

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2000 Marietta (S.E. 25th) Avenue

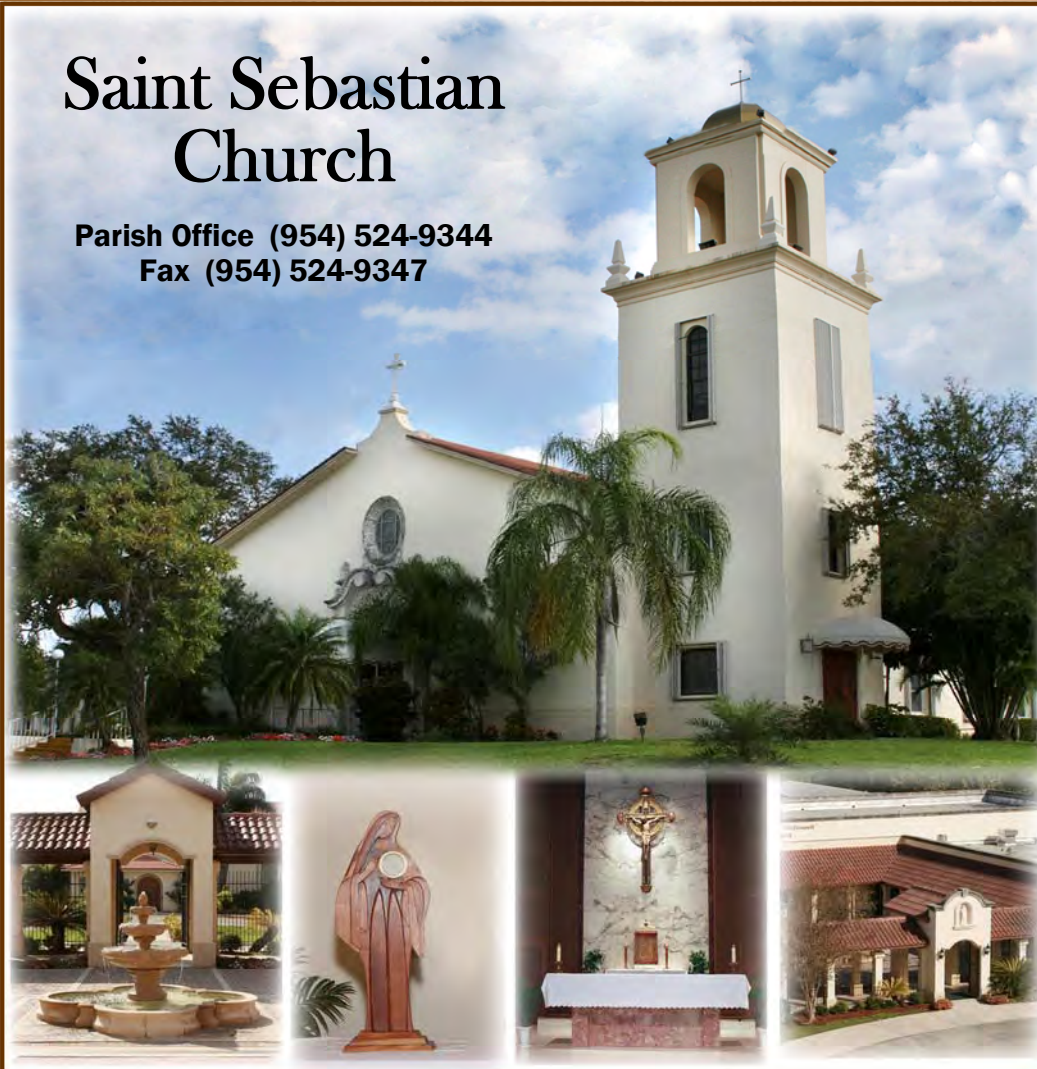
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Saint Sebastian Church

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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

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PARISH WEBSITE:

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,

Last week exploded with one momentous event after another. I won't list them because you were there, too. Sometimes, I wanted to turn everything off or shut everything down. The only trouble is, you can do that for a while, but eventually you have to deal with all the 'stuff.'

Annie will be taking a well-deserved break soon in a month or so. (Don't ask for details. We get too nosy. Just pray she has a good time and a safe return.)

Annie came to mind because as I was writing about shutting things down, I remembered something! While Annie is away, I volunteered to invite "Honey" into the rectory. (Just in case someone needs clarity about it, Honey is Annie's dog.)

I also remembered that when Honey is running in tight little circles and refuses a treat it means only one thing. Whether I want to hide or shut down, it won't make a whisker of a difference. HONEY NEEDS SOME GRASS! AND IT'S NOT THE KIND YOU SMOKE! NOW!!!

God's yapping little creatures need care, too. They are a part of our world. Our (and Pope Francis's) "intrinsic ecological conversion" must include them as well. Ironically, I wonder if we take better care of our pets than our environment.

We certainly have been part of the sadness surrounding the death of Queen Elizabeth. Surely over 70 years, there were huge events and challenges that affected the course of the world's history. She was often part of those events, the good and the bad. But as we have seen the history retold, my impression is that she was a person of grace and dependability. That's not a bad epitaph.

