

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

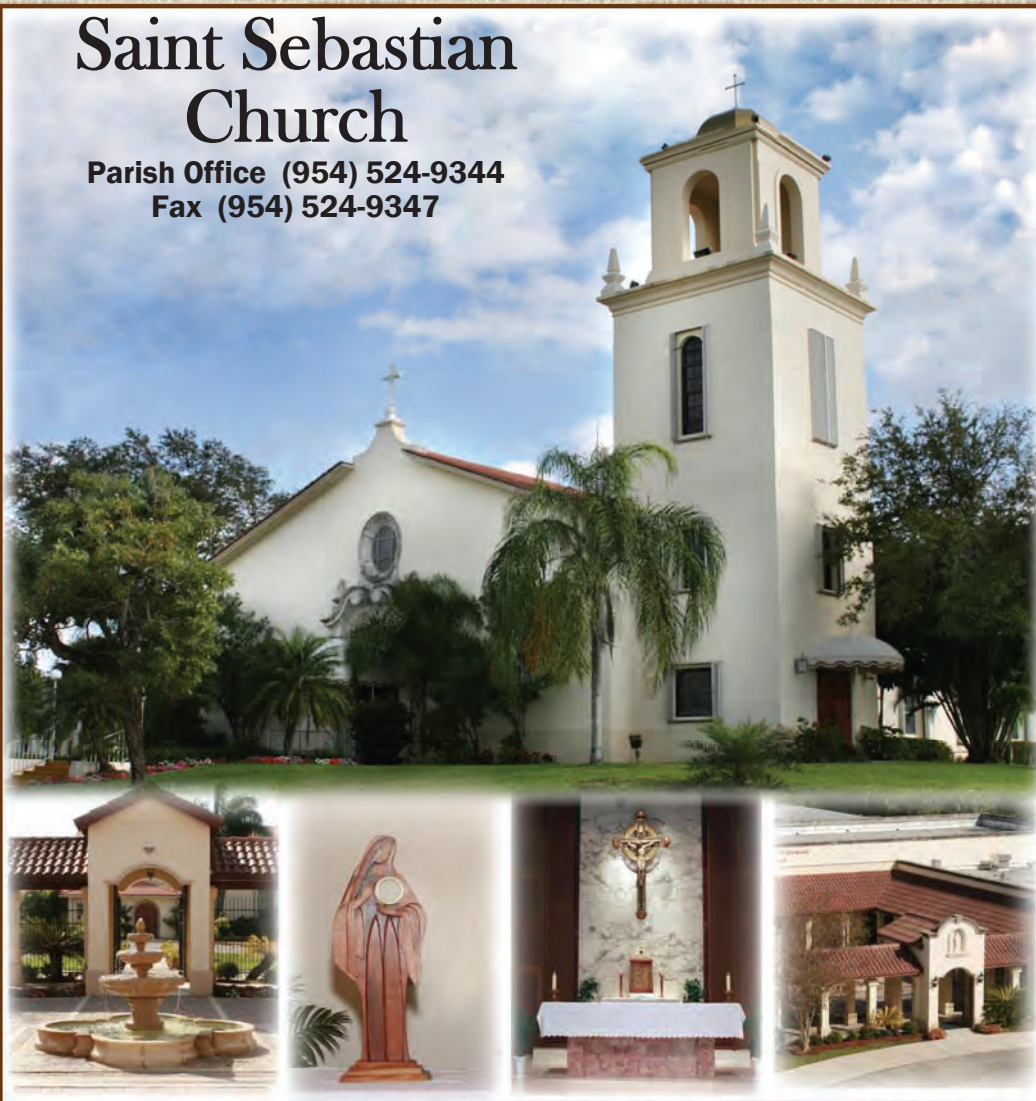
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MASSES

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,

So here we are with the last *Twitch* of 2018. Tomorrow is New Year's Eve and many around the world will celebrate. The magic of television and satellites invites us to see people universally raising a glass and offering a cheer. We and they are hoping for a happy 2019.

But you notice in the heading I preceded *New Year* with a line, _____. Why?

Normally, you'd automatically expect "Happy" to precede New Year. But I don't think putting 'happy' in there should be an automatic thing. If we really want the year to be happy, we are going to need to work at it. How will I fill in the blank? How will you? It's our choice.

There will always be some disappointments and perhaps even heart-breaking tragedies and losses. What will carry us through those challenges to calm and peaceful outcomes?

We will journey through the year with other people. We don't live our lives alone, even the most private of us.

Occasionally, I realize that at the end of the day, I think I've been with people because of all I see on the 'tube.' I may have only talked to a couple of other people, but I've sort of coned myself into thinking I'm part of the crowd.

I was more isolated than I realized.

The thing that saves me is seeing a good group at Mass, but if I wasn't there to celebrate the Mass, would I have seen anyone? I told someone the other day, that my job makes me do a lot of things I wouldn't choose to do, out of avoidance, or maybe laziness, or whatever. Then the thought came, "That's why you've got the job you have, Dummy. How else was I going to get your attention?"

