

First Sunday of Lent

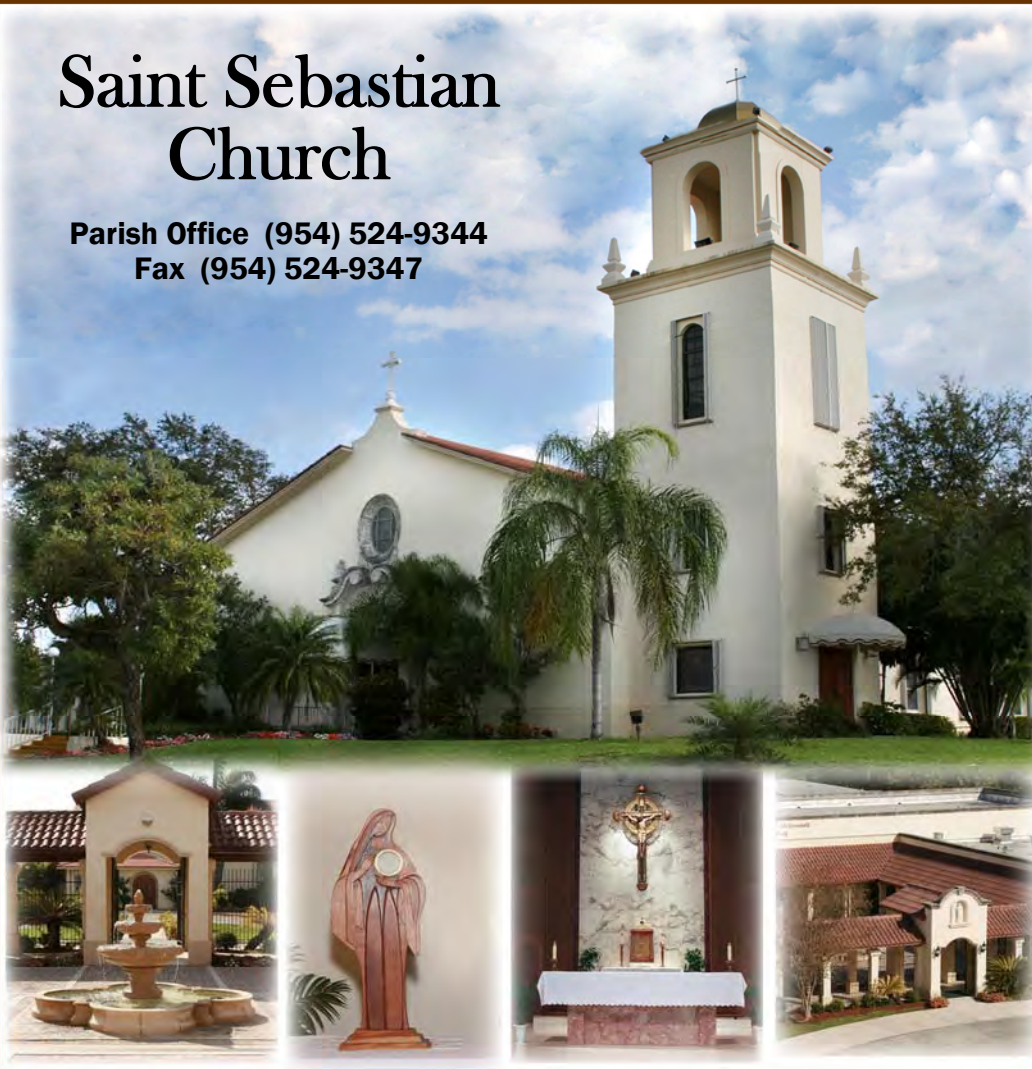
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Saint Sebastian Church

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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

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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,

On the first Sunday of Lent, it might seem odd to head this *Twitch* with Easter Eggs and the Spring greenery. But really, that's what Lent is all about. We are starting off on a journey of renewal and our goal is new life, and indeed, eternal life.

On this journey we work to bring new growth to ourselves and to the dry patches around us.

It's fun to watch the first blossoms on the crepe myrtle around McDonnell Center. It won't be long before the tabebuia argenta, the japonica, and the poinciana start doing their stuff.

Lent is the time to begin anticipating Easter blooms as well. What growth do you want to see in your spirit?

When you received your ashes last Wednesday, you heard "Repent and believe in the gospel." Those words tell us how to fertilize that spiritual garden of yours.

Every Lent the gospel reading for the first Sunday is always the story of Jesus being tempted in the desert. On subsequent Sundays we hear the stories of the Transfiguration, the woman at the well, the man born blind, the raising of Lazarus.

Although I doubt you lay awake wondering about it, something to know is that these five gospels can be used every year in Lent, even though we have a three year cycle. Why? They express fundamental insights into the mission of Jesus and our mission as well. Matthew starts us off.

By happy coincidence, next weekend we welcome Father Tom Boyer for our parish mission, March 4-7. Write down these times for his talks.

Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

On Monday and Tuesday, the same talk after 8:30 a.m. Mass (with coffee) OR at 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Tom wrote this description of our mission.

"A difficult and challenging time, a time of polarization, a time of rapid change, a time of shifting values and confusing messages. It was Matthew's time and it is still Matthew's time. Our Lenten Mission will be an opportunity to open the Gospel of Matthew and listen to the Word of God we proclaim this year, perhaps like never before.

