

# Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

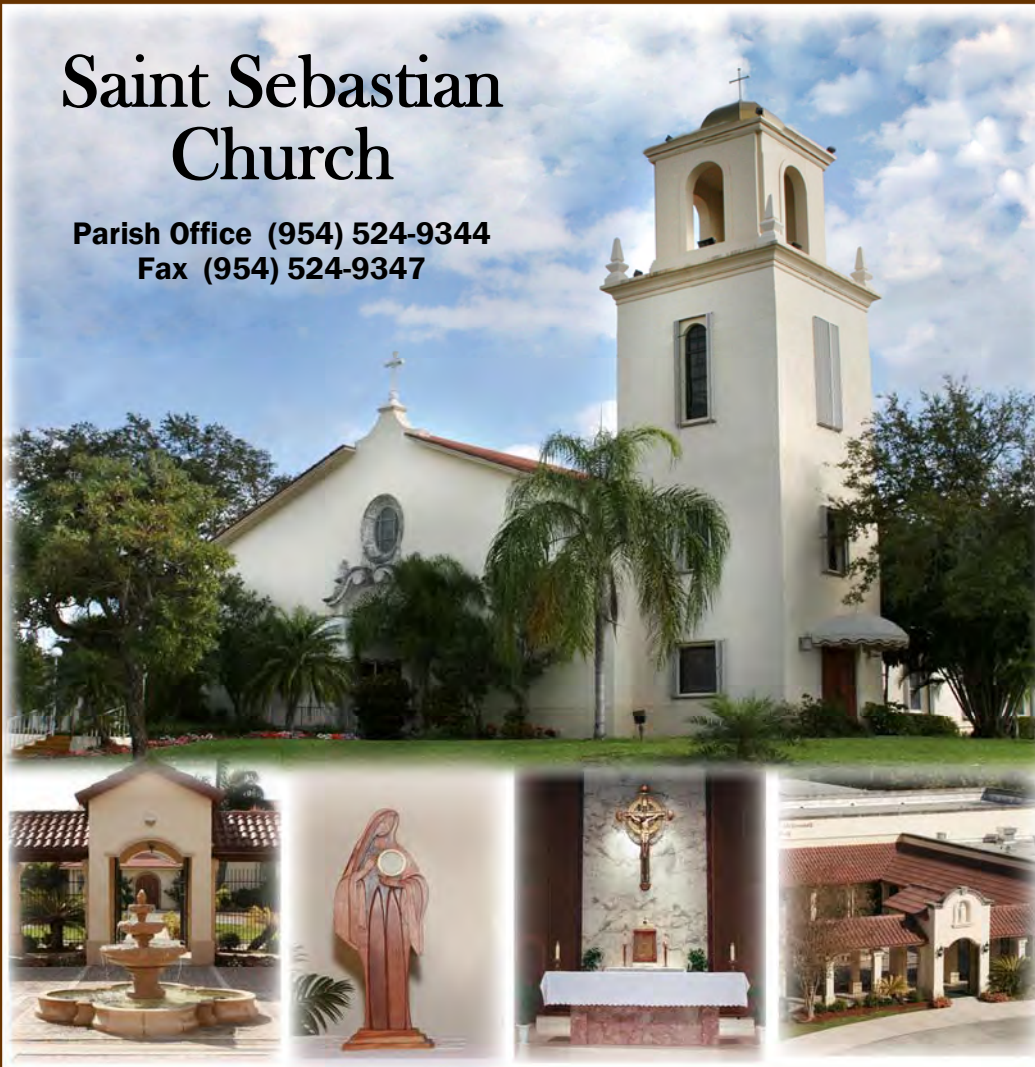
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## Saint Sebastian Church

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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

Rev. Msgr. James F. Fetscher  
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### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Nancy Adams  
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Patrick O'Dea  
Connie Reed  
Chuck Wobby

**PARISH WEBSITE:**  
[stsebastianfl.org](http://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,

The Thesaurus offers some 20 or so synonyms for the word 'Ordinary.' Nearly all of them are unexciting words. In fact, they are boring, except perhaps for one word, and that word is 'normal.'

Today is the second Sunday in Ordinary Time. Ordinary time is all the days between the various seasons of the year. We just finished Advent/Christmas, and we are on our way to Lent/Easter. The time in between is called ordinary.

For us believers, however, there is really nothing normal at all about this time. We just emerged from a celebration of when Jesus became one of us. Now that He has, things are very different.

The scriptures we hear this weekend sure point that out.

Isaiah: **"I will make you a light to the nations."**

Ps. 40: **"Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."**

Paul to the Galatians: **"...you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy,"**

John: **"...A man is coming after me... he is the Son of God."**

There's not much about those ideas that is ordinary for me, and I suspect it's the same for you. At least I hope so. Sometimes our problem is that we get so used to the idea of all the events and truths of our story of salvation, we too easily can take them for granted, and then all the other meanings for ordinary besides 'normal' kick in.

I'm writing this *Twitch* last Thursday. I've been a little under the weather so I came over from the rectory to my office to write. It is (was) an incredible day. I couldn't just hit the office, and I got out a rosary and decided to say it early. I slowly rode around the church as I usually do, but in the daylight, there were a lot more things to see. I tried

not to be *too* distracted but it was hard.. The air was clear, the sky was sharply blue.

