

# Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

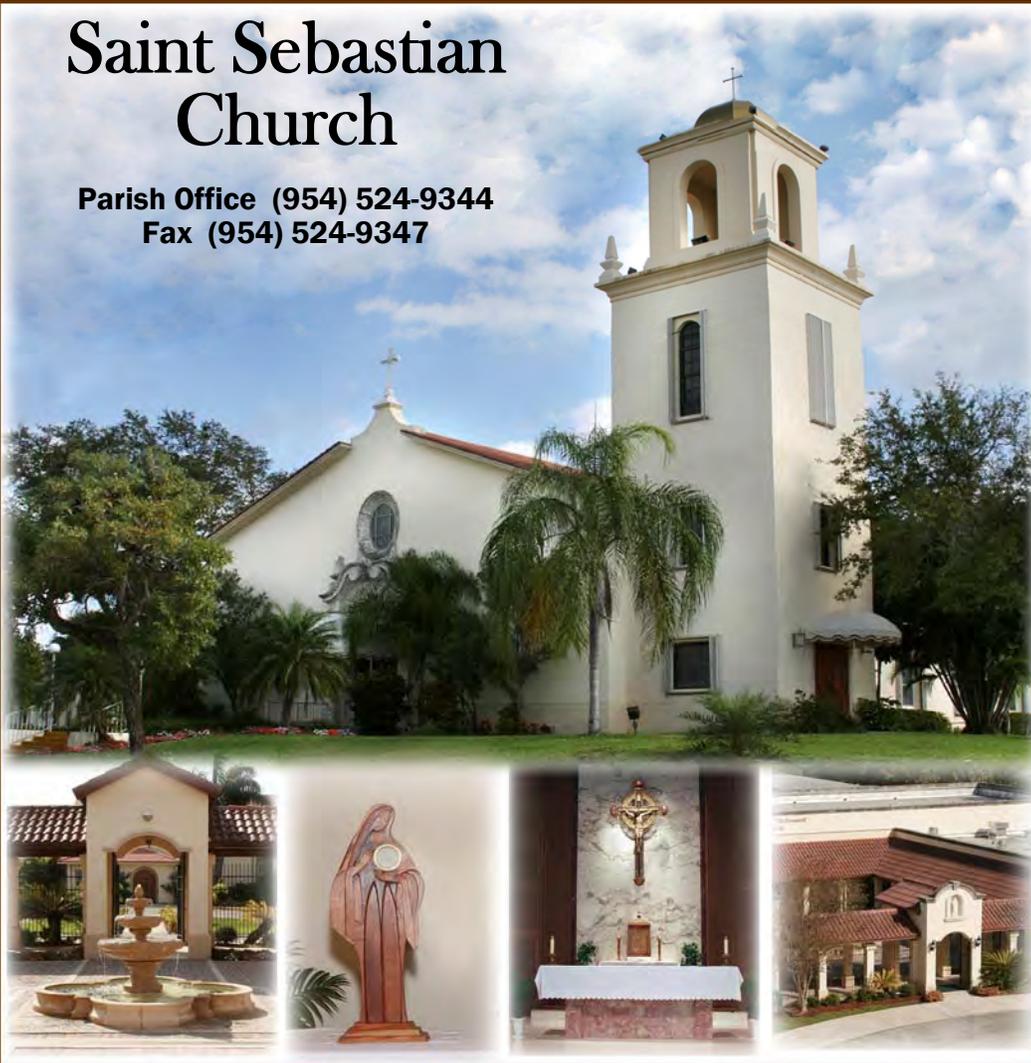
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## Saint Sebastian Church

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### MASSES

Saturday 5 pm  
(Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 8:30 & 11 am

Weekdays 8:30 am  
(Mon. through Fri.)

Holy Days  
(Schedule varies)

### PARISH STAFF

Rev. Msgr. James F. Fetscher  
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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 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,

News item: Monsignor Fetscher has fallen into an upholstery shop... Word has it... He is recovered.

That piece of wit came from good friend Dan Kroger.

The truth is, with your prayers, I am recovering. And believe me, the prayers are more important than you could possibly know. It's funny how people will say "you've got my prayers and thoughts." Somehow these days those words seem to be shallow on various occasions. But I can attest to the fact that they are not, at least for me. It was like in the misery I had people standing around me.

More than once, I was also thinking about how many people endure chronic illness and how many were suffering much worse.

I'm doing something I've never done before, and it might not be to your benefit. It's very difficult for me to type, and so I am dictating this "Twitch" on my phone in the hope that Annie will be able to turn it into something that makes sense. The problem is verbosity...

My good friend Jack and I were sitting on the porch the other night chatting about a lot of things. One of the items was about how it's so easy to get caught in conversations about health or the lack thereof.

