

Third 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)

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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.



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,

That might seem to be an odd heading for a *Twitch* but I'm hoping it got your attention. It all comes down to the second scripture we heard this weekend: I Corinthians 12 **"You are Christ's body, and individually parts of it."**

Today's reading is a lead-in to next Sunday when Paul continues describing that most important aspect of the body, namely the love that binds it together.

This week, I find myself thinking about just what does being a part of the body that we call Church really mean. Over the years I have remarked that I loved my previous parish very much. I was there for more than 30 years, but it was (and still is) very large. I would need to go through the cycle of the eight Masses we had on a weekend just to see folk once a month.

When I came to St. Sebastian it was an amazing transition. Now I could see everyone, every week. The challenge of St. Sebastian is that we are very seasonal, so in another sense I don't get to see everyone every Sunday.

Still, it works pretty well and I have a deeper appreciation of what it means to be part of a body where the parts are so very interdependent and better known to each other.

When it comes to losing one of the "parts," you feel the absence more intensely. Sometimes, I'm bothered about using the word 'lose' or 'loss.' This loss isn't a misplacement; it is an absence that affects the flow of my life.

Your reaction to someone's death affects you in proportion to how much that person was part of your life. When someone dies, or is no longer present, you tend to think in personal terms: "How does this change affect *my* life?"

Charlotte Newbury is one of those moments for me. "Father, I've got to shorten that alb or you'll kill

yourself tripping over it." "Charlotte, could you put a cuff on these new pants?" "Charlotte, those Easter drapes look great. Wait until the folk see them after the purple cover is lowered."

Can anyone in this parish ever remember Charlotte getting angry? I can't. But I can tell you that there were moments when God and I were having words about some of the suffering she went through in her final illness.

Actually, God didn't say anything to me. I complained to Him. Then I saw the cross, and I thought to myself, Charlotte surely came closer to Jesus than I could even imagine. I have no doubt where she is, and I found myself smiling and almost laughing one night as I asked myself, "I wonder what she is seeing now?" One thing I know she sees is her husband and son, both named Charles, who prepared a way for her. To Sally, our heartfelt thanks for her mother, and our hope for healing.

Sue and Scott (the Martinis) as well as Annie Gardner were very important parts of the Body of Christ who ministered to Charlotte in these last days of her life here. So did Honey, Annie's guard dog.

We will celebrate a Requiem Mass for Charlotte on Thursday, February 17th at 10:00 a.m. 'Requiem'... rest. We hand over our grief to the Lord in that moment, but we also wrap ourselves not simply in a cloak of sadness, but in the warmth of the expectation of eternal life.

Each of you, I'm sure, has memories and experiences of the deaths of those you loved, and who were a very important part of your 'body.' Maybe today, St. Paul helps us celebrate how important we can be – and hopefully are – to each other.

Thank you, Charlotte. Thank you, Sebastianites.

In Jesus,



Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	January 22 Living & Deceased of our Parish
Sunday 8:30 am	January 23 † Kevin Rebolz, req. by 8:30 Ushers † Thomas Flanagan, req. by Jack Tavone † Charlotte Newbury, req. by Sue & Scott Martinez
11:00 am	† Charlotte Newbury
Monday 8:30 am	January 24 † Kenneth McGinity, req. by Don Bourke
Tuesday 8:30 am	January 25 Wellbeing of Dr. Laura Evatt, req. by Maryellen Maher
Wednesday 8:30 am	January 26 † Alessandrina & Sebastiano Racine, req. by daughter, Natalina
Thursday 8:30 am	January 27 † Gene Oman, req. by Jacquie Anselmo
Friday 8:30 am	January 28 † Souls in Purgatory, req. by Richard Schmelz Family
Saturday 5:00 pm	January 29 † Ellie Loughran, req. by Joan & Bill Fuccillo † Marie & Albert Bourke, req. by Don Bourke † Angelo Racine, req. by wife, Natalina
Sunday 8:30 am	January 30 † Dolores Hesse Fink, req. by Fink Family Wellbeing of the Cowgill Family, req. by Sue & Scott Martinez
11:00 am	Living & Deceased of our Parish

REMEMBER THE SICK

Nanchine McManus,
Mary Lou Mann, Suzanne Plum, Don

Loughran, Jr., Jim Cowgill, Jr., Peter Hanna, Sandy Rodriguez, Lee Rodriguez, John Masna, Margaret Reitz, John Harris, Charlotte Newbury, Stephen Black, Jo Neumann, John E. Hurley, Sophia Schwab, Jonathan Hughes, Kathleen Gerium, Mary Alice Zittle, Michael Cavallaro, David Calhoun, Alvaro Arevalo, Trebor Wright, Michelline Toulouse, Margaret Farragher, Mary McGuire, Dr. Laura Evatt

IN MEMORIUM

+ CHARLOTTE NEWBURY +
January 17, 2022

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

SAVE THE DATE!

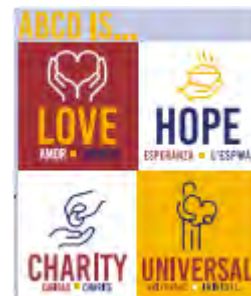
Saturday, February 26 - SSCCW Carnival Luncheon & Comedy Bingo at Coral Ridge Yacht Club



A New Year's resolution we can keep throughout the year is to generously supply our needy brothers and sisters with non-perishable food (*no glass containers, please*) and hygiene items donated weekly. Please fill our church shopping carts with these items. To care is to share. If you know of any one in need, please tell them that a drive thru grocery distribution takes place every Friday from 1:30-4 PM at Blessed Sacrament Church, 1701 E. Oakland Park Blvd (entrance to parking lot on NE 33rd Street and closes at 3:45). First timers must provide proof of residency in Broward County.

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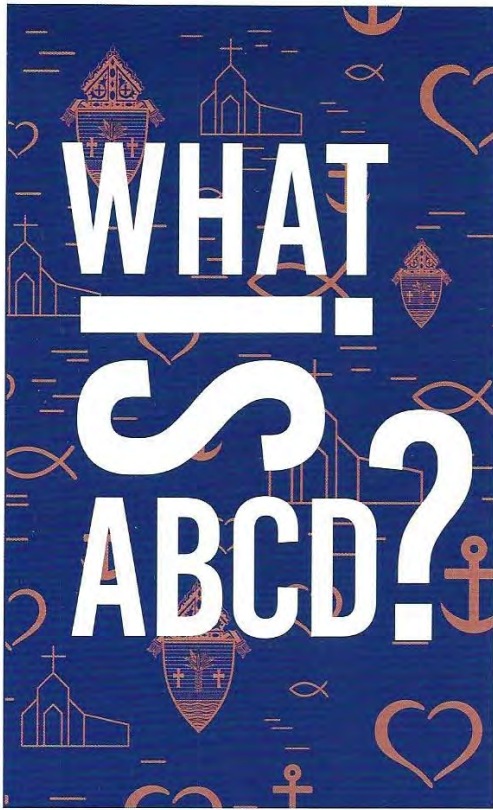


DIAL-IN FOR BIBLE SHARING

Participate in our teleconferencing Scripture sharing: Call in starts at 9:05 and sharing begins at 9:15 each Thursday morning. Dial 848-777-1212. When prompted, put in 1431434 #. We will be sharing from the Letter to the Romans. Call Mary at 954.290.1194 or Carole at 954.529.6547 for info. Please join us!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TRUCK

The St. Vincent de Paul truck is scheduled to be in our parking lot next weekend, January 22-23, for your gently used donations of clothing and household items.



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