

Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe

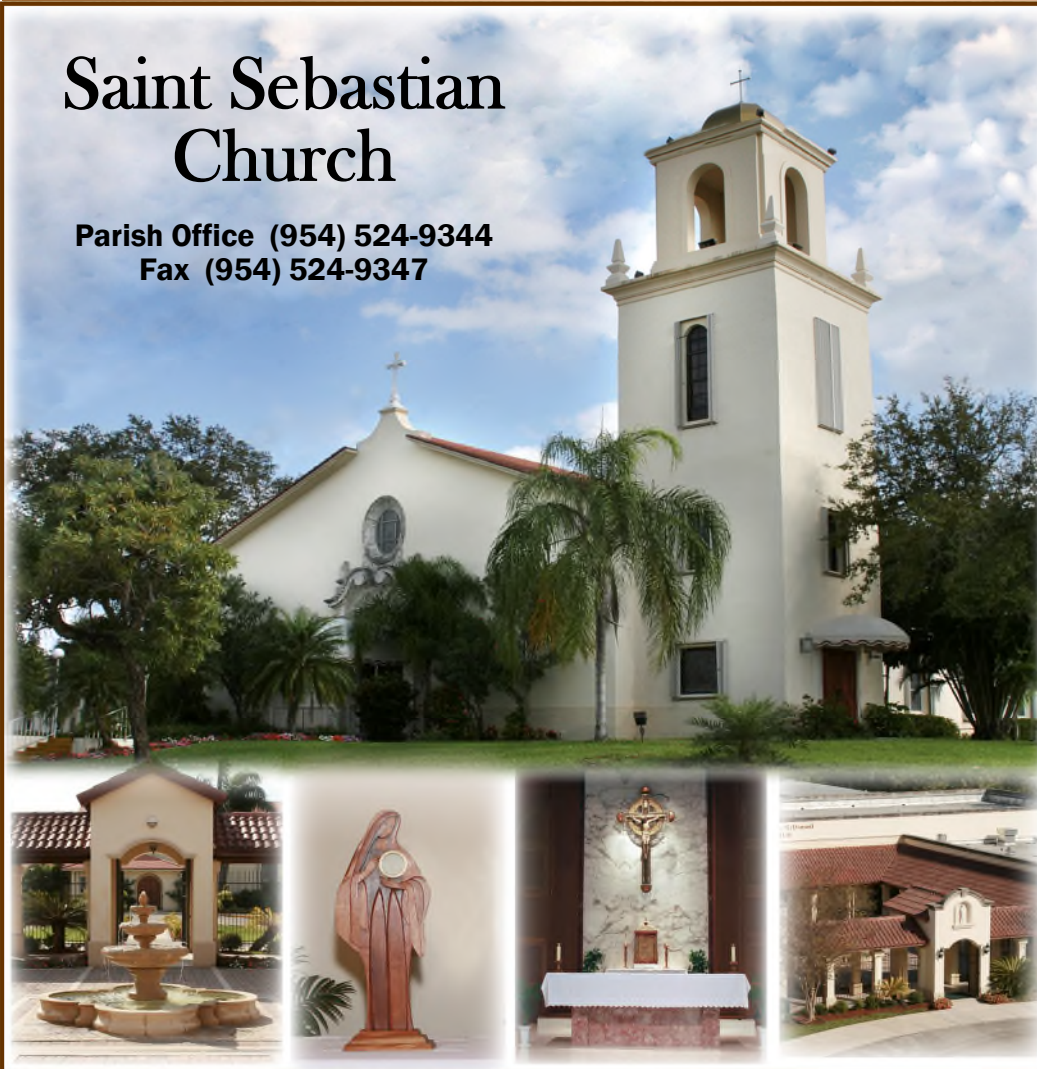
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Saint Sebastian Church

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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:

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

My dear parishioners,

For the last two weeks I published part of the summary on the Sacraments. For those who have just come back from the north, please know that as usual, you are most welcome in our parish. Ever since I came here in the middle of June, I started publishing meditations and messages on the Eucharist because this is the time for the Eucharistic renewal for the United States. But I also realized that it could be helpful to talk of the Sacraments in general. This is why I am publishing this note on the Sacraments, all of which is taken straight from the Official Catechism of the Catholic Church. Please enjoy the reading. And if you have not registered as a parishioner of St. Sebastian, we invite you to register as well. Blessings.

Father Ernest

A NOTE ON THE SACRAMENTS. (part 3)

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

“Is any among you sick? Let him call for the presbyters of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven “ (Jas 5: 14-15).

Each time a Christian falls seriously ill, he may receive the Anointing of the Sick, and also when, after he has received, the illness worsens.

The special grace of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick has as effects:

- the uniting of the sick person to the passion of Christ, for his own good and that of the whole Church;
- the strengthening, peace, and courage to endure in a Christian manner the sufferings of illness or old age;
- the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was able to obtain it through the sacrament of Penance;
- the restoration of health, if it is conducive to the salvation of his soul;
- the preparation for passing over to eternal life.

CCC 1526, 1529, 1532.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

It is the Sacrament of ordination to Priesthood which includes three degrees: Episcopate, Presbyterate and Diaconate.

“As successors of the Apostles and members of the [episcopal] college, the bishops share in the apostolic responsibility and mission of the whole Church under the authority of the Pope, successor of St. Peter.”

Priests are united with the bishops in sacerdotal dignity... They are co-workers of the bishop from they receive the charge of parish community or some other ecclesial office.

