

# Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

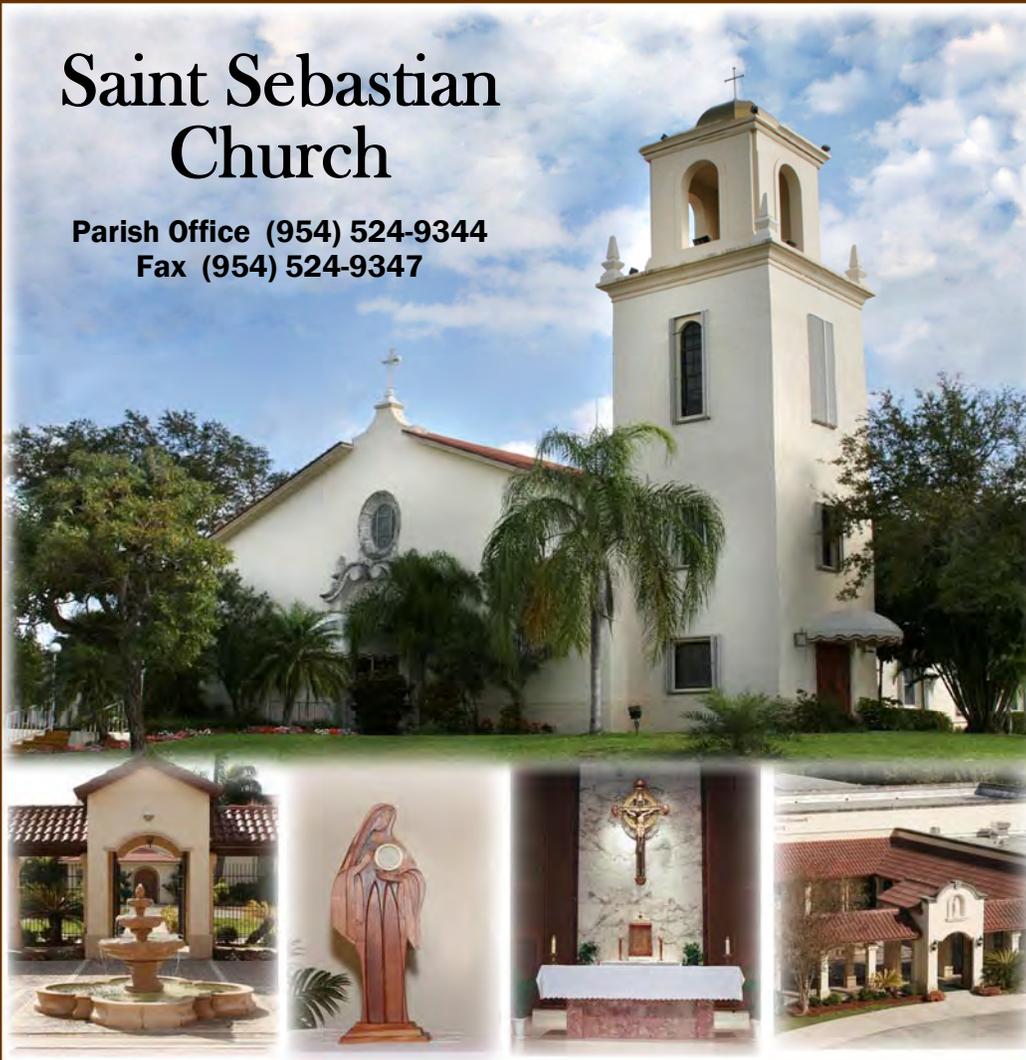
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## Saint Sebastian Church

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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)

### PARISH STAFF

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

Nancy Adams  
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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,

Eileen Wirth is the retired chair of the Department of Journalism, Media and Computing at Creighton University. She wrote the following reflection on today's scriptures. After you read it, you'll understand why I stole it.

*And to another he said, "Follow me. "But he replied, "Lord, let me go first and bury my father." But he answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home. "To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." - Luke*

It's a good thing that salvation is a gift rather than something we can earn or we're all in trouble. Based on today's reading from Luke, even the best people I know fail the standards Jesus sets, let alone us ordinary people.

The passage is frightening in demanding that we let the dead bury the dead and simply walk away from our families to follow Jesus.

I sympathize with the people who instead walked away from him. Who would want to follow someone so harsh? If this were my only encounter with Jesus, I wouldn't be a Christian. Fortunately, it's not.

As I puzzled over what to make of this passage, I recalled a recent homily by the wise and wonderful Larry Gillick S.J. In it, he graded himself an F as a Christian for failing to live up to one of Jesus's tougher commands (sorry, I forget which one). Fortunately, he reminded us, Jesus still loves us. Thank you, Fr. Gillick!

Maybe there's hope even though I can't think of anyone who is "fit for the kingdom of God" based on the criteria in today's reading.

Despite this, the "A" student in me still asks what I can do to make the grade. Maybe our ordinary efforts will suffice even as Jesus challenges us to raise our standards. Unfortunately, it's shockingly easy to fail to meet even my own modest standards.

Just hours before writing this reflection, I proved this during a trip to the grocery store. My local chain offers us a chance to donate our change to the food bank by pushing an "agree" button on the computer screen.

But I didn't. Why? I'm still asking myself this since I would never miss the 75 cents and I donate regularly to the Food Bank.

