I remembered something my grandmother said to me just before she died: "Don't waste your time missing people. Pay attention to the ones around you."

From John's gospel we heard, "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be." SO, it seems like I need to serve Him to get close enough to let Him write. How do I do that? Look around and see what or who needs something. That puts me in service to Him. AND, I may not realize it was Jesus I was serving, at least not right away. But as the Jews brought the Law, maybe I'm being asked to bring service. When we serve each other we are serving Jesus, and that's pretty close — surely close enough for him to "write."

THEN, what I hear him writing is — guess **what**. I am loved unconditionally. I'm forgiven completely. I'm never alone." Surprise, surprise.

I hope that's not too confusing. Give me a small "cop-out" and let me say that the mysteries of God's love are simple and confusing at the

same time, simple when God offers; confusing when we try to accept.

Maybe, what God is writing on my heart right now is "Gratitude."

I'm grateful for Annie keeping everything running this last week while I was having the unique experience of a common cold. Continuing down Gratitude Lane, I was also happy to get back to work. I am grateful for Patrio's willingness to run all kinds of errands. I am grateful for a great guy by the name of Charlie Patel. Charlie worked for Sandy and Matt Keyzers at Holland Nursery. He spent a number of days doing beautiful landscaping touches this week. Check out the north side of the rectory garage on Barbara Drive.

I'm grateful for Msgr. Mike Hippee who brought you the 8:30 Mass on short call. Gratitude also for Fr. Gary who comes every Wednesday so I can take a day off. And much more... perhaps most basically, touching the genuine joy of knowing AND feeling God's love.

RECONCILIATION

**MONDAY AND THURSDAY NIGHTS THIS WEEK,
6:00 P.M. UNTIL NO ONE IS LEFT.**

**MONDAY AND TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK,
AFTER 8:30 MASS UNTIL NO ONE IS LEFT.**

**ANYTIME BY APPOINTMENT. CALL THE
OFFICE.**

Get your special supply of Patience Pills ready for next week as we enter Holy Week. Just remember that we will be visited by folk who may not be usually here. It's a time to SHOW them why they might want to hang around! Peace and Blessings,

In Jesus,



Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	March 20 Living & Deceased of our Parish
Sunday 8:30 am	March 21 † Bob Romano, req. by Men's Club † Donald Hrniciar, req. by Zolluccio/Carey Families Intention of Cowgill & DelAlamo Families, req. by Joan Morris
11:00 am	† Sara Martinez, req. by Bob Van Epps Priests of our Archdiocese
Monday 8:30 am	March 22 † Barry Osborn, req. by Bill & Ellie Loughran, Sr.
Tuesday 8:30 am	March 23 † Tena, Elizabeth & Maturina, req. by Simona
Wednesday 8:30 am	March 24 † Theresa M. Gardner
Thursday 8:30 am	March 25 Intention of Charlotte Newbury
Friday 8:30 am	March 26 † Souls in Purgatory, req. by Richard Schmelz Family Pico, Barreto, Suarez Families
Saturday 5:00 pm	March 27 † Thomas McElhinney, req. by Ann Murry † Jim Hmielewski, req. by Claire Ryder † Anthony Marzilli, req. by Hero Family
Sunday 8:30 am	March 28 † Jackie Schoettle
11:00 am	Living & Deceased of our Parish

REMEMBER THE SICK

Nanchine McManus,
Mary Lou Mann, Peggy
Lynch, Denise Ber-

geron, Suzanne Plum, Don Loughran, Jr., Hayden O'Connor, Jim Cowgill, Jr., John Graff, Elizabeth Shotmeyer, Peter Hanna, Sandy Rodriguez, Lee Rodriguez, Noah Austin, Tommy Greene, Agatha Taglienti, John Masna, Margaret Reitz, Donna Wasowicz, John Harris, Charlotte Newbury, Stephen Black, Jo Neumann, John E. Hurley, Joan Memo-lo, Sophia Schwab, Jonathan Hughes, Kathleen Gerium, Mary Alice Zittle, Linda B. Grable

DIAL-IN FOR BIBLE SHARING

Participate in our teleconferencing Scripture sharing: Call in starts at 9:05 and sharing begins at 9:15 each Thursday morning. Dial 848-777-1212. When prompted put in 1431434 #. We are in I & II Corinthians. Call Mary Kennedy 954.290.1194 or Carole Duksta 954.529.6547 for information. Please join us!

Have a wonder-filled week!



"A righteous person knows the just cause of the poor. A wicked person does not." (Proverbs 21:13). We who have been given so much understand our need to share with those not as fortunate. Please, let's give non-perishable food and hygiene items generously to those who need our assistance.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

There will be a special collection next weekend for Catholic Relief Services. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love to vulnerable people here and abroad. Please give generously and help **Jesus in disguise**. You can learn more about the collection at www.usccy.org/catholic-relief. Please use the specially designated envelopes—either in your boxed set, or those in the pews next weekend for this collection, so we can be sure your gift goes to Catholic Relief Services. Thank you.

DREAMING OF A CRUISE?

We are planning a 7 Day Eastern Caribbean cruise on Holland America's Nieuw Amsterdam, departing Port Everglades on December 11, 2021. Ports of call include Grand Turk, San Juan, Charlotte Amale in St. Thomas. Deposit of \$350. pp. due by June 1. For more info, stop in the Parish Office for a flyer.

RICE BOWLS

Lent is drawing to a close. Please return your filled "Rice Bowl" via the basket which will be in the sanctuary beginning next weekend. Your donations will be combined and sent to the Catholic Relief Services to help the many needy people they serve.

VOCATION MASS & REFLECTION

The Serra Club of Broward County invites you to a special Mass and Reflection to support our priests and seminarians, to be held at St. Gabriel Catholic Church, 731 N. Ocean Blvd., Pompano Beach, on Saturday, April 10th. Agenda: Mass at 10:00 am; Fr. Matthew Gomez, Vocations Director of the Archdiocese of Miami, will speak from 10:45-11:45; and Malcolm Meikle of the Serra Club will speak at 11:45. Please join us in our mission to promote vocations to the priesthood and support our priests and those in religious life. **DUE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING, RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. TO MAKE RESERVATIONS, CALL OR TEXT GEORGETTE MEIKLE AT 954-946-2551.**

JUST A THOUGHT...

Next week is Palm Sunday, marking the beginning of Holy Week. We anticipate Mass attendance will increase for the next several weeks, and we are prepared with overflow seating in the Parish Hall where Mass will be livestreamed, and a Eucharistic minister will distribute Communion at the appropriate time. Please remember our socially distanced seating - at designated ends of the pews. You may want to consider coming earlier to ensure a seat.

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