

# Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

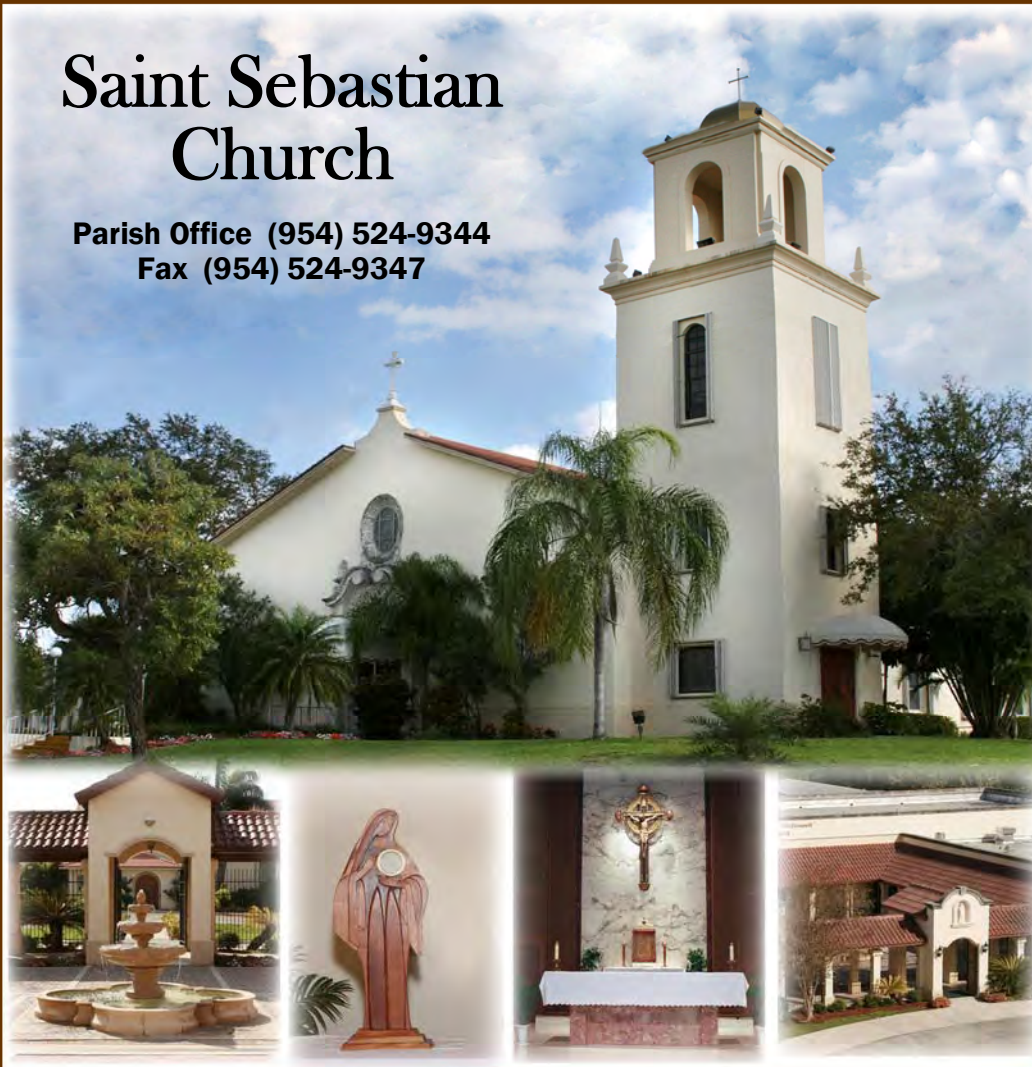
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## Saint Sebastian Church

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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  
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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,

**TOMORROW IS THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY BUT IT IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**, because it falls on Monday. We'll celebrate the feast in the main sanctuary at 8:30 a.m.

This week we will resume *Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* in the chapel after 8:30 a.m. Mass and end at 5:00 p.m. We still have a few openings but I'm hoping more folk will get on board.

Someone coming forth *from* the community to pray *for* the community in this more public way is a blessing. We need each other's prayers. Where better to offer those prayers than before Jesus Himself in the Blessed Sacrament?

