

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

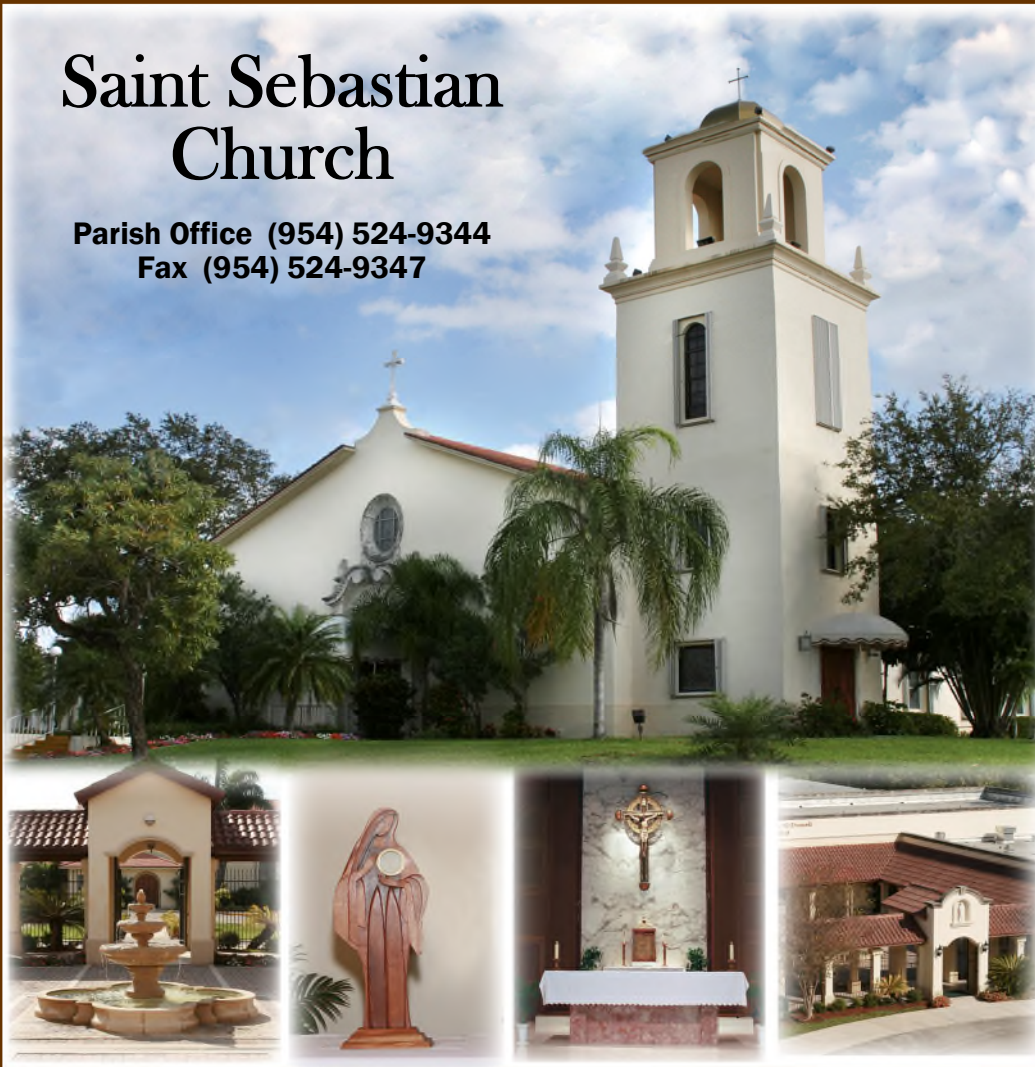
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Saint Sebastian Church

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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)

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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,

If Luke the evangelist was trying to find a good way of getting our attention, he couldn't have done better than today's gospel. "Unless a man *HATES* his father and mother... he cannot be my disciple."

Wow. Fortunately, Matthew 10:37 helps us understand. "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me..."

Our challenge is putting God first. As I think about it, the more I can put Him first, the more likely I will be able to love others because I will be choosing them as He would, ...and does!

On Creighton U.'s ministry page, Father Nicky Santos, SJ remarked about today's gospel, "...I was reminded of the radical and inclusive love that God has for us. In being detached... (from what we have,) we can more fully experience this love and be channels of it to our family, friends, ourselves and even our enemies. ...Today's gospel is calling us to love these ...with that radical and inclusive love that we have experienced as disciples. This is the true cost of discipleship, and it is not easy."

Perhaps that is a good lead in to the "**Season of Creation.**" Being a good disciple isn't easy. It means, as the word implies, that there is definitely work to learning and *choosing* well. Perhaps no one reflects that more than Pope Francis.

