

# Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

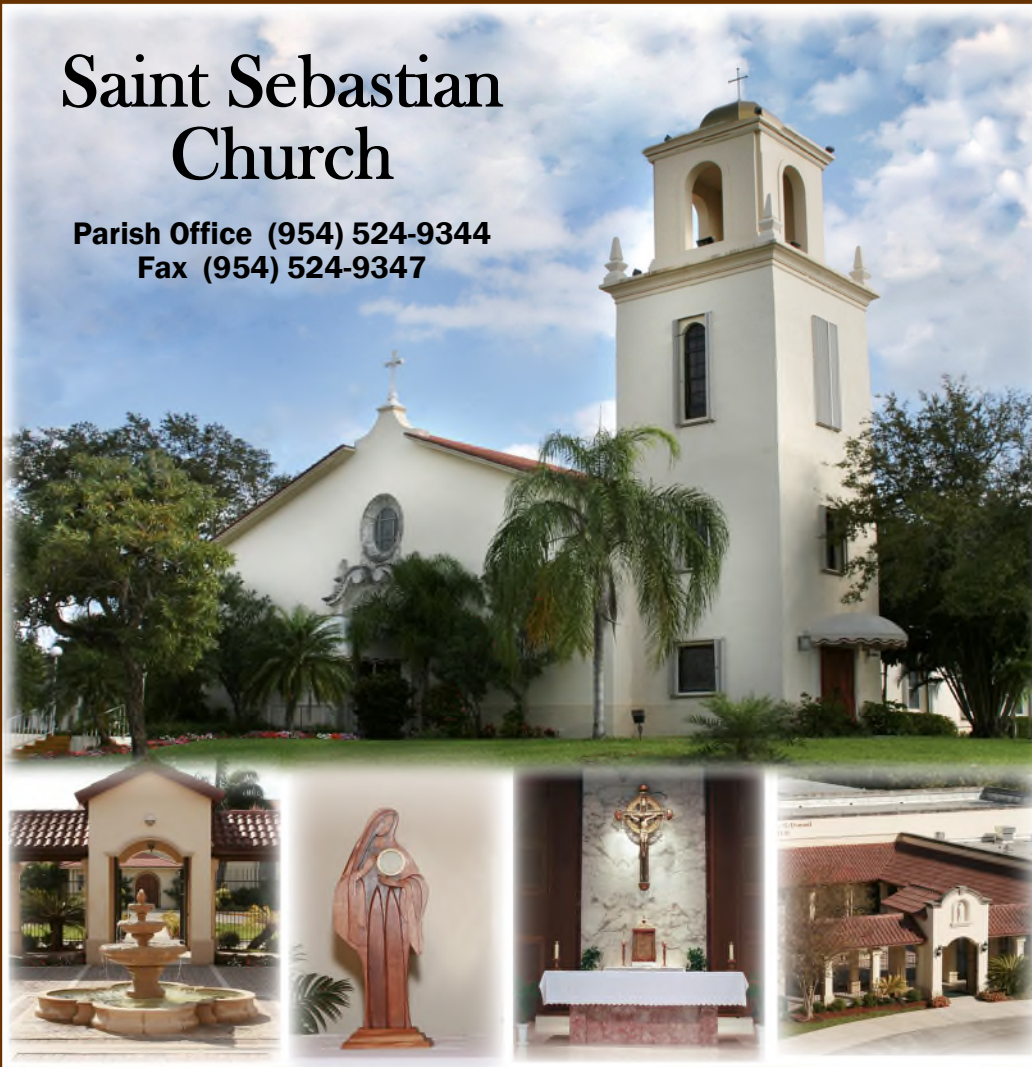
2000 Marietta (S.E. 25th) Avenue

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

[info@stsebastianfl.org](mailto: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. Ernest Biriruka  
*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  
Richard Page  
Connie Reed  
Chuck Wobby

### PARISH WEBSITE:

[stsebastianfl.org](http://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.