For the three mission talks, Matthew's splendid masterpiece can draw us deeper into the mystery of the Church and confirm us more powerfully as God's people. Each reflection we will follow Jesus as he makes his way to Jerusalem teaching, feeding, healing, and revealing the Father of Mercy and the Kingdom he came to establish.

Who is Jesus of Nazareth?

What did he have to say?

What does he do?

This is the message Matthew proclaims to us in three parts.

The first part centers on the Infancy, the Baptism and the Temptation. (Who is he?)

The second part is preparation for the Passion. (What did he say?)

The third part is ultimately what it's all about, the Passion, Death and Resurrection. (What does he do?)"

I sincerely hope you will come. Hopefully, all of us hearing the same thing will help us be more clear-sighted as a parish community. What does Jesus want from us at this unique time.

In Him,

Mass Intentions

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. Living & Deceased of our Parish
11:00 am	
Monday 8:30 am	February 27 For the People of Ukraine
Tuesday 8:30 am	February 28 For the People of Syria and Turkey
Wednesday 8:30 am	March 1 † Albert Bourke, req. by Don Bourke
Thursday 8:30 am	March 2 Priests of our Archdiocese
Friday 8:30 am	March 3 Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 5:00 pm	March 4 † Pasquale Polselli, req. by Sandra Polselli † Mary Lou Makey, req. by husband † Claudia Luning, req. by Pietrzak Family
Sunday 8:30 am	March 5 † Jim Cowgill, Jr., req. by Ed & Jill Rebholz
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 Keyzers, Sister Maire O’Dea, Judy Flood, Sister Frances Voss, O.S.C., Rae Pietrzak, Tom Casey, Charles Benoit, Rob Messerschmidt, Mary Pat Connolly. Joan Cooney

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.

“THE FIELD” STARRING PATRICK O’DEA

"THE FIELD", John B. Keane’s dramatic Irish play will be presented at Pine Island Community Center in Davie on March 10 & 11. PATRICK O’DEA has the lead role as the Bull McCabe! Tickets: \$10. Actofdavie.org

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

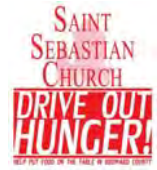
>> SEND US A SELFIE BY WEDNESDAY <<

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 THIS Wednesday, March 1.** Call the office for help!

Save the Date! **Sunday, February 26** - Movie, “Lifemark” 2:00 pm
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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If some of our Lenten sacrifices are in the form of food and drink, let’s spend that money on non-perishable food and hygiene items that are so necessary for the needy families in Ft. Lauderdale. Let’s keep our church shopping carts filled with our Lenten sacrifices. 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.**



We are humbled by your generosity and support of the Archbishop’s Charities and Development Drive (ABCD). Your sacrificial generosity to the ABCD truly bears witness to our faith and helps us to bring Christ to people no matter who they are or where they are. If you have yet to respond to this year’s ABCD, we need you!

WOMEN’S RETREAT

Whatever You Ask In My Name

March 24-26 at Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center. Space is limited. \$50. deposit. 561-626-1300 or www.ourladyofflorida.org. Carpool from the church.

PADDY-JOE FEST

IT’S HERE! Don’t miss out! Reservation forms for the Paddy-Joe Fest are on the back of 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 - THIS Wednesday March 1. Reservations can be mailed or dropped off at Parish Office. Call Sandi Mann 954.235.4005 for more info.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES

The movie, **LIFEMARK**, will be shown this Sunday, February 26th at 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall. There will also be discussion, pizza, ice cream and fellowship. **LIFEMARK** has been described as a heart-warming true story about secrets, family love, repentance, adoption and redemption. All are welcome to attend....and it’s FREE!

PARISH MISSION BEGINS MARCH 4-5

Mark your calendars for our Lenten Parish Mission which begins with the Masses next weekend. Father Tom Boyer will give thought provoking presentations on March 5th, 6th and 7th. Make this Mission part of your Lenten journey!



**St. Sebastian Council of
Catholic Women**
Invites you to celebrate
St. Patrick & St. Joseph



At the

Paddy-Joe Fest



3 Course Lunch, Cash Bar, Gift Baskets,
Cash Raffle and Sing-A-Long



SHARON O'MEARA AND MIKE O'ROURKE

Saturday March 11

11:30 – 3:00pm

Tropical Acres

**2500 Griffin Rd., Ft. Lauderdale, FL
33312**

Order Form - Return before March 1, 2023

Luncheon Tickets* (\$50/ea.) No. _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

(To reserve a table of 8 or 10 the entire amount due must be enclosed with table reserved in one name)



Choose from one of the following for each person

Shepherd's Pie# _____ Chicken Parmesan# _____

Sponsorships**

\$1,000 (8 complimentary lunches)*

\$500 (4 complimentary lunches)*

\$250 (2 complimentary lunches) *

\$150 (1 complimentary lunch) *



Sponsorship \$ _____ Support Donation \$ _____ Total Amount Enclosed _____

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone No. _____

Send order Form and Checks Payable to: SSCCW

St Sebastian Parish, 2000 SE 25th Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316

For more information call Sandi Mann at 954-235-4005

NOTE: * You will receive your ticket(s) at the door

**** Tax Deduction Statements will be sent by email**