Another item we discussed was how easy it is to forget people you've known for a long time and because you live in a different place or a different space, their names don't come up and you tend to forget them. Then when you do have a chance to think a little bit, you realize how important they were. So if this current illness is causing me to stop and think about things like that, I am happy I've had the opportunity. I'm going to promise God that I'll think about my past friends more frequently so that he will not have to give me these "wonderful opportunities." I am also fairly convinced that I've tucked a good deal of purgatory under my belt.

My primary doctor told me that my cardiologist and my surgeon we're dancing jigs in the hall about the new mitral valve they installed. My primary is a wonderful Irish woman and I guess that's why jigs come to mind. I believe I heard it is a fairly new procedure. I'm happy for them. I shall pray that they will need no further people to give them jiggging opportunities.

... which brings me to 2 Cor.8, your second scripture today.

Paul makes the case that Jesus became poor for our sake. The poverty he endured was taking on our broken humanity. Paul goes on to say we became rich by His self-gift in exchange.

He continues that our abundance is not being given to us exclusively but rather that now we are called to supply it to others. Moreover, their abundance also supplies us, "...that there may equality."

Again, my thanks to the priests who blessed you in my place. I'm hearing wonderful things. I look forward to seeing you soon.

In Jesus,



P.S.

The rain was pouring down outside O'Connor's Irish Pub. There standing in front of a big puddle outside the pub was an old Irishman, drenched, holding a stick, with a piece of string dangling in the water. A passer-by stopped and asked him, "What are you doing?" "Fishing," replied the old man. Feeling sorry for the old man, the gent says, "Come in out of the rain and have a drink with me." In the warm ambiance of the pub, as they sip their whiskies, the gentleman, being a bit of a superior smart aleck, cannot resist asking, "So how many have you caught today?" "You're the 8th", replied the old man.

Mass Intentions

- Saturday June 26 5:00 pm Father's Day Novena
Sunday June 27 8:30 am Father's Day Novena
11:00 am Living & Deceased of our Parish
Monday June 28 8:30 am Father's Day Novena
Tuesday June 29 8:30 am Helen & Austin Carlin, req. by Helen & M.L. Toomey
Wednesday June 30 8:30 am Marjorie Stennett, req. by SSCCW
Thursday July 1 8:30 am Ann O'Dea Kenny, req. by Patrick O'Dea
Friday July 2 8:30 am Joseph Palank, req. by Asela Tossas
Saturday July 3 5:00 pm James Bollman, req. by Joan & Bill Fuccillo
Sunday July 4 8:30 am Charles & Marie Maher, req. by Family
11:00 am Living & Deceased of our Parish

REMEMBER THE SICK

Nanchine McManus, Mary Lou Mann, Peggy Lynch, Denise Bergeron, 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, Sophia Schwab, Jonathan Hughes, Kathleen Gerium, Mary Alice Zittle, Michael Cavallaro, David Calhoun, Dolores Fink

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TRUCK

The St. Vincent de Paul truck is scheduled to be in our parking lot this weekend, June 26-27, for your donations of gently used clothing and household items. The truck is open for one half hour before and after each Mass.

Have a fabulous week!

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How fortunate we are to have the many gifts God has given us! What a great way to say "thank you" by sharing those gifts with our less fortunate sisters and brothers in our city. Please fill the grocery carts at the church doors with non-perishable food and hygiene items. To care is to share.

A STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

"Do not be afraid; just have faith." (Mark 5:36) Jesus spoke these simple words to the synagogue official before curing the little girl. We are all faced with challenges and tribulations daily. Do we truly have as good stewards and place things in his hands, or are we afraid and feeling troubled?

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 the Gospel of John. Call Mary 954.290.1194 or Carole 954.529.6547 for info. Please join us!

SLOW PROGRESS...

On Thursday, July 1, our Parish Hall will re-open for our regular groups like A.A., Al-Anon and N.A., as well as our Parish groups. For now, we ask that face masks be worn and social distancing observed in all parish buildings. All groups are to use the current "theater style" seating, with chairs all facing one way. Since there are no tables set up, we ask that there be no food served. We await word from the Archdiocese that all parishes can dispense with these restrictions. Meanwhile, let's be grateful for this progress, and continue to pray for an end to the pandemic, as well as the patience and respect of all as we cope with the protocols. Thank you!

A THOUGHT FROM POPE FRANCIS

"We today can ask: 'Are we protecting our unity, our unity in the Church, with prayer? Are we praying for one another?' What would happen if we prayed more and complained less, if we had a more tranquil tongue?"

Pope Francis, Homily, June 29, 2020

PRAYER TO AVERT HURRICANES
Father, all the elements of nature obey your commands. Protect us and all your people during this season of storms and hurricanes. Calm our fears and help us prepare our hearts as well as our homes. Help us see you in all we may encounter, and help us to minister to each other in your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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