

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

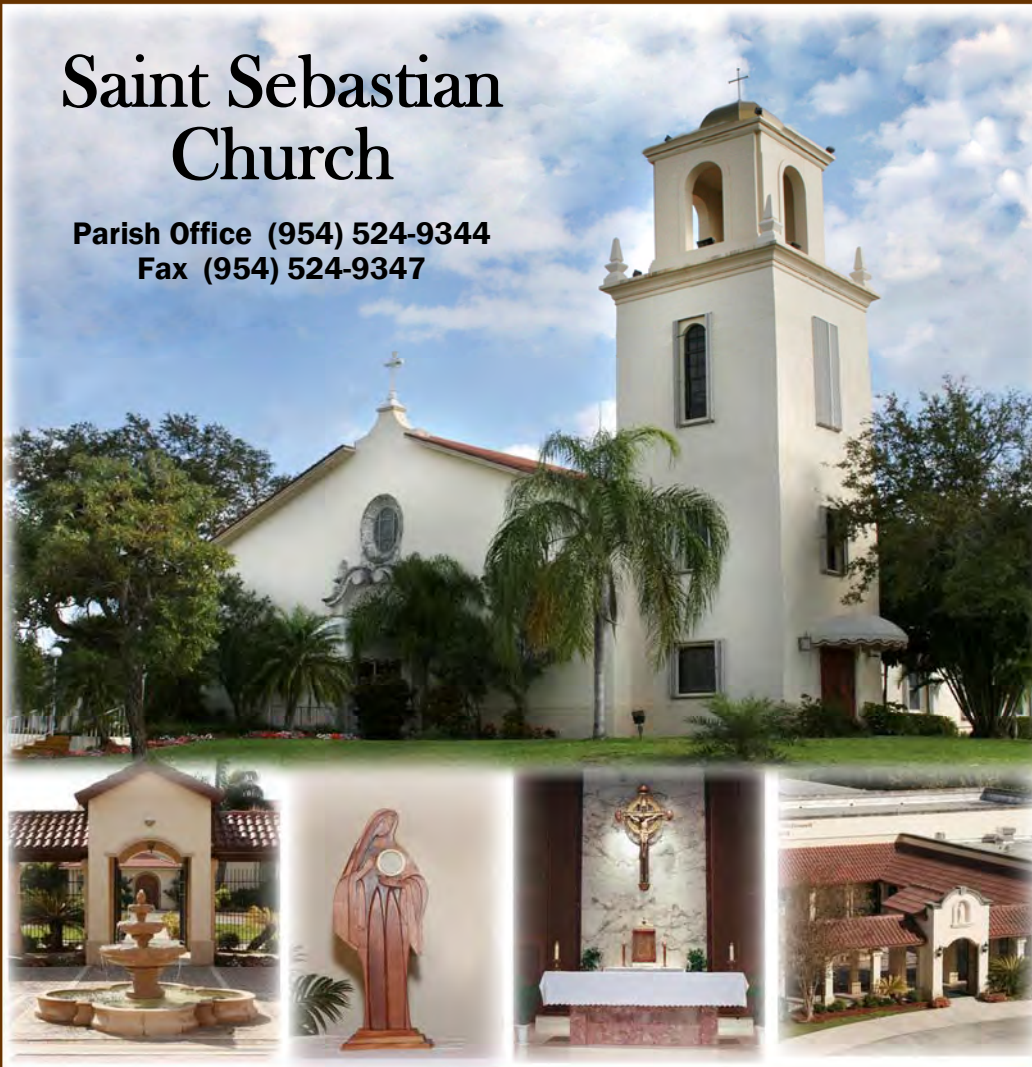
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Saint Sebastian Church

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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,

Delia Agnes Killeen Murnane. Widowed at 30, after eight years of marriage and four children, she raised her kids very well by working 12-hour days. She taught them to care for each other. She was my Mom's mom, the only grandparent I knew. When I was five, I met my Dad's dad, Charles. It is a fleeting memory of a nice man who was in a wheelchair, and who died shortly after.

I've told the story before but I repeat it here because it is one of my favorite memories. The last conversation I had with Gram was on a visit home from studies. I told her I had missed her, and her response was, "Don't waste your time missing people; pay attention to the ones around you."

Later in the same conversation we were talking about a priest who used to visit her. He was from Ohio and had come to Florida to take care of his dad who had recently died. I asked her if Father John would be returning to Ohio and she said, "Don't be in such a hurry to take the living from the dead."

