

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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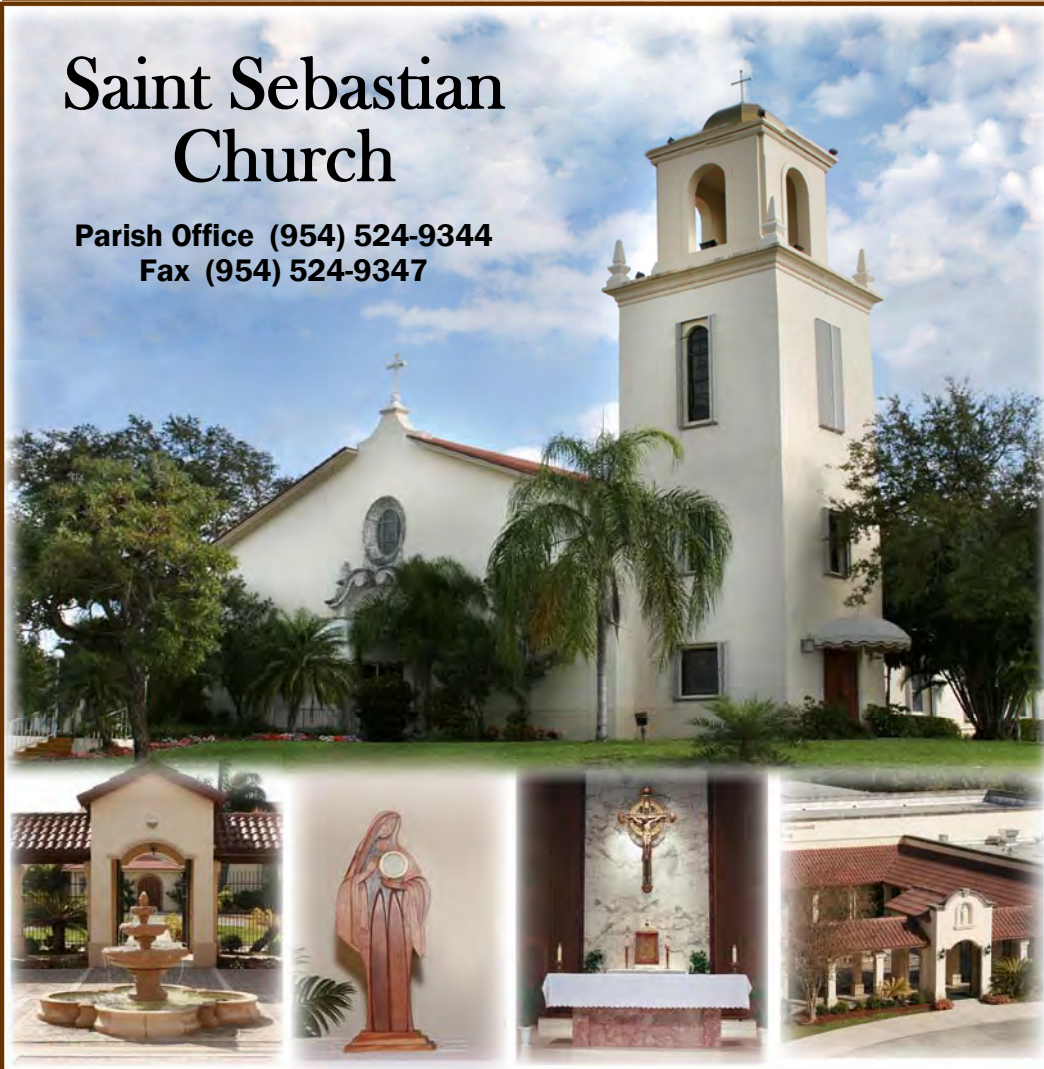
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Saint Sebastian Church

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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

Rev. Msgr. James F. Fetscher
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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



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,

Blessed! A Blessed 2023. That's my prayer and my wish for all of you. What will make 2023 blessed for you? I tried to make a little list for myself just to see what it would look like. Let's all agree we'd like world peace, which is what every Miss America pageant winner says she wants. I'm long beyond winning a beauty pageant. (In fact, there was little chance of me ever winning a beauty pageant, although I did have curly blond hair as a kid.)

My mind flirted with some building maintenance issues. Just this morning Patricio found a patch of water in my backyard we can't explain.

But stuff like that didn't even really come close to making my "list." Pretty quickly, my mind went to people. I'm thinking of the friends I have that are very important to me and help me maintain a sense of humor as well as balance in my life. Keeping them and developing them in the coming year definitely tops my list. Part and parcel of that wish is knowing that it will only be with God's Spirit prompting me, that I'll be able to treat them with care, and have gratitude for them throughout the year.

