

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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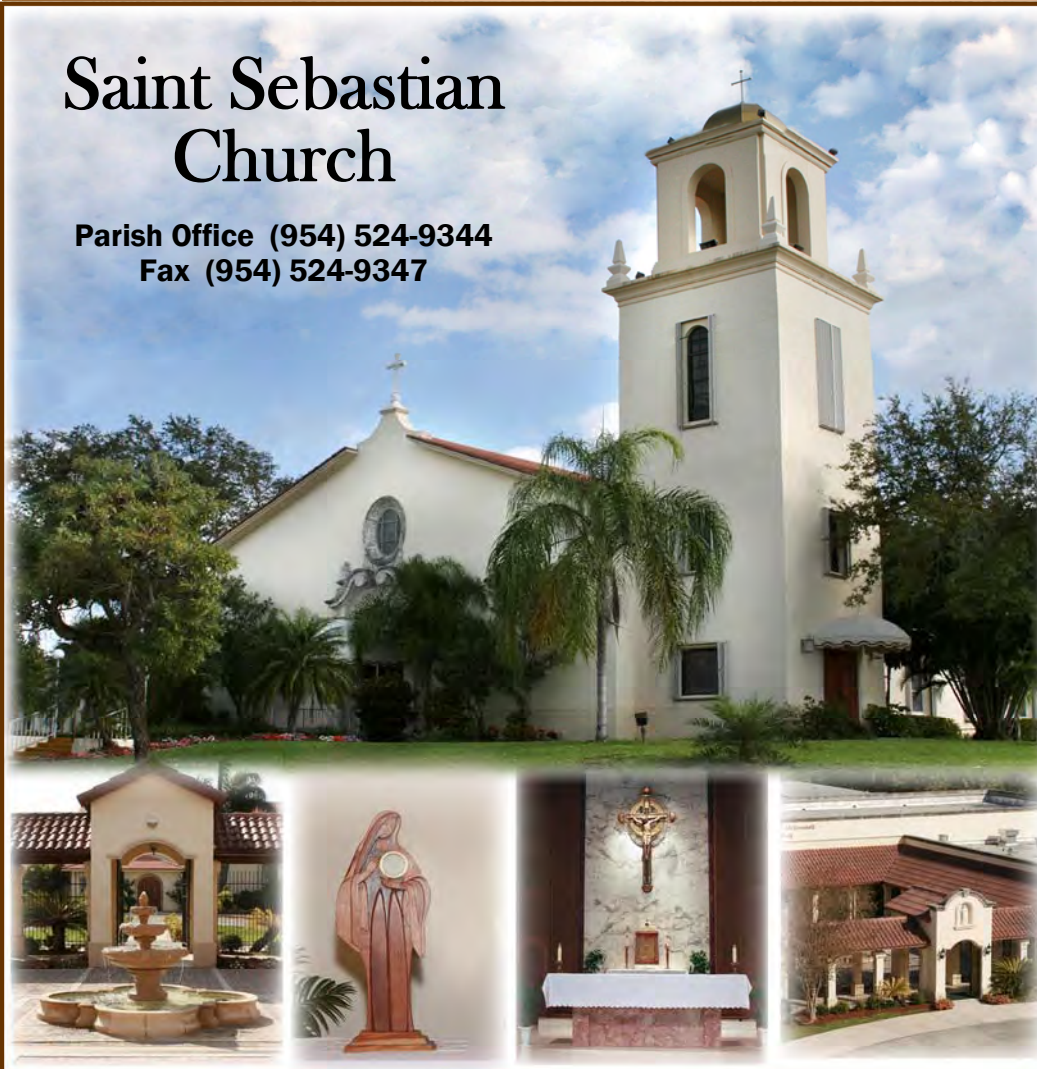
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Saint Sebastian Church

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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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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



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,

Today is the second to the last Sunday in the liturgical year 2022. This year we heard the story of Jesus with St. Luke as our narrator. Next Sunday is the feast of Christ the King, with great upbeat scriptures, a great way to end.

Today is the last Sunday when we hear of “end-time” scenarios, another of these “judgement” passages. Jesus speaks to his disciples:

“You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed.”

When I read that passage from today’s gospel, my first reaction was, “Huh?” How can you be put to death but not a hair will be destroyed? (I’m a little touchy about hair.)

Maybe one of the biggest mysteries we deal with when it comes to the life of Jesus is the paradox of death leading to life.

That’s the point Jesus is making. Not only may the disciples suffer because of trying to do their mission, in fact they *WILL* suffer. Yet, “not even a hair,”... In other words, “**nothing** will affect the promise I make to you about your eternal destiny.”

We will hear that promise underlined in next Sunday’s gospel.

