

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

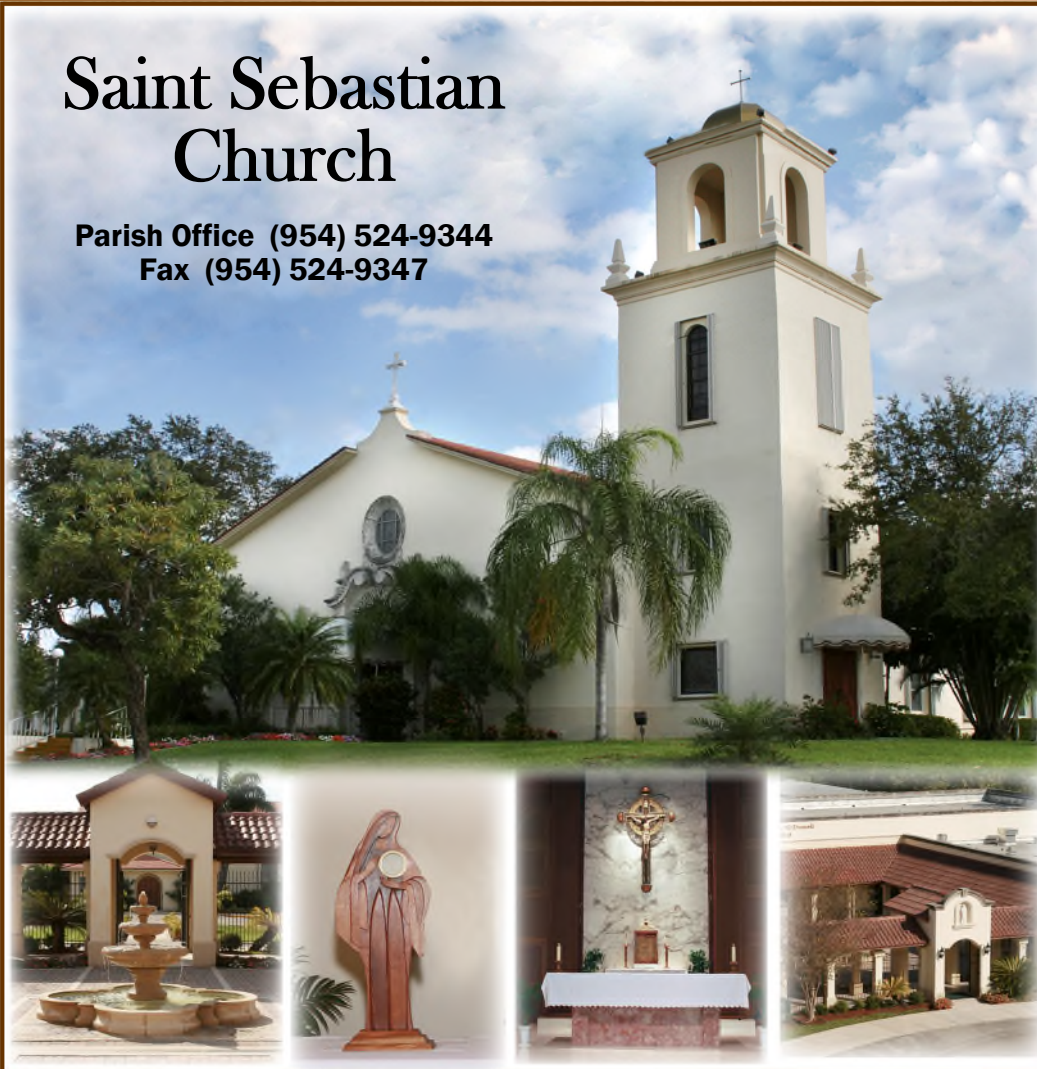
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MASSES

Saturday 5 pm
(Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 8:30 & 11 am

Weekdays 8:30 am
(Mon. through Fri.)

Holy Days
(Schedule varies)

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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,

As I looked over the scriptures for this weekend, these three thoughts emerged:

- * I come for everyone.
- * I will shape them up.
- * Don't presume anything about anyone – including yourself. It's the Lord's work and the Lord's call.