In fact, I just made a phone call to one and received one as well. The one I received was from Father Bill Mason, OMI, who is retired now. You'll never guess where, an Oblate parish in Buffalo. They never lost power during the storm even though they have a huge pile of snow in front of their garage. Fortunately, two days after Christmas, he could walk across the street to a food market that finally was able to open.

I just got another item for my list: "Thank you, Jesus, for letting me live in South Florida!" Gives a whole new meaning to **Blessed!**

As I ponder what else might bless my 2023, I realize how different my list of blessings seem to be if I had done something like this 20 or 40 year ago.

Maybe the folk who are traveling in the same age group as I am might also agree that some things just don't seem as important as we used to think they were. It's not that we forget things, although we do. I think it is more a case of maybe actually thinking a little more maturely about things.

I also think this year will definitely be a time when I will choose not to hold on to memories of past hurts or slights or whatever negatives occurred.

If I'm getting prepared to make what I hope will be a celestial journey in the not too distant future, I sure as heck need to throw the out baggage that weighs me down. Don't worry. I don't have any particular health issues to deal with other than diabetes, creaking knees, and maybe a few too many pounds. But let's face it; 81 is not 21.

As I think about 2023 and calling it blessed, I have this image of God holding a huge holy water sprinkler and carefully letting the blessed drops fall on the earth. I love the line in Eucharistic Prayer II that prays, "Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, that they may become the Body and Blood ...of your Son."

What a great image of God's prompting: 'like the dewfall.' There have been times when the Lord has also managed to give me less gentle prods in the rear end when I needed it, but mostly I'm hoping that 2023 will bring a lot of *holy* falling dew.

So, in addition to the Happy Christmas I hope you had, now you can add Happy New Year and know the Lord wants to do everything we will let Him do to make it **Blessed!**

In Jesus, the Lord of Time,

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	December 31 Living & Deceased of our Parish
Sunday 8:30 am	January 1 † Dolores Hesse Fink, req. by Sandra Polselli † Pasquale Polselli, req. by Sandra Polselli
11:00 am	Peace in Ukraine
Monday 8:30 am	January 2 † Peter Hanna, req. by Mary Kennedy
Tuesday 8:30 am	January 3 Priests of our Archdiocese
Wednesday 8:30 am	January 4 † Sisters Mary and Marguerite
Thursday 8:30 am	January 5 Peace in Ukraine
Friday 8:30 am	January 6 † Eleanor Kieff, req. by Judy Fisher
Saturday 5:00 pm	January 7 † Thomas Caron, req. by Don Bourke † Ann Rentoumis, req. by Mimi Bauer † Jean Korosh, req. by Fuccillo Family
Sunday 8:30 am	January 8 † Kevin Rebholz, req. by Men's Club Living & Deceased of our Parish
11:00 am	† Carole Macneir, req. by Family

REMEMBER THE SICK

Mary Lou Mann, Suzanne Plum, Don Loughran, Jr., Jim Cowgill, Jr., Sandy Rodrigues, John Harris, Stephen Black, Mary Alice Zittle, Alvaro Arevalo, Michelline Toulouse, Kari Albertson, Paul Ristow, Ed Fetscher, Margaret Donato, Ted Petoniak, Matt Keyzers, Sister Maire O'Dea, Loretta Polizano, Judy Flood, Sister Frances Voss, O.S.C., Rae Pietrzak, Tom Casey, Tom Drohan, Charles Benoit, Rob Messerschmidt

IN MEMORIUM

+ PETER HANNA +
December 26, 2022

May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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.

EUCHARISTIC 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!

Friday, January 20, 2023

Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by Men's Club

Saturday, March 11, 2023

Luncheon at Tropical Acres sponsored by Council of Catholic Women

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New Years Resolution number one: Let's increase our weekly contributions of non-perishable food and hygiene items for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank. What a difference that would make to ensure that the needy in Fort Lauderdale have the bare necessities that we so take for granted. To care is to share! ***If you know of anyone in need, please let them know that The St. Vincent De-Paul 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.***



MEN'S CLUB NEWS

VOLUNTEER MEETING on Tuesday, January 3rd at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall for Spaghetti Dinner. Come and plan to help!

GENERAL MEETING on Thursday, January 5th at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall. Elections for Vice President and Secretary, as well as updates on Spaghetti Dinner planning will take place. Coffee & doughnuts will be served.



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 are on the ground ready. Across Ukraine and in bordering countries, they 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.

In this New Year#

May the **WILL** of **GOD** 
take you, where the
GRACE of **GOD**
will keep you, where the arms
 of God will support you,
where
the **WISDOM** of **GOD**
will teach you, and may the
POWER of **GOD** ^{protect}
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today and all of your tomorrows.