

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

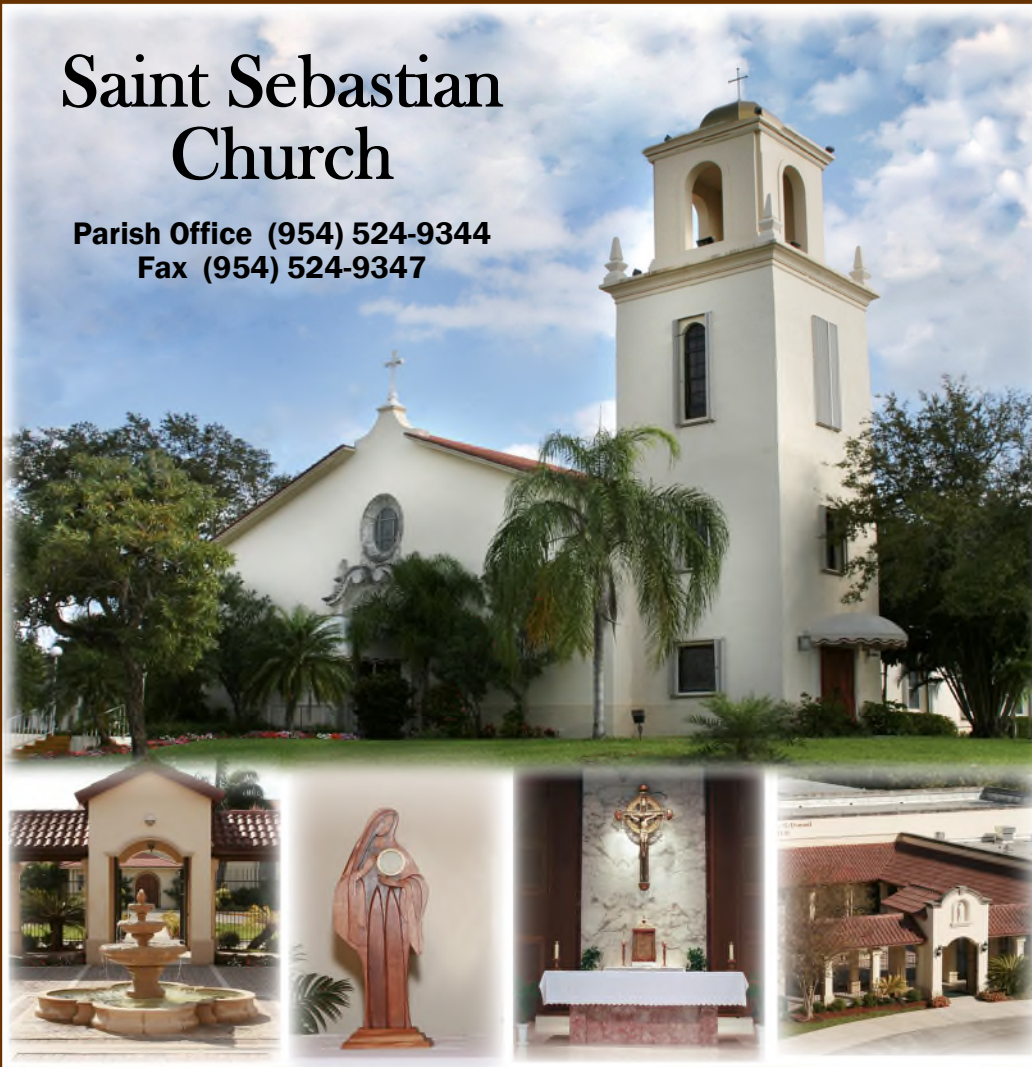
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Saint Sebastian Church

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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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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

MONTH OF OCTOBER = MONTH OF THE ROSARY

We are all invited to renew our devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. Praying the Rosary unites us with Mary and leads us to Jesus as we bring to him all the prayers we carry in our hearts.

