

Third Sunday of Lent

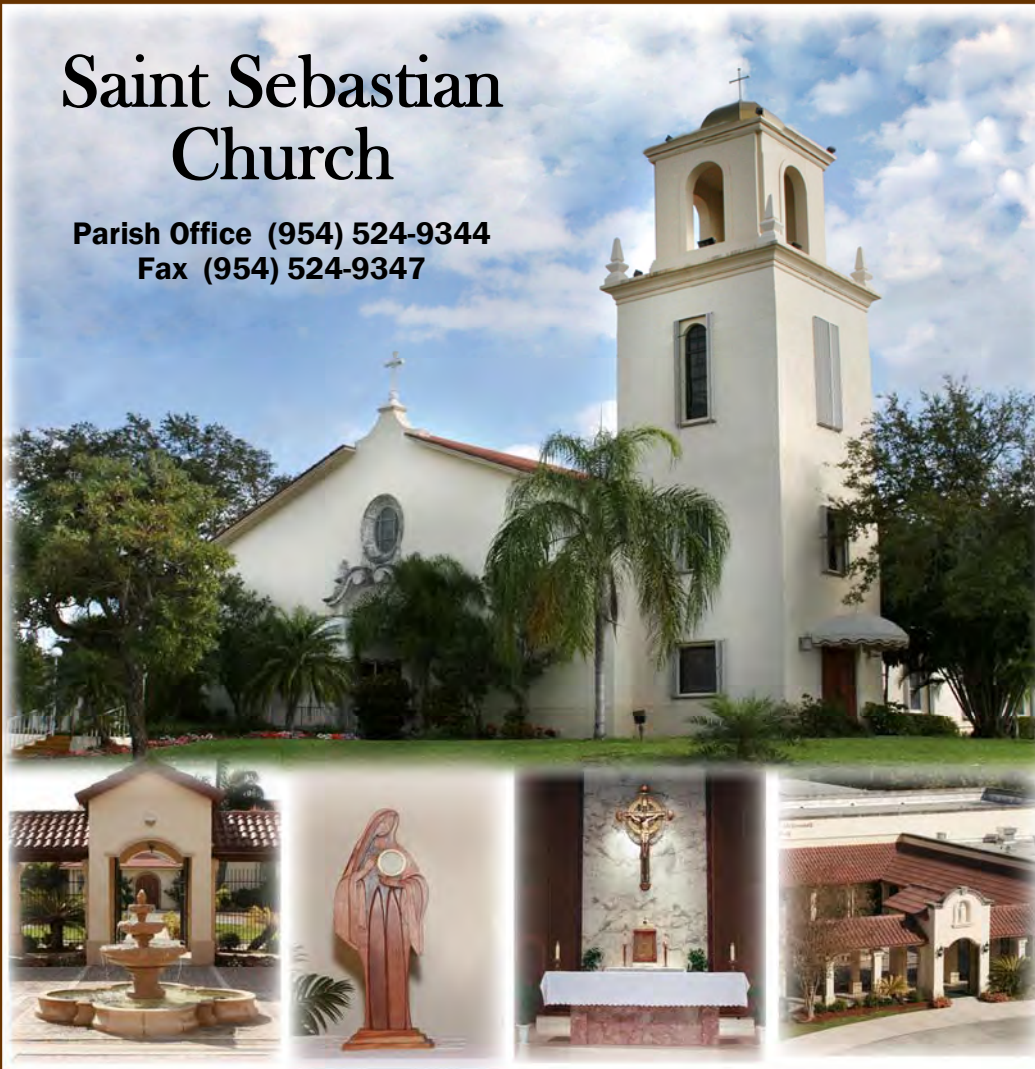
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Saint Sebastian Church

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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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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,

It's hard to believe that tomorrow it will be 10 years! We pray for the Holy Father and his mission, and we give the Lord thanks for his resolution and spiritual leadership.

On a more local level, the Lord surely blessed us with our parish mission. I've known Fr. Tom Boyer for many years, but I think I had forgotten just how good a presenter he is. I almost said 'preacher' but that doesn't do him justice. He didn't speak *at* us but invited us to walk along *with* him.

Our heartfelt thanks to Tom for his time with us, and our thanks to the Lord for him. Tom and I were ordained in the same year (1968.) He has "retired" to Naples from Oklahoma, and he regularly celebrates in parishes around Naples. I'm grateful he is open to being persuaded by his 'friends' to share some of his accumulated wisdom. He redefines retirement.

As I've mentioned to some of you, I don't think about retiring because when I do, I remember it means packing everything up. That's all it takes to kill that idea.

I know it doesn't sound like a pious Lenten thought, but if you have someone who has been a bit of a thorn in your side, have you ever thought about making them your executor? *That* would be getting even! Lord, forgive me.

Getting back to Father Tom, he and I go back many years because of our mutual friendship with Father Wally McGowan with whom I was stationed in Miami. Wally was also originally ordained for Oklahoma. Tom and I can still laugh about Wally's eccentricities. Wally had a Chevy that listed left, and he would drive many blocks to avoid right hand turns, but not even think about getting another car. He had a great cuckoo clock that he would never set but simply wind because he liked the sound of the bird. Time didn't matter.

