

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

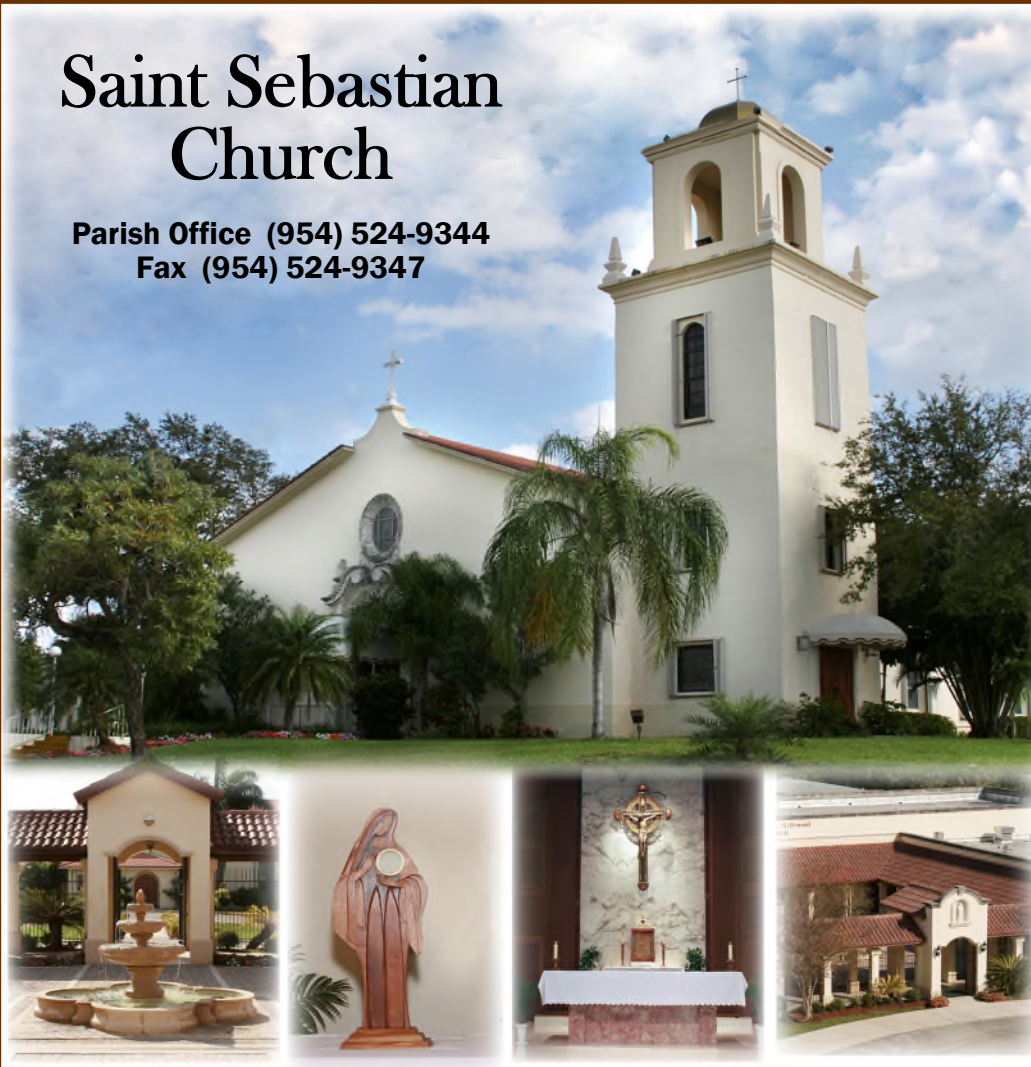
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Saint Sebastian Church

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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

Rev. Ernest Biriruka
Pastor

Miss Anne M. Gardner
Pastoral Assistant

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Vocalist

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Maintenance

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Nancy Adams
Elizabeth Calhoun
Judy Fisher
Rosemary Guerin
Frank Krauser
Richard Page
Connie Reed
Chuck Wobby

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

Saint Sebastian, pray for us!

My dear brothers and sisters, last Saturday was the Memorial of Saint Sebastian, our Patron Saint. He was martyred around January 20, in the year 288, under the emperor Diocletian because of his faith in Jesus and his help to Christians. He was buried in the cemetery of the Catacombs by the Appian Way (Via Appia).

CONFIRMATION

1285 Baptism, the Eucharist, and the sacrament of Confirmation together constitute the "sacraments of Christian initiation," whose unity must be safeguarded. It must be explained to the faithful that the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. For "by the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed."

I. CONFIRMATION IN THE ECONOMY OF SALVATION

1286 In the Old Testament the prophets announced that the Spirit of the Lord would rest on the hoped-for Messiah for his saving mission. The descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus at his baptism by John was the sign that this was he who was to come, the Messiah, the Son of God. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit; his whole life and his whole mission are carried out in total communion with the Holy Spirit whom the Father gives him "without measure."

1287 This fullness of the Spirit was not to remain uniquely the Messiah's, but was to be communicated to the whole messianic people. On several occasions Christ promised this outpouring of the Spirit, a promise which he fulfilled first on Easter Sunday and then more strikingly at Pentecost. Filled with the Holy Spirit the apostles began to proclaim "the mighty works of God," and Peter declared this outpouring of the Spirit to be the sign of the messianic age. Those who believed in the apostolic preaching and were baptized received the gift of the Holy Spirit in their turn.

