

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

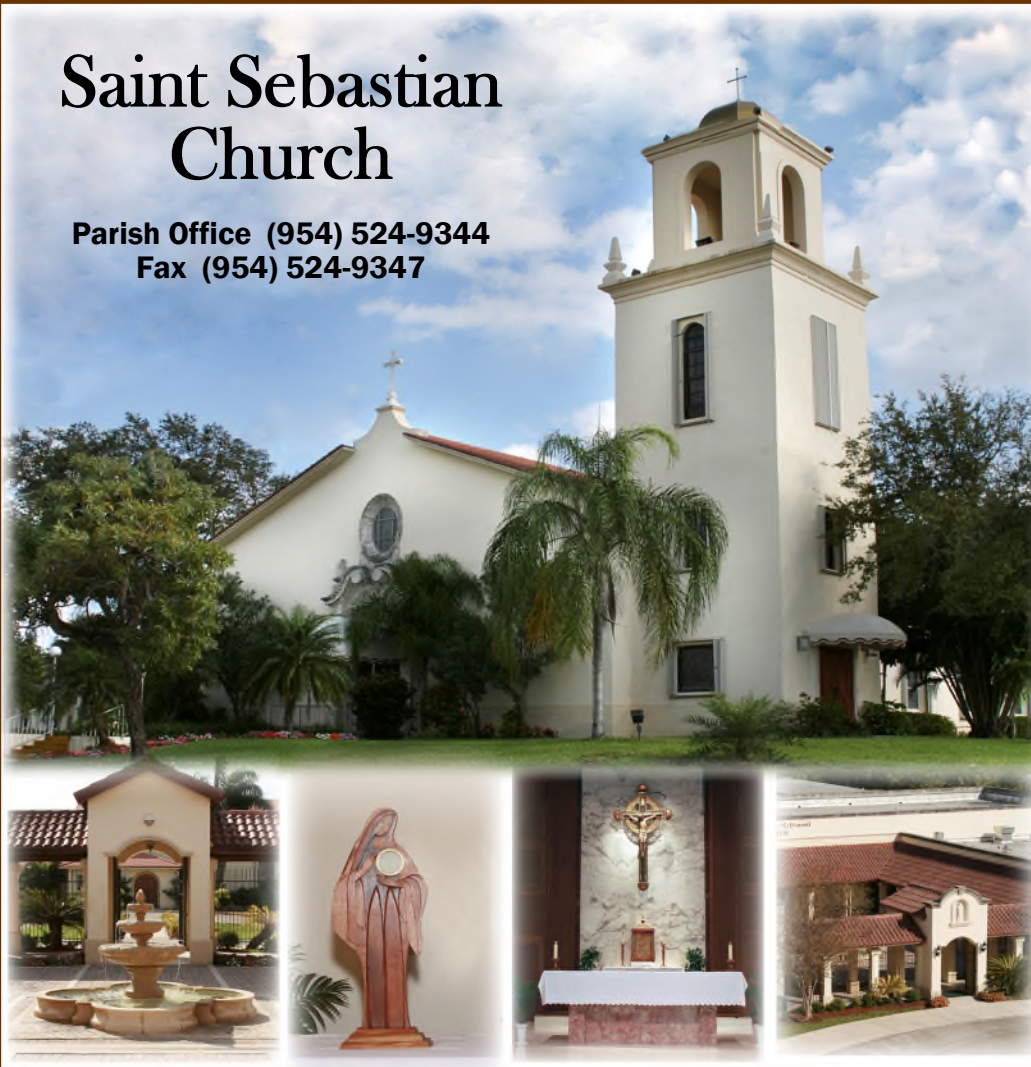
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Saint Sebastian Church

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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
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PASTORAL COUNCIL

Nancy Adams
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Judy Fisher
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Frank Krauser
Richard Page
Connie Reed
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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

II. THE SIGNS AND THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

1293 In treating the rite of Confirmation, it is fitting to consider the sign of anointing and what it signifies and imprints: a spiritual seal.

Anointing, in Biblical and other ancient symbolism, is rich in meaning: oil is a sign of abundance and joy it cleanses (anointing before and after a bath) and limbers (the anointing of athletes and wrestlers); oil is a sign of healing, since it is soothing to bruises and wounds;¹⁰³ and it makes radiant with beauty, health, and strength.

