

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

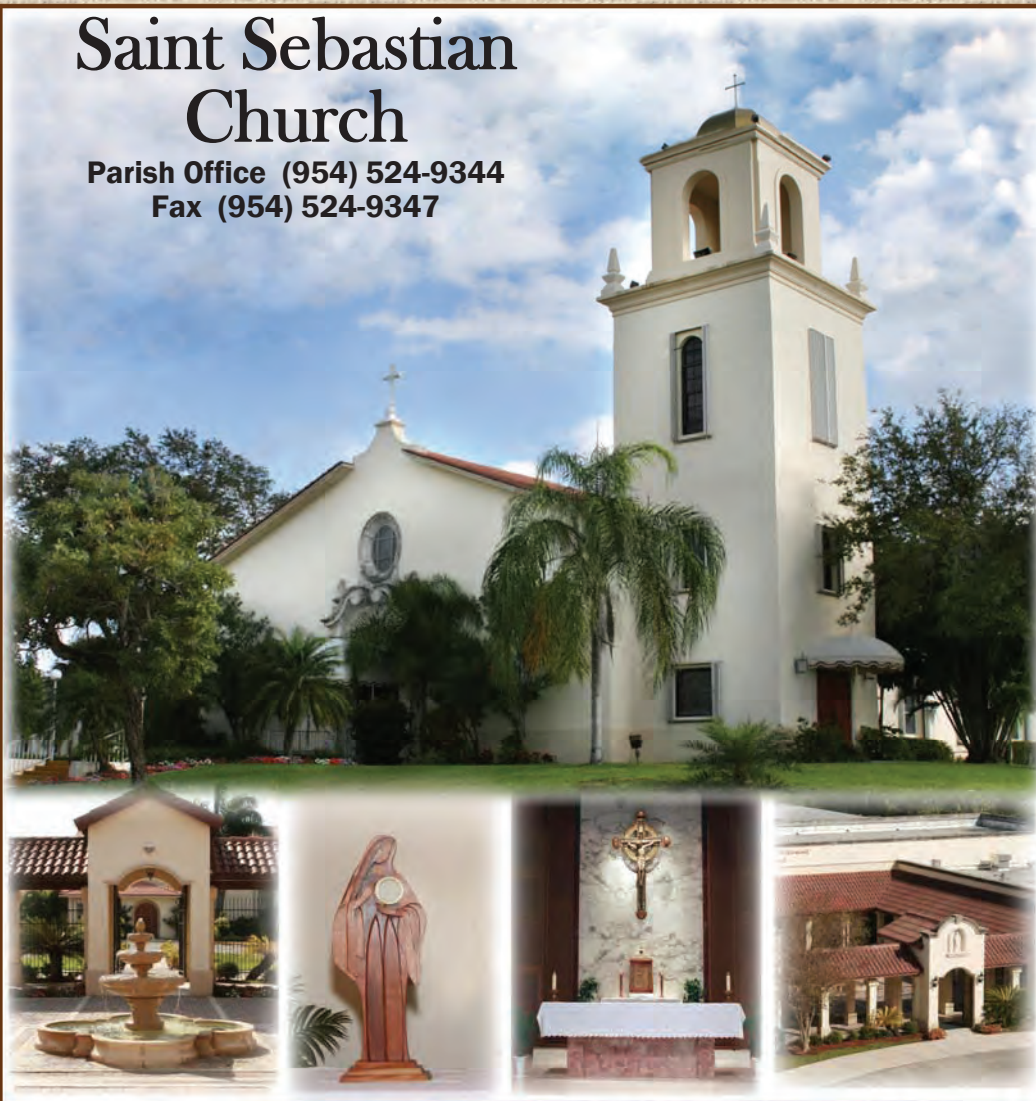
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MASSES

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,

On Thursday, once again we celebrate the national Day of Thanks. The history of the event is worth a trip to Wikipedia if you're a history buff. From the Pilgrims in 1621, through various shapes and sizes over time, the day worked its way into our national culture. You wouldn't think there would be so much discussion surrounding a celebration we all take for granted.

I read in one place that the head of Federated Stores (Macy's among others) urged President Franklin Roosevelt to push the date a little earlier so the Christmas shopping season could start sooner. It used to be that it was in poor taste to start the Christmas selling before Thanksgiving. Imagine that. I saw Christmas stuff out this year before Halloween. It certainly begs the questions, "Thanks to whom?" and, "For what?"

Well, we know the 'whom' and the 'what.' We will be thanking the Lord together here at the parish at 10:00 a.m. on *Thanksgiving Day*. That's the only Mass we will have.

One thing dawned on me as I "pondered" this Twitch, namely how easy - and how *wrong* - it would be to be to let any cynicism creep into our celebration, e.g., cracks about shopping, etc.

Much in our present culture challenges us. Whether it's commercialism reigning, or public discourse devolving, it might seem hard to evoke an attitude of gratitude. So, this is something that requires some special attention on our part.

Between now and Thursday would you join me in taking a little personal quiet time to think about the *what* we are grateful for?

Do it in a different place or a different chair, just so your mind and heart know there really is something a little different about *this* project.

Our "*what?*" lists will differ a lot from each other, but what a wonderful thing to have in common, a shared sense of gratitude. By the way, that's the perfect sense to have when we gather to celebrate the Eucharist.