Deacons are ordained ministers for service in the Church. “(...) they do not receive the ministerial priesthood, but ordination confers on them important functions in the ministry of the word, divine worship, pastoral governance and the service of charity...”

“The sacrament of Holy Orders is conferred by laying on of hands followed by a solemn prayer of consecration asking God to grant the ordinand the graces of the Holy Spirit required for the ministry. Ordination imprints an indelible sacramental character.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY

(1601) “The matrimonial covenant by which a man and a woman establish between a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament”. (cf. Cod of Canon Law, can. 1055, Gaudium et Spes 48,1).

“Have you not read that the Creator from the beginning made them male and female and that he said: This is why a man leaves his father and mother and become attached to his wife, and the two become one flesh?” (Mat. 19: 4-5); see Gen 2: 18...23-24.

The sacrament of Matrimony signifies the union of Christ and the Church. It gives the grace to love each other with the love with which “Christ has loved his Church; the grace of the sacrament thus perfects the human love of spouses, strengthens their indissoluble unity, and sanctifies them on the way to eternal life “

“Marriage is based on the consent of the contracting parties, that is on their will to give themselves, each to the other, mutually and definitively, in order to live a covenant of faithful and fruitful love. (...)

Unity, indissolubility, and openness to fertility are essential to marriage. (...)

The Christian home is the place where children receive the first proclamation of the faith. For this reason the family home is rightly called [the domestic church], a community of grace and prayer, as school of human virtues and of Christian charity.”

CCC # 1601, 1660, 1661, 1662, 1664, 1666.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	November 25 † Roy, Bea & Larry Biandi, req. by Anna Marie Pierotti
Sunday 8:30 am	November 26 † Charles & Marie Maher, req. by Maher Family † Dolores Hesse Fink, req. by husband, Jack
11:00 am	Living & Deceased of our Parish
Monday 8:30 am	November 27 † Monsignor Pat McDonnell † Grace & Murray Toomey, req. by M.L. Toomey
Tuesday 8:30 am	November 28 † Giovanna Daccardi Gambino, req. by Rosa Marino
Wednesday 8:30 am	November 29 † Margaret Barrosse
Thursday 8:30 am	November 30 Priests of our Archdiocese
Friday 8:30 am	December 1 † Cathy Hurst, req. by Elli Hurst † Andy Hurst, req. by Elli Hurst
Saturday 5:00 pm	December 2 † Paul Garner, req. by Sandi & John Mann
Sunday 8:30 am	December 3 † Sister Mary Rowley, S.C.
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, 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, Lila Ferzacca, Cash Dugan, Harriette Sessa, Barry Hogan



JOY OF SOX

Your donation of NEW socks for the homeless will prevent grave podiatric problems. Our homeless brothers and sisters are out in all sorts of weather. Their feet can be dirty, sweaty, wet or perhaps all three. A clean, dry pair of

NEW socks will help to keep their feet healthy. Donation boxes are at the doors of the church. Thank you. *"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9:7.*

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 Romans with Arthur Cholakis facilitating.

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, November 28 - 6:00 pm Father Michael Davis will speak on the Eucharist.

Saturday, December 2 - after 5:00 Mass Welcome to Father Ernest Wine & Cheese Reception.

Tuesday, December 5 - 7:30 pm Nova Singers

Wednesday, December 6 - 6:00 pm - R.C.I.A.

Tuesday, December 12 - 6:00 pm - Advent Reconciliation Service

Weekend of December 16-17 - St. Vincent de Paul truck in our parking lot.

"Never again will they hunger, never again will they thirst." (Revelation 7:6) We on earth hunger and thirst, especially those who are needy. We can help to alleviate some of these needs by our generous contributions of non-perishable food and hygiene items. Let's fill our church shopping carts with these essential 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!



SPIRITUAL TALK ON THE EUCHARIST

Father Michael Davis, Pastor of St. Gregory the Great Parish will share his knowledge and experience of the Eucharist with us on Tuesday, November 28th at 6:00 pm in the church. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

WELCOME FATHER ERNEST!

There will be a Wine & Cheese Reception on Saturday, December 2nd after the 5:00 pm Mass to formally welcome Father Ernest as Pastor of St. Sebastian. Please be sure to use the sheets at the church doors this weekend to let us know how many will be coming so we can plan according. Thank you.

NOVA SINGERS HOLIDAY CONCERT

The Nova Singers will perform at St. Sebastian Church on Tuesday, December 5th beginning at 7:30 pm. Advance tickets are available in the Parish Office for \$20. Children under 12, and any student with a school ID free. On Concert Day, tickets are \$25. Make checks payable to Nova Singers NSU.

R.C.I.A.

Classes for those wishing to become Catholic as well as those wishing to learn to more about our Faith meet on December 6th, and the first and third Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm. For more information and to register, please call the Parish Office.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Please mark your calendars for our Advent Reconciliation Service to take place on Tuesday, December 12th beginning at 6:00 pm in the church. There will be the opportunity for individual confessions to help spiritually prepare for Christmas.

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you usually attend Mass at St. Sebastian, even if you are a seasonal resident, we encourage you to complete a Parish Registration form and become a member. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Table at the main entrance of the church, on our website, or by calling the Parish Office.

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.





THE MOST
WONDERFUL
TIME OF THE YEAR!

Nova Singers
Holiday Concert

Tuesday, December 5
7:30 p.m.

St. Sebastian Catholic Church

2000 Marietta Avenue
Fort Lauderdale 33316

Advance Tickets:

tinyurl.com/Fall2023Concerts

Tickets: \$20 in
advance, \$25 at the
door. Children 12 and
younger and students
with ID FREE



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