

Ascension of the Lord

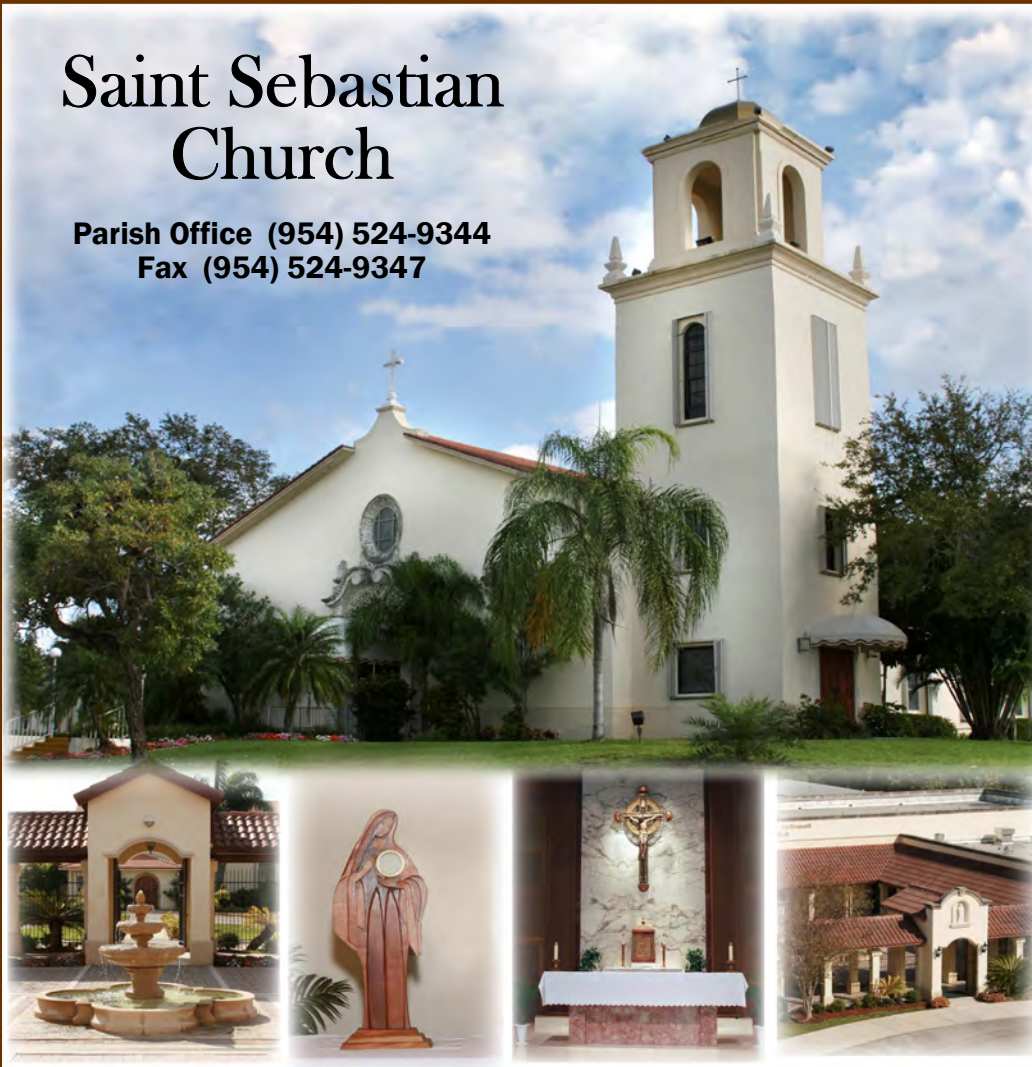
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Saint Sebastian Church

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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

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Pastor

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PARISH WEBSITE:
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