Those two lines – and the profound advice they offered, have stuck with me for nearly 50 years. I can only hope I inherited some of the Irish wisdom.

I checked and found that President Jimmy Carter officially proclaimed **Grandparents Day** as the first Sunday after Labor Day in 1976. If Maryellen Maher hadn't reminded me, I might have missed it again. Traditions are not always easy things to establish.

What a treasure it is to have my memory of Gram. She lived with us for the last 20 years or so of her life after she retired from caring for elderly people at Farm Colony in Staten Island, NY. And that job was no picnic.

May all the good grandparent memories we have be what we celebrate today. And we give thanks for such wonderful people.

Today is the second Sunday in the **Season of Creation**. The Catholic Liturgical Guide which our bishops published notes that this Sunday's theme is "Listen to the Voice of Creation." I stole part of the introduction:

Most of us are not used to thinking of "progress" or "development" as undesirable or evil. But when those concepts lead us to think of nature as just a collection of resources for us to use to meet our needs or desires without regard for the lives of people or destruction of nature, they create the complex socio-ecological crisis in which we find ourselves and which Pope Francis condemns.

When they fuel large corporate mining, infrastructure construction, and agro-industrial mono-cultivation as they are now doing in the Amazon and other rain forests around the planet, they are too often destructive of the web of life and threaten its survival.

When they serve the dominant culture that values consumerism, money, and power above people, community, and life itself, Catholic Social Tradition identifies them as forms of idolatry. And when our actions increase the incentive for these operations, we participate.

Gulp. My first impulse is to make an act of contrition. But don't forget that the act of contrition also says, "I firmly resolve with the help of their grace..."

Pope Francis calls us to look at how things interrelate in the 'web of life.' What are we resolved to do?

Finally, today is the 21st anniversary of **9/11**. All you need to say is "nine-eleven" and everyone knows what you are talking about.

I guess the bad things have a way of staying in mind more easily than the good things. We pray we can be preserved from that can of evil and that our history is not written in the ink of soul-wrenching calamities that threaten hope. On the contrary, we live...

In Jesus,



*In the hard (printed) copy of this bulletin,
The Parish Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2022 appears on this page..
Registered parishioners may contact the office for a copy of the report.*

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	September 10 † Molly Yen, req. by Don Bourke Wellbeing of Marcia Hogan, req. by Barry Hogan Wellbeing of Suzanne Loughran Plum, req. by Bill Loughran
Sunday 8:30 am 11:00 am	September 11 Living and Deceased of our Parish † Dick Hull, req. by Joe & Wini Amaturro
Monday 8:30 am	September 12 † Grace & Murray Toomey, req. by M.L. and Helen Toomey
Tuesday 8:30 am	September 13 Wellbeing of Jean Armstrong
Wednesday 8:30 am	September 14 † Ellie Loughran, req. by husband, Bill
Thursday 8:30 am	September 15 Priests & Religious of our Archdiocese
Friday 8:30 am	September 16 † Frank Gardner
Saturday 5:00 pm	September 17 † David Horney, req. by Don Bourke Wellbeing of Barry Hogan, req. by Marcia Hogan Wellbeing of Suzanne Loughran Plum, req. by Bill Loughran
Sunday 8:30 am 11:00 am	September 18 † Dolores Fink, req. by Sandy Polselli Wellbeing of Richard Stockinger, req. by Sue & Scott Martinez 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, 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.

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.

Save the Date!

SANDWICH MINISTRY

Saturday, Sept. 17th at 8:30 am in the Parish Hall

CANDIDATES' FORUM

for City Commissioners.

September 28th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS- Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Tuesday, October 4th at 5:00 pm

OKTOBERFEST

Friday, October 21, 2022

In the Parish Hall & on the grounds!

Details to follow...

Last weekend, Labor Day marked the unofficial end of summer, but unfortunately not the end of need for our hungry in Fort Lauderdale. Their need for non-perishable food and hygiene items persists through every season. We are called upon weekly to donate these necessities, and we do. Please continue to fill our church shopping carts with these vital items. Thank you... 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.***



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.

SANDWICH MINISTRY

Sandwich Ministry will meet on Saturday, September 17th at 8:30 am in the Parish Hall. This group gathers monthly to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to be included in bagged lunches for some of our homeless brothers and sisters in Broward County. Please consider joining them in this worthwhile endeavor. It's a wonderful way to be of service and meet new caring people... All are welcome!

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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.

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