

# Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

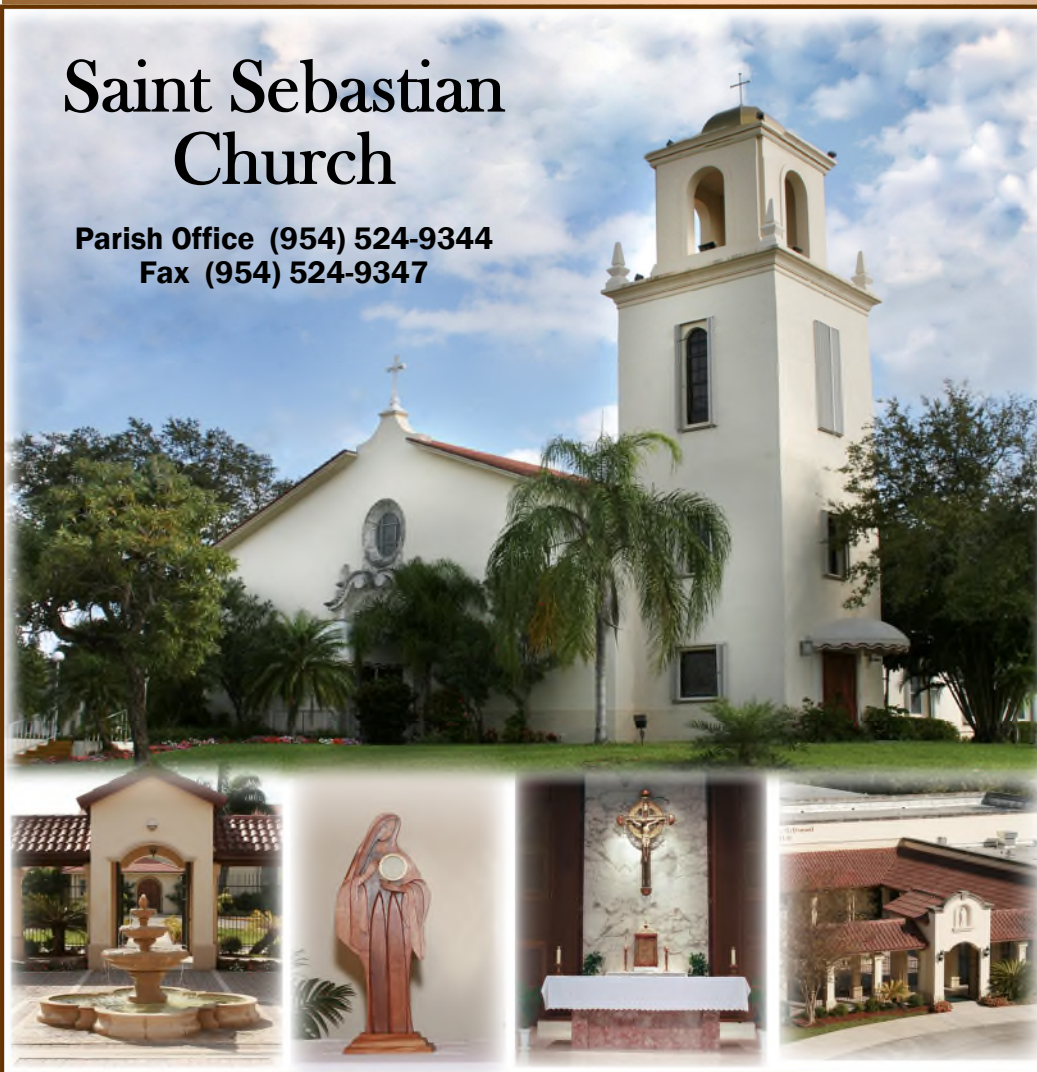
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## Saint Sebastian Church

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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

Rev. Ernest Biriruka  
*Pastor*

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*Pastoral Assistant*

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*Office 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](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 SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

**1420** Through the sacraments of Christian initiation, man receives the new life of Christ. Now we carry this life "in earthen vessels," and it remains "hidden with Christ in God." We are still in our "earthly tent," subject to suffering, illness, and death. This new life as a child of God can be weakened and even lost by sin.

**1421** The Lord Jesus Christ, physician of our souls and bodies, who forgave the sins of the paralytic and restored him to bodily health, has willed that his Church continue, in the power of the Holy Spirit, his work of healing and salvation, even among her own members. This is the purpose of the two sacraments of healing: the sacrament of Penance and the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

### ARTICLE 4-THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

**1422** "Those who approach the sacrament of Penance obtain pardon from God's mercy for the offense committed against him, and are, at the same time, reconciled with the Church which they have wounded by their sins and which by charity, by example, and by prayer labors for their conversion."

#### I. WHAT IS THIS SACRAMENT CALLED?

**1423** It is called the sacrament of conversion because it makes sacramentally present Jesus' call to conversion, the first step in returning to the Father from whom one has strayed by sin. It is called the sacrament of Penance, since it consecrates the Christian sinner's personal and ecclesial steps of conversion, penance, and satisfaction.

