

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

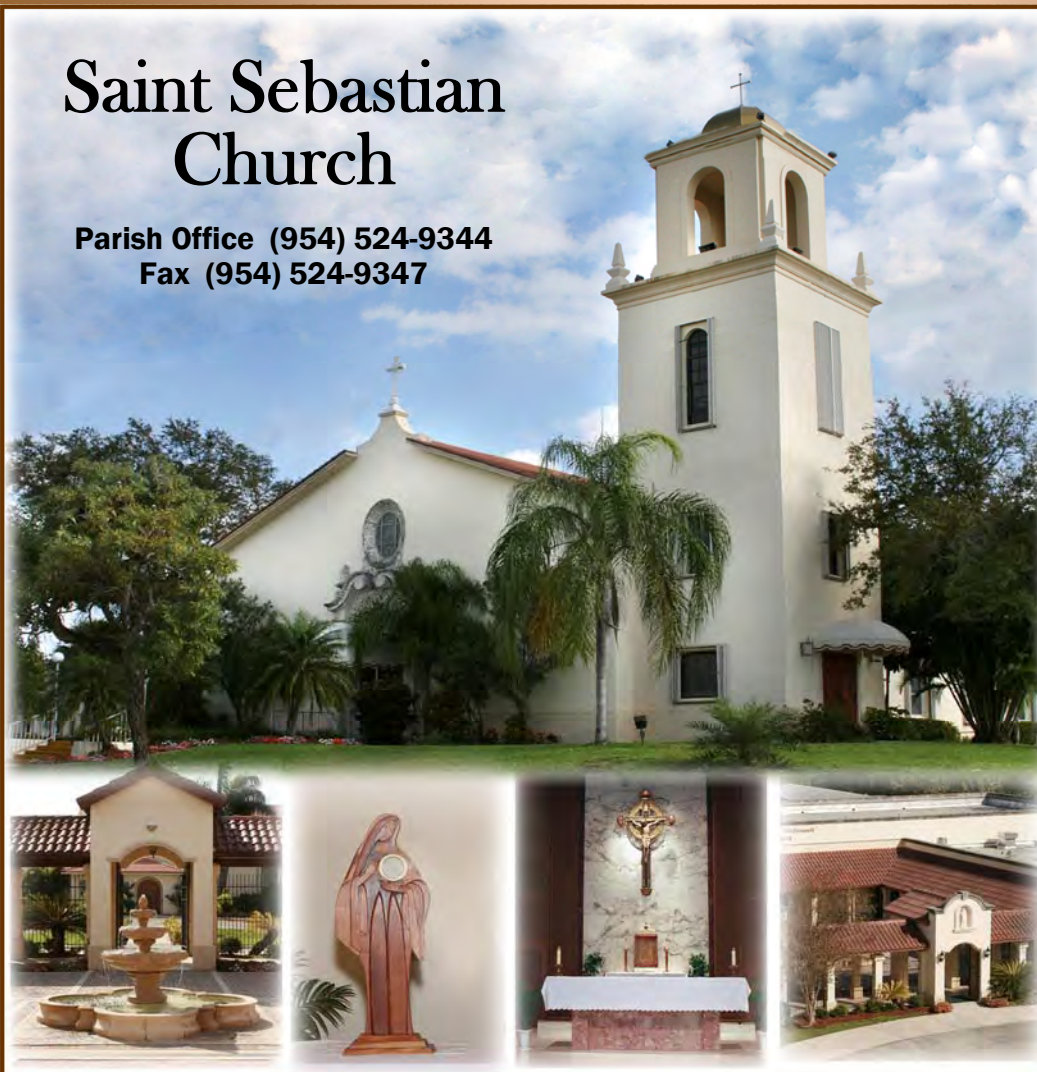
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Saint Sebastian Church

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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

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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 Sisters and Brothers,

After sitting here for I don't know how long, staring at a blank screen and praying "Come, Holy Spirit", once again I marvel at how Monsignor Jim composes a new and relevant "Twitch" every week! Thankfully, he will be back at it for next Sunday's bulletin, God willing.

Today's Gospel tells of two men praying in the Temple – a Pharisee and a tax collector. The fact that they were 1) in the Temple, and 2) praying, tells us that they were both trying to be good guys.

The Pharisee "spoke this prayer to himself" about his virtues and how he wasn't like the rest of humanity. The tax collector, on the other hand, "beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'" Certainly, two very different viewpoints in prayer.

It seems that the Pharisee was all wrapped up in himself, thanking God that he was so special... and don't we all like to think of ourselves as special, especially in the eyes of God? Yes, God made each of us unique and precious. We are just as special as everyone else God has created!

The tax collector, in his humility, cries out to God for mercy. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#2559)* tells us that humility is the foundation of prayer. It's not "all about me". It's about my relationship with others.

Today the Church celebrates World Mission Sunday. We are asked to give monetary support to the foreign missions for the propagation of the Faith. I remember as a child putting coins in the box on the teacher's desk to help the babies in Africa. Some of those babies we helped many years ago have grown up and become priests and religious today!

