

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2000 Marietta (S.E. 25th) Avenue

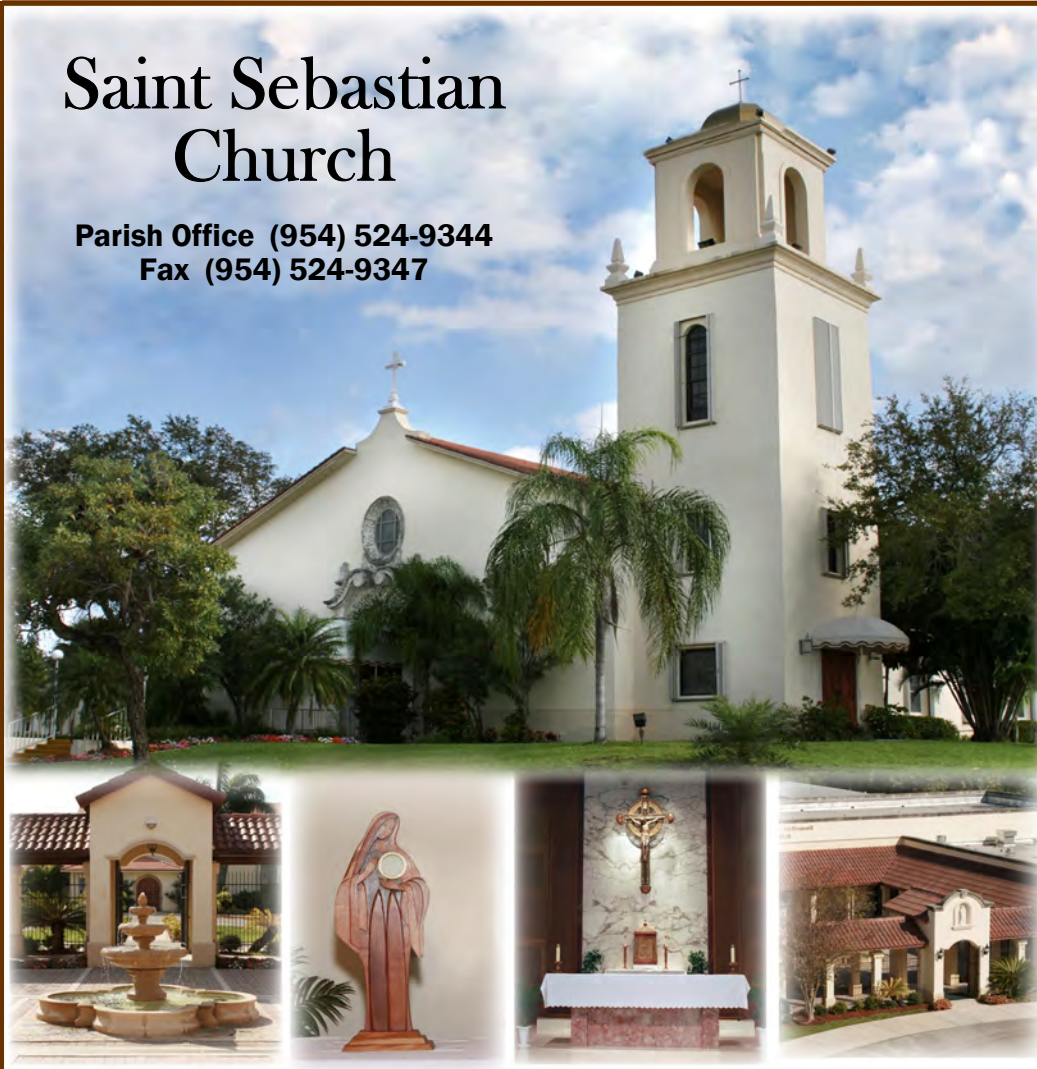
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Saint Sebastian Church

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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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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.

From the desk of our Pastor, Father Ernest

‘SEE YOU AT THE EUCHARIST!’

This is the expression which I used in my very first message to you my dear parishioners of Saint Sebastian's. I was thinking of the amazing joy of being together, around Jesus. The Mass is a feast; the pascal banquet; it is a celebration our Lord's life and sacrifice. The Eucharist allows us to be in communion with Jesus and with each other, the richness of which we need to discover and enjoy at each Mass. So, I think we should make it a vital point to come to Mass. Once in a while I hear people who say: 'I pray at home, I do not need to go to Church'. Yes, we all need to pray at home but that should not conflict with going to Mass on Sunday.

The first and easy objection to this is that you cannot receive the Eucharist at home, unless you are sick and the priest or the Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist may bring it to you! Anyway, the prayer in the Church with the whole family of believers represents an important aspect of our faith; it does not conflict with private prayer. Some may say that Jesus taught us that we should go in our room and pray privately to our Father who sees what is done in secret! Jesus was teaching this to draw our attention away from showing off about prayer life, the kind of pharisaic attitude which is no good in our spiritual life.

