

# Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

2000 Marietta (S.E. 25th) Avenue

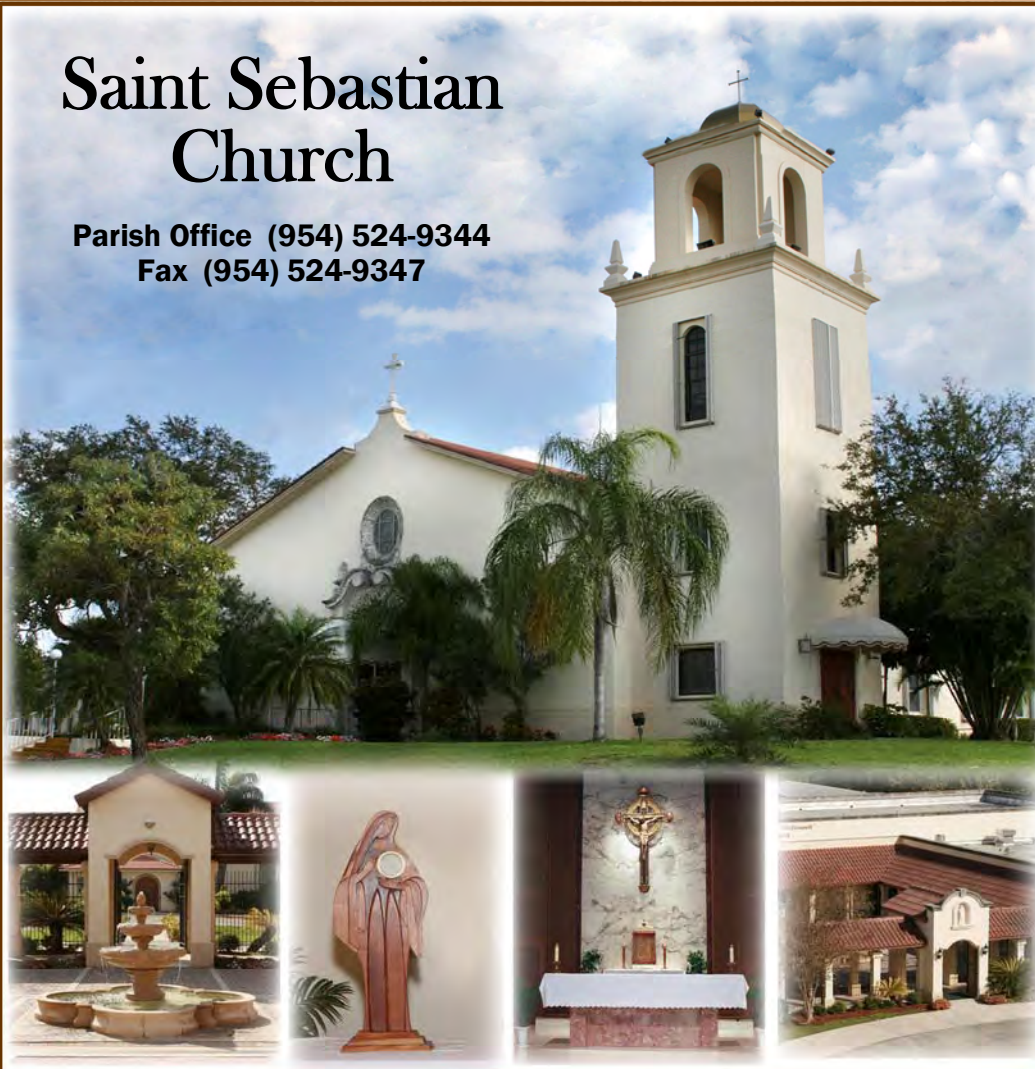
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## Saint Sebastian Church

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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

Rev. Msgr. James F. Fetscher

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### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Nancy Adams

Elizabeth Calhoun

Judy Fisher

Rosemary Guerin

Frank Krauser

Patrick O'Dea

Connie Reed

Chuck Wobby

### PARISH WEBSITE:

[stsebastianfl.org](http://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,

**Happy Birthday!** On Friday October 7<sup>th</sup>, the feast of the Holy Rosary you (we) will be 64 years old. (We don't look a day over 39.) On October 7, 1958, Pope Pius XII established the diocese of Miami. Actually, it was a couple of months earlier but the official date was October 7<sup>th</sup>. Only two days after that, on October 9<sup>th</sup>, the Lord took him home.

Archbishop Joseph Hurley was the bishop of St. Augustine, which then included the whole state of Florida except for a few counties in the panhandle. He was an Archbishop because he had been a Vatican diplomat. I never tire of telling the story that he attended the trial of Cardinal Stepinac in Tito's Yugoslavia after WWII. When the judges entered all rose except Hurley. When they brought in Cardinal Stepinac, only Hurley stood. As a kid, I knew Archbishop Hurley.

I was a server for Archbishop Hurley when he would say Mass in the convent at Holy Family in North Miami. Nothing like getting out of class!

What was neat for a twelve-year old kid was the Archbishop's ability to remember names. I got a big thrill when he remembered mine. I just discovered a book from Yale University Press about Pius XII and Archbishop Hurley and all the intrigue that followed WWII and the rise of communism.