Jesus asks his followers to abandon everything to proclaim the kingdom and I can't even push a button on a screen to make a tiny donation to feed the hungry??? What's wrong with me? It's humbling.

Mea culpa!

So, Fr. Gillick, I stand with you in the "F" line as a "wannabe Christian" who trusts in God's mercy and second chances. You'd better believe I'll be touching that "agree" button from now on and sent a check for more than 75 cents to the Food Bank!

Mrs. Wirth sure hit my buttons and I hope you'll appreciate her thoughts as much as I did. As she pointed out, when you read today's gospel, it hits home. I am hoping that my commitment measures up, that I'm focusing on the mission the Lord has called me to make. Some prayerful introspection is the way of discovering the kind of response I'm making.

I find that with the challenges of an aging body – never an aging spirit – you can get distracted from the mission. We pray for each other's health and well-being.

In Jesus,



**Mass Intentions**

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>June 25</b> Father's Day Novena
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am 11:00 am	<b>June 26</b> Father's Day Novena Living and Deceased of Our Parish
<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>June 27</b> Father's Day Novena
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>June 28</b> † Grace & Murray Toomey, req. by Helen & M.L. Toomey † Susan Barnes-Lawley, req. by Elli, Reagan & Christian † Charles Holivay, req. by Jocelyn Hale
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>June 29</b> † Ellie Loughran, req. by husband, Bill † Donald Lee, req. by Joan & Bill Fuccillo Wellbeing of Maire O'Dea, req. by Patrick O'Dea
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>June 30</b> † Annette Cranston, req. by Don Bourke Wellbeing of Audrey & Richard Mainella, req. by Jack Fink
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>July 1</b> † John Koons, req. by Jack Fink
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>July 2</b> † Nicolas Cartusciello, req. by Family † Father Paul Bourke, req. by Don Bourke † Scott Anselmo, req. by 5:00 Ushers
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am 11:00 am	<b>July 3</b> † Charles & Marie Maher, req. by Family † Dolores Fink, req. by Sandra Polselli † Grace & Murray Toomey, req. by M.L. & Helen Toomey Living and Deceased of Our Parish

**REMEMBER THE SICK**

Mary Lou Mann, Suzanne Plum, Don Loughran, Jr., Jim

Cowgill, Jr., Peter Hanna, Sandy Rodrigues, Margaret Reitz, John Harris, Stephen Black, Jo Neumann, Mary Alice Zittle, Alvaro Arevalo, Michelline Toulouse, Dr. Laura Evatt, Kari Albertson, Paul Ristow, Craig & David Mitchell, Carol Houghton, Mary Connors., Ed Fetscher, Joan Morson, Margaret Donato, Mark & Ariana Gotley, Margaret Rose Goldman, Ted Petoniak

**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.



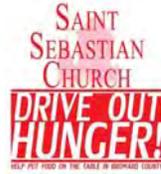
**PRAYER TO AVERT HURRICANES**

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.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Weekend of June 25-26** - St. Vincent de Paul truck scheduled to be here.  
**Sunday, June 26** - Bloodmobile here from 8 am -1 pm  
**Sunday, July 17** - Picnic (indoors!)/Ice Cream Social.



During the pandemic, the U.S. Department of Agriculture extended free meals to school age children all year long, including the summer months. This program is no longer available. Let us take up this slack by our generous donations of non-perishable food and hygiene items. Fill our church shopping carts with these items and a whole lot of love to our needy neighbors. 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.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION UPDATE**

A note of thanks to our 22 parishioners who have already signed up for Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays. Hopefully, it won't be too much longer before all the time slots are filled and we can resume Adoration in our Chapel of the Divine Healer. Listed below, you will see the times that have no coverage to date. Please call the office if you are able to spend a half hour with The Lord in the Chapel at any of the following times.:

**ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH:**

- 10:00-10:30
- 11:00-11:30
- 1:00-1:30

**ON THE SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH:**

- 10:00-10:30
- 11:00-11:30
- 11:30-12:00
- 1:00-1:30
- 2:30-3:00
- 3:30-4:00

**ON THE THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH:**

- 10:00-10:30
- 11:00-11:30
- 11:30-12:00
- 2:30-3:00
- 3:30-4:00

**ON THE FOURTH FRIDAY OF THE MONTH:**

- 11:00-11:30
- 11:30-12:00
- 1:00-1:30
- 2:30-3:00
- 3:30-4:00

**IN THE MONTHS HAVING A FIFTH FRIDAY:**

- 10:00-10:30
- 11:00-11:30
- 11:30-12:00
- 1:00-1:30
- 2:30-3:00
- 3:30-4:00

*Have a fabulous week!*



*HERE'S THE SCOOP !*

**YOU'RE  
INVITED TO SAINT  
SEBASTIAN CHURCH**



**~PICNIC AND ICE  
CREAM SOCIAL  
IN THE PARISH HALL~**

**SUNDAY** : **4:00 PM**  
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**JULY 17** : **UNTIL**  
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: **6:00 PM**

Grilled Hotdogs and Hamburgers will be served along with Ice Cream and all the toppings, Iced Tea, Lemonade and Beer.

All are invited to this social gathering. Bring Family & Friends

Please use the SIGN UP Sheets at the Church doors to allow for headcount for food purchase. A basket will be available for donations to defray food costs.



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