When people think of that, sadness yields to hope. That's what we wish for her son, Charles III, as well as the people of Great Britain.

As October nears, two important things are on our plates. October is **Respect Life** month. The back of this bulletin has the details for the "**40 Days for Life.**" Hopefully, some of you will be able to join some of the events.

Next week, we will publish the list of things that you can bring for the **Baby Bassinet** during October.

And THEN, on top of those things we look forward to our annual celebration of **Oktoberfest!** The flyer in this week's bulletin has details about how you can help with sponsorships and ads in the **Oktoberfest Program.**

That program has traditionally also been a wonderful mini cookbook with recipes that many of you contribute. **Pull out your favorite recipe** and submit it to Annie, a.s.a.p. The Pastoral Council folk are working to **obtain ads.** Will you help them if you know someone who would like an ad?

A special thanks to Liz Calhoun who walks the organizational road with Annie to make the Program appear!

During Oktoberfest, I used to sponsor a climbing wall, but instead, this year we will have some supervised kids' activities.

(To be honest getting that close to the "e" word made me nervous, anyway. Some people have bad four-letter words they need to avoid. My avoidance word has eight letters, beginning and ending with "e".)

I titled this *Twitch* **Autumn Restored.** I realized many of our activities are things we haven't done in a while. A little restoration will bless us. I hope and pray that we won't face another resurgence of COVID 19. However, if it comes up again, at least we are better equipped to know what to do quickly. Meantime, I'll dream of colored leaves. If you look carefully at palm trees, you can see them change a little, too, really! **Happy Autumn!**

In Jesus,



Mass Intentions

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	September 18 † Dolores Fink, req. by Sandy Polsell † Kim Montenegro, req. by Brooke Trace Wellbeing of Richard Stockinger, req. by Sue & Scott Martinez
11:00 am	Living and Deceased of Our Parish
Monday 8:30 am	September 19 † Father Gerry Grace
Tuesday 8:30 am	September 20 Wellbeing of Jean Armstrong
Wednesday 8:30 am	September 21 † Ellie Loughran, req. by husband, Bill
Thursday 8:30 am	September 22 Priests & Religious of our Archdiocese
Friday 8:30 am	September 23 Wellbeing of The Cowgill Family
Saturday 5:00 pm	September 24 † Delfina Horta, req. by Gisella Reyes † Herman Bourke, req. by Don Bourke Wellbeing of Suzanne Loughran Plum, req. by Bill Loughran
Sunday 8:30 am	September 25 † Dolores Hesse Fink, req. by The Fink Family † Eddy Saldivia, req. by Gabriel Saldivia † Pasquale Polsell, req. by Sandy Polsell
11:00 am	Living & 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Religious Education classes for children attending non-Catholic school, in grades 1-8 will begin on Sunday, **October 2nd**, from 9:45-10:45 am. **Please call the office this week to register your child.**

Save the Date!

CANDIDATES' FORUM for City Commissioners. September 28th @ 6:30 pm - 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!

"...little children let us not love in word or talk, but in deeds and truth." (John 3:17-18) Let us show our love to the needy in our community by providing them with non-perishable food and hygiene items. Fill our church shopping carts with these essential 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.



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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TRUCK

After a summer hiatus, the St. Vincent de Paul truck is scheduled to be in our parking lot next weekend, September 24-25, for your donations of gently used clothing and household items. The truck will be open for one half hour before and after each weekend Mass.

OKTOBERFEST IS BACK & WE NEED YOU

Mark your calendar for the return of Oktoberfest to be held on Friday, October 21st. Tickets will be on sale at the church doors after the Masses on October 8-9, and will be available in the Office during the week. Adults: \$20. and children: \$10. A limited number of reserved tables will be available in advance in the office. Reserved tables (inside or outside, under the tent): 8 tickets and 2 bottles of wine for \$250. Please see the flyer for sponsorship and advertising opportunities.

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.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

SEPTEMBER 28-NOVEMBER 6, 2022

HELP SAVE LIVES

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000 volunteers!

With God's help, the proven results of 28 campaigns:

- 22,000 babies saved from abortion
- 240 abortion workers converted
- 116 abortion centers closed

HERE IS HOW TO TAKE PART:

- **Vigil hours at 2 locations listed below:** 7 am to 7 pm, Monday-Saturday
- **Hollywood:** at 3829 Hollywood Blvd Suite C
- **Coordinator:** Nancy Farner, (786) 210-0102, nancyfarner@hotmail.com
- Respect Life Ministry's Main Office is nearby: 4747 Hollywood Blvd, (954) 981-2922
- **Fort Lauderdale :** at 2161 East Commercial Blvd
- **Coordinator:** Tom Walker, (954) 304-3278, tom@browardrighttolife.org
- A Respect Life office is nearby: 2151 East Commercial Blvd, (954) 565-0229

LEARN MORE AND GET INVOLVED BY VISITING OUR CAMPAIGN:

40daysforlife.com

STUDENTS: Service Hours will be given.