

# Pentecost

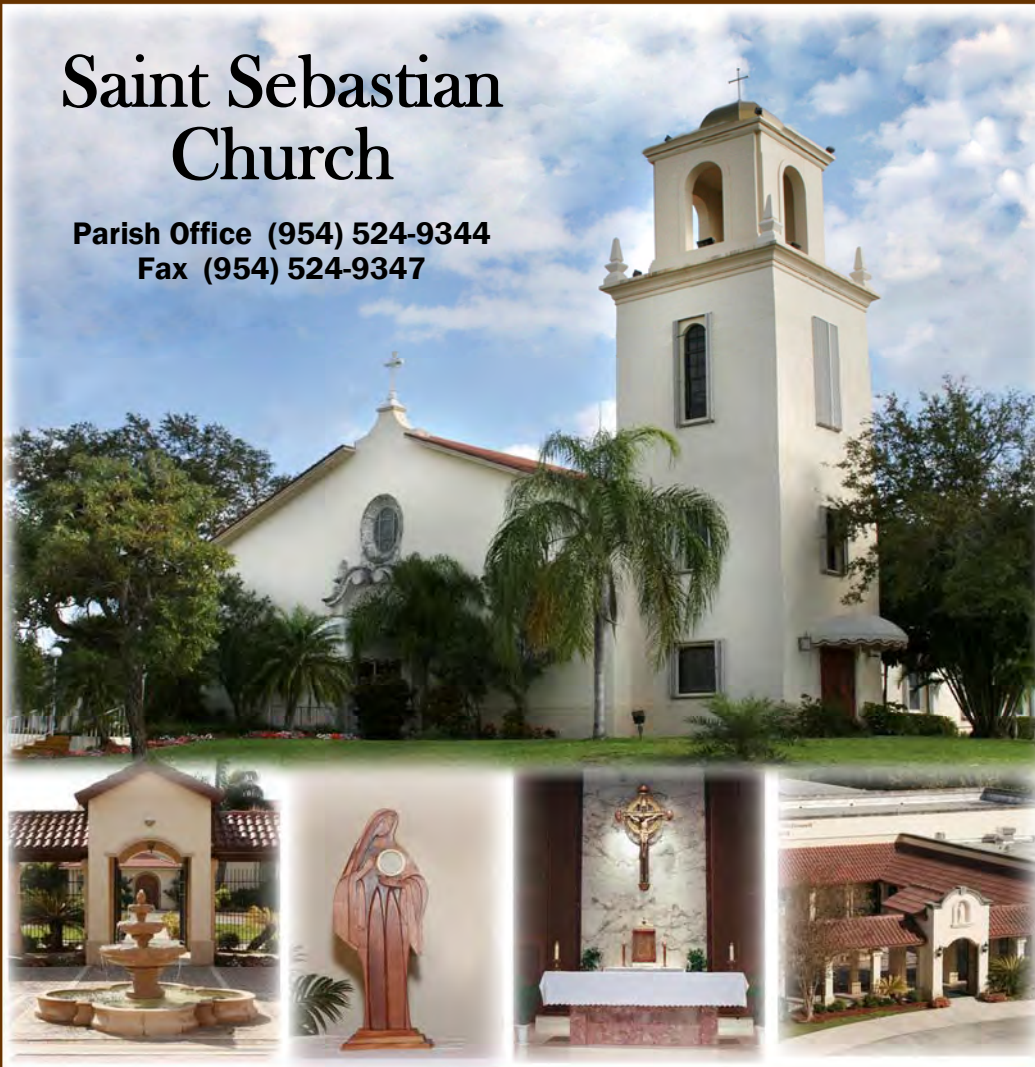
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## Saint Sebastian Church

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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  
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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,

It is (last) Thursday, and I'm in a very quiet office. Annie has Thursdays off. (She needs a little time to recover from the 300 hours she gives us on the other days of the week.) Honey, Annie's dog, is also off so I do not have her personal announcements of each person as they arrive. Sometimes, Honey insists that we know someone so well, that she doesn't stop announcing their arrival until they are departing. I never knew long-haired dachshunds could be so beautiful and so loud.

