

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

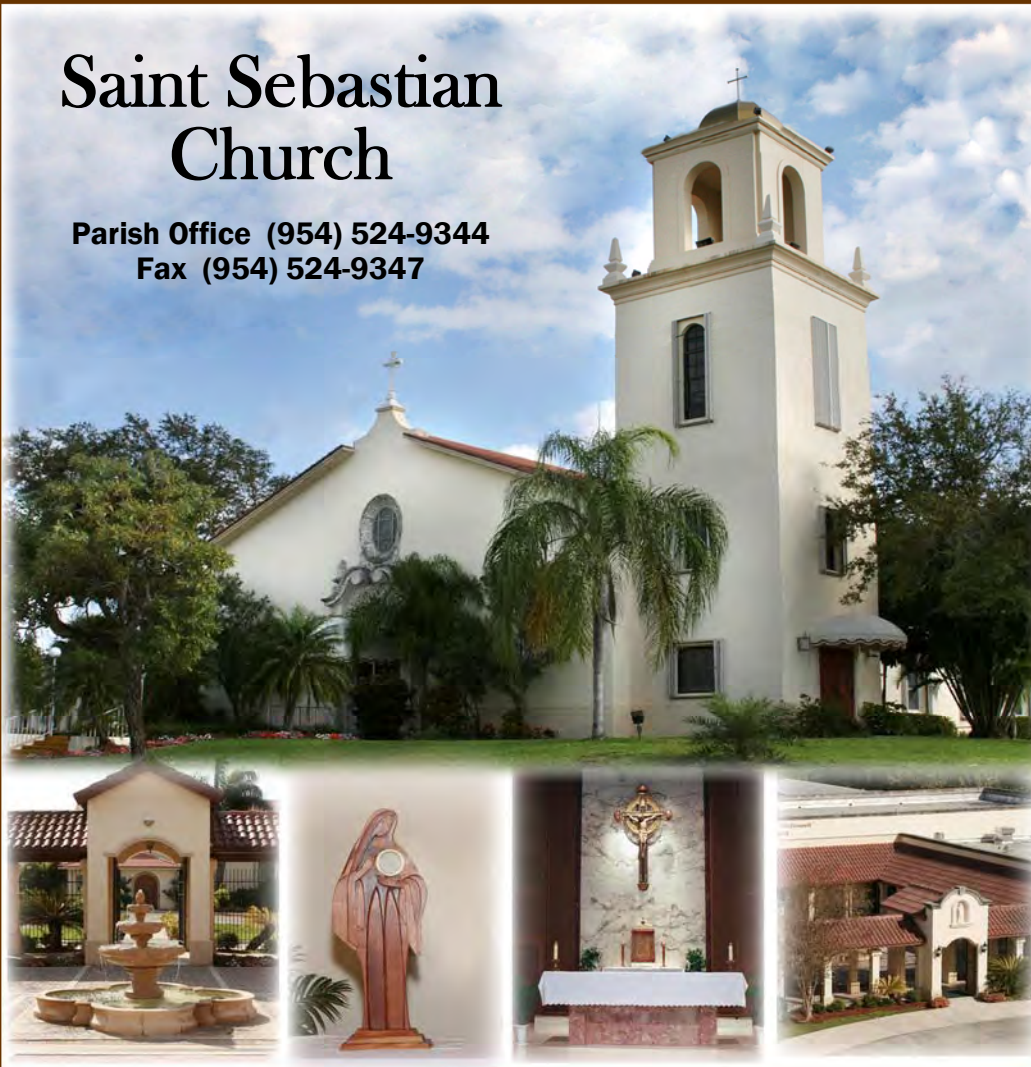
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Saint Sebastian Church

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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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Chuck Wobby

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,

On his 25th anniversary as a bishop, I (we) sent Archbishop Wenski congratulations from “the priest and people of St. Sebastian” tucked into some orchid plants. He responded:

Dear Jim and Parishioners of Saint Sebastian:

Thank you for the orchids you sent to my home for my 25th Anniversary of episcopal ordination.

I am grateful for your thoughtfulness and kindness.

+Thomas Wenski.

Considering all he has on his plate, I was grateful for his note. More important than orchids, we must offer our prayers for him. Think of the challenge of walking the very fine line between the demands of the gospel and the tragedies that surround us. It takes huge doses of the Holy Spirit, especially when some subjects come up that have meant a great deal to you over the years.

For example, on February 13, 2022, *The Sun Sentinel* quoted the Archbishop: ...“(our governor’s) reference to unaccompanied minors as ‘disgusting’... was a new low in the zero-sum politics of our divisive times.” The Archbishop had to speak after the decades he worked with Cuban and Haitian immigrants. That gave him the voice with which to speak.

How do you bring the Gospel to the table? No matter how you try to set the table, and no matter how hard you work to make people comfortable at the seating arrangements, *someone will be unhappy*. Does that mean no one eats? I don’t think so. Who knew what would be coming next...

The heartbreaking Martha’s Vineyard stunt probably *did* reach a new low. I believe reports said that there were eight children among those sent.

What is the greatest commandment? **Love God**.
What’s the second commandment? **Love your neighbor**.

Do we need to ask, “Who is my neighbor?” I hope not. Integrating the gospel into our day-to-day lives means running the risk of being misunderstood. You simply cannot use people and make them your pawns in games, especially when you do not know precisely what the game is.

