

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

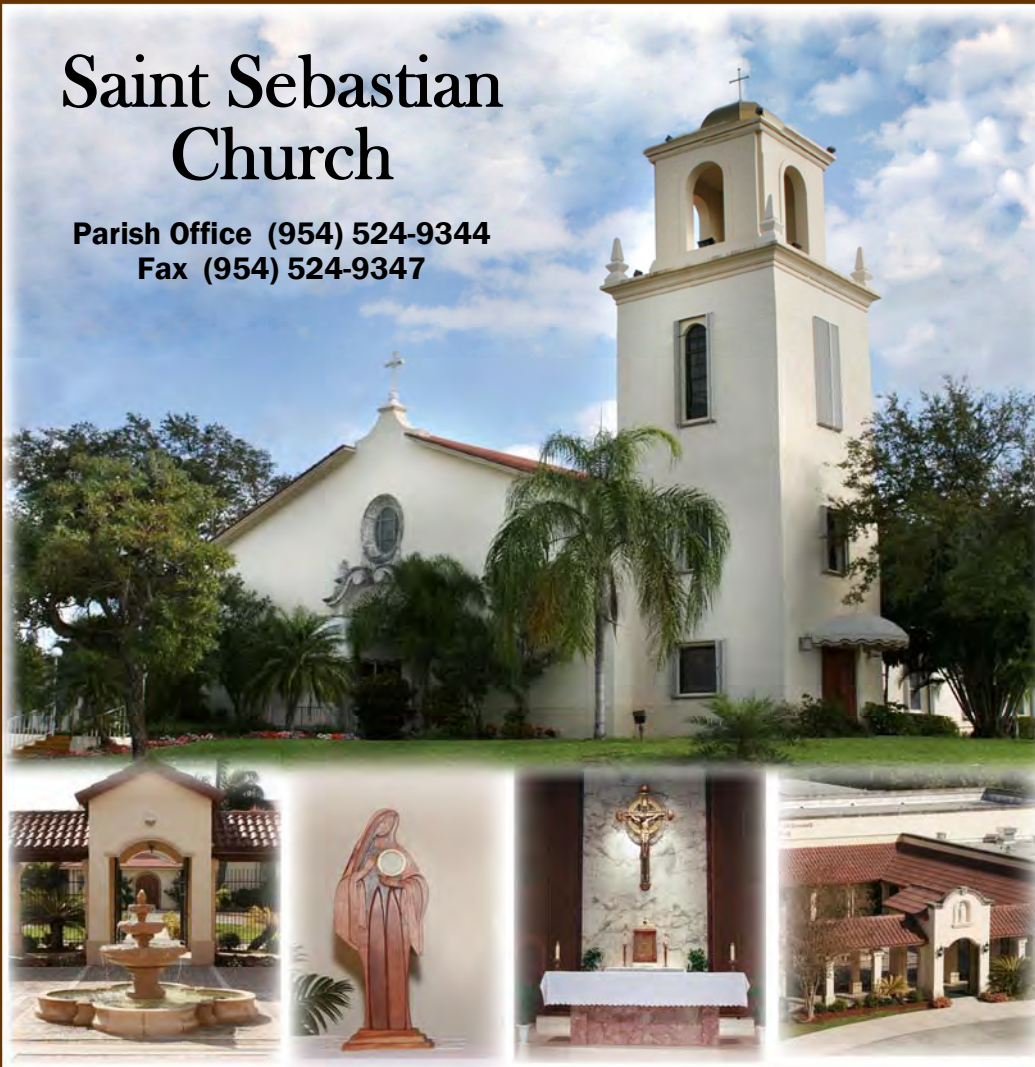
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MASSES

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,

Lent arrives on this (Ash) Wednesday. (I still have some Christmas ornaments to put away.)

Now begins the time when we prayerfully focus on getting ready for the Feast of Easter. Easter is at the very core of who we are as followers of Jesus. "And if Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, your faith." (I Cor. 15:14)

FAST AND ABSTINENCE IN LENT

No Meat for everybody over 14 years old on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting means one full meal and two smaller meals in the day. It applies to people in good health between 18 and 59. Our two fast days are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. We are encouraged to extend that fasting to Holy Saturday.

These holy practices help us remember that we are dependent on things outside ourselves for our well-being. Our ultimate dependence is on the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. We have life because he gave His.

In a similar way, what can happen when we give up something of ourselves? For example, when I'm hungry, giving up the need to eat. Giving up that meal, that snack, also might help me think about people the world over who are starving. Can our hunger remind us of the ways in which we can be a part of feeding those people.

...Which brings me to another aspect of Lenten practices. We need to work at moving beyond "giving up" things, to "doing for" people.

But often those two can work together. For example, writing this *Twitch* reminded me to make a donation to Feeding South Florida. I'm not going to beat this topic to death.

Just ask God in the coming three days to let you really get into the spirit of Lent 2023. Who can you reach out to who hasn't been in your life recently?

How many folk have been distanced by COVID-19? What thorn in your side needs to be acknowledged as also having a rose attached? You get the idea.

Each Friday night during Lent we will have **Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m.** After the Stations we will have a simple supper, EXCEPT for this Friday (when McDonnell Hall will be in use for the reception following Jim Cowgill's 4:00 p.m. funeral. To Jim and Lourdes, Jim's parents, and to his wife Marlene and their great kids Ashlyn and J.T. our thanks for sharing him with us.)

Simple suppers will begin on March 3rd.