III. On the Blessed Virgin and the Church

60. There is but one Mediator as we know from the words of the apostle, "for there is one God and one mediator of God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a redemption for all". The maternal duty of Mary toward men in no wise obscures or diminishes this unique mediation of Christ, but rather shows His power. For all the salvific influence of the Blessed Virgin on men originates, not from some inner necessity, but from the divine pleasure. It flows forth from the superabundance of the merits of Christ, rests on His mediation, depends entirely on it and draws all its power from it. In no way does it impede, but rather does it foster the immediate union of the faithful with Christ.

61. Predestined from eternity by that decree of divine providence which determined the incarnation of the Word to be the Mother of God, the Blessed Virgin was on this earth the virgin Mother of the Redeemer, and above all others and in a singular way the generous associate and humble handmaid of the Lord. She conceived, brought forth and nourished Christ. She presented Him to the Father in the temple, and was united with Him by compassion as He died on the Cross. In this singular way she cooperated by her obedience, faith, hope and burning charity in the work of the Savior in giving back supernatural life to souls. Wherefore she is our mother in the order of grace.

62. This maternity of Mary in the order of grace began with the consent which she gave in faith at the Annunciation and which she sustained without wavering beneath the cross, and lasts until the eternal fulfillment of all the elect. Taken up to heaven she did not lay aside this salvific duty, but by her constant intercession continued to bring us the gifts of eternal salvation. By her maternal charity, she cares for the brethren of her Son, who still journey on earth surrounded by dangers and cultics, until they are led into the happiness of their true home. Therefore the Blessed Virgin is invoked by the Church under the titles of Advocate, Auxiliatrix, Adjutrix, and Mediatrix. This, however, is to be so understood that it neither takes away from nor adds anything to the dignity and efficaciousness of Christ the one Mediator.

From Documents of Vatican Council II, Lumen Gentium

Mass Intentions

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday 5:00 pm	September 30 Wellbeing of Mary Kennedy, req. by Bible Group
Sunday 8:30 am	October 1 † Steve Sjoblom Wellbeing of Jim Bossingham
11:00 am	Living and Deceased of our Parish
Monday 8:30 am	October 2 † John Straatma, req. by Anna Marie Pierotti † Steve Sjoblom, req. by Judy Fisher
Tuesday 8:30 am	October 3 † Edna Rivera
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.	October 4 † Christine Melius
Thursday 8:30 am	October 5 Priests of the Archdiocese
Friday 8:30 am	October 6 † Grace and Murray Toomey, req. by ML Toomey
Saturday 5:00 pm	October 7 † Pasquale Polselli req. by Sandra Poselli Wellbeing of Connie Reed
Sunday 8:30 am	October 8 Living and Deceased of our Parish
11:00 am	Special Intention of Sharpe Family, req. by Tom & Estelle

- 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

Let us name next Sunday "Over the top Sunday" by increasing our weekly contributions of non-perishable food and hygiene items for the needy in Ft. Lauderdale. We who have been blessed are obliged to share our blessings. Make our church shopping carts overflow with these items. 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 1:30-3:45 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.




RESPECT LIFE

October is Respect Life Month and we usually have a Baby Shower. Instead this year we will have a special collection in place of the Baby Shower. It will be held next weekend, October 7 & 8,. Please use the non-parochial envelopes in the pews for your gift to Respect Life. **Please be generous.** This is an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of God's children, born or unborn and their parents. *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."* (Jerimiah 1:5) If giving a check, please make it out to St. Sebastian Church. **Your donation is greatly appreciated.** Carole Duksta, Respect Life Representative.


SOCIAL DANCING

Social Dancing Instruction and Practice to be held on November 17th beginning at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. This is a continuation of last November's group instruction for those without two left feet.



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.



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, Ray Wicklander, Kathy Mahoney.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The Blessing of the Animals will take place this Wednesday, October 4th - the Feast of Saint Francis Assisi - at 5:30 pm in the Chapel parking lot. All animals are welcome, provided they are leashed or caged and in the control of their human while on the property. Pizza will be served (to the humans!) after the Blessing. As an expression of gratitude for the pets that enrich our lives, you are encouraged to bring food or new pet items to be donated to the Humane Society of Broward County.

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.



Have a Joyful Week!

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In Honor of St. Francis of Assisi



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