He was a collector; I mean anything and everything. His stuff spread throughout the rectory and his parish office like a giant amoeba threatening to eat Miami. We cleared his room so that we could keep him at home during his final illness and some great guys in the parish stored his stuff for him.

When he passed away, **at his suggestion**, the parishioners laid out his things in the parish hall for sale. All his knickknacks gathered about \$10,000 for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Fr. Wally's ownership made them valuable.

A P.S. on the story is a conversation that Wally and I had one time about all his stuff. He said to me that all I should pay attention to - I don't know why he presumed he would go before me - was a sideboard cabinet that was an antique and the two gold picture frames which held portraits of his mother and father. That was Wally. I think the cabinet was an accidental acquisition, but the frames definitely were not.

As we contemplate Jesus with the Samaritan woman at the well discussing water and worship and the ways to honor God no matter someone's background, I think it was a very happy coincidence that so many happy memories were the water of my own thoughts as Father Tom's presence brought back great Wally memories.

Father Larry Gillick, SJ, remarked on this week's readings, "Jesus is 'The word' to be heard, 'The Life' to be lived, and 'The Light' to be seen. This Word, Life and Light becomes flesh to speak and be taken in. **This Life is to be lived and shared.** This Light is both to be seen and to be displayed by all who hear, live and see." Like Tom and I were able to do remembering Father Wally.

In Jesus,



Mass Intentions

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
Monday 8:30 am	March 13 Wellbeing of Joseph Casanova, req. by Cooney Family
Tuesday 8:30 am	March 14 † Thomas Sampiere, req. by Stan Coniglio In Thanksgiving
Wednesday 8:30 am	March 15 † Grace & Murray Toomey, req. by M.L. Toomey † Willard Jarchow, req. by Family
Thursday 8:30 am	March 16 Wellbeing of Kenny Fischer, req. by Cooney Family Wellbeing of Steven Fields
Friday 8:30 am	March 17 † Father Pat, req. by Maher Family † Maryjane DiPesa, req. by Patti McGee Wellbeing of Barry Hogan, req. by Marcia Hogan
Saturday 5:00 pm	March 18 Wellbeing of Leo F. McGinity, req. by Grace Middlemiss Wellbeing of Joseph Rubino, req. by Mary Rubino Family Wellbeing of Jeffrey Lamp, req. by Abernethy Family
Sunday 8:30 am	March 19 † Jim Cowgill, Jr., & the wellbeing of his family, req. by Joan Morris † Charles & Marie Maher, req. by Maher Family † George W. Dermakar, req. by Anne Trainor
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

IN MEMORIUM

**+ GUILLERMO TORRES +
March 3, 2023**

May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

SAVE THE DATE!

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

What must it be like to worry if we do not have the means to feed our family? There are many in our city who face this question each day.

With our weekly contributions of non-perishable food, we help supply the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank at Blessed Sacrament

Catholic Church who distribute weekly to those in need. Let's keep those church shopping carts full! 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.**



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. See more information on the back of this bulletin. Contact Lou Abitabilo at 570-955-0470 or 570-237-5128 or at labitabilo@dreamvacations.com

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.

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.

ARCHBISHOP WENSKI GRANTS

DISPENSATION FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY

March 17th is observed by many as St. Patrick's Day. This year March 17 falls on a Friday of Lent, a day of fasting and abstinence. Many have asked for a dispensation from the obligation for fasting and abstinence in order to celebrate this saint who is the patron saint of Ireland and Nigeria.

As Archbishop of Miami, I grant the dispensation to anyone who wishes to observe the saint's day with a meal that includes meat but, at the same time, I encourage those who will avail themselves of this dispensation to consider substituting on that or another day the Lent Friday fast and abstinence with another suitable penance, work of charity, or prayer.

St. Sebastian Church Cruise

**October 12, 2023 16 Day Panama Canal on Holland America Eurodam
sailing from San Diego CA to Ft. Lauderdale, FL**

Ports of Call:

- Puerto Vallarta, Mexico •
 - Huatulco, Mexico •
- Puerto Chiapas (Tapachula), Mexico •
 - Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala •
 - Corinto, Nicaragua •
- Puerto Caldera (Puntarenas), Costa Rica •
 - Enter Panama Canal •
 - Exit Panama Canal •
 - Oranjestad, Aruba •
- Ft. Lauderdale (Port Everglades), Florida

Highlights:

- Exceptional cuisine at Pinnacle Grill, Canaletto, Rembrandt Main Dining Room and innovative Tamarind Restaurant.
- Lincoln Center Onstage, Billboard Onboard, and B.B. King Blues Club new music venues.
- Expanded fitness center and extensive Greenhouse Spa and Salon.
- Outstanding service and terrific entertainment.

Your Package Includes:

Your package includes shipboard accommodations, ocean transportation, entertainment and daily activities, on-board meals and some beverages. It does not include shore excursions, personal expenses, gratuities, insurance, or alcoholic beverages.

Limited Balcony cabins available starting at \$3254 per person, which includes all taxes and fees plus \$175 on board cabin credit. "Have it All" promotion, insurance and transportation not included.

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