

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

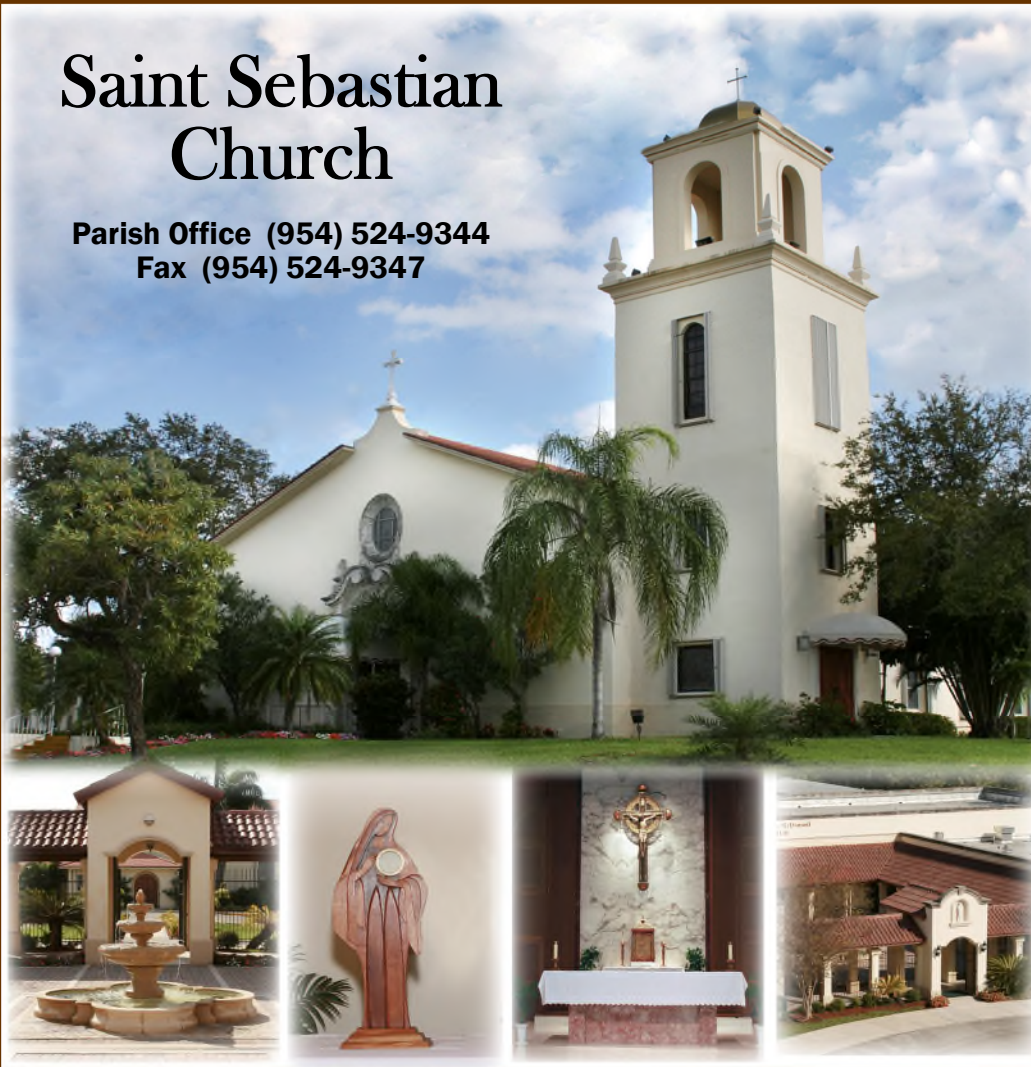
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Saint Sebastian Church

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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)

PARISH STAFF

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Pastor

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PARISH WEBSITE:

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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

The Eucharist: Jesus the true Sacrificial lamb

(by Pope Benedict XVI, The Sacrament of Charity. Post synodal Exhortation, #9 & 10)

