

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

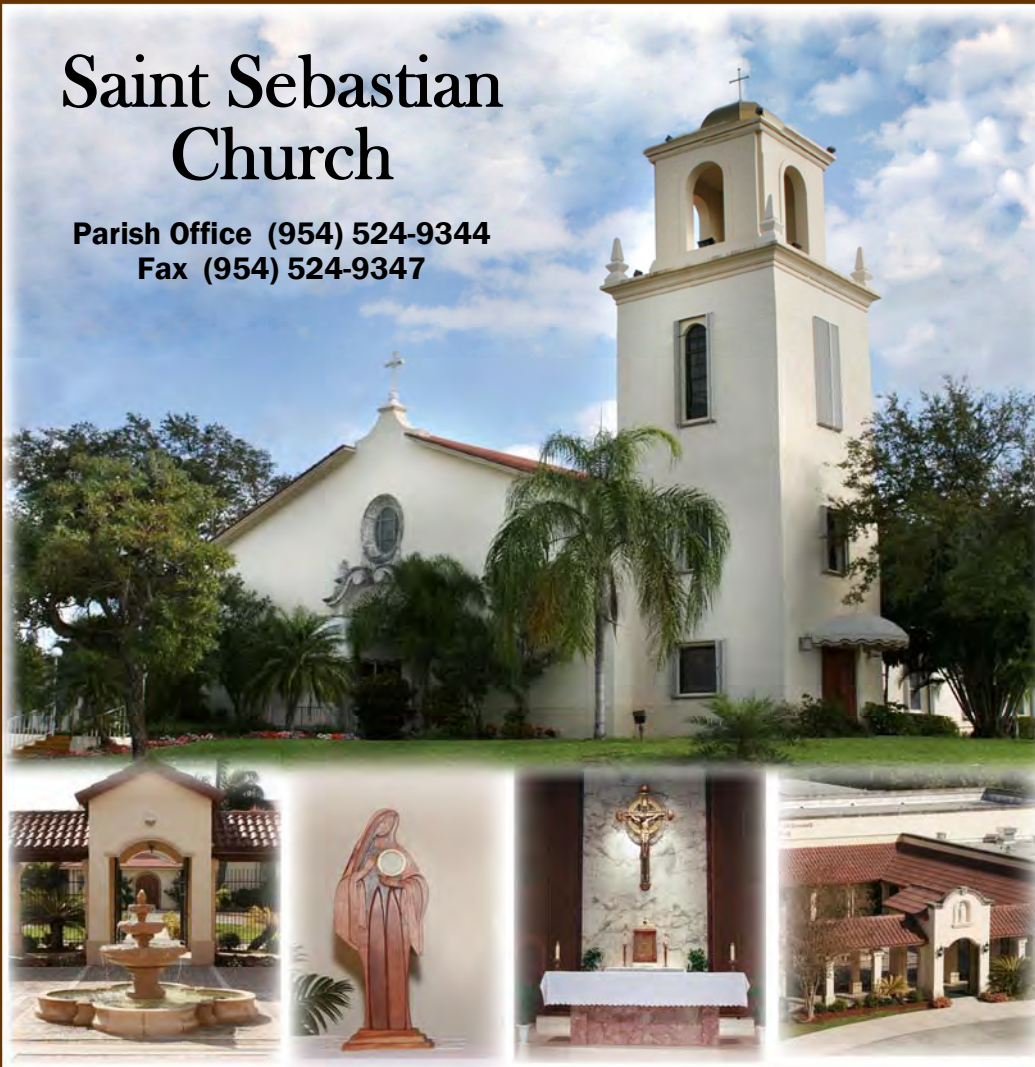
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MASSES

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,

Visions of meatballs are still dancing in my head as I continue to think wonderful thoughts about the Spaghetti Dinner. What a great way to celebrate St. Sebastian's feast day. Again, I thank all the men and women who made it work under the aegis of the Men's Club and Ed Rebholz.

A very special thanks, also, to Marie Barbagallo. I didn't know it at the time, but it turns out she made the desserts! Her rice pudding, her home baked biscotti, and her cannolis stuffed with her own filling were delightful. Talk about having folks you like who can also cook as friends!!!

