

The Ascension of The Lord

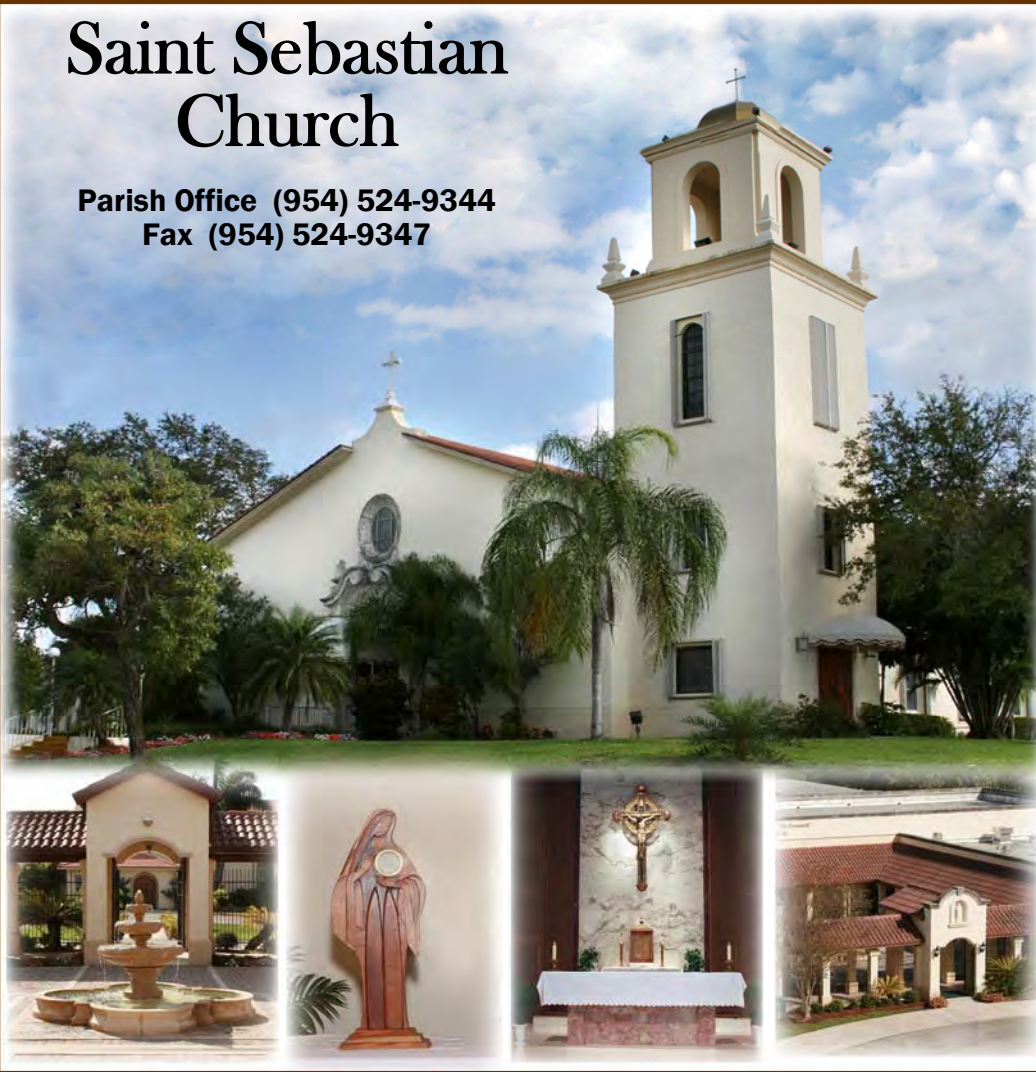
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Saint Sebastian Church

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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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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,

I originally began this *Twitch* on May 13th. I was trying to get a head start. Then the world exploded. First the shootings at the market in Buffalo and then the added horror of Uvalde...