A footnote on today's gospel (Lk 13:22-30) from the New American Bible Revised Edition – NABRE to its friends, says the following:

“These sayings of Jesus (in today's gospel choice) follow in Luke upon the parables of the kingdom ([Lk 13:18–21](#)) and stress that great effort is required for entrance into the kingdom and that there is an urgency to accept the present opportunity to enter because the narrow door will not remain open indefinitely. Lying behind the sayings is the rejection of Jesus and his message by his Jewish contemporaries whose places at table in the kingdom will be taken by Gentiles from the four corners of the world. Those called last (the Gentiles) will precede those to whom the invitation to enter was first extended (the Jews).”

We couldn't have asked for a better Old Testament reading (the Hebrew scriptures) than today's reading from Isaiah to really highlight the gospel.

In Creighton U,'s online page, Andy Alexander, S.J., says: “ Jesus is saying to us that we can all be saved. He is telling us that it is not something we can take for granted. It is not a guarantee that can seduce us into thinking we don't have to do anything, that we are not called to a special life, to a special role in this world. He's alerting us to the fact that our journey is counter-cultural. It is not a journey that looks like a path of world values. It isn't about 'blending in with the crowd.’”

The letter to the Hebrews explains what kind of challenge we face. “*God treats you as sons. For what "son" is there whom his father does not discipline?*” Once again, we get a vision of God's love AND the requirement for us to choose to say “Yes.”

Amen.

I'm still hoping that someone comes up with some ideas about how we can celebrate in Luminous Mysteries in some form of art in the Main Sanctuary. I've had some fun looking at things like tapestries since windows might be hard.

I've shown some of you a wonderful book that was published to display the wonderful tapestries that were done by John Nava for Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral in Los Angeles. The cathedral building and the tapestries are amazing. I thought maybe five tapestries hung on the front of the choir loft might work. They would come right where they belong between the Joyful windows on the north wall and the Sorrowful windows on the south wall.

Alas, such weighty problems to have while the rest of the world seem hellbent on skating itself to... where else if you're hell bent.?

We are making outreach through Catholic Relief Services to both the eastern Kentucky flooding AND the relief efforts for the Ukraine. Maybe my art preoccupations are avoidance. Before I worry about Luminous art, I'm making sure to PRAY the Luminous mysteries.

And last but not least, once again, thanks to the many of you who sent birthday cards, some of which rolled in this week. Sort of makes the party go on...

Be blessed and in peace amid the spats and quarrels and wars. It is Jesus Himself who said, “I am the Way and the Truth and the Life...”

We pray to be on His path.

In Him,

Mass Intentions

- Saturday August 20 5:00 pm ... Sunday August 21 8:30 am ... Monday August 22 8:30 am ... Tuesday August 23 8:30 am ... Wednesday August 24 8:30 am ... Thursday August 25 8:30 am ... Friday August 26 8:30 am ... Saturday August 27 5:00 pm ... Sunday August 28 8:30 am ... 11:00 am

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 Petoniak, 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. 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.



OKTOBERFEST Friday, October 21, 2022 In the Parish Hall & on the grounds! Details to follow...

God blesses us so we can help others. (Romans 12:13). Let's show our thankfulness to God for His blessings to us by our weekly contributions of non-perishable food and hygiene items for our needy brothers and sisters. Maybe this week, we could focus on supplying hygiene items of toothpaste, sunscreen, deodorant, bar soap, sanitary pads, etc.. It is often a question of purchasing these items or food for their families. Our church shopping carts are awaiting these necessities. To care 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.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION HAS RESUMED! Thanks to those who have committed to be present before the Blessed Sacrament for a specific time, we have resumed Eucharistic Adoration in our Chapel of the Divine Healer on Fridays. If you wish to sign up for Adoration at a specific time, please call the office (954.524.9344) or use the sheet that can be found in the Chapel. We are grateful to those who have volunteered to come before Jesus in the Eucharist and pray for the needs of our Parish Family, and the needs of the world.

A STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FROM OUR ARCHDIOCESE

They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses and in chariots, in carts, upon mules and dromedaries, to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the Lord, just as the Israelites bring their offering to the house of the Lord in clean vessels. (Isaiah 66:20) Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord in clean vessels. The gift of myself - my patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God—is as important as the monetary gift I offer.

Have a magnificent week!

For behold, some are last
who will be first...



and some are first
will be last.”

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