Having this incredible quiet gives me a much appreciated moment to really hear the scriptures. As I look at the readings for the Feast of Pentecost, it's wonderful how they say it all: ***We are gifted with the Holy Spirit who enlivens all we do.***

I'm trying to resist the temptation to think about the Energizer Bunny. Whoops! I guess didn't resist hard enough.

I don't know when I learned it, but many times in day I'll find myself praying:

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, Kindle is us (them) the fire of your love. Send forth your spirit, and we (they) shall be created, And you shall renew the face of the earth.*

The original is in the third person but I always prayed it in the first person. I'm sure that sounds like dumb nit-picking, but there is something that seems very distancing when you're praying for "them" rather than including them in a heartfelt "us."

When they make me Pope, I'll see what I can do. (I'll also try addressing some of the very clumsy translations that are more concerned with exact literal translation from the Latin originals than expressing the meaning in words that are easier to pray. Like I said, when they make me Pope... Don't hold your breath.)

The Holy Spirit prayer continues:

*O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen*

This time the original says, "we." I didn't change it. There are mysteries I still don't understand. And I know when I see the Lord, those mysteries won't matter anymore because I will be face to face with the only mystery that counts: the love of God for all of us, written in the face of Jesus Himself. Wow...

Speaking of Jesus,

Sign-ups for **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** on Fridays are slow. I really hope more of you would consider taking a slot, even once a month. I particularly plead with our retired folk.

We have the need for that prayer, and you have the time. MANY THANKS to you who already have signed up.

One matter at the top of our list of things to pray for is a solution to the horrible instances of shootings and gun violence. Every one of us knows that there is nothing in the Gospel of Jesus Christ that gives us permission to simply ignore what is happening.

I have no simple solutions and neither, I suspect, does anyone else. Yet if we allow politics to overshadow our efforts, we fail the gospel itself.

I particularly pray for our leaders, that they will work together to give us directions upon which we can unite in prayer and love.

Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>June 4</b> Wellbeing of Suzanne Loughran Plum, req. by Bill Loughran † David Horney, req. by Don Bourke The People of Ukraine, req. by Don Bourke
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am	<b>June 5</b> Living & Deceased of our Parish
11:00 am	† William J. McShane, req. by Rose Marie McShane † Nicolas Cartusciello, req. by Family The People of Ukraine, req. by Don Bourke
<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>June 6</b> People of Ukraine, req. by Don Bourke Wellbeing of Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, req. by Don Bourke
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>June 7</b> People of Ukraine, req. by Don Bourke
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>June 8</b> † Ellie Loughran, req. by husband, Bill † Kevin Rebholz, req. by Men's Club
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>June 9</b> Wellbeing of Elizabeth Simon, req. by Don Bourke
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>June 10</b> † Evelyn Jarchow, req. by Family
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>June 11</b> † Molly Yen, req. by Don Bourke Wellbeing of Matthew Samuels, req. by Don Bourke Wellbeing of Suzanne Loughran Plum, req. by Bill Loughran
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am	<b>June 12</b> † Charles & Marie Maher, req. by Family † Joseph Iemolo Wellbeing of the Dolan Family, req. by 8:30 Ushers
11:00 am	Living and 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, 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

IN MEMORIAM

**+ DONALD LEE +**  
**May 29, 2022**

*May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

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.



*"Don't forget to do good and to share what you have because God is pleased with the sacrifices. (Hebrews 13:16) No need to say more. Fill our church shopping carts with non-perishable food and hygiene items. 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 33<sup>rd</sup> Street and will be closed at 3:45). First timers must provide proof of residency in Broward County.

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This weekend we 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 use the specially designated envelopes in your boxed set or those which in the pews. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee).

A STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT...

"And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim." (Acts 2:4)  
One miracle of Pentecost was that, despite their diversity, each listener heard God's word in his or her own language. The meaning for stewardship is that, by sharing the gifts poured out on us by the Holy Spirit, we will be empowered to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters, whatever they may be. As good stewards do, we call on the Holy Spirit to inspire and guide us in our life of service?

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.

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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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Through the same Christ Our Lord.

Amen.