

Second Sunday of Lent

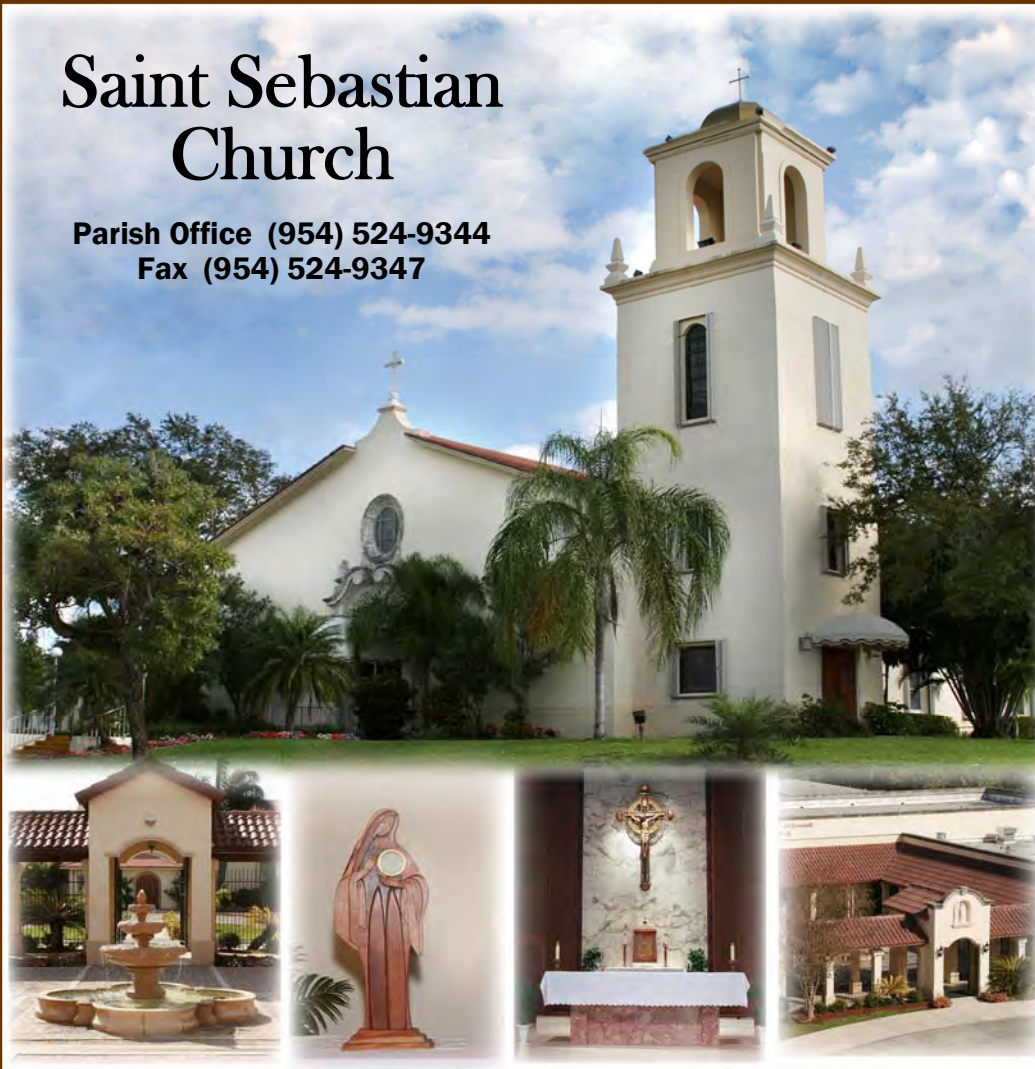
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MASSES

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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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,

We happily welcome Father Tom Boyer to our parish this week to walk with us on a short parish mission.

Last week Fr. Tom sent us a summary of the shape of the mission. You'll recall he posed three questions that Matthew's gospel asks about Jesus:

Who is Jesus of Nazareth?

What did he have to say?

What does he do?

The first talk is on
Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m.

The second and third talks will be on
Monday and Tuesday,
the same talk will be offered after
8:30 a.m. Mass (with coffee) in McDonnell Hall
OR

7:00 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary.

It will be refreshing for me to hear someone else at the microphone.