Although technically it hasn't happened for me yet, by the time you read this we will all have been blessed with a great **Fish Fry**. Past experience promises me the best. **Elli Hurst** called in to be scheduled for frying, and as I said before, **15th Street Fisheries** was her family. If anyone knows a little bit about fish it will be Elli. **Simon Rave** signed up to join her in the frying. Also, to all the folk who set up and decorated (Judy and Leo and many others) our heartfelt thanks.

It's not only about raising a few dollars for paying the light bills. The Fry is also a wonderful opportunity to gather in the community. Folk often bring neighbors and that helps us extend our hospitality. I'm almost afraid to say the following for fear of jinxing it, but I really hope and expect will have our kitchen for the next Fish Fry. Hope.

It's not too early to begin saying a few prayers for Father Tom Boyer who is coming on March 4th to begin our Lenten Parish Mission. I'm hoping for a Spirit-filled three days that will increase our gratitude for the Lord's love. May Fr. Tom deepen us in our appreciation of our faith.

In Jesus,



Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	February 18 Living & Deceased of our Parish
Sunday 8:30 am	February 19 † Dolores Hesse Fink, req. by husband, Jack People of Ukraine, req. by Maryellen Maher
11:00 am	† Bibi Lluch, req. by Josephine Valdes
Monday 8:30 am	February 20 † Marge Queenan, req. by Kaye Drohan
Tuesday 8:30 am	February 21 † Paul McGrath, req. by Kaye Drohan
Wednesday 8:30 am	February 22 - ASH WEDNESDAY † Patricia Fucci, req. by Kay Drohan Wellbeing of Gregg Bennett, req. by Grace Middlemiss
6:00 pm	Living & Deceased of our Parish
Thursday 8:30 am	February 23 † Father Bob Gargiulo
Friday 8:30 am	February 24 People of Syria, Turkey & Ukraine
Saturday 5:00 pm	February 25 † Jerry Blavat, req. by Rosemary & Jim Guerin † Jean Karosh, req. by Fuccillo Family † Billy Fuccillo, req. by Fuccillo Family
Sunday 8:30 am	February 26 † Jim Cowgill, Jr.
11:00 am	Living & Deceased of our Parish

REMEMBER THE SICK

Mary Lou Mann, Suzanne Plum, Don Loughran, Jr., Sandy Rodrigues, John Harris, Stephen Black, Mary Alice Zittle, Alvaro Arevalo, Michelline Toulouse, Paul Ristow, Ed Fetscher, Margaret Donato, Matt Keysers, Sister Mairé O’Dea, Judy Flood, Sister Frances Voss, O.S.C., Rae Pietrzak, Tom Casey, Charles Benoit, Rob Messerschmidt, Mary Pat Connolly. Joan Cooney

**+ JAMES “JIM” COWGILL, JR. +
February 10, 2023**

May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
Funeral Mass will be on Friday, February 24, 2023 at 4:00 pm at St. Sebastian with a reception following in the Parish Hall. Family requests bright clothing.

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.

TRINKETS & TREASURES

SSCCW wants to thank those who donated & purchased items from our sale. A special thanks to our 34 volunteers who worked this event. This event generated over \$3,200.

- > Save the Date! <**
- Sunday, February 19 - Bloodmobile will be here**
 - Ash Wednesday, February 22**
 - Sunday, February 26 - Movie, “Lifemark”**
 - Wednesday, March 1 - “Send a Selfie” deadline**
 - March 4-7 - Parish Mission**
 - Saturday, March 11, 2023 Paddy-Joe Fest- Tropical Acres sponsored by SSCCW**
 - Weekend of March 24-26, 2023-Women’s Retreat Our Lady of Florida-Call Linda 954-604-5507.**
 - Weekend of March 25-26 - St. Vincent de Paul truck here**

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WEDNESDAY IS ASH WEDNESDAY!

This Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Masses at St. Sebastian will be celebrated at 8:30 am and 6:00 pm. Ashes will be distributed at the end of each Mass.

‘He who is generous will be blessed for he gives some of his food to the poor.’ (Proverbs 22:9). We are so blessed with our ability to share our non-perishable food and hygiene items with the needy in our city. Fill our shopping carts with these items. To care is to share.



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 that love by sharing it with others. His love is kind and patient; it is selfless and humble; it is enduring through difficult times and rejoices in the truth. The love we are called to live is centered on helping others.... Through your support of the ABCD, you help our Catholic Church here in South Florida reach out to those brothers and sisters Jesus speaks about in the Gospel. We are humbled by your generosity and support of the Archbishop’s Charities and Development Drive (ABCD). Your sacrificial generosity truly bears witness to our faith and the essence of being an embodiment of the Church. If you have yet to make your gift, please donate today!

PADDY-JOE FEST

IT’S HERE! Don’t miss out! Reservation forms for the Paddy-Joe Fest are inserted in this bulletin! Celebrate the Feasts of St. Patrick and St. Joseph with live entertainment, Irish and Italian food, sing-alongs, gift basket raffles, fun and laughs. Everyone is invited.

TROPICAL ACRES * SATURDAY, MARCH 11 * 11:30-3:00
Reservation Deadline - Wednesday March 1. Reservations can be mailed or dropped off at Parish Office. Call Sandi Mann 954.235.4005 for more info.

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

“SEND A SELFIE”

Remember to email a selfie of members of your household to stsebastianfl@gmail.com to be included in our Parish Photo Directory! Include the names of those in the photo. Also include your email and phone number if you’d like that information published in the directory. **The deadline for selfie submission is Wednesday, March 1.** Call the office for help!

Join us for Free Movie, Pizza & Ice cream!



“LIFEMARK”

A heart-warming true story about secrets, family love, repentance, adoption and redemption. Join us for movie, discussion, pizza, ice cream and fellowship on

February 26, 2023 @ 2pm
At St Sebastian Parish Hall.