

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

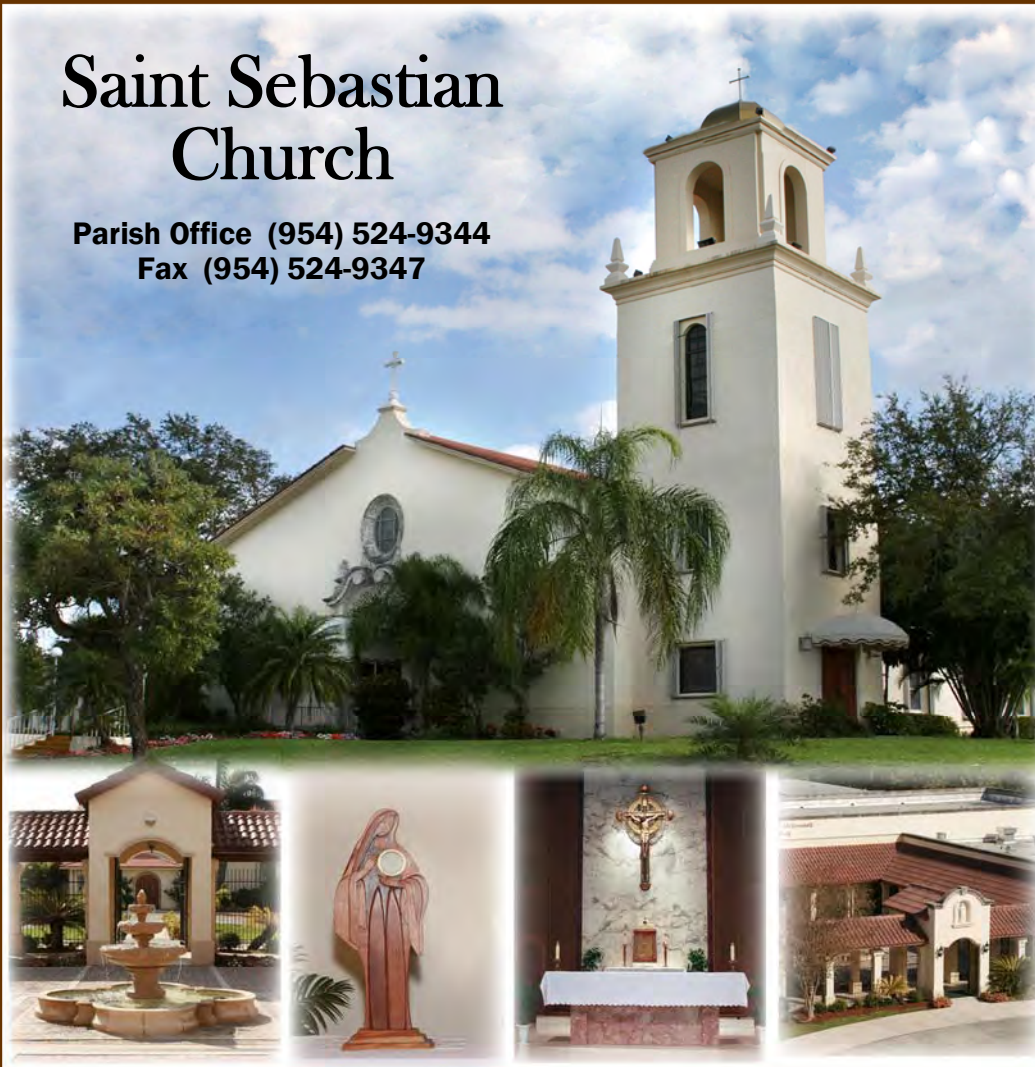
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Saint Sebastian Church

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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)

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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,

Although it technically hasn't happened yet as I write, I am surrounded by all the activity going into preparing our annual **Spaghetti Dinner**, courtesy of the Men's Club. **Osteria Acqua E Farina** is catering our event. I am embarrassed that I haven't eaten there yet, a situation I suspect I will correct with dispatch. They are just north of Davie Boulevard on U.S. 1 on the west side. I don't go that way very often... until now.

When you look at the events that are coming up in the next few months, you really understand the thought that as a seasonal parish we cram a year's worth of activities into six months.

As many of you know through your willingness to help, it isn't hard to get tired. Yet so many of you make "tired" secondary to community. That's what makes all of you very special people insofar as I'm concerned. If it sounds like I'm "blowing smoke," so be it. Maybe that's what you call "Holy Smoke!" OK. I'll quit now.

I'm having a little problem with my eyes. In fact, right now, I'm definitely writing this "by feel." Thank God for Annie. I mention it because it's making me realize once again, just how easy it is to take things for granted. I'm going to put sight on my list of "Thank you, God" items, right below the all-time list header, and that's Annie's ministry to this parish.

Would you believe that as I was writing these words on Thursday, right on cue, a lovely bouquet of flowers arrived for Annie on Thursday, her day off. They were with love from "Your Friends at St. Sebastian."