1294 Anointing with oil has all these meanings in the sacramental life. The pre-baptismal anointing with the oil of catechumens signifies cleansing and strengthening; the anointing of the sick expresses healing and comfort. The post-baptismal anointing with sacred chrism in Confirmation and ordination is the sign of consecration. By Confirmation Christians, that is, those who are anointed, share more completely in the mission of Jesus Christ and the fullness of the Holy Spirit with which he is filled, so that their lives may give off "the aroma of Christ."

1295 By this anointing the confirmand receives the "mark," the seal of the Holy Spirit. A seal is a symbol of a person, a sign of personal authority, or ownership of an object. Hence soldiers were marked with their leader's seal and slaves with their master's. A seal authenticates a juridical act or document and occasionally makes it secret.

1296 Christ himself declared that he was marked with his Father's seal. Christians are also marked with a seal: "It is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has commissioned us; he has put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee." This seal of the Holy Spirit marks our total belonging to Christ, our enrollment in his service for ever, as well as the promise of divine protection in the great eschatological trial.

III. THE EFFECTS OF CONFIRMATION

1302 It is evident from its celebration that the effect of the sacrament of Confirmation is the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost.

1303 From this fact, Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace:

- it roots us more deeply in the divine filiation which makes us cry, "Abba! Father! "
- it unites us more firmly to Christ;
- it increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us;
- it renders our bond with the Church more perfect;
- it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross:

Recall then that you have received the spiritual seal, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, the spirit of holy fear in God's presence. Guard what you have received. God the Father has marked you with his sign; Christ the Lord has confirmed you and has placed his pledge, the Spirit, in your hearts.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	February 3 † Carlos Negrette Living & Deceased of our Parish
Sunday 8:30 am	February 4 † Jim Cowgill Jr. † Roy Biondi, req. by Anna Marie Pierotti
11:00 am	† Joan Fuccillo, req. by Judy Fisher † Carlos Negrette
Monday 8:30 am	February 5 † Helen Wroblewski, req. by Jarchow Family
Tuesday 8:30 am	February 6 † Angelo Recine, req. by wife, Natalina
Wednesday 8:30 am	February 7 † Sheillagh O’Dea
Thursday 8:30	February 8 Wellbeing of Dean Davis req. by Judy Fisher
Friday 8:30 am	February 9 Wellbeing of Marcia Hogan, req. by Barry Hogan
Saturday 5:00 pm	February 10 Living & Deceased of our Parish
Sunday 8:30 am	February 11 † Charles & Marie Maher, req. by Maher Family † David Muren, req. by Anna Marie Pierotti
11:00 am	† Jim Cowgill Jr. req. by Family

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, 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, Stephanie & Savannah Kate Allen

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!

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, on our website, or by calling the office).

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.

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, February 9– Men’s Club Dance Class
Sunday, February 11 - 9:45-10:45 Men’s Club Meeting
 - **10am-1pm** Bloodmobile will be here
February 14 - Ash Wednesday- Masses at 8:30 am & 6:00 pm
February 24-25 St. Vincent de Paul Truck in our parking lot
March 9 - SSCCW Fashion Show & Luncheon
“One who is gracious to a poor man lends to the Lord and He will repay him for his good deeds” (Proverbs 19:17) From this quotation we see God’s concern for the needy. How we have been blessed by God by enabling us to share His gifts to those in need. Fill our church shopping carts with non-perishable food and hygiene items to aid our less fortunate neighbors. 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.



A. B. C. D.

This is Commitment weekend, the time to make your gift to the 2024 ABCD! It is an opportunity for us to demonstrate the love of Christ through our actions. By supporting the ABCD, we can



provide vital resources and support to those who are struggling. Join us and put our love into action today and make a positive impact in our community. Please carefully complete the pledge envelope in the pews for your contribution to ABCD, and place it in the Offertory basket. **Our Parish goal this year is \$131,799.** We need the sacrificial commitment of everyone to reach this goal. Your support is greatly appreciated...Thank you!

BALLROOM DANCING- GROUP INSTRUCTION AND PRACTICE FRIDAY FEB. 9, 2024 7-9 PM PARISH HALL
 You are invited to learn basic steps to such dances as the fox-trot, waltz, cha-cha, and swing taught by Julia. This will be our third session. Please attend even if you missed the first two. It is sponsored by the Men’s Club. For questions please text Jack at 732-213-4522. Don’t wear sneakers. Julia will correct your mis-steps.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
 Eucharistic Adoration takes place in our Chapel of the Divine Healer on Fridays from after the 8:30 am Mass until 5:00 pm. Please consider this opportunity to spend some quiet time with the Lord in prayer. If you’d like to commit to a specific time slot each week, please call the office as there are available times.





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