

# Second Sunday of Lent

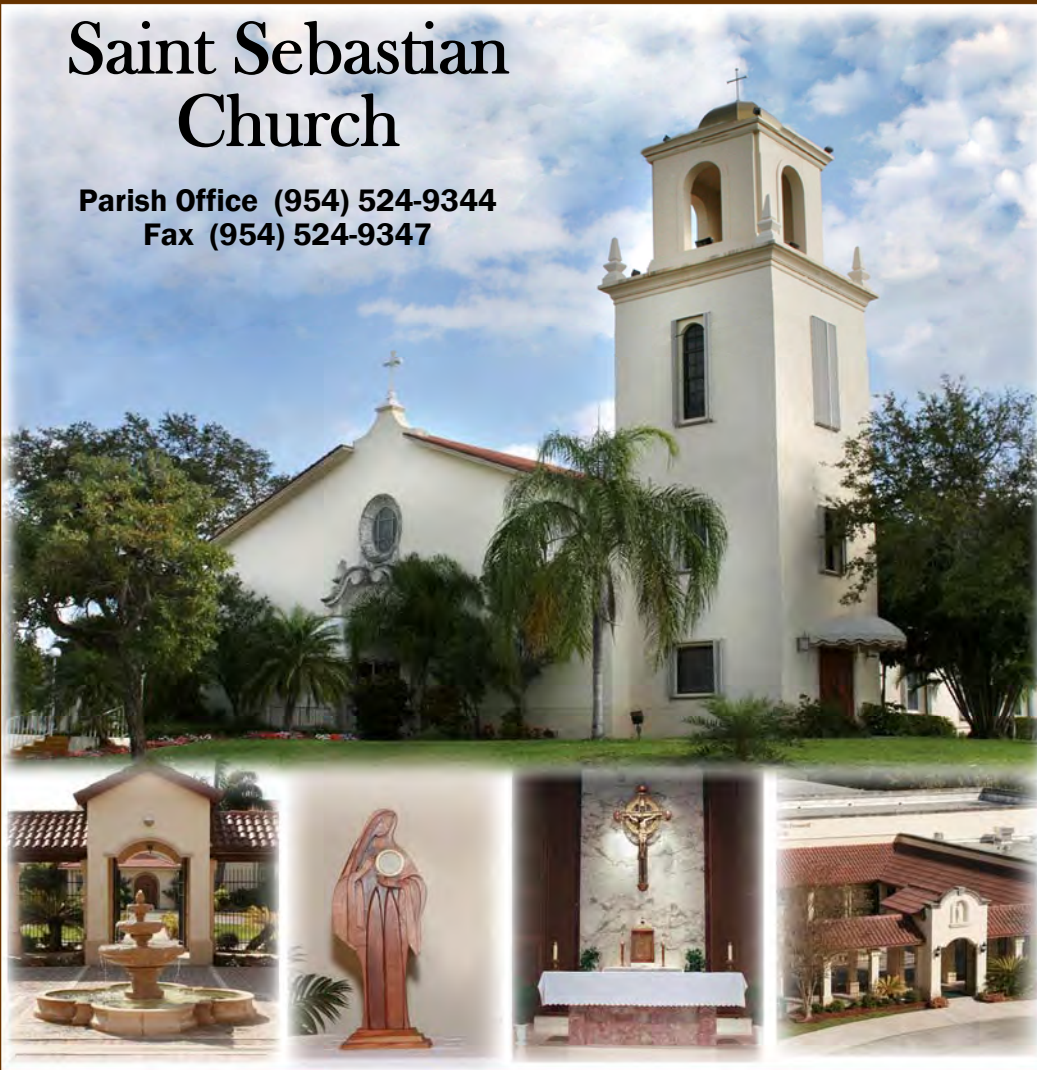
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## Saint Sebastian Church

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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

Rev. Msgr. James F. Fetscher  
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### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Nancy Adams  
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Judy Fisher  
Rosemary Guerin  
Frank Krauser  
Patrick O'Dea  
Connie Reed  
Chuck Wobby

**PARISH WEBSITE:**  
[stsebastianfl.org](http://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.

Dear Family,

By the second Sunday of Lent I am usually asking myself where did the first week go and how could I have missed doing the things I wanted to do, and “giving up” the things I wanted to give up.