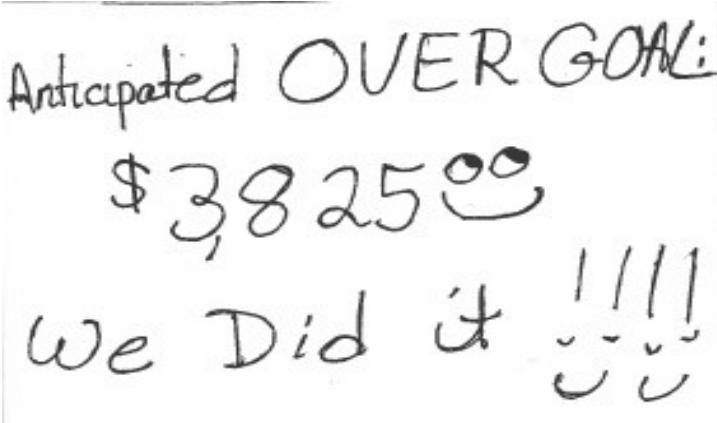


Mission Statement

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,

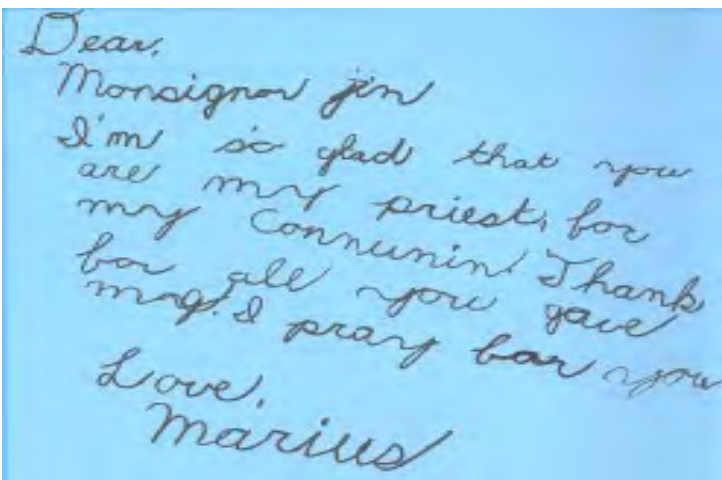
Praise the Lord. We did it. We are now **\$3,825.00 OVER** our **ABCD** goal. Between what we have already received and what is pledged, our current total is \$147,341. Your generosity empowers the outreach of the Archdiocese to fund various ministries as well as poorer parishes. Annie let me know with this note:



Anticipated OVER GOAL:
\$3825.00
We Did it !!!

That's one of the finest pieces of art I've seen in a long time!!! Let me add that one of the blessings you have given me over the years is always being ready to do your part in the finances of the parish.

And speaking of special things, I also received the following note from Marius Garbayo. He and Ava Gutierrez blessed our celebration at 11:00 last week when they made their First Communions. Jesus told me that spelling doesn't count.



Dear Monsignor Jim
I'm so glad that you
are my priest for
my Communion! Thank
you for all you gave
me. I pray for you
Love,
Marius

Some days get so good I feel guilty for taking a salary.

I hadn't given it a lot of thought until this moment, but maybe celebrating the Ascension of the Lord today is a timely coincidence. (By the way, the northeast and northwest corners of our country celebrated Ascension last Thursday, but the rest of the country celebrates today. Don't ask me why. Perhaps in my retirement I can devote scholarly study to the question.

The 'timely coincidence' is that on August 12th, I will be 'ascending' into the ranks of the retired. Although I was caught a little off guard by the timing, I'm thinking that, as usual, the Lord knows what He is doing.

The nearly 13 years I've ministered at St. Sebastian have been very happy ones, - even the part of finally getting the kitchen building underway. I definitely will try and come back for the blessing, and I hope I don't jinx it by saying our contractor is hoping for October/November. That sure will give a whole new meaning to Oktoberfest.

As I write, I'm not sure where my next residence will be, but I'm sure that will be "revealed" soon. During these 55 years, subconsciously I think I just thought I would 'die in the traces.' That's the way it was with all the priests I knew growing up.

Then we got great health plans, and here I am at 81+ realizing how blessed I have been to have that time, doing the only thing I ever wanted to do. (Well, not exactly. You may remember that at 10, I thought being a Greyhound bus driver would really be neat. I did get to drive the seminary bus, and decided the world was better off with my talents being left at the altar and not on the road.)

There will be time to say the 'adieu.' With all my heart I BEG YOU not to have endless celebrations. (I guess in a way that's pretty presumptuous.) But really, all the thanks that matter is the "thanksgiving" we celebrate around the altar with each other. I'm not ready to sing "Thanks for the Memories" just yet.