The new and eternal covenant in the blood of the Lamb

9. The mission for which Jesus came among us was accomplished in the Paschal Mystery. On the Cross from which he draws all people to himself (cf. *Jn 12:32*), just before "giving up the Spirit," he utters the words: "it is finished" (*Jn 19:30*). In the mystery of Christ's obedience unto death, even death on a Cross (cf. *Phil 2:8*), the new and eternal covenant was brought about. In his crucified flesh, God's freedom and our human freedom met definitively in an inviolable, eternally valid pact. Human sin was also redeemed once for all by God's Son (cf. *Heb 7:27; 1 Jn 2:2; 4:10*). As I have said elsewhere, "Christ's death on the Cross is the culmination of that turning of God against himself in which he gives himself in order to raise man up and save him. This is love in its most radical form." (18) In the Paschal Mystery, our deliverance from evil and death has taken place. In instituting the Eucharist, Jesus had spoken of the "new and eternal covenant" in the shedding of his blood (cf. *Mt 26:28; Mk 14:24; Lk 22:20*). This, the ultimate purpose of his mission, was clear from the very beginning of his public life. Indeed, when, on the banks of the Jordan, John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him, he cried out: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (*Jn 1:29*). It is significant that these same words are repeated at every celebration of Holy Mass, when the priest invites us to approach the altar: "This is *the Lamb of God* who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper." Jesus is the *true* paschal lamb who freely gave himself in sacrifice for us, and thus brought about the new and eternal covenant. The Eucharist contains this radical newness, which is offered to us again at every celebration. (19)

The institution of the Eucharist

10. This leads us to reflect on the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. It took place within a ritual meal commemorating the foundational event of the people of Israel: their deliverance from slavery in Egypt. This ritual meal, which called for the sacrifice of lambs (cf. *Ex 12:1-28, 43-51*), was a remembrance of the past, but at the same time a prophetic remembrance, the proclamation of a deliverance yet to come. The people had come to realize that their earlier liberation was not definitive, for their history continued to be marked by slavery and sin. The remembrance of their ancient liberation thus expanded to the invocation and expectation of a yet more profound, radical, universal and definitive salvation. This is the context in which Jesus introduces the newness of his gift. In the prayer of praise, the *Berakah*, he does not simply thank the Father for the great events of past history, but also for his own "exaltation." In instituting the sacrament of the Eucharist, Jesus anticipates and makes present the sacrifice of the Cross and the victory of the resurrection. At the same time, he reveals that he himself is the *true* sacrificial lamb, destined in the Father's plan from the foundation of the world, as we read in *The First Letter of Peter* (cf. 1:18-20). By placing his gift in this context, Jesus shows the salvific meaning of his death and resurrection, a mystery which renews history and the whole cosmos. The institution of the Eucharist demonstrates how Jesus' death, for all its violence and absurdity, became in him a supreme act of love and mankind's definitive deliverance from evil.

Mass Intentions

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday 5:00 pm	September 16 † Father Cyril Hudak
Sunday 8:30 am	September 17 † Frank Gardner
11:00 am	Living & Deceased of our Parish
Monday 8:30 am	September 18 Wellbeing of Barry Hogan, req. by Marcia Hogan
Tuesday 8:30 am	September 19 Wellbeing of Teri Beth Gooch, req. by Anna Marie Pierotti
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.	September 20 † Mary Erni, req. by Jarchow Family † Anne Calabro, req. by Jarchow Family
Thursday 8:30 am	September 21 † Bryan Gilligan
Friday 8:30 am	September 22 Wellbeing of Mary Luet Remeyer, req. by Anna Marie Pierotti
Saturday 5:00 pm	September 23 Living and Deceased of our Parish
Sunday 8:30 am	September 24 † Dolores Hesse Fink, req. by Husband Jack † Leo T. Fink, req. by Family
11:00 am	† Patricia Archer, req. by Lisa Tucci † Eddy Saldivia, req. by Gabriel Saldivia

- Sunday, September 17** - Religious Education Classes begin
- Weekend of September 23-24** - St. Vincent de Paul truck here.
- Wednesday, October 4 - 5:30 p.m.** Blessing of Animals
- 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

“Never again will they hunger, never again will they thirst.” (Revelations 7:16) Please place your donations of non-perishable food and hygiene items in the grocery carts at the church doors. To share is to care. **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 1:30-3:45 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, Teri Beth Gooch, Mary Luet Remeyer, Ray Wicklander

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Religious Education Classes for children in grades one through eight attending non-Catholic school begin this Sunday, September 17th, from 9:45-10:45 am in the Parish Hall.

SEASON OF CREATION

“In this Season of Creation, as followers of Christ on our shared synodal journey, let us live, work and pray that our common home will teem with life once again.” *(Message of Pope Francis for the Day of Creation 2023)*

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!



ST. JOSEPH’S RESIDENCE

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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.

Have a Fabulous Week

FORGIVE



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