

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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,

This year, because November 1st, the Feast of All Saints, falls on a Monday, it is NOT a holy Day of Obligation. On Monday and on Tuesday, All Souls Day, we will have our normal 8:30 a.m. Mass

We will begin our annual All Souls Novena for our deceased family members and friends on Tuesday, the 2nd and celebrate that Novena through November 10th.

Of course, today, is Halloween, the Day before All Saints.

One of the longest entries I've seen in Wikipedia is the one on Halloween. For me it sure fell under the heading of too much info. A lot of it was pretty interesting, however. I was looking for a little history on costumes, etc. Customs change and vary from country to country. Whoever thought that in our times maybe the happiest people around at Halloween are dentists. (I don't think Dr. Laura Evatt would agree.)

In my previous parish we'd ask the kids to dress up as their patron saints on November 1st (or the weekend before the 1st.) Then when they went "Trick or Treating" they would use those costumes. My hope was "If you're saintly, we will celebrate that with a treat." It worked for me. At least we went through a lot of "Treats."

The happy part of Halloween is what we are really celebrating: the lives of countless men and women who heard the voice of Jesus Christ and followed His call. The list of canonized saints has grown over the centuries, but they are a drop in the bucket of all those who lived great lives, in joy and in suffering. Each of us, I'm sure, can come up with our own lists that few other people know about. I can hear myself often saying, "If anyone is in heaven, _____ sure is!"

May we always be blessed by such folk, and even perhaps BE one.

We did that big parish mailing this week. If you didn't get a letter with the Synod questions, it means you are not on the mailing list. One quick call can fix that.

Annie and Judy Fisher did the heavy work and I got to help with stamps. The crooked stamps are probably mine. How ironic that the stamps now cost \$.58 a pop first class, and the stamps are actually *smaller*.

We sent 525 letters. In these COVID hampered days, its hard to know just who is there and who isn't. At least one good outcome of first class is that if the letter is undeliverable, at least it will be returned, and we can adjust the parish list.

We went to the trouble of doing the mailing because the Synod is such an important event in the life of the Church. I got a chuckle out of how Ed Rebolz talked about our simple input making its way up the chain to the "Big Guy." Pope Francis would probably chuckle, too.

This is an effort to gather us together to hear and say what perhaps hasn't been said before. Recall the words of Cardinal Joseph Bernadin when in 1994, three weeks before he died, he talked about dialogue within the Church as well as outreach to other groups. He was working to establish a Catholic Dialogue Group and he hoped the result would be, **"A vision of Church that trusts in the power of the Spirit so much that it can risk authentic dialogue."** He got push back from some who thought he was somehow opening a way for inauthenticity to creep into the Church. I hope he is helping us experience the Spirit. That's what saints do.

Again, I ask you to come into this process, either by attending our gathering on Nov. 14th and/ or by reflecting on the questions at home and taking the time to make some prayer-inspired responses.

With hope I'm yours In Jesus,



Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	October 30 † Scott Anselmo, req. by Virginia Gallenberger † Patrick & Nelly O'Connor, req. by son, Christopher † Rev. Gerard Bourke, O.S.B., req. by Don Bourke
Sunday 8:30 am	October 31 † Gianpaolo Santarelli, req. by Karen Mungoli Well being of Stephen & Susan Black, req. by Family
11:00 am	Living & Deceased of our Parish
Monday 8:30 am	November 1 - Feast of All Saints † Father Saylor, req. by Grace Middlemiss
Tuesday 8:30 am	November 2 - Feast of All Souls † All Souls' Novena
Wednesday 8:30 am	November 3 † All Souls' Novena
Thursday 8:30 am	November 4 † All Souls' Novena
Friday 8:30 am	November 5 † All Souls' Novena
Saturday 5:00 pm	November 6 † All Souls' Novena
Sunday 8:30 am	November 7 † All Souls' Novena
11:00 am	Living & Deceased of our Parish

