

First Sunday of Advent

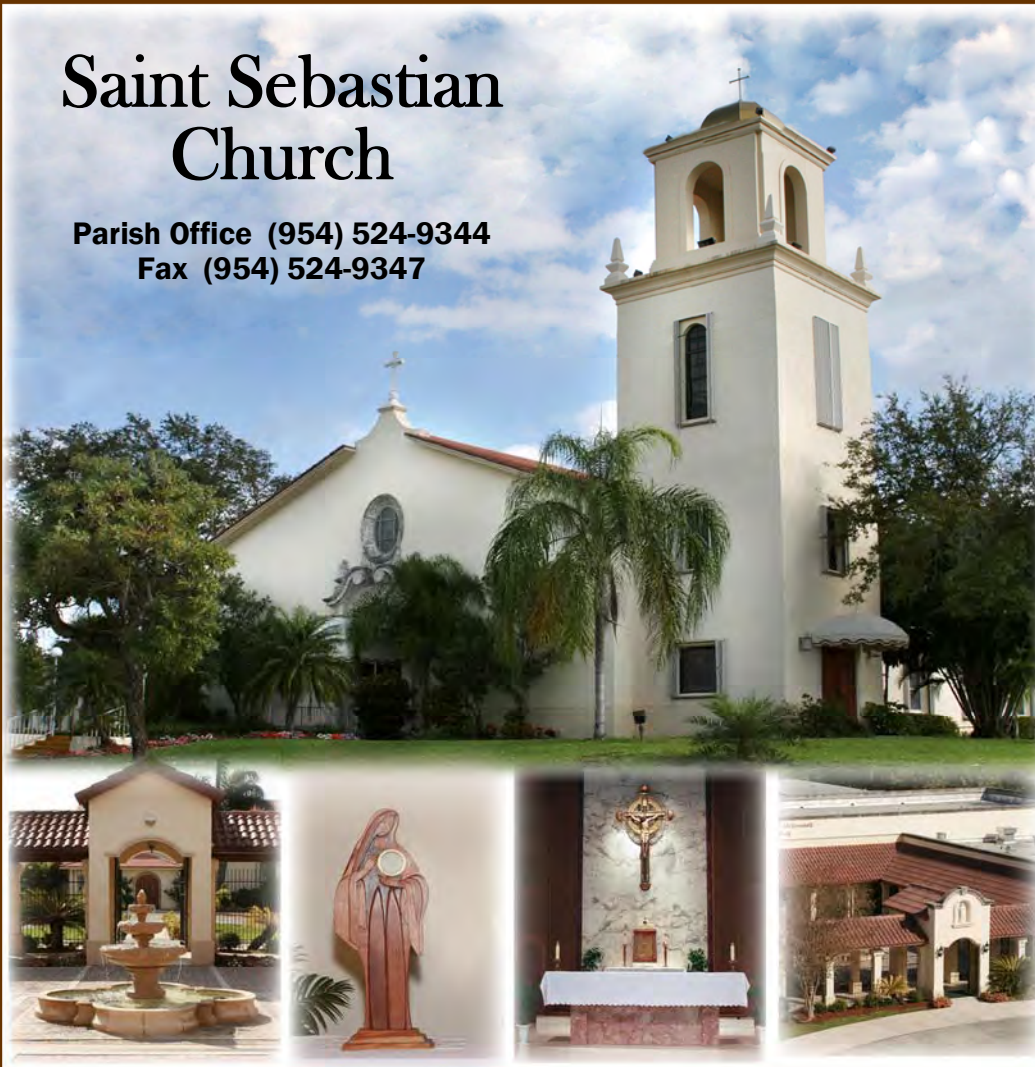
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Saint Sebastian Church

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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)

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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



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,

“COMING TO.” Today we begin the Liturgical year 2023, with the season of Advent. Ad Venio is the Latin for “I come to...”. To What? Obviously, we begin with the time that immediately precedes Christmas.

Yes, Christmas is coming, but I think we are talking about much more. We begin coming to another tour through the saving events of Christ’s life.

This year, as you know, St. Matthew will be our tour guide. His gospel is written for the Jewish Christian community, so we will find more references to the Hebrew scriptures, aka Old Testament. We heard a mention of Noah today.

When I talk about a “coming,” I’m thinking about the whole package, another journey through times and events in the life of Jesus that we heard about in the past, and yet because God’s word is ever-new, we have the chance to hear the stories differently. The difference is the circumstances of our own lives that are always changing.

You heard me say things like this a lot. I couldn’t help but wonder in my own mind, that maybe I want to really work at paying attention because I might not have too many more opportunities left to “do the tour.”

Not to worry; I have no plans for any immanent departures. In Fact, I’m breathing the same air you are, more or less, and it certainly seems to flavor our parish with a touch or two of longevity.

Next weekend, **December 3rd and 4th**, the parish ministries will host our **Ministry Fair**. I hope you will consider visiting the parish hall after Masses when you will be offered some goodies to eat and drink as well as meet various ministry reps who will be very happy to answer any questions you might have.

Besides food, drink and info, these moments also would be a good time for you to thank the folks who

run the various undertakings of the parish. We don’t thank each other enough.