Mission Sunday challenges us to accept the responsibility for sharing the Faith with others. We pray for the success of missionaries in far-away

places, but we are also called to live up to our name as "Catholic" or "universal" in the extent of our concern and love. We are challenged to share faith with those who look or think or behave differently than us. Mission is fundamental to the identity of the Church, and that Mission is a responsibility of us all, not just priests or those in leadership positions. By reason of our Baptism, we all share in the work of the Church. None of us can do it all, but all of us can do something to build up the Church.

It seems like this might be a good question to pray about...What can I do to help bring about the Kingdom of God on earth? Since God made each of us unique, we all have different gifts and talents. It's important to (re)discover those gifts and discern how God can work through us with them.

As many of you are aware, we have resumed Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our Chapel on Fridays, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. It is a wonderful space to spend quiet time with the Lord. Some of our parishioners have committed to being present for a one-half hour time slot. If you are willing to make such a commitment, please call the office.

There's a story about a man who would go into a church every day at noon and just sit before the Blessed Sacrament. After a month or so of seeing this, the priest finally said to him, "I see you here every day. What do you do?" The man replied, "Oh Father, I just come in here and I look at Him, and He looks at me." What a beautiful image - to just be present, in the gaze of the Beloved.

We have that opportunity at St. Sebastian. How blessed we are to be able to come and sit quietly and -just by being there – offer our praise and thanks to God who has given us all we have and all we are!

Blessings and peace,
Annie

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	October 22 Wellbeing of Suzanne Loughran Plum, req. by Bill Loughran Wellbeing of Cardinal Raymond Burke, req. by Don Bourke People of Ukraine, req. by Don Bourke
Sunday 8:30 am	October 23 † Dolores Fink, req. by Sandy Polselli † Rafael & Silvia Reyes, req. by family People of Ukraine req. by Don Bourke
11:00 am	Living and Deceased of Our Parish
Monday 8:30 am	October 24 Wellbeing of Maria & Michelle Williams Wellbeing of Maria Rodriguez, req. by Virginia Garcia
Tuesday 8:30 am	October 25 † Richard & Francis Yen, req. by Don Bourke
Wednesday 8:30 am	October 26 † Ellie Loughran, req. by Husband Bill † Kevin Cahill, req. by Grace Middlemiss
Thursday 8:30 am	October 27 Wellbeing of Annie Gardner Wellbeing of Matthew Samuels, req. by Don Bourke
Friday 8:30 am	October 28 † Maria Dolores Garcia, req. by Virginia Garcia † Molly Yen, req. by Don Bourke
Saturday 5:00 pm	October 29 Living and Deceased of Our Parish
Sunday 8:30 am	October 30 † Dolores Hesse Fink, req. by The Fink Family
11:00 am	† Beatrice Eichenberg, req. by Jarchow Family † Nidasio & Tringale Families

Mary Lou Mann,

REMEMBER THE SICK

Suzanne Plum, Don Loughran, Jr., Jim Cowgill, Jr., Peter Hanna,

Sandy Rodrigues, John Harris, Stephen Black, Mary Alice Zittle, Alvaro Arevalo, Michelline Toulouse, Kari Albertson, Paul Ristow, Carol Houghton, Ed Fetscher, Margaret Donato, Ted Petoniak, Jean Armstrong, Matt Keysers, Marianne Dougherty, Sister Maire O'Dea, Loretta Polizano, Patricia Calhoun

SANDWICH MINISTRY

Volunteers who wish to prepare bagged lunches for the Homeless will meet this Saturday October 29, 2022 at 8:30 am in the Parish Hall. All willing hands and hearts are welcome.

MINISTRY FAIR

Would you like to become more involved with our Parish? Stop in the Parish Hall after Mass the weekend of December 3 & 4th to find out the many ways you can participate and use your talents. Wine & cheese will be available after the 5:00 pm Saturday Mass, and coffee & donuts will be available after the 8:30 am & 11:00 am Masses. Hope to see you there!

Save the Date!

SSCCW MEETING - Friday, Nov.4, 2022

COUPLES' SOCIAL DANCING 101

Friday, Nov.18, 2022 7-9pm

MINISTRY FAIR - Saturday & Sunday

Dec. 3 & 4 after each Mass

"If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat, and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink" (Proverbs 25:21)
How inclusive is God! Let us be mindful of our less fortunate brothers and sisters in our city and help provide necessary non-perishable food and hygiene items for them. Fill our church shopping carts with the above 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.



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 Hebrews.

COUPLES' SOCIAL DANCING 101

The Men's Club is sponsoring a Couples' Adult Dance Class in the Parish Hall on Friday Nov.18, 2022. Reservations needed. More information to follow.

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's Cathedral on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TRUCK

The St. Vincent De Paul truck will be in our parking lot this weekend for your gently used clothing and household items.



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