Coming together to Church to pray as God's family consists of being united as one assembly convoked by God for worship (*Qahal Yahweh*), an *Ecclesia*. We gather around the Word of God which is also the Bread of Life and the Bread of the Eucharist. There we celebrate the mystery of our faith, the death and resurrection of our Lord and then we receive his Body and Blood. This is possible only in the Mass, and that is why we need to come to Church. Allow me to share another extract of the Catechism which explains how Jesus is present in the Eucharist:

1373 "Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us," is present in many ways to his Church: in his word, in his Church's prayer, "where two or three are gathered in my name," in the poor, the sick, and the imprisoned, in the sacraments of which he is the author, in the sacrifice of the Mass, and in the person of the minister. But "he is present ... most especially in the Eucharistic species."

1374 The mode of Christ's presence under the Eucharistic species is unique. It raises the Eucharist above all the sacraments as "the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all the sacraments tend. In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist "the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained." "This presence is called 'real' - by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence as if they could not be 'real' too, but because it is presence in the fullest sense: that is to say, it is a substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present."

1377 The Eucharistic presence of Christ begins at the moment of the consecration and endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsist. Christ is present whole and entire in each of the species and whole and entire in each of their parts, in such a way that the breaking of the bread does not divide Christ.

So, See you at the Eucharist! Sometimes people are looking for an interesting homily. That is a good reason. But let the homily lead us to connect with Jesus. The main reason to go to Mass should be to meet with Jesus and be nourished with his Word and his Body and Blood. So, see you at the Eucharist and invite somebody, - a friend a relative, a co-worker, a business partner, a neighbor, - to join us in the Church. Jesus promised us that we will be rewarded even if we give a glass of water to someone who is thirsty; imagine if you bring to the Eucharist those hungry souls!

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	July 1 † Billy Fuccillo, req. by Fuccillo Family † Pasquale Polselli, req. by Sandra Polselli Wellbeing of Jean Gorman, req. by Grace Middlemiss
Sunday 8:30 am	July 2 † Charles & Marie Maher, req. by Maher Family † J Edwin (Buddy) & Margaret Ann Bridge req. by Ruth Agnes Bridge McShane & Family
11:00 am	Living & Deceased of our Parish
Monday 8:30 am	July 3 † Anne Williams, req. by Jack Fink
Tuesday 8:30 am	July 4 † Joseph Perone, req. by Jack Fink
Wednesday 8:30 am	July 5 † Tracy Wunsch, req. by Grace Middlemiss
Thursday 8:30 am	July 6 † Ellen Smith, req. by Chuck and Mike
Friday	July 7 † Joan Cook, req. by Grace Middlemiss
Saturday 5:00 pm	July 8 † Scott Anselmo, req. by Jacquie † Luis Hinojosa, req. by Patty & Steve Atkinson † Jorge Vasquez & Gabriela Giraldo req. by Bibiana Vasquez
Sunday 8:30 am	July 9 † Dolores Fink, req. by Sandra Polselli † Noelle Cox, req. by Kevin Reardon
11:00 am	Living & 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, 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, Patricia Moss, Patty Marma, Diane Johnson, Jim Guerin, Susan Lochrie

IN MEMORIUM

+ NOELLE COX +
June 25, 2023

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



REMEMBER: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION takes place on Fridays, from after the 8:30 am Mass until 5:00pm in the Chapel of the Divine Healer. Come spend some quiet time in the presence of The Lord!

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, July 22 at 8:30 am - Sandwich Ministry

Weekend of July 22-23 - St. Vincent de Paul truck scheduled to be in our parking lot.

"Jesus said to them, 'There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves.'" (Matthew 14:16) Would he be speaking to us? Let's fill our church shopping carts with non-perishable food and hygiene items for the needy in our city! To care is to share. **ALSO:** The Pantry needs **plastic grocery bags** for food distribution and empty, clean **egg cartons**. The Pantry receives donations of eggs in bulk, so egg cartons are needed to pass them along. You can place these 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 Broward County residency.**



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.

RELIGIOUS PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Father Ernest is leading a pilgrimage to Italy from September 24th to October 5th, and you are invited to join him. The pilgrimage will include Milan, Torino, Assisi, Loreto, Lanciano, San Giovanni Rotondo, Monte Sant' Angelo, Monte Cassino and Rome. Price per person is \$4,285.00 and includes economy round trip airline ticket on Lufthansa Airlines (from Miami); all taxes and airport charges; Round trip airport transfers; four star hotel accommodations; 10 Breakfast buffets & 10 dinners at the hotels; Deluxe a/c motor coach throughout the tour; professional Tour manager; admissions for all sanctuaries and places to visit. Luggage handling at hotels and Daily Mass. For more information, please contact Antonio or Llliam Morales at QVI Travel Group: 305-274-0453 or email: qualityvacations@hotmail.com

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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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Happy Independence Day



Lord Jesus,
Thou who art the Way, the Truth, and
the Life; hear us as we pray for the
truth that shall make all free.
Teach us that liberty is not only to be
loved but also to be lived.
Liberty is too precious a thing to be
buried in books. It costs too much to be
hoarded.
Help us see that our liberty is not the
right to do as we please,
but the opportunity to do what is right.

- Peter Marshall