The outreach of the folks at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church on Martha’s Vineyard reflected the gospel. Jesus said, “As often as you do it **for** one of these least of my brothers, you do it for me.” Notice Jesus did not say, “As often as you do it **to** my brothers...”

The outreach of St. Andrew’s to the ‘least of my brothers’ reminded me of Archbishop Wenski’s effort over the years to do the best you can for those in need with whatever you’ve got. Fifty plus years ago he had a Solidarity banner hung in his seminary room cheering on Lech Walesca as Walesca led Poland out of Communism. (Even if you come from Lake Worth, Polish blood runs deep.)

The Cuban immigrants and especially the Haitian community got Tom’s attention and he pastored the Haitian Center parish, Notre Dame d’Haiti for more than 20 years.

The foregoing sounds like something you would say in an obituary. My point is that we never know the whole story about anyone. But the more we do know, perhaps the more we can appreciate someone. Seems to me like we were given a tri-lingual bishop who was the right man at the right time. That you, Holy Spirit.

My prayer is that the Archbishop will be around to bury me in 20 years or so.

In Jesus,



Mass Intentions

- Saturday** **September 24**
5:00 pm † Delfina Horta, req. by Gisella Reyes
 † Herman Bourke, req. by Don Bourke
 Wellbeing of Suzanne Loughran Plum,
 req. by Bill Loughran
- Sunday** **September 25**
8:30 am † Dolores Fink, req. by The Fink Family
 † Eddy Saldivia, req. by Gabriel Saldivia
 † Pasquale Polselli,
 req. by Sandy Polselli
- 11:00 am Living and Deceased of Our Parish
- Monday** **September 26**
8:30 am † Patricia Van Epps,
 req. by Bob & Kimberly Van Epps
- Tuesday** **September 27**
8:30 am † Virginia Potter, req. by Jarchow Family
 † Delfina Horta, req. by Gisella Reyes
- Wednesday** **September 28**
8:30 am † Ellie Loughran, req. by husband, Bill
 † Scott Anselmo, req. by Jacque
 Wellbeing of Corine Snyder
 req. by Marie Barbagallo
- Thursday** **September 29**
8:30 am Wellbeing of Carol Barrosso
 req. by Mary Kennedy
- Friday** **September 30**
8:30 am Wellbeing of Monique Barousseau,
 req. by Mary Kennedy
- Saturday** **October 1**
5:00 pm † Sister Leocadie Bourgeois,
 req. by Don Bourke
- Sunday** **October 2**
8:30 am Living & Deceased of Our Parish
- 11:00 am In Thanksgiving for Msgr. Jim's
 12 years with us
 † Betty & Jack LaRue and
 Una & Stephen Essaff,
 req. by Ann & Peter Essaff
 † Pasquale Polselli,
 req. by Sandy Polselli

REMEMBER THE SICK

Mary Lou Mann, Suzanne Plum, Don Loughran, Jr., Jim Cowgill, Jr., Peter Hanna, Sandy Rodrigues, John Harris, Stephen Black, Jo Neumann, Mary Alice Zittle, Alvaro Arevalo, Michelline Toulouse, 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

IN MEMORIUM

**+ ELAINE WALSH +
September 20, 2022**

May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

LIFE CHAIN

Oct. 2nd on University Drive, (2-3 pm). Gather to pray & stand for Life. Carpool from church. Call Linda 954-604-5507 to carpool and for more information.

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!

"If among you, one of your brothers should become poor... you should not harden your hearts, or shut your hand against your brother." (Deut. 15:7). We have many of our brothers among us who need our help in providing non-perishable food and hygiene items for their families. Let's fill our church shopping carts with these 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 will begin next Sunday, **October 2nd**, from 9:45-10:45 am. **Please call the office this week to register your child.**

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 I & II Thessalonians.

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.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

All couples married in the Catholic Church celebrating their first, 25th, 50th or 50 plus Wedding Anniversary in 2023 are invited to a Mass at St. Mary Cathedral to receive a blessing from Archbishop Thomas Wenski. Couples interested in having their picture taken with Archbishop Wenski should arrive by 4:00pm with Mass starting at 5:30pm. For more information, and to register, please contact Susana Diaz at the Archdiocese of Miami Secretariat for Parish Life at 305.762.1127 or email at sdiaz@theadom.org


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.


OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH—IT'S BABY SHOWER TIME!

Your donations of new layette items will benefit moms, dads and babies who visit the Respect Life Pregnancy Help Centers located throughout the Archdiocese. Also checks made payable to “Respect Life Ministry” will be appreciated. Gifts may be placed in the bassinette on the altar **October 1-31**.

All Assistance is FREE:

- Pregnancy tests and ultrasounds.
- Supplies for babies up to 2 years old.
- Counseling and “Earn While You Learn” Classes.
- Project Rachel for those who have lost a child. Compassionate, confidential and professional: with certified staff for post-abortion healing.
- Project Joseph is men mentoring men.

NEEDED:

Diapers: sizes 4-6

Wipes

Diaper rash cream

Hooded towels and washcloths

Baby wash and lotion

Pacifiers with tabs

Baby bottles

Onesies: 3 months—24 months

Clothing: 3 months—2 Toddler

Bibs, soft and small

Socks and Mittens

Sweater, Hat and Booties Sets

Receiving Blankets

Knitted or Crocheted Blankets

No Shoes, please



Grace Middlemiss and Mary Kennedy with a future member of the St. Sebastian Council of Catholic Women.

FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

www.respectlifemiami.org

Archdiocese of Miami

www.respectlife.org

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops