

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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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,

If you check the thesaurus for “assume” you see a long list of words and phrases. Buried in the middle is the phrase “take up.” Finally, some help to shape the word Assumption: Mary is “taken up.”

We sing the praises of Mary because she said “Yes” to the invitation of the angel to become the mother of God’s Son. Her body was a very special place – a true Tabernacle.

Recall a little theology 101. Because of her “Yes” Mary was preserved from original sin. It’s that sin and its effects that cause our bodies to die. She did not experience bodily death and when her moment came to leave this earth she was “Taken up” into the arms of her welcoming Son. What a reunion.

The rest of us follow because Jesus became one of us and broke that barrier of the original sin.

One good thing about lasting 80 years is that there are still new things to see and new ideas to appreciate. That one I just realized about the reunion of Mary and Jesus is pretty powerful for me. I live in hope.

Last week I shared Matthew Kelly’s three appointments from his latest book, *Life is Messy*. (By the way, I called them and got permission to reprint it after all.) The appointments were with self, God and finally death. That last one was not as morbid as it might sound. If you read the *Twitch* you know that.

As Kelly said, “If living a meaningful life depends on filling our lives with meaningful activity, these three appointments should figure regularly on our schedule. These three appointments help us to weed out the meaningless from the meaningful.”

I believe Mary kept those appointments. “Be it done unto me according to your word” meant that

she had to have a good sense of self to be able to allow God’s will. For her “death” would have been a seamless transition from life in this world to life in the next. God “took her up.” The only age she has is an eternal one.

At the risk of making a transition from the sublime to the ridiculous, speaking of age, all I can say is 80 x 1000 thank you’s for all the good wishes and calls and birthday cards you have sent my way.

It was fascinating to see how many cards included the number 80. Not one duplicate. It must mean that more and more of us are reaching it, because Hallmark wouldn’t be making any money on unused cards.

I remember when I reached the big “40.” The question seemed to be could someone survive being *that old*. So much for silly questions. A better question would have been, “How well am I living my life?” As Kelly said, it comes down to how much meaningful activity marks my life.

As I look back (briefly), one thing I’ve learned is that it’s the Lord’s work. My life-long prayer has been “Lord, don’t let me get in the way.” Often, He used me and those are the happy memories. When someone says something complimentary, almost instantly I know whose work it is.

Still, there were moments when I resisted being His instrument by doing my own thing. Maybe I’ve been given these many years to get it right.

Meanwhile, I have mornings like today (I’m writing this on my birthday) when I wake up and the first thought was, “Thanks Mom and Dad. God bless you and the great family He helped you create.”

Peace and blessings on all your heads (and any other parts in need) no matter how old they are!

In Jesus,



Mass Intentions

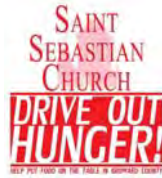
Saturday 5:00 pm	August 14 † Delfina Horta, req. by Gisella Reyes † Andre Morneau, req. by Don Bourke † Yanko Salazar, req. by Don Bourke
Sunday 8:30 am	August 15 † Vincent Black, req. by 8:30 Ushers † Dolores Fink, req. by 8:30 Ushers Living & Deceased of our Parish
11:00 am	
Monday 8:30 am	August 16 † Grace & Murray Toomey, req. by M.L & Helen Toomey † Orig Gin Chiew, req. by Qui Lan & Jack
Tuesday 8:30 am	August 17 Intention of Barry Hogan, req. by Marcia
Wednesday 8:30 am	August 18 † Miguel Gonzalez, req. by Patrick O’Dea
Thursday 8:30 am	August 19 † Souls in Purgatory, req. by Richard Schmelz Family
Friday 8:30 am	August 20 † Dolores Fink, req. by Barry & Marcia
Saturday 5:00 pm	August 21 † Billy Fuccillo, req. by Rosemary & Jim Guerin † Theodore & Gail Brees, req. by Frank Krauser † Scott Anselmo, req. by Rosemary & Jim Guerin
Sunday 8:30 am	August 22 † Charles & Marie Maher, req. by Family † Cynthia Alonzi, req. by Sue & Scott Martinez † Helen Barricelli, req. by Sue & Scott Martinez † Vincent Hosker, req. by Mom Living & Deceased of our Parish
11:00 am	

REMEMBER THE SICK

Nanchine McManus,
Mary Lou Mann, Denise
Bergeron, Suzanne

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Gerium, Mary Alice Zittle, Michael Cavallaro, David Cal-
houn, Skip Randolph, Alvaro Arevalo, Trebor Wright

Have a wonderful and safe week!



“The rich and the poor meet together; the Lord is maker of them all. (Proverbs 22:2) Let’s keep the grocery carts at the church doors filled with your donations of non-perishable food and hygiene items... Thank you for caring!

If you (or anyone you know) is 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 the parking lot is located on NE 33rd Street and closes at 3:45). First timers must provide proof of residency in Broward County.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

We endeavor to provide Religious Education for children in our parish in grades 1-8 attending non-Catholic Schools. Given the demographics of St. Sebastian, our program is small, and the format will be based upon enrollment. If you would like your family to participate in this program, please contact the Office (954.524.9344) for registration and more info.

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!

A STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT...

“I am the bread that came down from heaven,”
– John 6:41 As Christ’s disciples, we build our faith by joining with our parish community in partaking of the Eucharist. Does the quest for material wealth distract us from attending weekend Mass and receiving Holy Communion?

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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. Amen.

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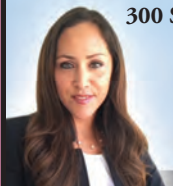
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