

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

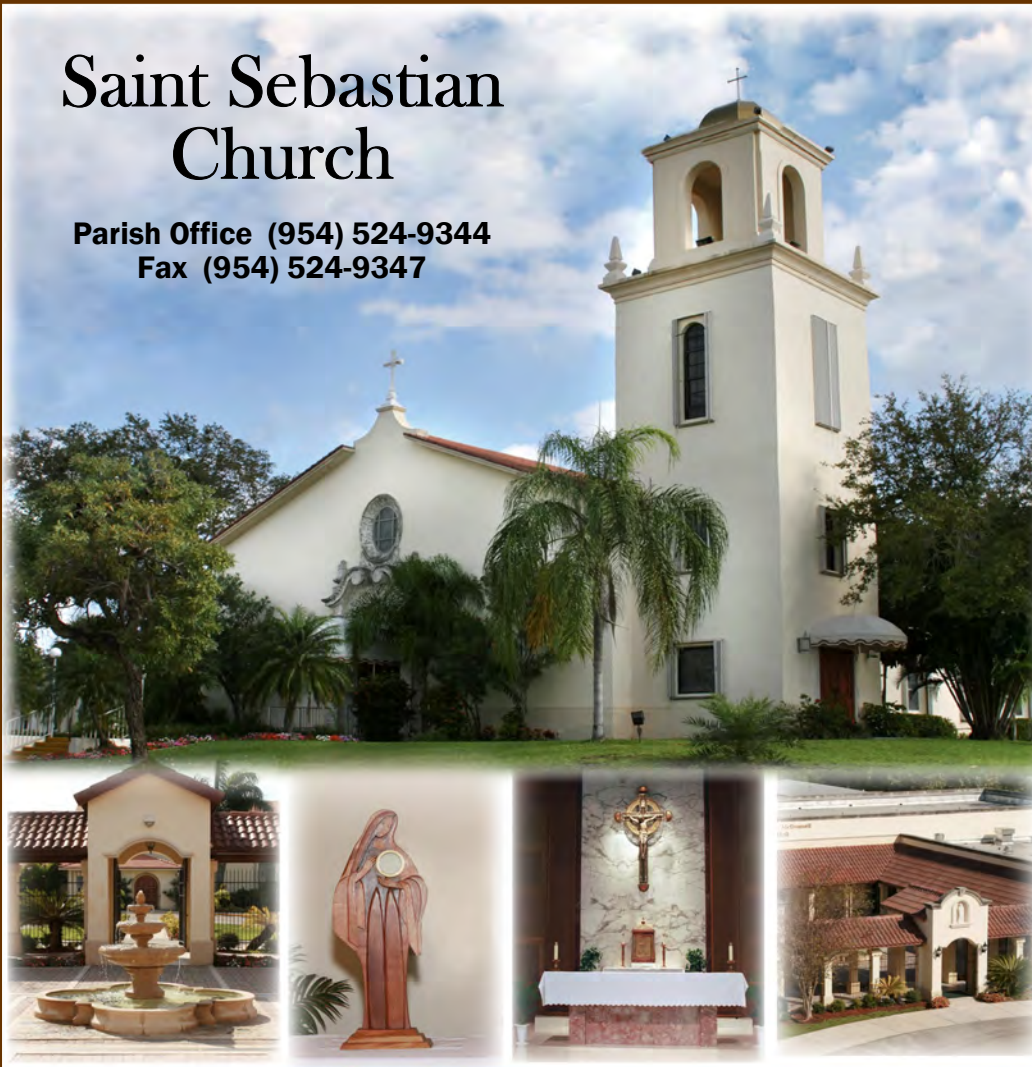
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Saint Sebastian Church

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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)

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.

From the desk of our Pastor, Father Ernest

MARY WAS "ASSUMED" INTO THE GLORY OF HEAVEN.

We have just celebrated the Feast of the Assumption last Tuesday. What does the Church teach us about the Assumption?

I. MARY'S MOTHERHOOD WITH REGARD TO THE CHURCH

Wholly united with her Son ...

964 Mary's role in the Church is inseparable from her union with Christ and flows directly from it. "This union of the mother with the Son in the work of salvation is made manifest from the time of Christ's virginal conception up to his death"; it is made manifest above all at the hour of his Passion:

Thus the Blessed Virgin advanced in her pilgrimage of faith, and faithfully persevered in her union with her Son unto the cross. There she stood, in keeping with the divine plan, enduring with her only begotten Son the intensity of his suffering, joining herself with his sacrifice in her mother's heart, and lovingly consenting to the immolation of this victim, born of her: to be given, by the same Christ Jesus dying on the cross, as a mother to his disciple, with these words: "Woman, behold your son."

965 After her Son's Ascension, Mary "aided the beginnings of the Church by her prayers." In her association with the apostles and several women, "we also see Mary by her prayers imploring the gift of the Spirit, who had already overshadowed her in the Annunciation."

...also in her Assumption

966 "Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death." The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians:

In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Dormition you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death.