One day this week. Anne made a great comment about being more agitated over squiggly weather reports than she is about actually sitting in her house and going through storm. Will it? Won’t it? Should we cancel Mass or close the office? What if... etc.

Tuesday, we decided to close Wednesday and Thursday because the reports seemed to suggest that would be a sensible approach. As I write (on last Tuesday) I’m suspecting it may be all sun. We’ll see.

All I can say is it will be a long time before I pray for rain again.

When I think about it though, why should squiggly weather reports surprise us? As good as the science of weather has gotten over recent decades, the squiggly part is the essence of nature itself, or more to the point, human existence itself.

I recently saw a rerun of an old Star Trek: Next Generation episode where the Enterprise crew visited a world with a ‘perfect’ genetically engineered society. Each inhabitant was ‘engineered’ to perform a specific role needed for their world. The short version of the point is that all surprise and discovery had been ‘engineered’ out of the society. Of course, you know what comes after that. Surprise!

I’ve said in the past that I’m not much for surprises. In fact, I think I may have even said, “I hate surprises.” Yet, the truth is, how boring things would be if you knew exactly what was always going to happen.

Think of our heavenly expectations. Is that what Paul is talking about when he says, “Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man the good things waiting... in the life of heaven.?”

An article in the Catholic Encyclopedia said, “In the mouth of Christ the “kingdom” means not so much a goal to be attained or a place — though those meanings are by no means excluded;— it is rather a tone of mind, it stands for an influence which must permeate men's minds if they would be one with Him and attain to His ideals.”

A tone of mind, an influence to permeate our minds throughout each moment... I pray that it would always be so.

That’s better than praying for rain.

In Jesus,



Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	November 12 Wellbeing of Suzanne Loughran Plum, req. by Bill Loughran Wellbeing of Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, req. by Don Bourke Wellbeing of Archbishop Carlo Vignano, req. by Don Bourke
Sunday 8:30 am	November 13 † Dolores Fink, req. by Sandy Polselli Our Political Leaders, past & present, req. by Virginia Garcia In Thanksgiving, req. by Maher Family
11:00 am	Living and Deceased of Our Parish
Monday 8:30 am	November 14 † Brendan Tremmel, req. by Grace Middlemiss & Mary Kennedy Wellbeing of Maria & Michelle Williams Wellbeing of Nancy Pecorelli, req. by Georgianna Eschen
Tuesday 8:30 am	November 15 † Richard Lynch, req. by Elli Hurst Our Political Leaders, past & present, req. by Virginia Garcia
Wednesday 8:30 am	November 16 † Ellie Loughran, req. by husband, Bill
Thursday 8:30 am	November 17 Wellbeing of Barry Hogan, req. by Marcia Hogan Wellbeing of Virginia Garcia
Friday 8:30 am	November 18 † Margaret O'Flaherty, req. by Elli Hurst Our Political Leaders, past & present, req. by Virginia Garcia
Saturday 5:00 pm	November 19 Living and Deceased of Our Parish
Sunday 8:30 am	November 20 † Charles & Marie Maher, req. by Family † Dolores Fink, req. by Sandy Polselli † Pasquale Polselli, req. by Sandy Polselli
11:00 am	† Jonathan Bedard, req. by Cheryl & Ted Abernethy † Judith Barr-Bacha, req. by Cheryl & Ted Abernethy † Patricia Calhoun, req. by Judy Fisher

REMEMBER THE SICK

Mary Lou Mann, Suzanne Plum, Don Loughran, Jr., Jim Cowgill, Jr., Peter Hanna, Sandy Rodrigues, John Harris, Stephen Black, Mary Alice Zittle, Alvaro Arevalo, Michelle Toulouse, Kari Albertson, Paul Ristow, Carol Houghton, Ed Fetscher, Margaret Donato, Ted Petoniak, Jean Armstrong, Matt Keyzers, Marianne Dougherty, Sister Maire O'Dea, Loretta Polizano, Judy Flood, Sister Frances Voss, O.S.C., Rae Pietrzak

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!

COUPLES' SOCIAL DANCING 101

Friday, Nov.18, 2022 7-9pm

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TRUCK scheduled to be here, November 19-20.

MINISTRY FAIR - Saturday & Sunday
Dec. 3 & 4 after each Mass

"He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry." (Psalm 146:7) As disciples of Jesus we too must uphold the oppressed and feed the hungry. Let's fill our church shopping carts with non-perishable food and hygiene items... and maybe an item or two for Thanksgiving dinner. 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.**



SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

There will be a special collection next weekend for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Please see the back cover of this bulletin for more information, and plan to use the specially designated envelope either in your boxed set or one which will be in the pews next week for your donation to this appeal.

