

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

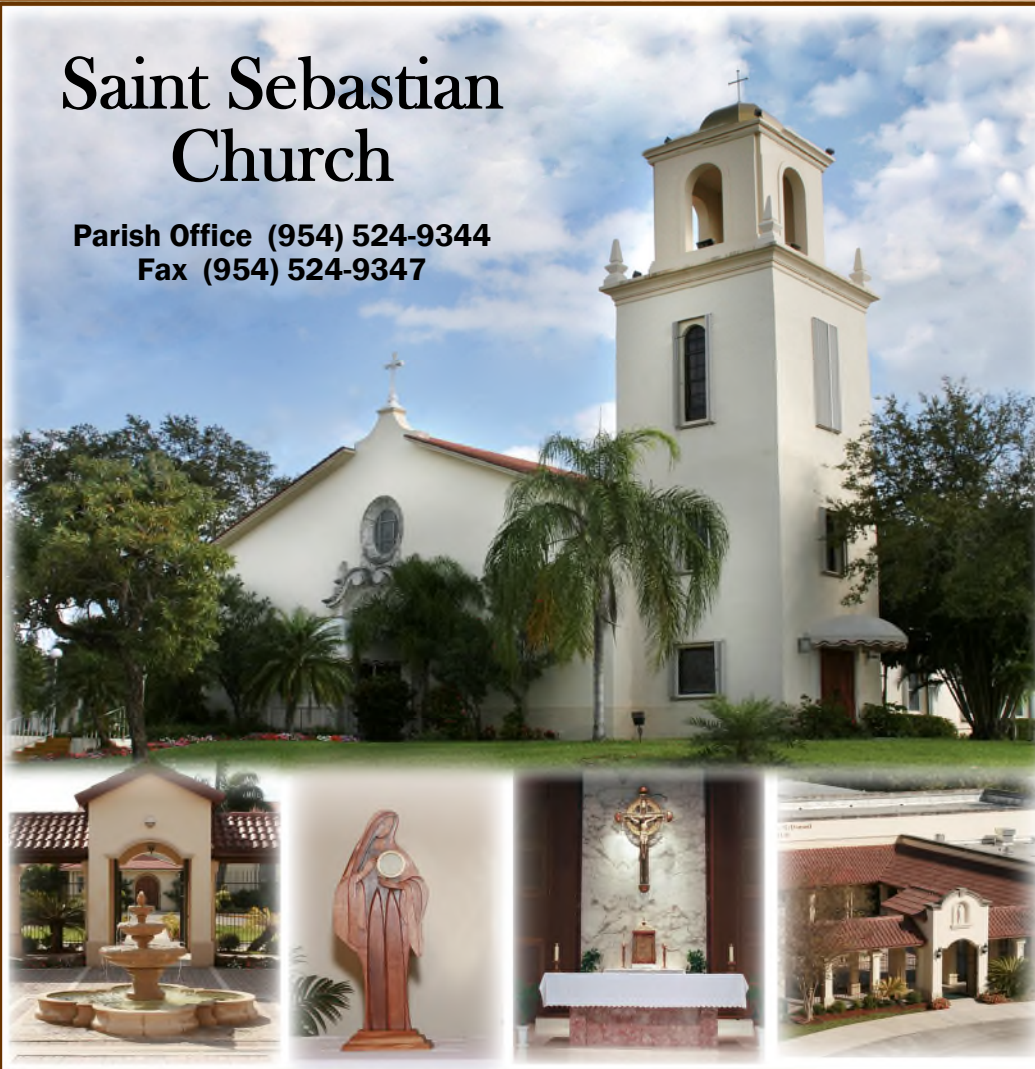
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Saint Sebastian Church

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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)

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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.

From the desk of our Pastor, Father Ernest

My dear Parishioners,

Last weekend we announced Religious Education registration for children and also RCIA (Rite of Catholic Initiation to the Christian life) for Adults. We know that we do not get many children in the Religious Education Program because there are not many in this area, and the few that there are prefer to attend a church with a school. That is normal. But we need to give a chance to anybody who might need this program of Religious Education.

Adults who may need the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion, Convalidation of Matrimony if they are married civilly, or who would like to become Catholic if they belong to another denomination, are most welcome to attend the RCIA. Even Catholics who would like to give support to the others who need Sacraments or who would like to deepen their knowledge of the faith can attend. It is a very interesting formation program. In our times, faith formation represents an area of great importance because we depend on our knowledge of faith to carry out good evangelization. You have heard about the expression that has become very popular that 'Ignorant Catholics are future Protestants'; in a similar way that Saint Jerome said that 'ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ'.