Personally, as I have been working my way through this Twitch over a couple of days, I find more negatives than I thought floating around in my consciousness, and probably some more in my subconscious as well. The simple explanation for that might be that there are many 'negatives' competing for my attention in the public news, etc. The problem with that is sometimes the negatives make the positives harder to see.

Maybe the first thing on my personal list is to know that I have the power to turn off the TV. In other words, I'm realizing I need to make a specific decision to push aside the negatives to make room for the positives.

I'm going to work on lengthening the list. I hope you will too.

Because... I'm going to bring that list with me to the Mass on Thanksgiving. **Bring your list, too.** We'll make the lists part of the offering we bring to the altar for Love Thy Neighbor - a feeding program for the homeless with whom Marcia and Barry Hogan are faithful workers. They can bring our contribution (without the lists.) My heartfelt prayer is that the Lord blesses you in your generosity and in your needs; one makes you be Jesus, and the other reminds you that you need Him.

In Him as always,

Happy *Thanksgiving!*

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Mass Intentions

Saturday November 17
 5:00 pm † Stephen Murphy,
 req. by Margaret & Joe Farragher
 † David Horney, req. by Donald Bourke
 Intention of Barry Hogan,
 req. by Marcia

Sunday November 18
 8:30 am Living and Deceased of our Parish
 11:00 am † Arthur Hughes, req. by wife, Helena
 † Jay Mann, req. by Mann Family
 † Marilyn Romano,
 req. by Romano Family

Monday November 19
 8:00 am † Michael Fink,
 req. by Dolores & Jack Fink

Tuesday November 20
 8:00 am In Thanksgiving, req. by Joe & Patti

Wednesday November 21
 8:00 am Intention of Maria Albertina Ulloa,
 req. by Grace Middlemiss

Thursday November 22 - THANKSGIVING
 10:00 am † Charles & Marie Maher,
 req. by Family

Friday November 23
 8:00 am † Arthur & Lucille Henson,
 req. by Geraghty/Garrihy Families
 † Lawrence Rochkind,
 req. by Al Ferzacca

Saturday November 24
 5:00 pm † Mary Gormley,
 req. by Dolores & Jack Fink
 † Mary Falvey Stuedle & Family,
 req. by Kristin Stuedle
 † Rowley & Gardner Families

Sunday November 25
 8:30 am † Rowley & Gardner Families
 11:00 am † Living and Deceased of our Parish

REMEMBER THE SICK

Donn Taylor, Colt Becker,
 Antonis Constantis, Di-
 ana Borg, Nanchine McManus, Henriette Kerba, Robert
 Real, Mary Lou Mann, Gerard Turcotte, Cay Argiro, Peggy
 Lynch, Denise Bergeron, Jason Switek, Eula Manfield, Brit-
 tany Fender, John Orozco, Suzanne Plum, Don Loughran,
 Jr., Joel Rivera, Patricia Townsend, Hayden O'Connor,
 Frances Salerno, Mary McCoy, Jim Cowgill, Jr., Bill Turn-
 bull, Tiffany Malin, John Graff, Elizabeth Shotmeyer, Donna
 DeFazio, Virginia & Peter Hanna, Sandy Rodriguez, Reid
 Crosby, Nilsa Pagan, Jan Gray, Grayson Jack, Keith Fish-
 er, Carolyn Kastelic, Lee Rodriguez, Noah Austin, Tommy
 Greene

YOU ARE INVITED

On Thursdays after Mass, we meet over coffee, shar-
 ing God's word, our love of Jesus, and our love for
 each other. Please join us for this informal hour. We
 are now sharing from Luke & Acts of the Apostles.

SAVE THE DATE ...

November 17-18 - St. Vincent de Paul
 truck in our parking lot
November 22 - 10:00 AM - Thanksgiving
 Day Mass & Social
December 2 - Religious Education Fami-
 lies' Gathering
December 4 - 7:30 pm—Nova Singers
December 7 - Council-Catholic Women
 Meeting
December 9 - Pancake Breakfast
January 25, 2019 - Men's Club annual
 Spaghetti Dinner
March 22, 2019 - Fish Fry/ Auction



Thanksgiving—a day set
 aside each year to
 acknowledge all the bless-
 ings we have been given.
 For those given more, there
 is a responsibility to help
 the many needy. Those who line up at
 the Food Bank to receive food for their
 families will be thankful to the parishion-
 ers of St. Sebastian who contribute non
 perishable food every week. We are
 thankful that we have the ability to share
 our blessings with the needy in Ft.
 Lauderdale. Happy Thanksgiving to all.
 To share is to care.

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Gracious God,
 As we gather together around this
 Thanksgiving table,
 Thanksgiving table,
 May we be ever mindful
 of your blessings.
 For abundant food
 and the gift of family,
 We give you thanks.
 For those whose hands brought
 this food to our table
 We give you thanks.
 For those who are giving
 of their time and resources
 to feed the poor and homeless
 today,
 We give you thanks.
 May our celebration of
 Thanksgiving be a reminder of
 the abundance of your love
 given to us freely each day.
 Open our eyes
 to the surprises
 held in each moment,
 With the deepest gratitude,
 we pray.
 Amen.

Eucharistic
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 Friday from
 8:30 - 5:00
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