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Friday evening Nov 18 7-9 pm

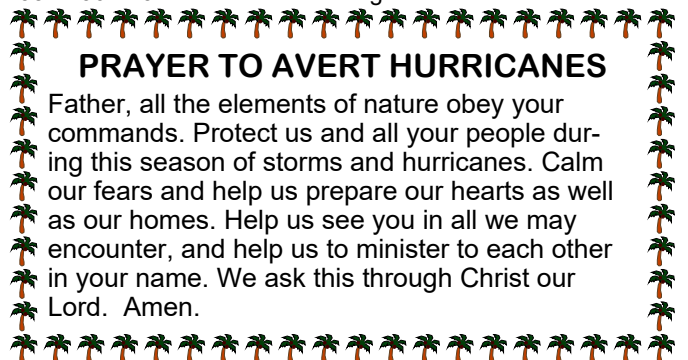
Parish Hall Make Reservation

If you know your left foot from your right, want to enjoy ballroom dancing, or think you may want to, make a reservation to learn some basic Fox Trot and Swing dance steps in a group class setting.

Juliya Pekrskya, an experienced ballroom dancer, instructor, and competitive ballroom dance judge, will teach you some basic steps so that you may enjoy social couples dancing. Couples or Singles, please text your reservation to Jack Fink at 732-213-4522 giving your name, number of dancers, cell phone and email address. Jack will confirm your reservation. Doors will open at 6:30 pm. Dance Instruction will be at 7 pm with practice guided by the instructor at 8 pm. Socializing will last to 9:30 or so. Refreshments will be available. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes in which you can dance. Sponsored by the Men's Club, additional 2023 classes may be offered.

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 online 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.


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.



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

I should no longer say that I have neighbors to help,
but that I must myself be a neighbor to others.

—Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 81

For more than 50 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has supported organizations that combat poverty and improve the lives of people in communities across the United States. From empowering immigrants in towns along the southern border to advocating for improved housing and educational opportunities in northern and midwestern cities, CCHD-funded groups tackle a wide range of economic and social justice challenges that affect local communities in rural and urban areas.

In areas of Tennessee where coal-mining operations and landfills have caused water pollution and other environmental damage, Statewide Organizing for Community eMpowerment (SOCM) works with governments and regulatory agencies to limit hazardous waste disposal in landfills and to require environmental cleanup as part of the permitting process for new business operations.

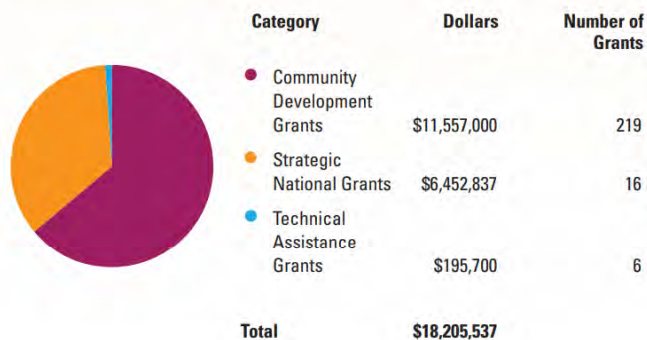
Environmental damage affects all of us, most especially low-income people who are affected by water pollution resulting from mineral extraction, lack of access to healthy foods in urban “food deserts,” and natural disasters caused by climate change. The Church teaches that “the natural environment is

a collective good, the patrimony of all humanity and the responsibility of everyone” (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, no. 95). Since the release of *Laudato Si'* in 2015, CCHD has invested more than \$4.3 million in organizations that work to protect the environment and combat pollution. When you support CCHD, you support organizations that work to protect the air, soil, and water for all the members of their communities.

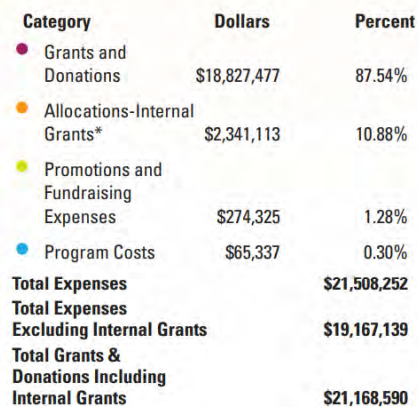
To learn more about the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and the way CCHD upholds the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church, visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

- **LEARN** about those living in poverty.
- **ACT** and spread the word about poverty by sharing this flier.
- **CONNECT** with the work of CCHD by supporting the collection.
- **PRAY** for those who benefit from this collection.

2020-2021 GRANTS



2020 EXPENSES



*Internal grants include a distribution from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection for CCHD operations expenses and for the USCCB Justice, Peace and Human Development’s education and outreach program, which includes engaging Catholics in our faith-filled call to address the root causes of poverty.



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