In our Parish bulletin, we have the Mission Statement that reminds us that we are a 'stewardship Parish', which means a community that shares talents, time and treasures; a prayerful community that is 'deeply committed to Jesus' and to building God's kingdom in the world'. This Mission Statement invite us to get involved so that all who approach can feel Jesus's presence and his love. This is what motivate me to say that we need to invite other people to Church. If our relationship with Jesus makes us recognize him like Peter, as "the Christ, the Son of the Living God", then we are ready to do the work of the New Evangelization, then we can 'build the kingdom of God in the World'. Of course, we trust in God's grace; however, I can also say that our community is strong, ready to be those hands and feet of Jesus.

Just to gather our strength, we need to register as members of our Parish. Is that of any good? Absolutely. To stay in tune with our parish, we need to be able to communicate. And this communication is not one way; it has to be both ways: Yes, we are the ones communicating all the time on our side, but you can also write to us, via email, and share with us your opinions, suggestions and thoughts on things. We are a 'friendly Parish Family': so, we will keep that dialogue going so that we can strengthen our communion and work together in building God's kingdom here, in this part of Fort Lauderdale.

By the way, prayer is the foundation of all this: coming to Mass on Sundays and whenever we can; the prayer of the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Adoration and visit to the Blessed Sacrament, and many more, are means in our reach for the building of the kingdom of God. We have also the Bible, which is God's Word for our spiritual nourishment. So, let us get new strength in the Eucharist and prayer so as to be active in our work for Jesus, caring for our brothers and sisters. See you at the Eucharist!

Father Ernest

Mass Intentions

SAVE THE DATE!

Table with 2 columns: Day/Time and Intention. Rows include Saturday 5:00 pm (September 2), Sunday 8:30 am (September 3), Monday 8:30 am (September 4), Tuesday 8:30 am (September 5), Wednesday 8:30 a.m. (September 6), Thursday 8:30 am (September 7), Friday 8:30 am (September 8), Saturday 5:00 pm (September 9), and Sunday 8:30 am (September 10).

- Sunday, September 17 - Religious Education Classes begin.
Weekend of September 23-24 - St. Vincent de Paul truck here.
Saturday, October 7 - 5:30 pm - 65th Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Miami Mass, Cathedral of St. Mary, Miami
Saturday, November 11- 6:30 pm - Archdiocese of Miami 65th Anniversary Gala & Concert, Miami Beach Convention Center
Friday, November 17- 7:00 pm - Social Dancing, Instruction and Practice.

"If you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; then shall light rise for you in the darkness." (Isaiah 58:10). To care is to share. PLEASE REMEMBER: The Pantry needs plastic grocery bags for food distribution and empty, clean (6 or 12) egg cartons. You can place these items in the shopping carts. Thank you! 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 3:15). First timers must provide proof of Broward County residency.



REMEMBER THE SICK

Mary Lou Mann, Suzanne Plum, Don Loughran, Jr., Sandy Rodrigues, John

Harris, Stephen Black, Mary Alice Zittle, Alvaro Arevalo, Paul Ristow, Matt Keyzers, Judy Flood, Sister Frances Voss, O.S.C., Tom Casey, Charles Benoit, Rob Messerschmidt, Mary Pat Connolly. Anne McCormick, Patricia Moss, Patty Marma, Diane Johnson, Jim Guerin, Susan Lochrie, Agnes McCauley

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, call Mary Kennedy at 954-290-1194. We will be sharing from Esther with Angela McNaughton facilitating.

REMEMBER: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



takes place on Fridays, from after the 8:30 am Mass until 5:00pm in the Chapel of the Divine Healer. Come spend some quiet time in the presence of The Lord!

PRAYER TO AVERT HURRICANES

Father, all the elements of nature obey your commands. Protect us and all your people during this season of storms and hurricanes. Calm our fears and help us prepare our hearts as well as our homes. Help us see you in all we may encounter, and help us to minister to each other in your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Religious Education Classes for children in grades one through eight attending non-Catholic school begin on Sunday, September 17th, from 9:45-10:45 am in the Parish Hall. PRE-REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY. Please phone the office (954.524.9344) at your earliest convenience to register your child (ren) for these classes.

SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation spans five weeks between the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (September 1) and the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4). This "time for creation" offers, in the words of Pope Francis, "individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live." Let us spend time during this season reflecting on how our actions and attitudes impact the planet.

Have a Super Labor Day Weekend!

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*Whoever wishes to save his life
will lose it,
but whoever loses his life
for my sake
will find it.*

Matthew 16:25

