

Fifth 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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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.

63 & CHECKING OUT

Msgr. Jim Fetischer

Dear Family,

Thank you for your first responses to **ABCD**. We are already at 28% or \$32,970 of our goal of \$119,234.63. This number does not include amounts that you sent to the Archdiocese directly. So, we are off to another great year. I hope that doesn't sound too presumptuous.

For those of you who are visitors, I'm talking about the annual **ArchBishop's Charities and Development** appeal. Along with the other 100+ parishes, we pool our resources through **ABCD** to reach out to do things that individual parishes don't handle. Again, I'm trying very hard not to presume anything. But... Thank You!!!

By the way, I'm having many happy chuckles about the 4 of you who added the 63 cents to your pledge. That is a weird goal: \$119,234.**63**

The extermination tenting seems to have gone very well. All our iguanas who sun themselves on the warm tiles got the message and none fell prey to "the big gas." Some did, however, suffer from the cold snap last weekend.

On the other hand, it seems the termites have gone to bug heaven, and we can only hope they took all their relatives with them. Goodness knows we paid enough for their flight tickets.

Thinking of termite funerals reminds me of some ideas I've had for quite a while. This is not occasioned by any one instance or person, etc., but more about the customs we have surrounding death.

In particular, I'd like to talk about funerals. The short version of my thought is that a funeral ought to take place close to the time of death.

I also have a problem with "Celebration of Life" references as though there is no pain involved.

I know there can be many, many reasons for delaying a funeral. Each circumstance is different. But in general, I notice that more often, funerals are delayed. How often I've heard, "we are waiting until everyone can get here." Why? Are funerals the only reason for having a family reunion?

We Catholics often use sacramental celebrations as reasons for coming together, and that's a good thing. Still, it's a wonderful gift to each other just to be able to say, "we are all meeting at Aunt Lucy's house next May for the fun of it." (Make sure someone tells Lucy.)

Funerals aren't supposed to be 'convenient.' They are a part of the interruption of the normal state of things that death is. We can plan ahead. We can pick scripture readings; we can leave directions for the party. I even bought my casket from the Trappists. But I'd like to think that when I die, there will be some inconvenience, some messiness, a little hole, a hole in people's lives that will remind them to keep praying for me.

Funerals are for the folks who are still here. Our prayers for the deceased are heard in God's instant now, so in a blink God hears all the prayer that will ever be offered for someone. The deceased's arrival in heaven isn't the issue.

A funeral's timing ought to pay attention to consoling the people physically close to the deceased – and I mean literally close, especially people like family members who were the long-term caregivers. They have an immediate emptiness that eases when people gather. *Sooner is better.*

When I began this *Twitch*, I had no idea what I was going to be write. Who knew it would be funerals? By the way, I'm not planning mine anytime soon...

In Jesus,



Mass Intentions

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 † Jim Hmielewski, req. by Mary Kennedy
Monday 8:30 am	February 7 Wellbeing of Ed & Jill Rebholz, req. by Marcia & Barry Hogan
Tuesday 8:30 am	February 8 † Kevin Rebholz, req. by Men's Club
Wednesday 8:30 am	February 9 † Charlotte Newbury, req. by Joe & Terri Cremona
Thursday 8:30 am	February 10 † Rosemary Meagle, req. by John Meagle Wellbeing of Marcia Hogan, req. by Barry Hogan
Friday 8:30 am	February 11 † Jack Mackey † Souls in Purgatory, req. by Richard Schmelz Family
Saturday 5:00 pm	February 12 † Ed O'Gorman, req. by Family
Sunday 8:30 am	February 13 Living & Deceased of our Parish
11:00 am	† Michael Larsen, req. by Janice Larsen † Lisa & Richard Urban, req. by Nephew

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, Jonathan Hughes, Kathleen Gerium, Mary Alice Zittle, Michael Cavallaro, David Calhoun, Alvaro Arevalo, Michelle Toulouse, Margaret Farragher, Mary McGuire, Dr. Laura Evatt

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!

SAVE THE DATE!

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



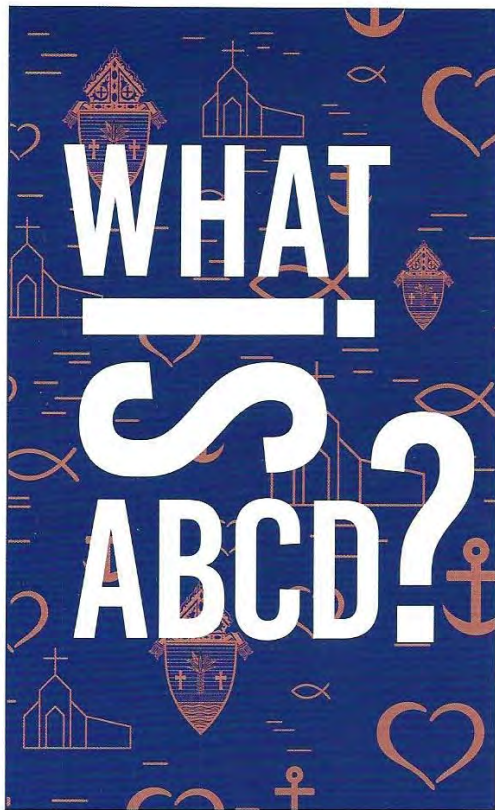
When Jesus preached to the multitudes that had followed Him He nourished their spirit, but He also recognized their physical hunger and performed the miracle of the loaves and fishes. We too can provide both spiritual and physical nourishment to the less fortunate in our county by our weekly donations of non-perishable food (no glass containers, please) and hygiene items. Those receiving these items realize the love accompanying these gifts and is nourishment for their souls. 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.

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ABCD exists because of the generosity of people like yourselves, people who in good times and in bad times keep their support of the Church on their list of major priorities. Through your support of the ABCD you help our Catholic Church here in South Florida reach out to those brothers and sisters Jesus speaks about in the Gospel. ABCD is our Catholic Charities, our religious education programs, our Catholic schools. ABCD is the support of our seminarians and priests. ABCD is in our marriage preparation programs, and our lay ministries that form people to minister to the bereaved, the homebound. We are humbled by your generosity and support of the Archbishop's Charities and Development Drive (ABCD). Your sacrificial generosity to the ABCD truly bears witness to our faith and the essence of being an embodiment of the Church. If you have yet to respond to this year's ABCD, we need you! Please prayerfully consider mirroring the love of Christ by putting your faith into action by making a gift today. Even a small gift can make a big difference. You can obtain a pledge envelope from the parish office, or you can make a gift online at www.isupportabcd.org. Thank you and God bless you!



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