

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

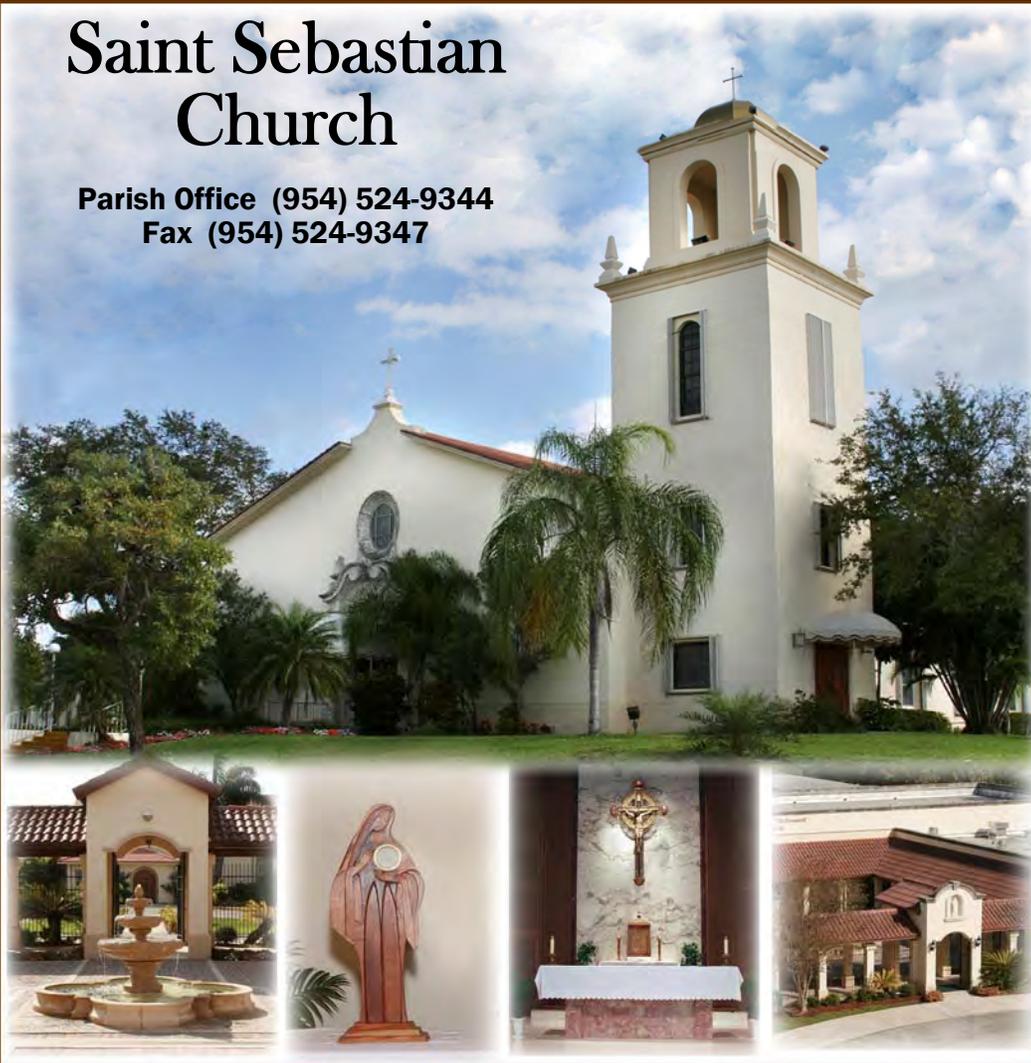
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MASSES

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,

There are probably a few among us who remember the aftermath of WW II. I was four years old, standing on the front lawn of my grandmother's house in Staten Island, overlooking the Kill Van Kull. It was V-J day. The waterway separated Staten Island and New Jersey where all the oil refineries in Bayonne were blowing their whistles. The boats were tooting their horns, the train that ran along the river whistled loudly, and every car running below me on Richmond Terrace was blowing its horn. I've told you this before, but it is a powerful memory for a four-year-old child.

So now, when I think of the current heart-wrenching issue of the Ukraine invasion, I mentally make a connection with the huge European/Asian war memory of my childhood.

It's hard to explain that to someone much younger today, but if the images of then bring me to more fervent prayer now, I welcome the flood of childhood sights and sounds.

Do you think our prayer affects the Ukraine situation? Besides remembering the words of Jesus, "Ask and you will receive," (Mt. 7:7), I think there's another dimension.

Praying can bring *our* hearts and minds to a place where we are more open to being peacemakers. That's the subject of another *Twitch*, but basically a good personal reflection might be, "How does prayer affect me, as well as the thing I'm praying for?"

I readily confess that praying for Vladimir Putin does not come easily. Perhaps that's one of the issues: too many of us subconsciously think it wouldn't do any good. How many other issues are there like that in our lives? We get to the point that we just stop hoping and praying because it doesn't seem to work.

I'm glad I'm having this little discussion with myself. It's reminding me of things I didn't even realize I had given up on.

Sometimes I wonder if it's old age. Other times I suspect it just isn't important. Remember my grandmother's line? "If you can't remember it, either it's not important or it's a lie."

In the past I told you about saving Christmas cards. I keep my cards on the dining room table, and each day I pick up a card and make it a point to pray for the sender. Thank God I don't get 366 Christmas cards.

Perhaps I can do the same if I start a list of politicians who are involved with the Ukraine conflict. Better than one a day, might be praying for the whole list.

Ash Wednesday comes this week. I still have Christmas ornaments I haven't stashed in the Christmas closet.

For each household we've purchased a Lenten Reflection booklet from the folks who publish *Not By Bread Alone*. We hope you find it helpful to get ready for the great feast of Easter.

We also have the **Rice Bowls** from Catholic Relief Services. In past years the bowls have been a great way to share in the valuable outreach that CRS does throughout the world. The idea is that perhaps you'd put that on your dining room table, make a simple meal, and put what you would have spent on a bigger meal in the Rice Bowl.

Also, along with the Rice Bowl, CRS send a great insert with recipes from different places they help, and a reflection/action question for each day.

The best thing about changing our routines is escaping the limits of being in ruts. Happy driving,

In Jesus,



Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	February 26 † Ellie Loughran, req. by Joan & Bill Fuccillo † Sister & Doctor Helen Burke, req. by Don Bourke
Sunday 8:30 am	February 27 † Dolores Hesse Fink, req. by Fink Family † Thomas Dunne, req. by Susie O'Leary † Charlotte Newbury, req. by Sandy & Matt Keysers
11:00 am	Living & Deceased of our Parish
Monday 8:30 am	February 28 † John Middlemiss, req. by Grace Middlemiss
Tuesday 8:30 am	March 1 † Alice Hendriksen, req. by Elli Hurst
Wednesday 8:30 am	March 2 - ASH WEDNESDAY † Souls in Purgatory, req. by Richard Schmelz Family
6:00 pm	Wellbeing of the Priests of our Archdiocese
Thursday 8:30 am	March 3 † Michael Middlemiss, req. by Grace Middlemiss
Friday 8:30 am	March 4 † Maureen Fiorentino, req. by Elli Hurst
Saturday 5:00 pm	March 5 † Raymond Wood, req. by Brett & Mary Wood
Sunday 8:30 am	March 6 † Charles & Marie Maher, req. by Family
11:00 am	Living & Deceased of our Parish

REMEMBER THE SICK

Nanchine McManus,
Mary Lou Mann, Su-
zanne Plum, Don

Loughran, Jr., Jim Cowgill, Jr., Peter Hanna, Sandy Rodrigues, 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, Dr. Laura Evatt, Kari Albertson, Diane & Alexander Garville, Paul Ristow

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 this weekend - February 26-27 - for your donations of gently used clothing and household items. The truck is open for one half hour before and after each Mass, and all items should be clean and in usable condition.

SAVE THE DATE!

March 25-27 WOMEN'S RETREAT. *Be Compassionate As Our Heavenly Father is Compassionate.* Limited space; sign up soon. 561-626-1300 or www.ourladyofflorida.org. Carpool from church.



"So do not worry and say, 'what are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear?'" (Matthew 6:31)

Jesus is depending on us to fulfill those needs of the less fortunate in our community. By our weekly contributions of non-perishable food and hygiene items we are accepting His call. Let's fill those church shopping carts to the brim! To care is to share.

+WEDNESDAY IS ASH WEDNESDAY+

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. Masses at St. Sebastian will be at 8:30 am and 6:00 pm. Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics in good health who are 14 years and older on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics in good health who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted. Let us - once again take up our Lenten challenge of **P**rayer, **F**asting and **A**lmsgiving, using this time to grow in our relationship with our Savior and Lord.

INCHING CLOSER TO OUR GOAL...

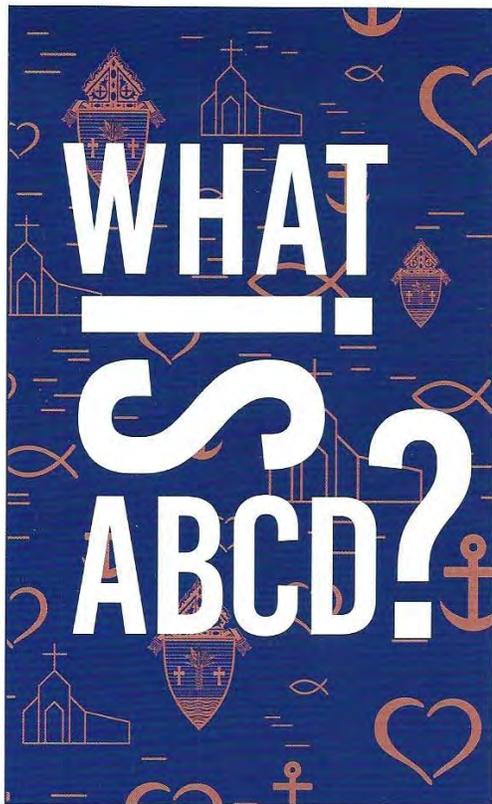
As of today, 94 St. Sebastianites have responded to the call for help, and we have reached about 81% of our goal of \$119,234.63.

If you have yet to make a gift to the ABCD, we need your help! Please make your pledge and drop it in the collection basket or in the Parish Office. With God's help and yours, we can do this!



ST. SEBASTIAN PARISH CRUISE

November 5, 2022, 14 Night Spanish Farewell on the Oosterdam sailing from Barcelona, Spain to Ft. Lauderdale. Ports of Call: Murcia (Cartagena) Spain, Malaga, Seville (Cadiz) Spain, Lisbon, Portugal, Funchal (Madeira) Portugal. Limited Ocean View Balcony cabins available starting at \$1854. per person, based on Double occupancy, which includes all taxes and fees, but no insurance and no air transportation to Barcelona. Contact Lou Abitabilo, Independent Vacation Specialist, Dream Vacations at labitabilo@dreamvacations.com or 570-955-0470 or 570-237-5128.



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