

# Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

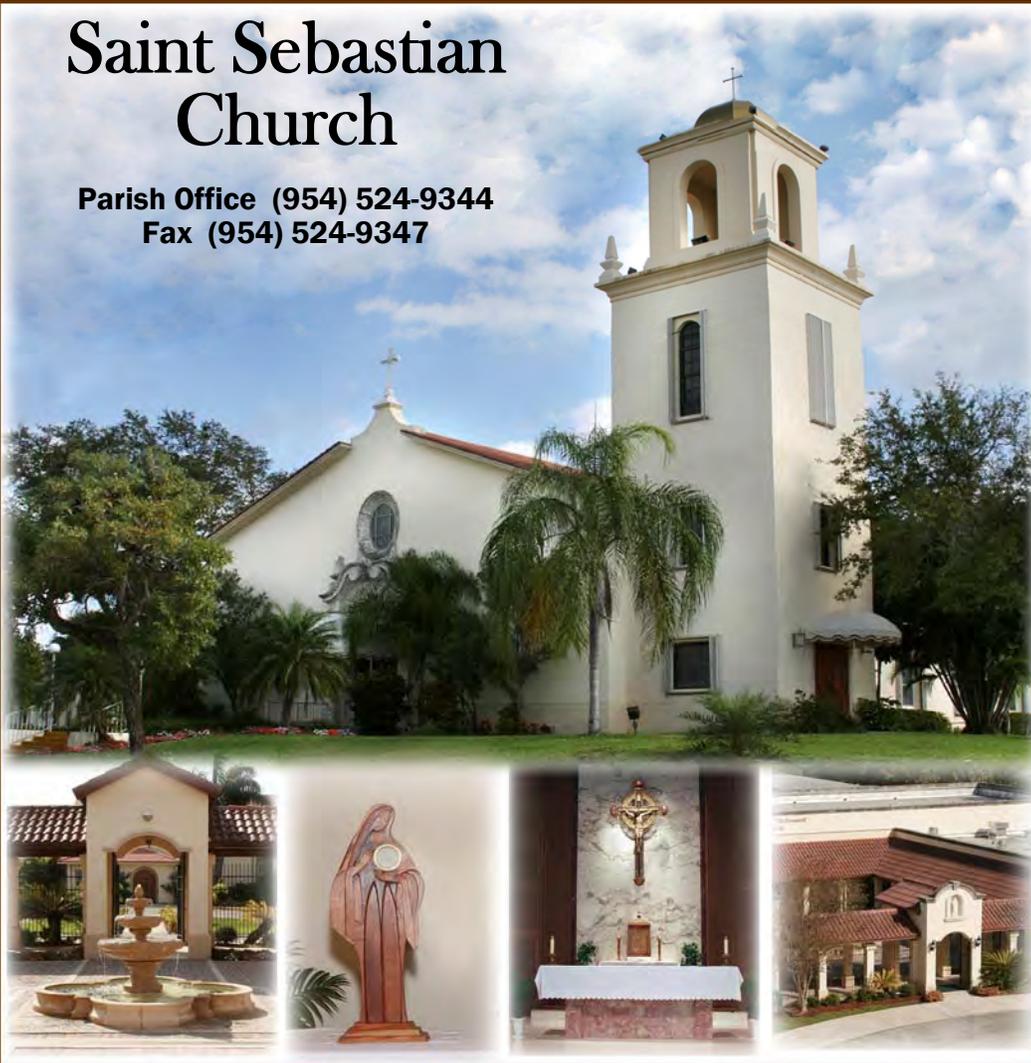
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## Saint Sebastian Church

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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)

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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,

This weekend the calendar calls us back 20 years. Who of us who were living then, will forget three numbers and a slash? The second plane hit while I was watching coverage of the first hit. The horror got summed up forever in "9/11".

So many lost lives at the Twin Towers as well as the Pentagon and the field in Pennsylvania. Then came further loss of life with the illnesses that befell the firemen and other rescue workers, fumes breathed that would claim them in later years.

Three days after "9/11" the President went to the site and spent time with the rescue workers. Someone handed him a bullhorn.

**President Bush:** Thank you all. I want you all to know -- it [bullhorn] can't go any louder -- I want you all to know that America today, America today is on bended knee, in prayer for the people whose lives were lost here, for the workers who work here, for the families who mourn. The nation stands with the good people of New York City and New Jersey and Connecticut as we mourn the loss of thousands of our citizens.

**Rescue Worker:** I can't hear you!

**President Bush:** I can hear you! I can hear you! The rest of the world hears you! And the people -- and the people who knocked these buildings down will hear all of us soon!