# From the desk of our Pastor, Father Ernest

## The Eucharist and the Church

### ***The Eucharist, causal principle of the Church***

14. Through the sacrament of the Eucharist Jesus draws the faithful into his "hour;" he shows us the bond that he willed to establish between himself and us, between his own person and the Church. Indeed, in the sacrifice of the Cross, Christ gave birth to the Church as his Bride and his body. The Fathers of the Church often meditated on the relationship between Eve's coming forth from the side of Adam as he slept (cf. *Gen 2:21-23*) and the coming forth of the new Eve, the Church, from the open side of Christ sleeping in death: from Christ's pierced side, John recounts, there came forth blood and water (cf. *Jn 19:34*), the symbol of the sacraments. A contemplative gaze "upon him whom they have pierced" (*Jn 19:37*) leads us to reflect on the causal connection between Christ's sacrifice, the Eucharist and the Church. The Church "draws her life from the Eucharist". Since the Eucharist makes present Christ's redeeming sacrifice, we must start by acknowledging that "there is a causal influence of the Eucharist at the Church's very origins" The Eucharist is Christ who gives himself to us and continually builds us up as his body. Hence, in the striking interplay between the Eucharist which builds up the Church, and the Church herself which "makes" the Eucharist, the primary causality is expressed in the first formula: the Church is able to celebrate and adore the mystery of Christ present in the Eucharist precisely because Christ first gave himself to her in the sacrifice of the Cross. The Church's ability to "make" the Eucharist is completely rooted in Christ's self-gift to her. Here we can see more clearly the meaning of Saint John's words: "he first loved us" (*1 Jn 4:19*). We too, at every celebration of the Eucharist, confess the primacy of Christ's gift. The causal influence of the Eucharist at the Church's origins definitively discloses both the chronological and ontological priority of the fact that it was Christ who loved us "first." For all eternity he remains the one who loves us first.

### ***The Eucharist and ecclesial communion***

15. The Eucharist is thus constitutive of the Church's being and activity. This is why Christian antiquity used the same words, *Corpus Christi*, to designate Christ's body born of the Virgin Mary, his eucharistic body and his ecclesial body. This clear datum of the tradition helps us to appreciate the inseparability of Christ and the Church. The Lord Jesus, by offering himself in sacrifice for us, in his gift effectively pointed to the mystery of the Church. It is significant that the Second Eucharistic Prayer, invoking the Paraclete, formulates its prayer for the unity of the Church as follows: "*may all of us who share in the body and blood of Christ be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit.*" These words help us to see clearly how the *res* of the sacrament of the Eucharist is the unity of the faithful within ecclesial communion. The Eucharist is thus found at the root of the Church as a mystery of communion.

The relationship between Eucharist and *communio* had already been pointed out by the Servant of God John Paul II in his Encyclical *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*. He spoke of the memorial of Christ as "the supreme sacramental manifestation of communion in the Church".. The unity of ecclesial communion is concretely manifested in the Christian communities and is renewed at the celebration of the Eucharist, which unites them and differentiates them in the particular Churches, "*in quibus et ex quibus una et unica Ecclesia catholica existit*". The fact that the one Eucharist is celebrated in each Diocese around its own Bishop helps us to see how those particular Churches subsist *in* and *ex Ecclesia*. Indeed, "the oneness and indivisibility of the eucharistic body of the Lord implies the oneness of his mystical body, which is the one and indivisible Church. From the eucharistic centre arises the necessary openness of every celebrating community, of every particular Church. By allowing itself to be drawn into the open arms of the Lord, it achieves insertion into his one and undivided body." Consequently, in the celebration of the Eucharist, the individual members of the faithful find themselves in *their* Church, that is, in the Church of Christ. From this eucharistic perspective, adequately understood, ecclesial communion is seen to be catholic by its very nature. An emphasis on this eucharistic basis of ecclesial communion can also contribute greatly to the ecumenical dialogue with the Churches and Ecclesial Communities which are not in full communion with the See of Peter. The Eucharist objectively creates a powerful bond of unity between the Catholic Church and the Orthodox Churches, which have preserved the authentic and integral nature of the eucharistic mystery. At the same time, emphasis on the ecclesial character of the Eucharist can become an important element of the dialogue with the Communities of the Reformed tradition.

APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION **SACRAMENTUM CARITATIS**  
OF THE HOLY FATHER **BENEDICT XVI**  
*Paragraphs 14 & 15*

**Mass Intentions**

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>October 7</b> † Pasquale Polselli req. by Sandra Poselli Wellbeing of Connie Reed
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am	<b>October 8</b> Living and Deceased of our Parish
11:00	Special Intention of Sharpe Family, req. by Tom & Estelle
<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>October 9</b> † Allan Sorenson, req. by Family
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>October 10</b> † Father Pat, req. by Maher Family † Margaret Reitz, req. by son Frederick Wellbeing of Marcia Hogan, req. by Barry Hogan
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 a.m.	<b>October 11</b> † Steve Sjoblom, req. by SSCCW Wellbeing of travelers' safety
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>October 12</b> † Elizabeth O'Connor, req. by Kathleen Hulsy † Helena Hughes, req. by Gisella Reyes
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>October 13</b> † Steve Sjoblom, req. by Grace Middlemiss
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>October 14</b> † Ellie Loughran, req. by husband, Bill † William Thau, req. by Rosemary & Jim † Sue Adams, req. by Rosemary & Jim
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am	<b>October 15</b> † Dolores Fink, req. by Sandra Polselli
11:00 am	Living and 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, 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.

**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.

**REGISTRATION**

If you attend Mass at St. Sebastian regularly, please become a registered member of our parish. Complete a registration form (found at the Welcome Table at the main entrance of the church) or by calling the office. Thank you.

**Have a Wonderful Week!**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Sunday, October 22 – 5:00 pm** - Solemn Vespers & presentation of Jubilee Crosses Cathedral of St. Mary

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Oct. 20, 21, 22** Shalom Retreat at St. Sebastian

**Friday, November 3** - SSCCW Luncheon

**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 want to be perfect, go sell your possessions and give to the poor” Matthew 19:21.* How constant was Jesus in His concern for the needy? Let us show concern for the needy in our “family community” of Ft. Lauderdale by contributing non-perishable food and hygiene items. (don't forget sunscreen) Please fill our church shopping carts generously with these much needed 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 33<sup>rd</sup> Street and will be **closed at 3:15**). First timers must provide proof of Broward County residency.

**SOCIAL DANCING**

Social Dancing Instruction and Practice is a continuation of last November's group instruction for those without two left feet in the Parish Hall. This activity is being sponsored by the Men's Club.

**SANDWICH MINISTRY**

The Sandwich Ministry will meet on Saturday, October 28 at 8:30 am in the Parish Hall to make bagged lunches for some of our homeless brothers and sisters. All willing hands and hearts are welcome.

**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.

# SHALOM -retreat-

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

HOLY MASS | PRAISE & WORSHIP  
INSPIRING TALKS | EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



Come to me  
all who labor &  
are heavy laden  
I will give you rest  
(Matthew 11:28)

OCT 20

FRIDAY  
9:30 AM TO 8:00 PM

OCT 21

SATURDAY  
8:00 AM TO 8:00 PM

OCT 22

SUNDAY  
11:30 AM TO 5:30 PM

SAINT SEBASTIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (HALL)

2000 SE 25TH AVENUE, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33316

#### SPEAKERS



Fr. George  
Antony OP



Toby  
Manimaletu

Registration Fee: \$180 Per Person  
(Includes 7 Meals)

For more information and registration  
please visit: [shalommedia.org/retreat](https://shalommedia.org/retreat)



Adeline Jean (954) 494-4978 | Claudia Sailsman (954) 805-8548



A 24/7, commercial-free, high-definition, Catholic family entertainment channel that reaches out to the world with the truth and peace that can only be found in Jesus Christ! [shalomworld.org](https://shalomworld.org)