I am numb and have been asking the Spirit to help me think straight and open myself to God's direction. I'm not just talking about writing this *Twitch*, but also some vision as to how the gospel speaks to us in all this. I got one answer, or at least the beginning of an answer.

When the Buffalo shooting happened, America magazine published online a compelling article by Nicholas D. Sawicki. I want to recommend that you spend some time in prayer, and then go online and read it.

Simply search for <Nicholas D. Sawicki>. It will take you to Sawicki references. Click the one that has AMERICA after his name. Then click on the first article entitled:

"Three questions White Catholics must ask themselves after the racist shooting in Buffalo"

Racism is a topic we simply don't want to have to deal with, but the tragedy of Buffalo was bare-bones racism. I fear something like that could happen in any black community, or any place that is home to people of color.

Sawicki's reflection creates a space that helps try and answer his questions.

The three questions are, 1) How do we fight a culture of death? 2) How do we hold accountable those in public life who sacrifice life in their lust for power? 3) What does our tradition demand that we do?

When I was a kid and we had just moved to Florida, Dad took me food shopping with him. I came to the water fountains. One was 'white' and one was 'colored.' I tried them both, but no color came out of the colored fountain. I asked Dad what it was

all about. I can't remember what he said because all I can remember is the expression on his face. My father didn't have a prejudiced bone in his body, and he was overwhelmed. I guess the sadness in his face said it all.

This *Twitch* originally started with noting two dates. The first is Memorial Day.

"**Memorial Day** is... observed on the last Monday of May. It is a national day of remembrance for honoring all who served in the military and died; whether in combat, line of duty, illness, or **wounds seen and unseen**. The day offers a chance to reflect on the unique lives of these heroes and their ethos of selfless service."

Every day is Memorial Day for the families of our nation's fallen heroes. TAPS cares for all those grieving the loss of a military loved one. (Check out T*A*P*S online from which I took these words.)

When I read the phrase I marked in red, I stopped stone cold. Among other things, all I could think of was those who have served going through PTSD and how long it took us as a country to really understand what that meant, much less help.

I won't let myself get caught up in arguments, some of which go back 50 years. I guess I'm really dating myself. Vietnam was launching as I was finishing my last seminary years. The war raged at home as bad as in Asia. Thank God we made it to the Vietnam Memorial wall... finally.

The second date is the 54th anniversary of being ordained a priest of the Church of Miami on May 25, 1968. Thanks to the morning crowd for the biggest donut I have EVER seen (and eaten.) Nancy Adams also brought a really special coffee. It's called Tchibo. That's the right spelling. They also make a machine to brew the coffee in but I just ordered more coffee and will skip the machine.

In Jesus our Ascended Lord,



Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	May 28 Living & Deceased of our Parish
Sunday 8:30 am	May 29 † Dolores Hesse Fink, req. by The Fink Family † Michael Cavallaro, req. by Judy & Joe Kelly † John & Eileen Flood, req. by Al & Lila
11:00 am	† William J. McShane, req. by Rose Marie McShane † August Bauer, req. by Wini & Joe Amaturio
Monday 8:30 am	May 30 † Peter Manos, req. by Mimi Bauer † Bernie Heffernan, req. by Abernethy Family † Tom Harington, req. by Abernethy Family
Tuesday 8:30 am	May 31 † Sister Marguerite McGilly Wellbeing of Amie Uribe, req. by Amy Carroll
Wednesday 8:30 am	June 1 † Ellie Loughran, req. by husband, Bill † Eric Wachenthaler The People of Ukraine, req. by Don Bourke
Thursday 8:30 am	June 2 The People of Ukraine, req. by Don Bourke † Clay Burch, req. by Zeke Garcia
Friday 8:30 am	June 3 The People of Ukraine, req. by Don Bourke
Saturday 5:00 pm	June 4 Wellbeing of Suzanne Loughran Plum, req. by Bill Loughran † David Horney, req. by Don Bourke The People of Ukraine, req. by Don Bourke
Sunday 8:30 am 11:00 am	June 5 Living and Deceased of Our Parish † William J. McShane, req. by Rose Marie McShane The People of Ukraine, req. by Don Bourke