We will keep a sign-up sheet in the chapel so you can be included in the group that will embark on this great ministry. The slots are 30 minutes for your convenience but there is nothing preventing you from taking two in a row. For myself, when I think about "doing an hour," I pause and start planning like I was going to Madagascar or something. In reality when I get in there, I find the time zooms. I'm not 'serving time.' I'm bumping eternity.

Today, the 14<sup>th</sup> is the 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Father Wally McGowan. I shared a rectory with Wally and Father Mike Kish for nearly thirty years. It was very unusual for three priests to be stationed together for such a long period. Often a fourth, usually a newly ordained priest would also join us. I hope we gave good example. Between Mike's very special succession of dogs, and Wally's very large collection of stuff, perhaps no one else could have lived together than long.

Recently, my sister Pat sent me a reprint from her local paper of a column that Norman Lear wrote for the NY Times on the occasion of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. I want to pass along a couple of lines that Patty highlighted.

He said (some courageous politicians) "gave me hope that Americans can find common ground with friends and family whose politics differ but who are not willing to sacrifice core democratic principles."

He also said, "Innovative technologies create new ways for us to express ourselves, and, I hope, will allow humanity to learn more about itself and better understand one another's ideas, failures and achievements."

The headline on the article is, "What would Archie Bunker say about today's world?" Thinking back, I realized how much Archie did offer us, or me anyway, in trying to figure out how to deal with the prejudices and the idiosyncrasies that we experience. Meathead and Edith and "Little Girl" sure helped us. My only fear is that today there is less room for laughter... and less chances for learning. BUT, if Lear can hope at 100, so can I at 81.

And speaking of 81, last Tuesday, the Parish Pastoral Council took me out to dinner at Rossini's Italian Bistro. Normally, I wouldn't do advertising here, but the food was wonderful. It wasn't cheap, but it is one of those restaurants you occasionally experience where you don't mind the cost because the food is that good. The owner and chef is Albanian Valentino Mitaj who came to welcome us.

When Mom's birthday would come, we'd ask her what she would like for her birthday, and the answer was inevitably "good children." Now if people ask me what I'd like, I have an answer: "Rossini." And for my birthday present to me, I'm going to find a few more flowering trees.

My heartfelt thanks for your cards and good wishes. I couldn't be happier with my "family."

Looking forward to 82, I'm yours

In Jesus,





Mass Intentions

Table with 2 columns: Day/Time and Intention. Rows include Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:30 am and 11:00 am, Monday 8:30 am, Tuesday 8:30 am, Wednesday 8:30 am, Thursday 8:30 am, Friday 8:30 am, Saturday 5:00 pm, and Sunday 8:30 am and 11:00 am.



During the month of July (5 Fridays), The Food Pantry at Blessed Sacrament Church served 741 clients representing 2022 people. Their numbers are remaining fairly steady. Fortunately, their food supply from government, local stores, and parishes continues to be quite good as well.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION RESUMES ON AUGUST 19TH! Thanks to those who have committed to be present before the Blessed Sacrament for a specific time, we will be resuming Eucharistic Adoration in our Chapel of the Divine Healer on Fridays, beginning August 19th.

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, Margaret Rose Goldman, Ted P-toniak, Jean Armstrong, Matt Keysers, Marianne Dougherty, Sister Maire O'Dea, Loretta Polizano

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 info, please call Mary Kennedy at 954-290-1194.



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.



A STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FROM OUR ARCHDIOCESE

"Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart, in your struggle against sin." (Hebrews 12:3-4) Saint Paul tells us not to grow weary or lose heart, but to persevere in following Jesus. Our willingness to give of ourselves, even in the face of conflict and division, is one way to measure our discipleship.

"THE OTHER SERENITY PRAYER"

God, grant me the serenity to stop beating myself up for not doing things perfectly, the courage to forgive myself because I'm working on doing better, and the wisdom to know that you already love me just the way I am.

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*Let us persevere  
in running the race  
that lies before us  
while keeping our eyes  
fixed on Jesus.*

*Hebrews 12:1b*