Today's gospel about the Transfiguration always makes me think about the reaction of the disciples. Peter, James and John, the special friends of Jesus, go up the mountain with him and have the experience of seeing Jesus appear in white shining garments standing with Moses and Elijah. Peter says, "It is good for us to be here." I always felt I would be pretty blown away at this point. But it is not until the Father's voice is heard, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him," that the apostles are terrified and fall flat on the ground.

Then comes the second quote I love: "Do not be afraid." The apostles look up and only Jesus is there.

It's good for me to be here and no matter what happens, including the inevitable unexpected, I won't be afraid. Easier to say than do sometimes...

Gear Shift

I bring you tidings of great joy!!!! **Unto us is born a kitchen.**

The contracts have been approved. I'm very happy that the contractor, Alex Rodriguez, has been awarded the job. He built the shrine for the Blessed Mother mosaic, Our Lady of the Sea. We'll work to start as soon as possible.

As far as I can see, with a little care and planning, we should be able to use the parish hall without interruption.

It has been a long time coming and I am sure that we will finally be able to say that it was worth waiting for. I know 'back when' there were a few "What do we need a kitchen for?" questions, but I am convinced that we will discover why as time goes on. Recall the Kevin Costner's line from the movie, "Field of Dreams," "If you build it, they will come." Instead of 'Fetscher's Folly' may it always be known as 'Sebastian's Surprise.'

David Prada is the supervisor of construction for the Archdiocese. He and his wife Liz have been good friends going back to my St. Louis parish days. He has been recently hospitalized with a serious illness but is on the road to recovery. We will keep him in our prayers. He has shared the 'dream' with me for a while.

Please remember that we have Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 6:00 p.m. followed by Simple Supper. We have gathered a nice variety of the Stations over the years and we rotate them. It's a prayerful journey to make during Lent. Let it always be,

In Jesus,



ABCD Just \$24,397 to go!
We're close! Good Work!

Mass Intentions

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
Monday 8:30 am	March 6 † Jim Cowgill, Jr., req. by Judy Fisher
Tuesday 8:30 am	March 7 For the People of Syria and Turkey
Wednesday 8:30 am	March 8 For the People of Ukraine
Thursday 8:30 am	March 9 Priests of our Archdiocese
Friday 8:30 am	March 10 † Nemesio Reyes, req. by Gisella Reyes Wellbeing of Marcia Hogan, req. by Barry Hogan
Saturday 5:00 pm	March 11 † Living & Deceased of our Parish
Sunday 8:30 am	March 12 † Dolores Fink, req. by Sandra Polselli † James Curley, req. by Wife † Kari Albertson
11:00 am	People of Ukraine, Syria & Turkey

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.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowls – which are at the church doors - families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all. Please consider donating the money you save by your Lenten fasting to the CRS Rice Bowl. Return the filled Rice Bowl at Mass beginning March 26th. We'll combine all the donations and send a check to CRS.

Have a spectacular week!

Save the Date!

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.

March 25-26 - St. Vincent de Paul truck here

During the month of February, the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at Blessed Sacrament Church served 659 clients representing 1954 individuals. They continue to be blessed by the generous donations of cash, gift cards, and non-perishable food items from individuals and surrounding parishes. Thank you for your continued donations to this worthy cause by contributing non-perishable food and hygiene items to our shopping carts. 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.***



PARISH MISSION BEGINS THIS WEEKEND

Mark your calendars for our Lenten Parish Mission which begins at Mass this weekend. **Father Tom Boyer** will speak this *Sunday, March 5th at 4:00 pm*. Additionally, on *Monday and Tuesday (March 6 and 7)*, he will speak after the 8:30 am Mass. The same talk given after Mass will be repeated at 7:00 pm. We hope all parishioners will take this opportunity to open the Gospel of Matthew and listen to the Word of God we proclaim this year, and let it touch our hearts in a new way.

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.

PARISH CRUISE

Scheduled for October 12-27. Ports of call in Mexico, Guatemala, Panama, Aruba and ending in Port Everglades. \$600. deposit due by March 24th. Contact Lou Abitabilo at 570-955-0470 or 570-237-5128 or at labitabilo@dreamvacations.com

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

>> SEND US A SELFIE BY WEDNESDAY <<

Remember to email a selfie of members of your household to tstsebastianfl@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. ***We've extended the deadline for selfie submissions to THIS Wednesday, 3/8...WE WANT YOU INCLUDED!*** Call the office for help.

Thank you to our 2023 A.B.C.D. Supporters

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