

# Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

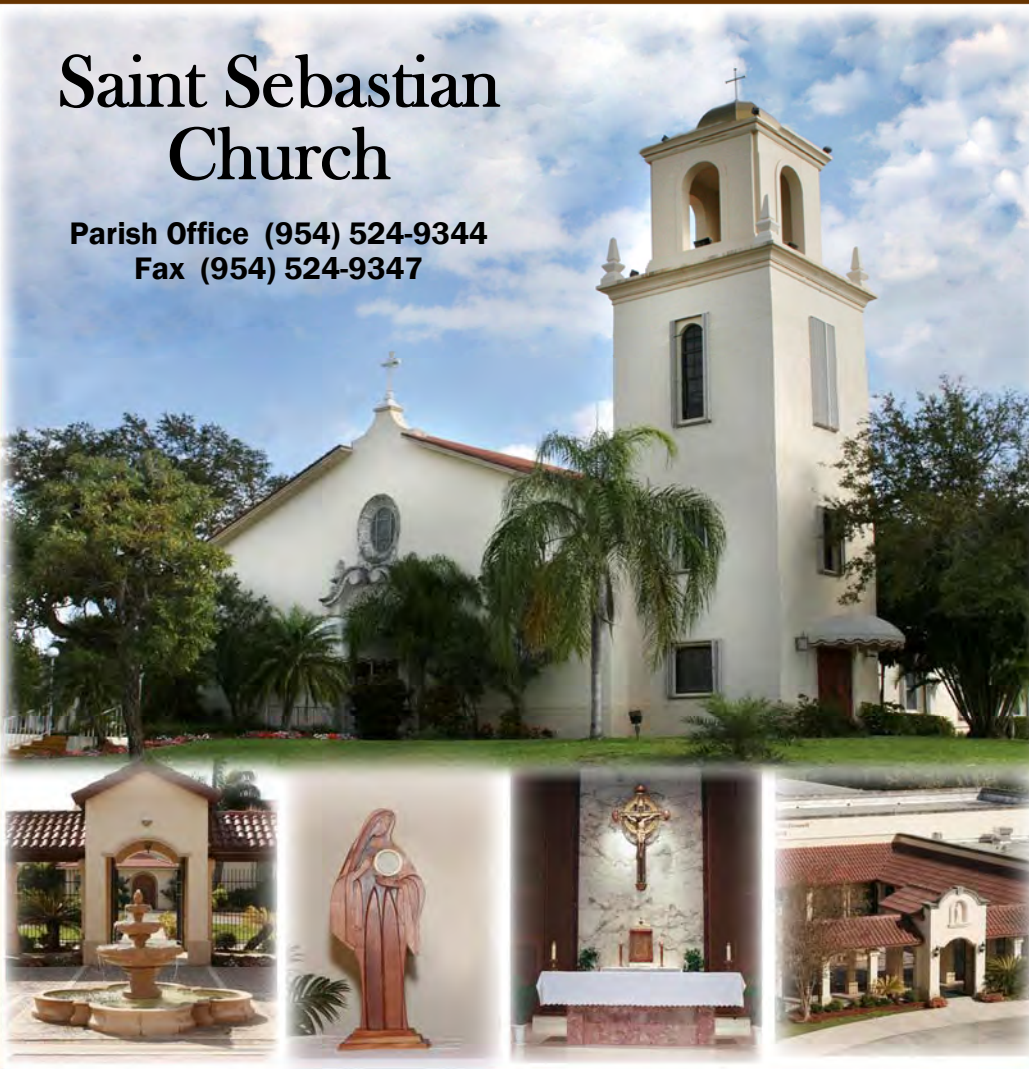
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## Saint Sebastian Church

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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

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Patrick O'Dea  
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**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,

In the Jesuit world, this is the Feast of St. Ignatius, the founder of the Society of Jesus. Today is the final day of the Ignatian Year, remembering the 500th Anniversary of Ignatius' being struck by a cannon ball, and beginning his conversion.