Anyway, each of us has a journey to make, all of us, together. We want good journeys, ones that will give us recollections of good experiences at this time next year. Captain Picard was famous for his, "Make it so!" What will make our years great ones? How shall we, "Make it so." (By the way, you need to be a Star Trek; Next Generation fan to get the Picard reference.)

So, what word do you want to put in the space _____ to describe your 2019?

Dazzling, Cheery, Pleasing, Enchanted, Tasty, Light-filled, Savory, Friendly, ...on and on. What are your words? Whatever you pick, the trick is bringing about the result the word signifies. Now, it's not just about picking a clever word; it's about making a commitment to act!

During this little exercise I got a little flash of light, and I came up with a word that I think maybe I'll try and make my own for 2019. My word for 2019 is going to be Blessed. I pronounce that "blest."

What will bless my 2019? I don't have a quick answer. But I don't think I should have a quick answer. I'm going to work on figuring out the ways in which I can experience God's own blessings through what I hear, what I say, what I do. After all, He is the one who blesses. In blessing my time he will reveal Himself to me and hopefully through me, and it will be in His time.

That is my prayer for you in 2019. May we be Blessed. In Jesus,

NEW YEAR'S DAY IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.
MASSES at 5:00 P.M. NEW YEARS EVE
8:30 AND 11:00 NEW YEARS DAY



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Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	December 29 † Sherry Dillon, req. by Cheri Rice † Evelyn & Vincent Weber, req. by Steve & Nancy Weber
Sunday 8:30 am	December 30 † Charles Newbury, req. by mother, Charlotte † Cynthia Alonzi, req. by Sue & Scott Martinez
11:00 am	Living and Deceased of our Parish
Monday 8:00 am	December 31 † Maureen Carey, req. by Grace Middlemiss Frank Kerba, req. by Mona & sisters
5:00 pm	Priests of our Archdiocese
Tuesday 8:30 am	January 1 - SOLEMNITY OF MARY † Charles & Marie Maher, req. by Family
11:00 am	Living & Deceased of our Parish
Wednesday 8:00 am	January 2 Intentions of Frances & Loretta, req. by Judy Fisher
Thursday 8:00 am	January 3 † Antonio Garces, req. by Denise & Anthony LaMarca
Friday 8:00 am	January 4 Intention of Sr. Marguerite & the Sisters of Charity
Saturday 5:00 pm	January 5 † Molly Dolloff req. by Jim & Linda Hatlan
Sunday 8:30 am	January 6 Living and Deceased of our Parish
11:00 am	† Eleanor Sand, req. by Judy Fisher † Lucille Caiati, req. by Holshouser Family

REMEMBER THE SICK

Donn Taylor, Colt Becker,
Antonis Constantis, Diana

Borg, Nanchine McManus, Henriette Kerba, Robert Real, Mary Lou Mann, Gerard Turcotte, Cay Argiro, Peggy Lynch, Denise Bergeron, Jason Switek, Eula Manfield, Britany Fender, John Orozco, Suzanne Plum, Don Loughran, Jr., Joel Rivera, Patricia Townsend, Hayden O'Connor, Frances Salerno, Mary McCoy, Jim Cowgill, Jr., Bill Turnbull, Tiffany Malin, John Graff, Elizabeth Shotmeyer, Donna DeFazio, Virginia & Peter Hanna, Sandy Rodriguez, Reid Crosby, Nilsa Pagan, Jan Gray, Grayson Jack, Keith Fisher, Carolyn Kastelic, Lee Rodriguez, Noah Austin, Tommy Greene, Agatha Taglienti

YOU ARE INVITED

On Thursdays after Mass, we meet over coffee, sharing 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 ...

January 10, 2019 - Parish Social Evening Meeting sponsored by Men's Club
January 25, 2019 - Men's Club "An Evening in Venice"
March 22, 2019 - Fish Fry/ Auction



"Whoever gives to the poor will not want but he who hides his eyes will get many a curse." (Proverbs 28:27). These are strong words but they indicate

God's love for the poor and needy and His reliance on us to heed His word. Let's keep those grocery carts at the church doors filled! To care is to share.

COUNCIL-CATHOLIC WOMEN

St. Sebastian Council of Catholic Women (SSCCW) meets Friday, January 4th, in the Parish Hall after the 8:00 am Mass, with a continental breakfast. Diane Tugander, a National CCW commissioner, discusses national and local efforts to address "Human Trafficking." Please bring unwrapped layette items for the Respect Life baby shower. Respect Life also needs strollers, pack-n-plays and car seats. All ladies in the parish are invited to join us.

The Board meets January 2 at 10:00 am.

PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY

Are you suffering from the pain of abortion? God's greatest gift is to forgive you and show you his mercy. Confidential help is available. Contact Project Rachel Ministries at 1-888-456- HOPE. . Also available is a weekend retreat. Don't wait. Our God is a loving and merciful God.

*Happy New Year
2019!*

The best is yet to come !

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Eucharistic Adoration is held on Friday from 8:30 - 5:00 in our Chapel.

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