Then I noticed one of our iguanas. He seemed to be older, but he was making his way along the (moldy) roof tiles of our McDonnell center. He finally made it to the entrance gates and perched, as many in the past have done, right behind the Blessed Mother's statue and then angled himself to get as much sun as he could. I realized that this weekend was going to be really bad for him. I even thought about putting him in the office for the weekend but realized that would be a *very* bad idea. (By the way... help is coming for the mold.)

I saw a hawk circling over the hall and wondered if he was eyeing his dinner. (The iguana, not me.) As I rode my little chair around the sanctuary building, I was amazed to find a group of four hawks pecking something. They hopped around a little when they saw me coming but kept on pecking. Then the four of them jumped into the lower branches of the tree they were lurching under. I've never seen that before, not in lower branches.

Are you wondering what the connection might be between the first part of this *Twitch* and iguanas and hawks?

The place is utterly still but for the breeze. No one is here. Patricio was already gone, and Annie has Thursday off (not nearly enough.)

Normally I would never have really noticed skies and iguanas and hawks. But things that seem 'ordinary' suddenly took on an extraordinary meaning for me. I was seeing them in a unique combination that made me think about the extraordinary gift I have been given in friendship with Jesus. "I no longer call you servants... I call you friends." That *call* is what empowers my weak knees but my willing spirit.

Happy Ordinary Time. In Jesus



**Mass Intentions**

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>January 14</b> † Lloyd Potter, req. by Jarchow Family † David Horney, req. by Don Bourke
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am 11:00 am	<b>January 15</b> † Dolores Fink, req. by Sandra Polselli Living & Deceased of our Parish
<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>January 16</b> † Sister Mary Rowley
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>January 17</b> † Charlotte Newbury † David Horney, req. by Don Bourke Wellbeing of Barry Hogan, req. by Marcia Hogan
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>January 18</b> † Tim Sargol, req. by Jarchow Family † Paul Garner, req. by John & Sandi Mann † Marie Caron, req. by Don Bourke
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>January 19</b> Peace in Ukraine
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>January 20 - Feast of St. Sebastian</b> Wellbeing of Grace Middlemiss
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>January 21</b> Living & Deceased of our Parish
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am	<b>January 22</b> † Charles & Marie Maher, req. by Family † Mark Collins, Jr., req. by Stephen & Susan Black

**REMEMBER THE SICK**

Mary Lou Mann, Suzanne Plum, Don Loughran, Jr., Jim Cow-

gill, Jr., Sandy Rodrigues, John Harris, Stephen Black, Mary Alice Zittle, Alvaro Arevalo, Michelline Toulouse, Paul Ristow, Ed Fetscher, Margaret Donato, Ted Petoniak, Matt Keyzers, Sister Maire O’Dea, Judy Flood, Sister Frances Voss, O.S.C., Rae Pietrzak, Tom Casey, Tom Drohan, Charles Benoit, Rob Messerschmidt

**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 Cholakakis 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.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

All couples married in the Catholic Church celebrating their first, 25<sup>th</sup>, 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. Mass starts at 5:30pm. For info. and to register, contact Susana Diaz at the Archdiocese of Miami for Parish Life at 305-762-1127 or email at sdiaz@theadom.org.

Save the Date! <<<<<<<<<>>>>>>>>

**Friday, January 20, 2023**  
Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by Men’s Club

**Weekend of January 28-29, 2023**  
St. Vincent de Paul truck scheduled to be in our parking lot.

**Weekend of February 4-5**  
Trinkets & Treasures  
Sponsored by Council-Catholic Women

**Friday, February 17, 2023**  
Fish Fry

**Ash Wednesday, February 22**

**Sunday, February 26 - Movie “Lifemark”**

**March 4-7 - Parish Mission**

**Saturday, March 11, 2023**  
Paddy-Joe Luncheon at Tropical Acres sponsored by Council-Catholic Women

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*“For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, open up your hand to your brother, to the needy and poor in your land.” (Deuteronomy 15:11).* Rather strong words from God concerning our obligation to contribute to the needs of our neighbors. Let’s fill our church shopping carts weekly with non-perishable food and hygiene items. 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 33<sup>rd</sup> Street and will be closed at 3:45). First timers must provide proof of residency in Broward County.***



**PADDY-JOE LUNCHEON**

To celebrate St Patrick and St Joseph the members of the SSCCW are presenting a Paddy-Joe Fest. This annual Luncheon will be held on Saturday March 11th at 11:30am at Tropical Acres. There will be live entertainment, a choice of Italian or Irish cuisine, raffles and lots of fun. Tickets are \$50.00 each. To make reservations please contact Sandi Mann at 954-235-4005.

**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](http://support.crs.org/ukraine); Phone: 1-877-HELP-CRS; By check: Ukraine Response, Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, Maryland 21297-0303.



# **Men's Club of St. Sebastian Church Hosting Annual**

**SPAGHETTI**  **DINNER**

**Friday, January 20, 2023**  
**Doors open 6:00 pm • Dinner at 6:30 pm**



**Traditional  
Italian Cuisine  
and Live Entertainment**

**\$\$ 50/50 Raffle \$\$**

**Reserved Tables Available**

**Tickets available in the Office or after all Masses**

**Advance Dinner Ticket: \$30**

**No Refunds Please**

**Call to reserve your Table or Individual Tickets (954) 524-9344**

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