I found myself wondering if I had a 'cannon ball' moment. I think maybe it has been rather, a series of little "BBs" that hit just enough to get my attention.

Then I began to wonder just how many of those little "BBs" I could remember. That's not a particularly brilliant thing to try to do when you are couple of weeks short of 81. Remembering doesn't seem to be at the top of my list of sparkling talents.

BUT... I have been able to think of some, and it has been very nice. A common element in each of them so far, is other people. Most of those encounters have been good. There are a few that weren't but still offered something that maybe gave me new and better ways of looking at someone or something.

Before I start writing these *Twitches* each week, I usually look at the scriptures assigned for the weekend and they often give me a little background music. Today, one line is the famous "Vanity of vanities... All things are vanities." The prophet Qoheleth makes a plaintive comment about all things earthly.

By the time I get to this weekend's homilies and you hear them, I hope I will have come to the point where I am pretty sure all my "BBs" weren't vain encounters. Even as I write, I know that's not the case.

Still, how do we keep our encounters from being fruitless? Paul helps me when he says, "If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above." In other words, have all my little "BBs" been ways of seeking what is above? Have I put the Lord in the middle of my day-to-day life? I know I haven't. You know I haven't, and you know you haven't.

Nevertheless, Paul tells the Colossians - and us, " (in baptism) have put on the new self, which is being renewed, for knowledge, in the image of its creator."

Even though we can fail, our new "self" can help us see the truth of what Christ has done for us. He has made us recyclable. I'm glad to know I'm going out in the blue bin and not the black one.



I want to apologize for forgetting Grandparents Day last Sunday. I know a couple of weeks ago I had every intention of noting the day. So much for good intentions.

Since we probably are a parish with more than an average number of grandparents, I regret my omission even more.

Speaking of grandparents, here's a riddle for you: What do grandparents and grandchildren have in common? ...A Common Enemy.



Many thanks for the kind well-wishes those of you who do daily Mass offered me last week. You were the ones who knew I was out for a couple of days with a stomachache. (At my age I don't think I have a tummy anymore.) You'll be happy to know it wasn't COVID. I know some of you have experienced COVID and from your experiences it sure looks like the vaccines made life better. Don't stop praying for each other. One never knows about those monkeys in the trees...

With my prayers for you,  
In Jesus,

Mass Intentions

Table with Mass Intentions for Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Sunday. Includes dates, times, and names of the deceased or those for whom intentions are being said.

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, Carol Houghton, Mary Connors, Ed Fetscher, Joan Morson, Margaret Donato, Mark & Ariana Gotley, Margaret Rose Goldman, Ted P-toniak, Jean Armstrong, Matt Keysers, George Cooney

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

Next weekend's special collection is for the benefit of the Seminary Burse Fund in support of the seminarians from the Archdiocese of Miami. These men - with God's grace - will be our priests in the future. Please use the envelopes designated for this appeal.



"Carry one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2) Our weekly contributions of non-perishable food and hygiene items will ease the burdens of our needy who depend on our support to supply these necessary items.

Please, let us fill our church shopping carts with these necessities! 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.

ST. SEBASTIAN MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club will hold their monthly meeting this Thursday, August 4th at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall. All men of the parish are welcome to attend.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION UPDATE

A note of thanks to our 26 parishioners who have already signed up for Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays. We are making progress and hopefully it won't be too much longer before the remaining nine time slots are filled and we can resume Adoration in our Chapel of the Divine Healer. Listed below, you will see the times that still 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: 11:00-11:30