Since June of 2015 with the publication of his second encyclical, **LAUDATO SI, (PRAISE BE TO YOU),** Pope Francis has been calling us and the whole world to a radical reassessment of how we are treating our environment. The sub-title of LAUDATO SI is, "**on care for our common home.**"

From now through October 4th, the feast of St Francis of Assisi, we will explore what Pope Francis is offering us.

I cannot recommend highly enough the article that *Wikipedia* has published about the encyclical. It's like having a good expert friend walk with you through the very closely reasoned theology of creation. You'll find the article simply by searching for **Laudato Si** and calling up the Wikipedia article.

If you are at all interested in our environment, and the condition we are leaving it for our kids and grandkids - and generations to come, don't be put off by the effort you may have to make.

I'd like to think that some great retired person would be able to do a little work and maybe bring along some of their family members who "are too busy to stop and read."

I'm closing with what I hope is not a well-founded concern, in fact, fear.

I pray that we will NEVER let our discussions of climate and environment and the good and bad effects of various practices and policies, be turned into a series of political climate-bashing fights.

We need to be **listeners and learners.** If we haven't paid as much attention to these things as we should have in the past, let's not waste time by arguing over who is to blame in the present. I simply feel sad that at 81 there's not all that much time for me to be more open-eyed. Every time I see one of our youngsters in church, I pray for them. Every time one of them lets out a yell, I think, "Thank you, Jesus." And trust me, it's not just about my pension plan.

With Pope Francis we ask the Lord to be fantastic caretakers and treasurers of "our common home." Let that be the heritage we leave for those who come after us.

In Jesus,

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	September 3 † Charles & Marie Maher, req. by Maher Family † Marie & Albert Bourke, req. by Don Bourke Wellbeing of Suzanne Loughran Plum, req. by Bill Loughran
Sunday 8:30 am	September 4 † Dolores Hesse Fink, req. by Sandy Polselli Wellbeing of Barbara & Bob Morman, req. by Jarchow Family 11:00 am Living and Deceased of our Parish
Monday 8:30 am	September 5 Priests & Religious of our Archdiocese
Tuesday 8:30 am	September 6 In Gratitude for Healing, #1
Wednesday 8:30 am	September 7 † Ellie Loughran, req. by husband, Bill
Thursday 8:30 am	September 8 † Kevin Rebholz, req. by Men's Club
Friday 8:30 am	September 9 In Gratitude for Healing, #2
Saturday 5:00 pm	September 10 † Molly Yen, req. by Don Bourke Wellbeing of Marcia Hogan, req. by Barry Wellbeing of Suzanne Loughran Plum, req. by Bill Loughran
Sunday 8:30 am	September 11 Living and Deceased of Our Parish
11:00 am	† Dick Hull, req. by Joe & Wini Amaturro

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, Ed Fetscher, Joan Morson, Margaret Donato, Ted Petoniak, Jean Armstrong, Matt Keyzers, 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.

Save the Date!

CANDIDATES' FORUM

for City Commissioners.
September 28th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall

OKTOBERFEST

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



During the month of August (4 Friday days), the Food Pantry of Blessed Sacrament Church served 645 clients representing 1762 people. Their numbers have been going up slightly with a record number of 169 this past Friday. Fortunately, *and with thanks to you for your donations to our shopping carts*, their food supply from government, local stores, and parishes has been steady. ***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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Religious Education classes for children attending non-Catholic school, in grades 1-8 are scheduled to begin on Sunday, September 18, from 9:45-10:45 am. Please call the office this week to register your child.

SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY

The special collection this weekend is for The Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education and the University's various research and training initiatives that support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful.

PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY

Are you suffering from the pain of abortion? God's greatest gift is to forgive you and show you his mercy. Confidential help is available. Contact Project Rachel Ministries at 1-888-456- HOPE. Don't wait. Our God is a loving and merciful God.

Prayer for Response to the Cry of the Earth

Provided by the Holy Cross International Justice Office

*Creator God, you brought us forth from Earth,
and in your love for us,
you entrusted to us the care and protection of all creation.*

*Grant us the wisdom to be awed and humbled by your gifts, O God,
that we might never forget:
violence against creation is violence against us all.*

*Even as we celebrate the beauty and bounty that surrounds us,
may we also acknowledge
the suffering we have inflicted on creation,
through our actions and through our failures to act.*

*The cry of the Earth is a wound we feel at the soul level.
As we experience this pain, O God,
convert our hearts,
that we might transform our vision of what is possible
through active hope.*

Amen.