I saw the following reflection in "Give Us This Day" for January 6th. I have "borrowed" it in the hope it will touch you as it did me.

Beloved Children, Living Icons

The story is told of a Hassidic rabbi who asked his disciples, "What is the greatest sin of all?" They argued among themselves—one group said idolatry; another, violation of the Sabbath; one said desecration of God's name; another, murder. The rabbi listened silently, and when the debate ran its course, he told them that they were all wrong. "There is no greater sin than for you to forget that which is written in Scripture . . . 'You are the children of the Lord, your God' " (Deut. 14:1).

Ultimately, the rabbi said, that forgetting "is the root of all the many sins and all the various wrongdoings which you mentioned."

We forget all the time. We forget that to be a child of God is to be made in his image and likeness. We forget to look on each other with reverence, knowing that we are all living icons. We forget that we are all cherished by the God who created us. God beholds us and sees his beloved creation. God listens and hears the blood of Abel calling out from the tilled soil in which Cain labored (Gen 4:10).

Jesus, like us in all things but sin, never forgot that he was God's beloved Son. That was why he had the power to still the stormy sea, to heal the sick and raise the dead, to give sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf. That is why he could forgive, with his dying breath, even those who did not ask for forgiveness. By the shedding of his blood, and not the blood of another, Jesus reversed the sin of Cain.

May we, who were buried with him in our baptism, be raised by the power of God to walk in newness of life. - Rachelle Linner

And so, remembering all of you with gratitude, I'm yours In Jesus,

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	January 21 Living & Deceased of our Parish
Sunday 8:30 am	January 22 † Charles & Marie Maher, req. by Family † Mark Collins, Jr., req. by Stephen & Susan Black † Sean Michael Kervin, req. by Mom
11:00 am	Wellbeing of Gary Funzi, req. by Grace Middlemiss
Monday 8:30 am	January 23 † George Cooney, req. by Rosemary & Jim Guerin
Tuesday 8:30 am	January 24 † Grace & Murray Toomey, req. by M.L. Toomey † Helen Hellmuth, req. by M.L. Toomey
Wednesday 8:30 am	January 25 † Dottie Kennedy, req. by Grace Middlemiss
Thursday 8:30 am	January 26 † Alesandrina & Sebastiano Recine, req. by Natalina Recine
Friday 8:30 am	January 27 † Steve Tripp, req. by Friends
Saturday 5:00 pm	January 28 † Angelo Recine, req. by Natalina Recine † Marie & Albert Bourke, req. by Don Bourke
Sunday 8:30 am	January 29 † Dolores Hesse Fink, req. by husband, Jack Wellbeing of Mary Kennedy and Wellbeing of Leonard Lizotte, req. by Don Bourke

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, 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 Cholakis facilitating.

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. 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! <

- Weekend of January 28-29, 2023**
St. Vincent de Paul truck scheduled to be here.
- Weekend of February 4-5**
Trinkets & Treasures sponsored by SSCCW
- 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-Tropical Acres sponsored by SSCCW
- Weekend of March 24-26, 2023**-Women's Retreat
Our Lady of Florida-Call Linda 954-604-5507
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"And He assured them, 'whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.'" (Luke 3:11) God is telling us what we must do to provide for the needy in our community. How grateful we are to have the means to do this! Please 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 33rd Street and will be closed at 3:45). First timers must provide proof of residency in Broward County.**



Jesus left a beautiful legacy of love- a unifying love. It is one of the greatest gifts he has given us, and our faith calls us to live out that love by sharing it with others. His love is kind and patient; it is enduring through difficult times and rejoices in the truth. The love we are called to live is not found in career success or material things, but rather is centered on Jesus, and living out his legacy by helping others and holding them in our hearts, as He did. Through the Archbishop's Charities and Development Drive, the ABCD, you help the church bring the gift of God's love to those most in need-above and beyond what happens in your parish.

START YOUR SPRING CLEANING EARLY!
SSCCW will collect items for the Trinkets and Treasures Sale Wednesday-Friday, February 1-3, from 9:00-11:00 am, in the Parish Hall. The sale will be February 4-5.

PADDY-JOE FEST

To celebrate the Feasts of St. Patrick and St. Joseph, the St. Sebastian Council of Catholic Women are presenting a Paddy-Joe Fest on Saturday, March 11 at 11:30am at Tropical Acres. Enjoy an all new Irish/Italian musical presentation by professional entertainers, a choice of Irish or Italian cuisine, sing-a-longs, raffles and lots of fun. **EVERYONE IS INVITED.** Tickets are \$50. Reservation forms will soon be available at Church and in the Office. Deadline is March 1. Contact Sandi Mann at 954-235-4005 for more information.

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.

HERE I AM, LORD

I WILL GO *Lord,* IF YOU LEAD ME

AQUÍ ESTOY, SEÑOR
YO IRÉ *Señor,* SI ME GUÍAS

MEN MWEN, GRANMET
M'AP ALE *Granmet,* SI OU GIDE M'

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