**1424** It is called the sacrament of confession, since the disclosure or confession of sins to a priest is an essential element of this sacrament. In a profound sense it is also a "confession" - acknowledgment and praise - of the holiness of God and of his mercy toward sinful man.

It is called the sacrament of forgiveness, since by the priest's sacramental absolution God grants the penitent "pardon and peace." It is called the sacrament of Reconciliation, because it imparts to the sinner the love of God who reconciles: "Be reconciled to God." He who lives by God's merciful love is ready to respond to the Lord's call: "Go; first be reconciled to your brother."

#### II. WHY A SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AFTER BAPTISM?

**1425** "You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God." One must appreciate the magnitude of the gift God has given us in the sacraments of Christian initiation in order to grasp the degree to which sin is excluded for him who has "put on Christ." But the apostle John also says: "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." And the Lord himself taught us to pray: "Forgive us our trespasses," linking our forgiveness of one another's offenses to the forgiveness of our sins that God will grant us.

**1426** Conversion to Christ, the new birth of Baptism, the gift of the Holy Spirit and the Body and Blood of Christ received as food have made us "holy and without blemish," just as the Church herself, the Bride of Christ, is "holy and without blemish." Nevertheless the new life received in Christian initiation has not abolished the frailty and weakness of human nature, nor the inclination to sin that tradition calls concupiscence, which remains in the baptized such that with the help of the grace of Christ they may prove themselves in the struggle of Christian life. This is the struggle of conversion directed toward holiness and eternal life to which the Lord never ceases to call us.



Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>February 10</b> Living & Deceased of our Parish
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am	<b>February 11</b> † Charles & Marie Maher, req. by Maher Family † David Muren, req. by Anna Marie Pierotti † Georges Dermakar, req. by Sisters & Families  11:00 am † Jim Cowgill Jr., req. by Family
<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>February 12</b> † Alesandrina & Sebastiano Recine, req. by Natalina Recine
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>February 13</b> † Angelo Recine, req. by wife, Natalina Wellbeing of Lewis Day req. by Anna Marie Pierotti
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>February 14-ASH WEDNESDAY</b> † Maria & Antonio Giancarli, req. by Natalina Recine  6:00 pm Priests & Religious of our Archdiocese
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30	<b>February 15</b> Wellbeing of Christy O'Sullivan, req. by Heather Kelleher
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>February 16</b> † Stan Chaner, Wellbeing of Connie Reed, req. by Friends
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>February 17</b> † J. Patrick & Nelly O'Connor, req. by Family † Joan Fuccillo, req. by Husband Bill Wellbeing of Barry Hogan, req. by Marcia Hogan
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am	<b>February 18</b> † Dolores Hesse Fink, req. by Husband Jack † Larry Biondi, req. by Anna Marie Pierotti † Jim Cowgill Jr., req. by Joan Morris  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, 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, Ann Maher, Mary Ann Smith, Linda Spitzer, Stephanie & Savannah Kate Allen, Connie Reed

**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.

*Have a happy and holy Lent!*

**SAVE THE DATE**

**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

We are all familiar with the Bible verse wherein the crowd asks Jesus about when they had fed Him. *And he replies "Whatever you did for one of these least ones, you did for me" (Matt 26:40)* 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 33<sup>rd</sup> Street and closes at 3:15). First timers must provide proof of residency in Broward County.



**LENT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY!**

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Masses will be celebrated at 8:30 am and 6:00 pm in our main church, and ashes will be distributed at each Mass. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All the Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence. Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics in good health 14 years and older. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics in good health who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.



**A. B. C. D.**

As we prepare for the holy season of Lent, we are reminded of the importance of giving back. This Lenten Season, we invite you to embrace the true spirit of sacrifice by supporting the ABCD. Through your contributions, you make a difference in the



lives of those in need, embodying the selflessness and compassion that Lent calls us to embrace. Please carefully complete the pledge envelope in the pews for your contribution to ABCD, and place it in the Offertory basket today. **Our Parish goal this year is \$131,799.** As of last Tuesday, we have **received 24 accountable gifts totaling \$20,115.** We need the sacrificial commitment of *everyone* to reach our goal. 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).

**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 spending some quiet time with the Lord in prayer. "The Christian life needs to be nourished by attentive listening to God's word and, above all, by the cultivation of a personal relationship with the Lord in Eucharistic adoration, the privileged "place" for our encounter with God." *Pope Francis*





February 14-March 24  
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**You can protect mothers and children** by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

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Over **20,000 babies** saved from abortion

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**Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:**

**Vigil hours:** 7 am—7 pm, Mon—Sat

**Ft Lauderdale:** 962 East Cypress Creek Rd

**Ft L contact:** Linda 954-604-5507

**Hollywood:** 3829 Hollywood Blvd Suite C

**Contact:** Nancy 786-210-0102

**Learn more** ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

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