In Jesus,



Fr. Jim

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	May 20 Mother's Day Novena
Sunday 8:30 am	May 21 Living & Deceased of our Parish
11:00 am	Mother's Day Novena
Monday 8:30 am	May 22 Mother's Day Novena
Tuesday 8:30 am	May 23 † Marta San Martin, req. by Josephina Valdes † Roberto de la Cuesta, req. by Josephina Valdes
Wednesday 8:30 am	May 24 † Richard Long, req. by Jarchow Family Wellbeing of Alina Fernandez, req. by Don Bourke Wellbeing of Anne McGivney, req. by Grace Middlemiss
Thursday 8:30 am 5:00 pm	May 25 People of Ukraine Msgr. Jim's 55th Ordination Anniversary
Friday	May 26 † Mary Ann Antonacci, req. the Albano's † Frank Gardner Wellbeing of Rae Pietrzak, req by Family
Saturday 5:00 pm	May 27 † Marie & Albert Bourke, req. by Don Bourke Wellbeing of Gisella Reyes Wellbeing of Joan Cook, req. by Grace Middlemiss
Sunday 8:30 am	May 28 † Dolores Hesse Fink, req. by husband, Jack † Jim Cowgill, Jr., req. by McGowan Family
11:00 am	Living and Deceased of our Parish

REMEMBER THE SICK

Mary Lou Mann, Suzanne Plum, Don Loughran, Jr., Sandy Rodrigues, John Harris, Stephen Black, Mary Alice Zittle, Alvaro Arevalo, Michelline Toulouse, Paul Ristow, Ed Fetscher, Margaret Donato, Matt Keyzers, Judy Flood, Sister Frances Voss, O.S.C., Rae Pietrzak, Tom Casey, Charles Benoit, Rob Messerschmidt, Mary Pat Connolly, Anne McCormick, Margaret Barrosse, Patricia Moss, Patty Marma, Joan Cook, Diane Johnson

IN MEMORIA

+ JASON DOWNING +
May 11, 2023

+ MICHAEL McDONNELL +
May 14, 2023

*May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful
departed, through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. Amen .*

SAVE THE DATE!

Weekend of May 20-21 - St. Vincent de Paul truck in our parking lot.

Thursday, May 25 at 5:00 pm - Msgr. Jim's 55th Anniversary of Ordination Mass & Reception

"if your enemy is hungry, feed him. If your enemy is thirsty, give him something to drink." (Romans 12:20) It is easy to help our friends in need, but it may be difficult to help those we do not know but need our help. We need to love our enemies. So, whether friend or foe, we are called to help the needy in our community by our weekly contributions of non-perishable food and hygiene items. Let's fill our shopping carts with these essentials. To care is to share. **ALSO:** The Pantry is in need of **plastic grocery bags** for food distribution and empty, clean **egg cartons**. At times, the Pantry receives donations of eggs in bulk, so egg cartons are needed to facilitate passing them along. You can place these items - along with your donations of food and hygiene items - in the shopping carts. Thank you! ***If you know of anyone in need, please let them know that The St. Vincent DePaul Society conducts a drive thru grocery distribution 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 will be closed at 3:45). First timers must provide proof of residency in Broward County.***



SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The Special collection this weekend is for the Catholic Communications Campaign. Through websites, social networks, television, radio, and print, the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) helps the Church spread the Gospel message through the media locally and nationally. Half of all donations to the CCC collected in your diocese *stay* in your diocese to support your local communications needs, such as radio and television programming and diocesan publications. Please plan to use the specially designated envelopes for your donation.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration takes place in our Chapel of the Divine Healer on Fridays from after the 8:30 am Mass until 5:00 pm. Please consider this opportunity to spend some quiet time with the Lord in prayer. If you'd like to commit to a specific time slot each week, please call the office.

BIBLE SHARING

Come for coffee and Scripture Sharing each Thursday in the Parish Hall at 9:15 am. Everyone is invited. You may also join us online by dialing 848-777-1212. When prompted put in 1431434#. For more info, please call Mary Kennedy at 954-290-1194. We will be sharing from the Gospel of Matthew, with Arthur Cholakakis facilitating.

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

If you submitted a picture for our Parish Photo Directory, your Directory is ready for pick-up! Please see Annie after Mass, or stop by the office during the week.

*Please join us on Thursday, May 25th
for Mass at 5:00 p.m.
& reception following in the Parish Hall
in gratitude for*

*Monsignor Jim Fetscher
on his
55 years of
Priesthood*

*and his Dedicated and loving Service
to the Lord and God's people.*

*R.S.V.P. for Reception by Sunday, May 21st using
the sign-up sheet at the church doors or at*

954.524.9344