... she is our Mother in the order of grace

967 By her complete adherence to the Father's will, to his Son's redemptive work, and to every prompting of the Holy Spirit, the Virgin Mary is the Church's model of faith and charity. Thus she is a "preeminent and ... wholly unique member of the Church"; indeed, she is the "exemplary realization" (typus) of the Church.

968 Her role in relation to the Church and to all humanity goes still further. "In a wholly singular way she cooperated by her obedience, faith, hope, and burning charity in the Savior's work of restoring supernatural life to souls. For this reason she is a mother to us in the order of grace."

969 "This motherhood of Mary in the order of grace continues uninterruptedly from the consent which she loyally gave at the Annunciation and which she sustained without wavering beneath the cross, until the eternal fulfilment of all the elect. Taken up to heaven she did not lay aside this saving office but by her manifold intercession continues to bring us the gifts of eternal salvation Therefore the Blessed Virgin is invoked in the Church under the titles of Advocate, Helper, Benefactress, and Mediatrix.

970 "Mary's function as mother of men in no way obscures or diminishes this unique mediation of Christ, but rather shows its power. But the Blessed Virgin's salutary influence on men ... flows forth from the superabundance of the merits of Christ, rests on his mediation, depends entirely on it, and draws all its power from it." "No creature could ever be counted along with the Incarnate Word and Redeemer; but just as the priesthood of Christ is shared in various ways both by his ministers and the faithful, and as the one goodness of God is radiated in different ways among his creatures, so also the unique mediation of the Redeemer does not exclude but rather gives rise to a manifold cooperation which is but a sharing in this one source."

(from *Catechism of the Catholic Church*)

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	August 19 † Gene Nelson, req. by Michael Young
Sunday 8:30 am	August 20 Living & Deceased of St. Sebastian
11:00 am	† Francisco E. Perez
Monday 8:30 am	August 21 For the People of Maui
Tuesday 8:30 am	August 22 † Charles & Marie Maher, req. by Maher Family
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.	August 23 People of Ukraine
Thursday 8:30 am	August 24 Priests of our Archdiocese
Friday 8:30 am	August 25 † Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 5:00 pm	August 26 † Gene Nelson, req. by Michael Young † Joe Polizzi, req. by Lois & Arnie Pittler † Jean Trebbi, req. by Mimi Bauer
Sunday 8:30 am	August 27 † Dolores Hesse Fink, req. by husband, Jack
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, Paul Ristow, Matt Keyzers, Judy Flood, Sister Frances Voss, O.S.C., Tom Casey, Charles Benoit, Rob Messerschmidt, Mary Pat Connolly, Anne McCormick, Patricia Moss, Patty Marma, Diane Johnson, Jim Guerin, Susan Lochrie, Agnes McCauley

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, call Mary Kennedy at 954-290-1194. We will be sharing from Galatians 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, Lancia-no, San Giovanni Rotondo, Monte Sant' Angelo, Monte Cas-sino and Rome. Price per person: \$4,285.00, includes economy round trip airfare (from Miami); all taxes & airport fees; Round trip airport transfers; 4 star hotel accommoda-tions; professional Tour manager; admissions for all sanctu-aries & places to visit, Daily Mass & more. For more in-fo, contact Antonio or Lilliam Morales at QVI Travel Group: 305-274-0453 or email: qualityvacations @hotmail.com.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TRUCK

The St. Vincent de Paul truck is scheduled to be in our park-ing lot next weekend, August 26-27, for your donations of gently used clothing and household items. All items should be clean in working condition. The truck is open for one half hour before and after each Mass.

SAVE THE DATE!

Weekend of August 26-27 - St. Vincent de Paul truck scheduled to be here.

Sunday, September 17 - Religious Education Classes begin.

Saturday, October 7 - 5:30 pm - 65th Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Miami Mass, Cathedral of St. Mary, Miami

Saturday, November 11 - 6:30 pm - Archdiocese of Miami 65th Anniversary Gala & Concert, Miami Beach Convention Center

"If someone who has worldly means sees a brother in need and refuses him compas-sion, how can the love of God remain in him? Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." (1 Jn..3:17-18). Our weekly contributions of non-perishable food and hygiene items make us "doers" and not talkers. Let's fill our church shopping carts! To care is to share. **PLEASE REMEMBER:** The Pantry needs **plas-tic grocery bags** for food distribution and empty, clean **egg cartons**. 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 So-ciety 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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Religious Education Classes for children in grades one through eight attending non-Catholic school begin on Sunday, September 17th, from 9:45-10:45 am in the Par-ish Hall. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY.** Please phone the office (954.524.9344) at your earliest convenience to register your child(ren) for these classes.

MAGNIFICAT OF BROWARD

Women are invited to attend the next all county meal Satur-day, Aug. 26th, from 10 am to 1:30 pm at Nativity Catholic Church 5220 Johnson St., Hollywood. Special guest speaker Monique Moussot will witness to the transforming love of Christ in her life. Cost: \$25 Call Sharon Pfeifer 407-756-7999.

PRAYER TO AVERT HURRICANES

Father, all the elements of nature obey your com-mands. 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.

***“O Woman,
great is your faith!”***



***Let it be done
for you as you wish.”***

Matthew 15:28