1288 "From that time on the apostles, in fulfillment of Christ's will, imparted to the newly baptized by the laying on of hands the gift of the Spirit that completes the grace of Baptism. For this reason in the Letter to the Hebrews the doctrine concerning Baptism and the laying on of hands is listed among the first elements of Christian instruction. The imposition of hands is rightly recognized by the Catholic tradition as the origin of the sacrament of Confirmation, which in a certain way perpetuates the grace of Pentecost in the Church."

The Celebration of the Christian Mystery

1289 Very early, the better to signify the gift of the Holy Spirit, an anointing with perfumed oil (chrism) was added to the laying on of hands. This anointing highlights the name "Christian," which means "anointed" and derives from that of Christ himself whom God "anointed with the Holy Spirit." This rite of anointing has continued ever since, in both East and West. For this reason the Eastern Churches call this sacrament Chrismation, anointing with chrism, or myron which means "chrism." In the West, the term Confirmation suggests that this sacrament both confirms baptism and strengthens baptismal grace.

From The Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 1285-1289



Happy 70th Birthday, Father Ernest!

May you enjoy many years of good health and happiness in your ministry!

Mass Intentions

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 5:00 pm	January 20 † William Bihrl, req. by Hero Family Wellbeing of Father Ernest
Sunday 8:30 am	January 21 † Margaret Barrosse † Ossi Pierotti, req. by Anna Marie Pierotti
11:00 am	Living & Deceased of our Parish
Monday 8:30 am	January 22 † Olga Tortoriello, req. by Jarchow Family
Tuesday 8:30 am	January 23 † John Middlemiss, req. by Grace Middlemiss
Wednesday 8:30 am	January 24 † Richard Quinn, req. by Mary Fran Rubino † Rosina Pierotti, req. by Anna Marie Pierotti
Thursday 8:30	January 25 † Michael Middlemiss, req. by Grace Middlemiss
Friday 8:30 am	January 26 Priests and Religious of our Archdiocese
Saturday 5:00 pm	January 27 † Billy Fuccillo, req. by his Parents † Daniel Murray, req. by Rosemary & Jim Guerin
Sunday 8:30 am	January 28 † Dolores Fink, req. by Husband Jack † Hugo Biondi, req. by Anna Marie Pierotti Wellbeing of Mary Jeu de Vine, req. by Joan Morris and Lourdes Cowgill
11:00 am	Living and Deceased of Our Parish

Saturday, January 27 - Sandwich Ministry
Weekend of January 27-28 - St. Vincent de Paul truck here.
February 3-4 SSCCW -Trinkets & Treasures Sale
Friday, February 9 - Men's Club Dance Class

Jesus said we should give food and drink to people.... any people, who are hungry and thirsty. Over 2000 years later this is still Jesus's message to us. Please fill our shopping carts with non-perishable food and hygiene items to provide for the less fortunate in our city. To share is to care. **PLEASE REMEMBER:** The Pantry needs **plastic grocery bags** for food distribution and empty, clean **egg cartons for 6 or 12 eggs** (they cannot use the cartons for 18 eggs). You can place these items in the shopping carts. Thank you! If you know of anyone in need, please tell them that a drive thru grocery distribution takes place every Friday from 1:30-4 PM at Blessed Sacrament Church, 1701 E Oakland Park Blvd (entrance to parking lot on NE 33rd Street and closes at 3:15). First timers must provide proof of residency in Broward County.



FATHER ERNEST WANTS VOLUNTEERS!

Father Ernest is looking for volunteers to help with numerous tasks. If you are willing to help, please let him know by writing your name on the sign-up sheets at the church doors. Father will contact you to discuss his needs and your talents. Thank you!

TRINKETS & TREASURES

It is time to clean out your closets! The Women's Club is having their annual sale of books, scarfs, purses, linens and household goods on February 3-4. Items can be dropped off in the Parish Hall January 31, February 1, and February 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m...

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 the Book of Daniel with Miriam Rivas facilitating.



Thank you, St. Sebastian. Through your generosity, we collected over 600 pairs of NEW socks (and a few gently used socks). The socks have been delivered to Hope South Florida which will distribute them to the homeless at their shower trailers. Imagine all those happy toes! *Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice. (Psalm 112:5)*

ANNIVERSARY MASS - FEBRUARY 10, 2024

All couples married in the Catholic Church celebrating their first, 25th, 50th or 50 plus Wedding Anniversary in 2024 are invited to come to a Mass on February 10, 2024 at St. Mary Cathedral to receive a blessing from Archbishop Thomas Wenski. Please arrive by 4pm if you would like to take a photo with the Archbishop. For more information and registration, please contact Claudia Shaw, The Archdiocese of Miami, Secretariat for Parish Life, 305-762-1128 or email: cshaw@theadom.org

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).

REMEMBER THE SICK

Mary Lou Mann, Suzanne Plum, Don Loughran, Jr., Sandy Rodrigues, John Harris, Stephen Black, 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, Ann Maher, Mary Ann Smith, Linda Spitzer

IN MEMORIUM

**+ KYLE RAY +
January 13, 2024**

*May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. Amen .*

SANDWICH MINISTRY

The Sandwich Ministry will meet on Saturday, January 27th at 8:30 am in the Parish Hall to make bagged lunches for some of the homeless in 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 & pray!



TRINKETS AND TREASURES SALE

**Saturday February 3rd
from 8am to 3pm**

**Sunday February 4th
from 8am to 1pm**

**St Sebastian Parish Hall
2000 Marietta Dr (SE 25th Ave)
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316**

Come find treasures and trinkets for a great price! Gently used household items, decor, jewelry, books, and much more are waiting for a new home.

ATTENTION

Gently used items needed. Please deliver your articles to the parish hall beginning January 31st through February 2nd between 9am and 1pm.

Questions please contact:
Sandi Mann 954-235-4005