**Rescue Workers:** [Chanting] U.S.A.! U.S.A.! U.S.A.! U.S.A.! U.S.A.! U.S.A.! U.S.A.! U.S.A.!

**President Bush:** The nation -- The nation sends its love and compassion --

**Rescue Worker:** God bless America!

**President Bush:** -- to everybody who is here. Thank you for your hard work. Thank you for makin' the nation proud, and may God bless America.

**Rescue Workers:** [Chanting] U.S.A.! U.S.A.!

The President spoke without a teleprompter. He crawled through the rubble and then spoke from his heart and in a few simple words spoke for many

of us. He was there in word **and in** deed. How presumptuous of me to try to recall an event of such magnitude in a few lines.

Last Sunday, I asked you to think of COVID – 19 as we heard the encouragement of Isaiah. The scripture readings this weekend played more than "9/11" background music for me.

The memory of "9/11" as well as the current challenge of COVID, to say nothing of climate change and its effects across the country from fire to flood, to the skewed ways of thinking about masking or not, to the violence that sees babies shot in their mothers' arms... how do we respond to memory and current events?

I ask myself: What makes me do the things I do? Do my faith convictions underlie my actions? In today's second reading James asks, "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works?"

He goes on and concludes the thought with, "Indeed someone might say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Demonstrate your faith to me without works, (i.e. you can talk about it but you can't show it, so...) I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works."

Mike Cherney, who writes some of the daily reflections on Creighton University's Online Ministries - from which ministry I frequently 'borrow' ideas, offered the following:

"The son of one of my nephews took his final vows as a Dominican about a month ago. He recently preached on today's passage from James' epistle. He emphasized the difference between knowing what is good and doing what is good and how Jesus taught us how to love, but then showed us what it is to love."

May our memories be moments of 'lessons learned.' May our present make the happy hope of tomorrow.

In Jesus,

Mass Intentions

Table with 2 columns: Day and Intention. Rows include Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:30 am and 11:00 am, Monday 8:30 am, Tuesday 8:30 am, Wednesday 8:30 am, Thursday 8:30 am, Friday 8:30 am, Saturday 5:00 pm, and Sunday 8:30 am and 11:00 am.

REMEMBER THE SICK

Nanchine McManus, Mary Lou Mann, Denise Bergeron, Suzanne

Plum, Don Loughran, Jr., Hayden O'Connor, Jim Cowgill, Jr., John Graff, Elizabeth Shotmeyer, Peter Hanna, Sandy Rodriguez, Lee Rodriguez, John Masna, Margaret Reitz, John Harris, Charlotte Newbury, Stephen Black, Jo Neumann, John E. Hurley, Sophia Schwab, Jonathan Hughes, Kathleen Gerium, Mary Alice Zittle, Michael Cavallaro, David Calhoun, Skip Randolph, Alvaro Arevalo, Trebor Wright

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 1st and 2nd Peter. Call Mary at 954.290.1194 or Carole at 954.529.6547 for info. Please join us!

PRAYER VIGIL

Respect Life Ministry and 40 Days for Life partner again to end abortion through peaceful prayer and fasting at vigil sites around the archdiocese. Sign up for an hour of prayer at <40daysforlife.com/location> to participate in the largest vigil (600 cities worldwide) September 22-October 31. For more info., contact Linda Hatlan at lhatlan@comcast.net.

ALSO: SAVE THE DATE: Women's Retreat March 25-27, 2022 at Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center.



As we celebrated Labor Day, we were thankful to be gainfully employed enabling us to provide the necessities for our families. However, there are many in Fort Lauderdale who are unemployed and are not able to provide for their families. Please fill our church shopping carts with non-perishable food and hygiene items which will be distributed by the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank at Blessed Sacrament Church. To care is to share.

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.

THE SEASON OF CREATION

During this Season of Creation, we continue with our Ecological Examen. This form of prayer invites us to reflect on our personal relationship with creation, to acknowledge and amend our ways and to promote ecological justice by standing in solidarity with those most impacted by environmental harm. We begin the Examen by placing ourselves in a posture that allows us to be open to the ways the Holy Spirit is working in us. There are six steps in the Examen: Gratitude, Awareness, Understanding, Conversion, Reconciliation and prayer. This week, we focus on the second step: AWARENESS. Summarizing Pope Francis in Laudato Si, We ask for the grace to see creation as God does - in all its splendor and suffering. We see the close relationship between all creatures and our common home and how we are dependent on one another for our mutual well-being. Like God, we rejoice in how the earth, the creatures and people who inhabit it are all wonderfully made. But like God, we also hear "the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor." We hear how "this sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her." We see how poor people disproportionately live in neighborhoods near industries that produce contamination and waste. We cannot ignore the cries of Creation, the poor and the earth who is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor.

Decorative border of palm trees surrounding the text: 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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