REMEMBER THE SICK

Nanchine McManus,
Mary Lou Mann, Suzanne Plum, Don

Loughran, Jr., Jim Cowgill, Jr., Peter Hanna, Sandy Rodriguez, Lee Rodriguez, John Masna, Margaret Reitz, John Harris, Charlotte Newbury, Stephen Black, Jo Neumann, John E. Hurley, Sophia Schwab, Jonathan Hughes, Kathleen Gerium, Mary Alice Zittle, Michael Cavallaro, David Calhoun, Alvaro Arevalo, Trebor Wright, Michelline Toulouse, Kevin Rebholz, Margaret Farragher

PARISH SYNOD SESSION

The entire Catholic Church is called to participate in the upcoming Synod of Bishops! In preparation for the International Synod of Bishops in 2023, Pope Francis wants your input on the topic of "For a Synodal Church, Communion, Participation, and Mission." You are invited to join us for a Parish

Consultive Session on Sunday, November 14th, beginning at 2:00pm in the Parish Hall. Invite family, friends, neighbors... We want everyone to participate in this listening session. To RSVP, please use the sign-up sheets at the church doors, or email the office at info@stsebastianfl.org.

DIAL-IN FOR BIBLE SHARING

Participate in our teleconferencing Scripture sharing: Call in starts at 9:05 and sharing begins at 9:15 each Thursday morning. Dial 848-777-1212. When prompted, put in 1431434 #. We will be sharing from the Book of Jeremiah. Call Mary at 954.290.1194 or Carole at 954.529.6547 for info. Please join us!



"She stretches out her hand to the poor, she stretches forth her hand to the needy." (Proverbs 1:20). Let every hand in St. Sebastian's congregation bring forth weekly contributions of non-perishable food and hygiene items (no glass containers, please) to the shopping carts at the church doors for distribution to the needy in Broward County. To care is to share! If you (or anyone you know) is in need, please tell them that a drive thru grocery distribution takes place 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.

ALL SOULS' NOVENA

A novena of Masses for your deceased loved ones will begin on All Souls' Day and continue through November 10th. Write the names of those you wish to remember during the Novena on the card found in the pews, and place it in the All Souls' Novena basket in the sanctuary.

COME CRUISE WITH US!

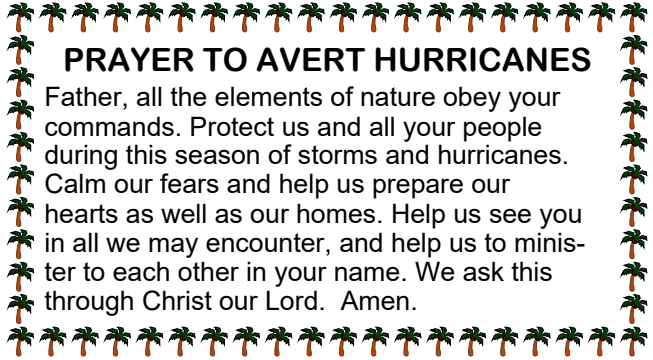
Space is available to join St. Sebastian parishioners on a 7-day cruise from Port Everglades aboard Holland America's *Niev Amsterdam* to 3 Caribbean ports (San Juan, St. Thomas, and Turks & Caicos). Dates are December 11-18. For further details, please call Lou at Dream Vacations at 570-955-0470 or email him at labitabilo@dreamvacations.com.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for making the baby shower a big success! Know that your generosity is greatly appreciated. "God loves a cheerful giver!" (2 Cor. 9:7). He must love you a lot! Respect Life is always looking for volunteers for their center. For more information, call Monica at 954.565.0229. Thank you and God bless you. Carole Duksta, Respect Life Rep.

SERRA CLUB RETREAT

The Serra Club is having it's one day retreat on November 6th, from 8:30 am to 2 pm, at St. Vincent de Paul Seminary, come join us. Make reservations by emailing Tim Reese at Timothyreese@comcast.com. Carpool will leave our parking lot. Call Ed Rebholz, 954.495.1650 to join the carpool.



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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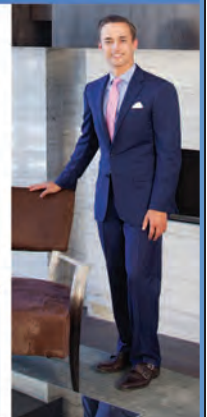
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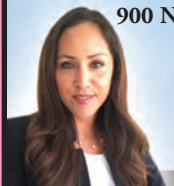
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