

Fifth Sunday of Lent

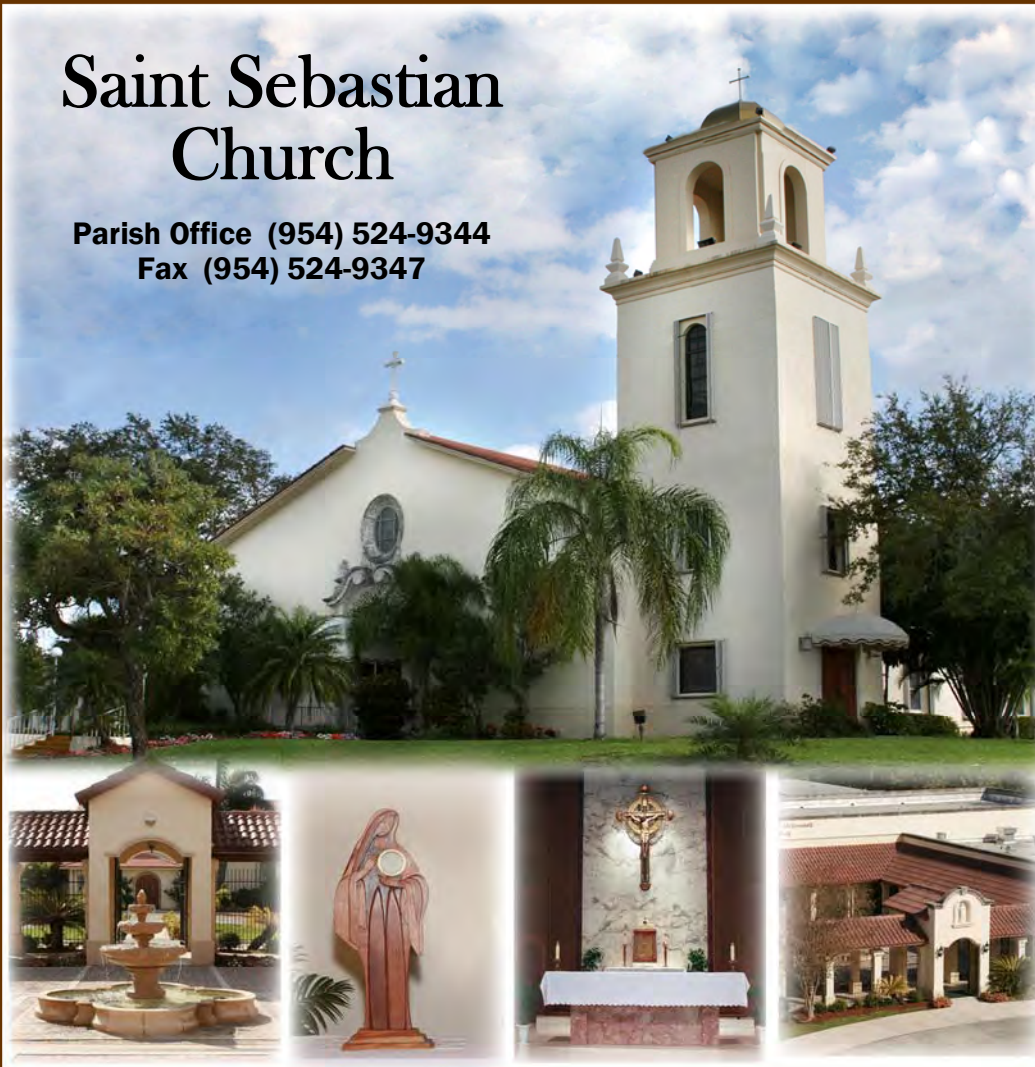
2000 Marietta (S.E. 25th) Avenue

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

info@stsebastianfl.org

Saint Sebastian Church

Parish Office (954) 524-9344
Fax (954) 524-9347



MASSES

Saturday 5 pm
(Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 8:30 & 11 am

Weekdays 8:30 am
(Mon. through Fri.)

Holy Days
(Schedule varies)

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Msgr. James F. Fetscher
Pastor

Miss Anne M. Gardner
Pastoral Assistant

Ms. Judy Fisher
Office Assistant

Mr. Peter J. Manfredi, Jr.
Director of Music
(954) 868-6137

Mr. Patricio Diaz-Pizarro
Maintenance

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Nancy Adams
Elizabeth Calhoun
Judy Fisher
Rosemary Guerin
Frank Krauser
Patrick O'Dea
Connie Reed
Chuck Wobby

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,

Two weeks to go and counting. What will **Easter** mean to you this year? As I've remarked in various places recently, the process of "maturing," (i.e. getting old,) finds me becoming a little more focused on what is to come, and a lot less on what has been. Somewhere in the middle of those two ideas is my here-and-now.

A couple of people pointed out a recent op ed in the Wall Street Journal by Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York. I highly recommend it. Just type 'Cardinal Dolan Inclusion' in your search box and it should pop up. It worked for me.

The Cardinal's article was headlined, "**If You Want 'Inclusion,' I've Got a List.**" After reading through Cardinal Dolan's "list," I was overwhelmed. I tried to envision some of the people he singled out. Picturing them was wrenching. I felt wounded, enraged, empathetic, sympathetic...