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, Alvaro Arevalo, Michelline Toulouse, Dr. Laura Evatt, Kari Albertson, Diane & Alexander Garville, Paul Ristow, Craig & David Mitchell, Carol Houghton, Mary Connors., Ed Fetscher, Joan Morson, Margaret Donato, Mark & Ariana Gotley, Margaret Rose Goldman, Ted Petoniak, Chip Rau

BIBLE SHARING

Come for coffee and scripture sharing each Thursday in the Parish Hall at 9:15 am. Everyone is invited. You may also join us on-line by dialing 848-777-1212. When prompted put in 1431434#. For more information, please call Mary Kennedy at 954-290-1194. We will be sharing from the Gospel of Luke.

SAVE THE DATE!

Weekend of June 26-27 - St. Vincent de Paul truck scheduled to be here

Sunday, July 17 - Picnic (indoors!)/BBQ/Ice Cream Social.



During April (5 Fridays), the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at Blessed Sacrament Church served 764 clients representing 2,225 people. As you can see, the numbers are up from the past few months. Fortunately, they have received more food from the government as well

as BJ's in Parkland, Publix in Wilton Manors, and Fresh Market in Fort Lauderdale. All of this was possible due to the very generous food donations from several parishes and many individual financial donations. We thank you for your wonderful support. To care is to share. ***If you know of anyone in need, please let them know that The St. Vincent DePaul Society conducts a drive thru grocery distribution every Friday from 1:30-4 PM at Blessed Sacrament Church, 1701 E Oakland Park Blvd (entrance to the parking lot is located on NE 33rd Street and will be closed at 3:45). First timers must provide proof of residency in Broward County.***

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Today's special collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign engages and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Archdiocese of Miami to fund local communications efforts. Please use the specially designated envelopes in your boxed set or those in the pews.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please plan to use the specially designated envelopes in your boxed set or those which will be in the pews next weekend. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.

HURRICANE SEASON IS UPON US!

Hurricane season begins this Wednesday, June 1st. Here's a prayer to help get us through it together:

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 🌴 **PRAYER TO AVERT HURRICANES** 🌴
 🌴 Father, all the elements of nature obey your commands. Protect us and all your people during this season of storms and hurricanes. 🌴
 🌴 Calm our fears and help us prepare our hearts as well as our homes. Help us see you in all we may encounter, and help us to minister to each other in your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. 🌴
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St. Sebastian Church Cruise

November 5, 2022, 14 Night Spanish Farewell on the Oosterdam sailing from Barcelona, Spain to Ft. Lauderdale, FL



Departing from: Barcelona, Spain

Ports of Call:

Murcia (Cartagena) Spain, Malaga, Seville (Cadiz) Spain, Lisbon, Portugal, Funchal (Madeira) Portugal

Highlights:

Oosterdam, a Vista-class ship, recently emerged from dry dock with exciting updates—including completely refreshed suites and new lounge, dining, and entertainment venues, such as Music Walk™, with Lincoln Center Stage, B.B. King’s Blues Club and Billboard Onboard. Guests can choose from among delectable specialty restaurants, hone culinary skills with EXC Port to Table and thrill to BBC Earth Experiences.

Your Package Includes:

Your package includes shipboard accommodations, ocean transportation, entertainment and daily activities, on-board meals, and some beverages. It does not include shore excursions, personal expenses, gratuities, Insurance, or alcoholic beverages.

Limited Ocean View Balcony cabins available starting at \$1854 per person (**\$132 per night!**), based on double occupancy, which includes all taxes and fees, but no insurance and no Air transportation to Barcelona.

Initial payment is due June 1, with final payment due on July 27.

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