When the split of Florida came in 1958, I had just begun seminary in Bloomfield, Connecticut. One day I got a call from the rector to come to the front office, and there was Archbishop Hurley. He would visit the seminaries where he had students, and Tom Engbers and I were at St. Thomas. "Well, Jimmy. How are you doing?" Talk about a swelled head. And by then, he was actually not my bishop.

Speaking of special occasions, today marks the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Archbishop Tom Wenski's visit to St. Sebastian to install me as your pastor. If today were not Sunday, we would be celebrating the feast of the

Guardian Angels. What makes it more interesting for me is that the appointment letter was dated September 29<sup>th</sup> which is the feast day of the archangels Michael, Raphael, and Gabriel. Talk about being surrounded by the sound of angel wings...

The two feasts were important to me because they were the same dates on which I was appointed and installed by Archbishop Edward McCarthy to my previous pastorate of 28 years. I really had not expected to come here 12 years ago.

I've told you the story about getting the call from Archbishop Wenski about the reassignment. The first thing I said was, "I guess I always expected to die in St. Louis parish." His immediate response was, "Well, maybe now you won't die so quickly." Obviously, I haven't died yet and these 12 years have been very happy ones.

The truth is, most of the time you don't know what is coming next. I'm starting to write this *Twitch* on the 26<sup>th</sup>, last Monday. I can't help but wonder what we will be looking back upon by the time you read this. Where will Ian have gone? Even as I am grateful for not getting a direct hit, I pray that much harder for the folk on the west side of our state. *To be continued...*

*Wow...* Now it's Thursday night. I'm simply not able to express how affected I have been, along with all of you I am sure, with the saga of Hurricane Ian. All I have been able to do is pray that the people on our west coast can rebuild. I have been looking for ways to help. It's going to take so much more than money, but for the moment money is one place to start.

We will talk about this more in the future. In the meantime, we pray for the fractured hearts and landscapes.

In Jesus,



Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>October 1</b> † Sister Leocadie Bourgeois, req. by Don Bourke † Father Paul Bourke, req. by Don Bourke Wellbeing of Suzanne Loughran Plum, req. by Bill Loughran
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am 11:00 am	<b>October 2</b> Living and Deceased of Our Parish 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
<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>October 3</b> † Dr. Kevin Cahill, req. by Grace Middlemiss Wellbeing of Maria & Michelle Williams
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>October 4</b> † Beatrice Eichenberg, req. by SSCCW
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>October 5</b> † Ellie Loughran, req. by husband, Bill
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>October 6</b> † Grace & Murray Toomey, req. by M.L. & Helen Toomey
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>October 7</b> † Kevin Rebholz, req. by Men's Club
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>October 8</b> † Maria Fountoukis, req. by Angela Matacchiera Wellbeing of Jean Korosh, req. by Joan, Bill, Gary and Joanie
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am  11:00 am	<b>October 9</b> † Dolores Fink, req. by Sandy Polselli Wellbeing of Charlotte Cimmo, req. by Sue & Scott Marinez Wellbeing of Sharon Nicholson, req. by Brooke Trace  Living & Deceased of Our Parish

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

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

All couples married in the Catholic Church celebrating their first, 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> 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 for Parish Life at 305.762.1127 or email at sdiaz@theadom.org.

*Religious ed. Classes begin this weekend. Call the office this week to register your 1-8th grade student!*

Save the Date!

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**, this Tuesday, October 4th at 5:00 pm

**OKTOBERFEST - Friday, October 21, 2022**  
In the Parish Hall & on the grounds!

The following is a suggested list of some hygiene items needed for our less fortunate brothers and sisters in Ft. Lauderdale: toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, deodorant, sanitary napkins, suntan lotion (30 SPF), shampoo, etc. In many cases with our needy, it's a question of purchasing these items or food. Let's fill our church shopping carts with these items so they don't have to make that decision. 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 33<sup>rd</sup> Street and will be closed at 3:45). First timers must provide proof of residency in Broward County.



**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. In order to make this event a success, **we need people to volunteer** to help with set-up (Wednesday evening with muscle required); food preparation (Thursday evening); ticket sales for dinner, drinks, 50/50 raffle (at the event); clean up (after the event). **Please consider this your invitation to help!** Thanks to members of our Men's Club and Council of Catholic Women who have already stepped up to help. Please call the Office to volunteer.

**MEN'S CLUB MEETING**

St. Sebastian Men's Club will hold their monthly meeting this Thursday, October 6th, in the Parish Hall after the 8:30 am Mass (at 9:00 am). All men of the parish are welcome and invited to attend.

**ROSARY RALLY**

You are invited to a Rosary Rally, celebrating the 105th anniversary of Mary's Apparitions in Fatima, on Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 12 noon - 1:00 pm here at St. Sebastian Church. For more information, please call Linda at 954-604-5507 or Diane at 954-524-2213.

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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.

# + BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS +

In Honor of St. Francis of Assisi  
and the Season of Creation

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH**  
**5:00 PM**  
**CHAPEL PARKING LOT**

All animals (leashed or caged) are welcome to attend  
with their humans.

There will be pizza for the humans after the Blessing.

*As an expression of our gratitude  
for the gift of creation and the joy our pets provide,  
all are invited to bring new pet items which will be  
donated to The Humane Society of Broward County.*