Good news: that’s what the second week of Lent is for, to get it right.

In reality, isn’t that what our lives, especially our spiritual lives, are all about? Each day follows the previous with the hope that the direction of our journey is getting easier to see, if not always smoother to negotiate.

The following story is not told for sympathy. As some of you know, last week I got an attack of “flare arthritis” in my right wrist. Powerful throbbing unremitting pain. (Remember, I said no sympathy. Well, maybe a little...)

My doctor’s cell was giving her trouble which she didn’t discover until around ten p.m. on the day I called. She immediately called, and when I described the problem, she immediately called in a prescription to a 24/7 drug store. I and my left hand drove to pick it up and made it home safely.

Two hours later, the pain subsided, and continued to improve. Rosemary Guerin also brought me a tube of French Voltaren which is twice as strong as American Voltaren. Leave it to the French. Between the meds, a great doctor, a loving parishioner, and the patron saint of arthritis, healing is in the works. I just learned that St. Alphonsus Liguori is the patron saint of arthritis. He was an incredibly remarkable man in many fields, and probably helped define the meaning of child prodigy.

But he is the patron of arthritis because it afflicted him to the point where he spent the later part of his life in a wheelchair with a bent neck.

Somehow, when you read that and when in our own times I see the suffering of families, especially

as we are receiving the images from Ukraine, it helps you put pain in perspective. Dr. Madden and Rosemary and Walgreens all contributed to my experience. I hope I’ve learned something, especially a deeper appreciation of people who endure chronic pain, and people who take care of them.

The Men’s Club came with a request to possibly do some fish fries during Lent. I know some other parishes are considering it, but we really have not received the full go-ahead from the Archdiocese to have gatherings or drop spatial seating anywhere except in the Church building. I’m sure it’s coming but let’s not tempt fate.

Let me use this moment to thank Annie for, in addition to everything else she does, running over to the parish hall every Sunday to set up for the broadcast of the Mass for the overflow. Peter will still be broadcasting our 11:00 celebration online and people who are home can take advantage of that. Remember that if you are not able to assist at Mass there are a number of good people who are willing to bring you Holy Communion. All you need to do is ask.

Thank you for your **ABCD** contributions. This week a couple of especially generous folks brought us up to 89.9% of the goal. Now we have only \$12,036 to go. I have no doubt we (you and I) will do it.

Finally, a word of thanks to the women who are having our **TRINKETS AND TREASURES** blowout. As I said last Sunday you can bring your goodies to our holy yard sale on Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. That’s this Wednesday thru Friday. The ladies will be setting up and the sale is on **March 19<sup>th</sup> (8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)** and **20<sup>th</sup> (8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)** Good hunting.

In Jesus,



Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>March 12</b> † Ellie Loughran, req. by Jim & Rosemary Guerin † Father Paul Bourke, req. by Don Bourke
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am	<b>March 13</b> Intentions of the Cowgill Family For the people of Ukraine, req. by Maher Family
11:00 am	Living & Deceased of our Parish
<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>March 14</b> † John Curione, req. by Ed Rebholz In Thanksgiving, req. by Bill Loughran
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>March 15</b> Wellbeing of Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie McDowell, req. by Patrick Schloemer
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>March 16</b> † Willard Jarchow, req. by Family † Ellie Loughran, req. by Family
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>March 17</b> † Father Pat, req. by Maher Family † Michael & John McHugh, req. by The Fortunato's Wellbeing of Barry Hogan, req. by Marcia Hogan
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>March 18</b> † Souls in Purgatory, req. by Richard Schmelz Family † Grace & Murray Toomey, req. by M.L. and Helen Toomey
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>March 19</b> † Marie & Albert Bourke, req. by Don Bourke † Richard Pianowski, req. by Elli Hurst † Elli Loughran, req. by Bill Loughran
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am	<b>March 20</b> † Intentions of Jim Cowgill, Jr. & Family, req. by Joan Morris,
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 Rodrigues, Margaret Reitz, John Harris, Stephen Black, Jo Neumann, John E. Hurley, Jonathan Hughes, Kathleen Gerium, Mary Alice Zittle, Michael Cavallaro, Alvaro Arevalo, Michelline 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!

STATIONS AND SIMPLE SUPPER

Stations of the Cross are held on Fridays during Lent at 6:00 pm in the church, followed by a Simple Supper (soup and bread) in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

SAVE THE DATE!

March 19-20 Trinkets & Treasures Sale

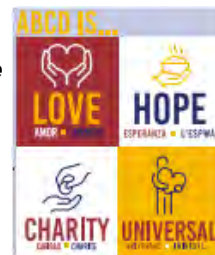
March 25-27 WOMEN'S RETREAT. *Be Compassionate As Our Heavenly Father is Compassionate.* Limited space; sign up soon. 561-626-1300 or [www.ourladyofflorida.org](http://www.ourladyofflorida.org). Carpool from church.



In the First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul writes off the three gifts of Faith, hope and love, citing love as the greatest. Let's embrace the gift of love to provide non-perishable food and hygiene items to those in Fort Lauderdale who are in need of our help. Let's fill the church shopping carts with needed items, because to care is to share!

WE'RE GETTING CLOSER...

As March 8, with the help of 103 people, we have reached about 90% of our goal of \$119,234.63. **If you have yet to make a gift to the ABCD, we need your help to get that last \$12,036!** Please make your pledge and drop it in the collection basket or the Parish Office. With God's help and yours, we'll get there!



HELP FOR UKRAINE

As Ukrainians flee from the Russian bombardments **Catholic Relief Services** and its Caritas partners on the ground are ready, across Ukraine and in bordering countries, to provide safe shelter, hot meals, hygiene supplies, transport to safe areas, counseling and more. Donations can be made directly to CRS:

- Online: [support.crs.org/ukraine](http://support.crs.org/ukraine).
- By phone: 1-877-HELP-CRS.
- By check: Ukraine Response, Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, Maryland 21297-0303.

TRINKETS AND TREASURES SALE

St. Sebastian Council of Catholic Women Trinkets and Treasures Sale is Saturday, March 19 from 8 am-3pm and Sunday, March 20 from 8am-1pm in the Parish Hall. **Donations of gently used household items, etc. are needed. Deliver items to Parish Hall March 16-18 from 9am-2pm.** Please call Mary Ann Smith at 914.447.0084 for more information.

ST. SEBASTIAN PARISH CRUISE

November 5, 2022, 14 Night Spanish Farewell on the Oostendam 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, Contact Lou Abitabilo, Independent Vacation Specialist, Dream Vacations at [labitabilo@dreamvacations.com](mailto:labitabilo@dreamvacations.com) or 570-955-0470 or 570-237-5128.

## TRINKETS & TREASURES SALE



Come find treasures and trinkets for a great price! Gently used household items, décor, jewelry, books & much more are waiting for a new home.

**Date: Saturday 3/19**  
**Time: 8 am - 3 pm**

**Date: Sunday 3/20**  
**Time: 8 am - 1 pm**

### Where:

**St. Sebastian Parish Hall**  
2000 Marietta Dr (SE 25<sup>th</sup> Av)  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316



### **Gently used items needed.**

Please deliver your articles to parish hall

Between Wednesday Mar. 16- Friday Mar. 18 9am -2 pm

**Questions call Mary Ann Smith (914) 447-0084**