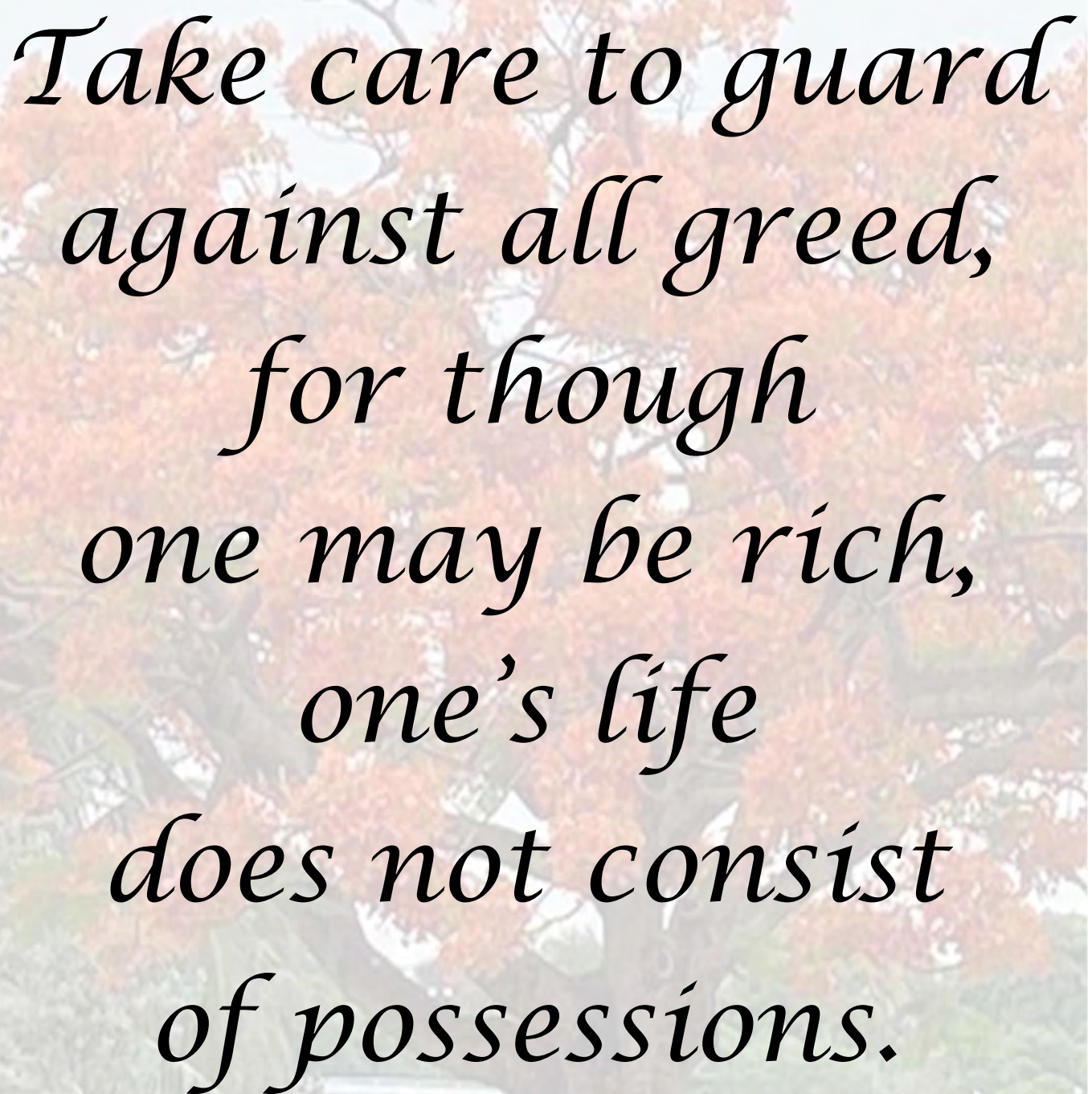
ON THE SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH: 2:30-3:00, 3:30-4:00

ON THE THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH: 2:30-3:00

ON THE FOURTH FRIDAY OF THE MONTH: 2:30-3:00, 3:30-4:00

IN THE MONTHS HAVING A FIFTH FRIDAY: 11:30-12:00, 2:30-3:00, 3:30-4:00

PRAYER TO AVERT HURRICANES. A prayer text enclosed in a decorative border of palm trees. The text asks for protection from nature and help for the season of storms and hurricanes.



*Take care to guard  
against all greed,  
for though  
one may be rich,  
one's life  
does not consist  
of possessions.*

*Luke 12:15*