You’d be welcome to make suggestions on how we can broaden and/or improve our ministries. Just remember, though, that sometimes, talking about something and doing something about it, are two different things. Don’t go nuts engaging in the first if you’re not willing to consider the second.

I’m writing this *Twitch* early so we can catch a printing deadline. So, I haven’t celebrated **Thanks-giving**. But, I’m going to be praying that by the time you read this, that all of us will have had blessed time.

Some parishioners are travelling to visit relatives. I suspect it’s more fun than trying to do it at Christmas when a lot of stuff can get in the way of simply gathering.

“Lord, give them good flights and safe landings. And by the way Lord, it shouldn’t hurt if you’d try and keep the gas prices down too. ‘

Those **little lists** of things you are grateful for, that you wrote down to bring the special **Thanks-giving Mass** will stay on the altar for the weekend.

As we enter into our new Church year, ask the Holy Spirit to move with you. I love the prayer below. Clip it out and put it on the fridge and say it in 2023.

In Jesus,



Come, Holy Spirit, gift of Jesus and the Father. Come into my heart and give me peace. Please come and open the eyes of my heart. Give me more joy and more hope. Heal what needs to be healed. Warm what is cold in me. Set my heart free to forgive. Enkindle within me the fire of your own love. Let me heal and warm other hearts to know Jesus’ healing love. Let me hear the cry of the poor. Let me join you in renewing the face of the earth!

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	November 26 Living & Deceased of our Parish
Sunday 8:30 am	November 27 † Charles & Marie Maher, req. by Family † Dolores Hesse Fink, req. by The Fink Family † Grace & Murray Toomey, req. by M.L. & Helen Toomey
11:00 am	† Jack McAllister, Jr., req. by Abernethy Family † Patricia Calhoun, req. by Ann Murry
Monday 8:30 am	November 28 † Catherine Strong, req. by Judy Fisher Political Leaders, past & present, req. by Virginia Garcia
Tuesday 8:30 am	November 29 Wellbeing of Michelle & Maria Williams Political Leaders, past & present, Req. by Virginia Garcoa
Wednesday 8:30 am	November 30 † Aime L. Paulin, req. by Abernethy Family
Thursday 8:30 am	December 1 † Marie Maude McDowell, req. by Josephina Valdes
Friday 8:30 am	December 2 † Eva & John Lewandowski, req. by Jarchow Family
Saturday 5:00 pm	December 3 † Patricia Calhoun † Dr. Alice Von Hildebrand, req. by Don Bourke Wellbeing of Suzanne Loughran Plum, req. by Bill Loughran
Sunday 8:30 am	December 4 † Sister Mary Rowley Morrissey Family, req. by Karen † Jack McMahan, req. by Paul McMahan & KC
11:00 am	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, Mary Alice Zittle, Alvaro Arevalo, Michelline Toulouse, Kari Albertson, Paul Ristow, 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, Tom Casey, Tom Drohan, Charles Benoit

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 the Gospel of Matthew, with Arthur Cholakis facilitating.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration takes place in our Chapel of the Divine Healer on Fridays from after the 8:30 am Mass until 5:00 pm. Please consider this opportunity to spend some quiet time with the Lord in prayer. If you’d like to commit to a specific time slot each week, please call the office.

Save the Date!

MEN’S CLUB: Meeting, Thursday, Dec. 1st, after Mass in the Parish Hall.

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

NOVA SINGERS: Tuesday, December 6th, 7:30 pm in the church

“He who is generous will be blessed for he gives some of his food to the poor.” (Proverbs 29:35). Let’s make sure our grocery carts at the supermarket contain non-perishable food items for the very needy of our community. Then we’ll transfer these items to our church shopping carts and then on to St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank and then to the needy waiting in line to receive some portion of their weekly needs. 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.**



NOVA SINGERS HOLIDAY CONCERT

The Nova Singers will present their Holiday Concert with Brass & Percussion at St. Sebastian on Tuesday, December 6th, beginning at 7:30 pm in our church. The concert will feature favorites from “Christmas at the Movies” and Kevin Memley’s “Gloria”, a New Arrangement of Silent Night, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, Ocho Kandelikas, and audience favorites including Rudolph, Jingle Bells, African Noel. Tickets are available in advance in the Parish Office for \$20. (\$25. on Concert Day). Children 12 & under free, as well as students of any age with a school ID. Tickets may also be purchased at Nova.edu/novasingers.

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.

HELP FOR UKRAINE

As Ukrainians flee from the Russian bombardments **Catholic Relief Services** and its Caritas partners on the ground are ready, across Ukraine and in bordering countries, to provide safe shelter, hot meals, hygiene supplies, transport to safe areas, counseling and more. Donations can be made directly to CRS: Online: support.crs.org/ukraine; Phone: 1-877-HELP-CRS; By check: Ukraine Response, Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, Maryland 21297-0303.

St. Sebastian

Ministry Fair

Saturday & Sunday, December 3-4

after all Masses in the Parish Hall.

*Wine & Cheese Social after 5:00 Mass Saturday evening;
Coffee & Doughnuts / snacks
after Sunday Masses*



Come and learn about the various Ministries of our Parish



Meet fellow parishioners

**Get more involved in the activities of our Parish
and share your talents**



ALL ARE WELCOME!