I know the dinner takes the work of many people who work in the background. I hear the Lord saying to them, "Well done, good and faithful servants... Come share your master's joy." In His operations, absolutely no one is nameless or faceless. A dear former parishioner (and hard worker) used to tell me, "If you give me all the praise here, there won't be any left to get up there" as she pointed to heaven.

Praise issues aside, what does it take to win the Lord's blessing? Funny you should ask, because as it happens, this week's gospel begins our prayerful consideration of the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew, chapters five through seven. We have four ordinary Sundays before Lent begins and we will barely make it to the end of chapter five.

We hear how people will be blessed because of the attitudes they developed and the actions they took as a result of being blessed. There is a bit of a chicken/egg issue here. Are you blessed because you are a peacemaker or does blessing make you a peacemaker." In other words, do we work to be blessed, or do we reflect God's blessings given us (in Baptism for example) by doing works, as last Sunday's prayer said, ..."abounding in good works."

I really like the second approach. That way of thinking simply celebrates the ongoing friendship Jesus wants to have with me, and I sure want to have with him.

Next Sunday we have commitment Sunday for the **ArchBishop's Charities Drive (ABCD)**. As many of you know, it is the annual appeal of the Archdiocese to help our various outreach ministries as well as to help the poorer parishes that all of us support as part of the Church of Miami.

In a special way, I also want to appeal to visitors and seasonal folk. South Florida is a wonderful mecca for vacationers and seasonal residents. We rarely think of South Florida in ways that include another reality, namely, the poor that are here as well as those who are better off. Many dioceses around the country have annual appeals. Perhaps you might prorate your special appeals budget according to how much time you spend in each place, north and south.

And last but not least, we are talking about the possibility of coming up with a new **Parish Photo Directory**. We think we can produce it in house. There is something really nice about connecting a name with a face. After a while you get sort of embarrassed asking someone for their name when you've been saying hello to them for a long time.

We will ask you to take a "selfie" and we'll give you the address to which you can send it. If you wish, you will also be able to list your phone number and email, or neither if you prefer. More details to come.

Years ago, I had the privilege of working with a group of Cuban young adults, **Amor en Acción**. I ask your prayers for one of their founders, Alicia Marill, a saintly woman.

In Jesus,



Mass Intentions

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
11:00 am	Living & Deceased of our Parish
Monday 8:30 am	January 30 † Maria & Antonio Giancarli, req. by Natalina Recine
Tuesday 8:30 am	January 31 † Patricia & Larry Piertzak, req. by Family
Wednesday 8:30 am	February 1 † Frank Kerba, req. by Mona & Laurice † Michael Middlemiss, req. by Grace Middlemiss
Thursday 8:30 am	February 2 † Arthur Cholakis, Sr., req. by Bible Buddies
Friday 8:30 am	February 3 Wellbeing of Jim & Gwen Walsh
Saturday 5:00 pm	February 4 † Pasquale Pollselli, req. by Sandra Polselli † James Curley, req. by his wife † Ed O’Gorman, req. by Betty
Sunday 8:30 am	February 5 † Jena LeRichie, req. by Elli Hurst Wellbeing of Jacob Krasne, req. by Family
11:00 am	Living & Deceased of our Parish

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, Matt Keysers, Sister Maire O’Dea, Judy Flood, Sister Frances Voss, O.S.C., Rae Piertzak, Tom Casey, Charles Benoit, Rob Messerschmidt, Mary Pat Connolly

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! <

- 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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In the words of Jesus, “it is more blessed to give than to receive.” For us who have received so many blessings, we must share these blessings with the needy in our community. Let’s increase our weekly contributions of non-perishable food and hygiene items and feel the goodness of giving. 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.**



It is not enough to say we are Christians: we must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions. You are invited to give a gift of hope- a genuine act of love- by opening your hearts in support of the ABCD and donating today. Every gift makes a difference and changes lives. Every gift opens the door to a better tomorrow, a better life, and a more hopeful future. Even a small gift can make a big difference. Individually, we can change our own life, but together, we can change the world.

START YOUR SPRING CLEANING EARLY!

SSCCW will collect items for the Trinkets and Treasures Sale this 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.

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 Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral on Saturday, Feb. 18th to receive a blessing from Archbishop 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 Office for Parish Life at 305-762-1127 or email at sdiaz@theadom.org.

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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GIFT OF**
God's Love
**TO THOSE
MOST IN NEED**

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