

Fourth 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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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 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.

Bugs, Bones, Blessings and

Msgr. Jim Fetscher



Dear Family,

Our *Twitching* begins with a pragmatic issue, namely the revelation of termites in our parish center. We will tent the entire complex this week. The tents come on Tuesday morning, February 1, and come off by 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 3.

It will take \$13,000+ to remove our little friends from our midst. Who knew termites could be so expensive? I suppose that is better than having the roof collapse on our heads or some more expensive fate. Once the bugs are thoroughly removed, we will be able to patch up the areas they have already affected and you won't even see a trace of their presence. Of course, there will always be a "warm" memory in my financial heart. I make it sound like it's my money. Only in part. I know it's also yours.

When St. Paul shared with us the beautiful passage from I Corinthians about loving that we heard this weekend, I doubt he had termites in mind. I wonder what St. Francis of Assisi would think about termites.

Anyway, thank God for good folk who can restore us to wholeness.

On a holier note, (a better type of hole),...

This week, on Wednesday, we celebrate the **Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple**. It is also known as Candlemas Day. Check out nationaltoday.com/candlemas-day/#history

There you will find some great info on the history of the day. As they say, there are almost as many ways of celebrating the day as there are Christian sects to celebrate it.

Blessing household candles is a long-standing tradition. The Lord calls all of us to be "light-bearers" to the world. He Himself lights our way and the candles remind us of His presence.



We also celebrate the feast of St. Blaise this week who was martyred in 318. He was by tradition a physician who cured people of various illnesses and the famous one is removing the fishbone stuck in a child's throat.

We come to treasure these customs of prayer and light. **Next Sunday** we will

bless throats and

bless household candles.

There couldn't be a better time to ask God to protect our health and pour our His light as we help each other through the challenges of COVID.

In advance, thank you for your generous response to the 2022  **ABCD** . This year our goal is **\$119,234.63**. I have been chuckling to myself ever since I saw the 63 cents. I was toying with telling you that if you covered the \$119,234 I'd take care of the \$.63.

You have good reason to be proud of what **ABCD** does, i.e. what **you** do. You see it reflected in the poster and the brochure, but it's only a summary of how the Church of Miami works on a broader level than just our parish. How are we Christ? How are we the Body of Christ? When's the last time you smiled at someone? There's your answer. There are all kinds of ways of smiling. Whether it's the 63 cents or maybe a little more, or even a smile at the current thorn in your side, we do it all

In Jesus,

Mass Intentions

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
Monday 8:30 am	January 31 † Maria & Antonio Giancarti, req. by Natalina Racine
Tuesday 8:30 am	February 1 † Patty McNamara, req. by Patrick O'Dea
Wednesday 8:30 am	February 2 † Christina Miller, req. by Jarchow Family † Souls in Purgatory, req. by Richard Schmelz Family Wellbeing of Sandy Rodrigues, req. by Patty, Carole & Marijean
Thursday 8:30 am	February 3 † William Herrlinger, req. by Family
Friday 8:30 am	February 4 † Charlotte Newbury, req. by SSCCW
Saturday 5:00 pm	February 5 † Ellie Loughran, req. by Joan & Bill Fuccillo † David Horney, req. by Don Bourke † Helen Wroblewski, req. by Jarchow Family
Sunday 8:30 am	February 6 † Charles & Marie Maher, req. by Family † Bryan Larsen Morley, req. by Family † Randy Kettner, req. by Maynard & Rosie
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, 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

SAVE THE DATE!

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



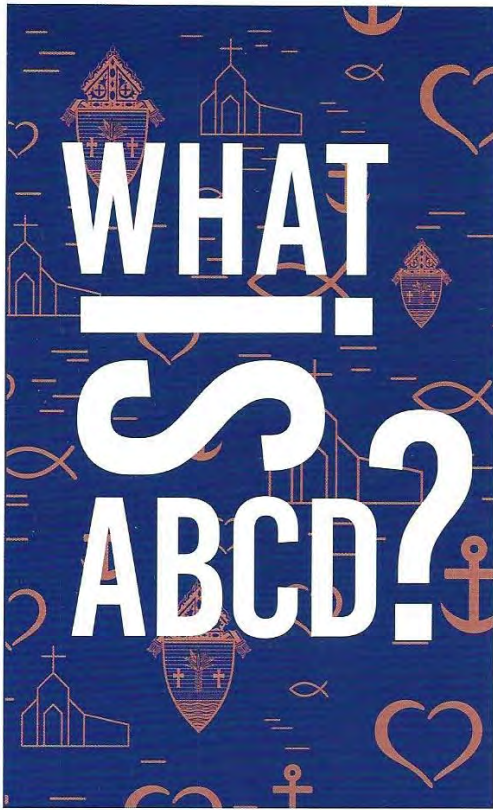
"If someone who has worldly means sees a brother or sister in need and refuses him compassion, how can the love of God remain in him? Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. (1 John 3:17-18) By our weekly gifts of non-perishable food and hygiene items we are heeding John's words. Please fill our grocery 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.

ABCD 101

ABCD reintroduces Hope into the world by assisting the widow, the orphan, the alien, the oppressed and the poor. ABCD also works to protect the rights and the dignity of all. We are called to give of ourselves to others, most especially to those who need it, and if we open our hearts, we will find countless chances to do so. An opportunity to give of yourself to others is through your support of the Archbishop's Charities and Development Drive (ABCD). ABCD represents your participation in spiritual and corporal works of mercy above and beyond what one can do individually or just at the parish level. The money you entrust to the Archdiocese of Miami through your pledge to the ABCD is used to support the works of mercy. Together we are able to educate and evangelize; support struggling parishes and schools; assist in the formation of families and priests. And, through multiple charities, we are able to care for the sick, the elderly, the immigrants, the less fortunate, and the spiritually poor—all of us who need God's word, the sacraments, and the teachings of the Church.

**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!



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