I doubt the Cardinal had to work hard to call up the groups he mentioned. As Archbishop of New York, they must create some of the very foundation stones of his ministry.

He began the op ed with, "I am proud that my country and my church are both committed to the noble ideal of inclusion. Everyone should feel loved and respected. All people must share in all rights. We couldn't be 'one nation under God' if we were otherwise."

He continues, "Yet society and the church are falling short of this noble ideal. By accepting one dominant cultural narrative that presumes to define those who are 'excluded,' we are ignoring those who don't tidily fit into the prevailing cultural story line." Then he offers some examples and that's the part I found compelling.

After describing some of the tremendous challenges that various groups face, he ends up by saying, "These good people tell us they are also

marginalized and excluded. *Rarely do I find them bitter, angry, or judgmental. They, too, want a society that is inclusive – not merely for the groups now chic to identify.*" i.e. the 'charity du jour.'

There he ends.

By coincidence I happen to be starting this *Twitch* on the Feast of St. Joseph which we celebrated last Monday. During my homily at Mass, I recalled that we never hear St. Joseph speak a word. Nevertheless, he plays a key role in the story of our salvation history. Joseph was truly a man of action, actions which speak louder than words, indeed!

Cardinal Dolan didn't go into a series of solutions at the end of his "list." He just left us hanging there, asking ourselves how to find ways of dealing with the "prevailing cultural story line" – in other words, not putting people and things into neat little boxes without alternatives. That really doesn't help anything.

Where are the Spirit-filled rampways that might lead us to highways of health and healing? **Identifying unnoticed needs is one way of starting that journey.** We decide NOT to conveniently ignore what Cardinal Dolan has pointed out to us, the marginalized people who are at the roadside all the time.

We pray for the fortitude, the patience, the wisdom to look for them. I suspect that *looking* offers solutions quicker than we might think. Solutions may seem obscure and difficult at times, but we can't use that as an excuse.

I hope I'm not pushing it too far if I say really looking for marginalized people is a great way of celebrating the raising of Lazarus. We celebrate restored life to those who are left on the doorsteps of death.

In our "Soon-to-be-Raised" Lord Jesus,



Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	March 25 † Angelina Barcello, req. by Family † William Joseph McShane, req. by Family
Sunday 8:30 am	March 26 † Theresa M. Gardner † Dolores Hesse Fink, req. by husband, Jack † James T. Cowgill, Jr., req. by Shelley, Andrea, Ruby & Suzanne
11:00 am	Living & Deceased of our Parish
Monday 8:30 am	March 27 † Jim Cowgill, Jr., req. by Barry & Marcia Hogan
Tuesday 8:30 am	March 28 † Gertie Paiement, req. by Barry & Marcia Hogan
Wednesday 8:30 am	March 29 Wellbeing of Anne McCormick, req. by Jack Fink
Thursday 8:30 am	March 30 † James Thomas Cowgill, Jr., req. by Abernethy Family
Friday 8:30 am	March 31 Wellbeing of David Drohan, req. by Tom & Kaye Drohan
Saturday 5:00 pm	April 1 Wellbeing of Jack Averell
Sunday 8:30 am	April 2 † Jim Cowgill, Jr., req. by McConvery Family
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, Judy Flood, Sister Frances Voss, O.S.C., Rae Pietrzak, Tom Casey, Charles Benoit, Rob Messerschmidt, Mary Pat Connolly. Joan Cooney, Anne McCormick

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 by Sunday, April 16th. We'll combine all the donations and send a check to CRS.

SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, March 28th at 6:30 - Reconciliation Service

Sunday, April 16th at 11:00 Mass - Confirmation

**Sunday, May 14th at 11:00 Mass -
First Holy Communion**

"For the needy shall not often be forgotten and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever." (Psalm 9:18) Let's never forget the needs of the poor and give them hope with our weekly gifts of non-perishable food and hygiene items. Let's keep our church shopping carts filled.

ALSO: The St. Vincent de Paul Pantry is in need of **plastic grocery bags** for food distribution and empty, clean **egg cartons**. At times, the Pantry receives donations of eggs in bulk, so egg cartons are needed to facilitate passing them along. You can place these items - along with your donations of food and hygiene items - in the shopping carts. Thank you! 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.**



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 1-2

**Mass at 5:00 pm Saturday
8:30 & 11:00 am Sunday**

Monday-Wednesday, April 3-5

**Mass at 8:30 am
(Confessions after Mass
Monday & Tuesday)**

Holy Thursday, April 6

**Mass of the Lord's Supper
at 8:00 pm
(please note there is NO other Mass
on Holy Thursday)**

Good Friday, April 7

**Celebration of the Lord's Passion
& Distribution of Communion
at 3:00 pm**

Easter Vigil, April 8

Mass begins at 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 9

Masses at 8:30 & 11:00 am

CONFESSION

When is the last time you went?

If you can't remember, it's been too long.

If you can remember, that's good.

You won't have so much to confess.

“Confession” is about Reconciliation

with yourself,

with your neighbor,

with God.

TUESDAY EVENING

MARCH 28TH AT 6:30 p.m.

Do yourself a favor. Be There!