

Second Sunday in Lent

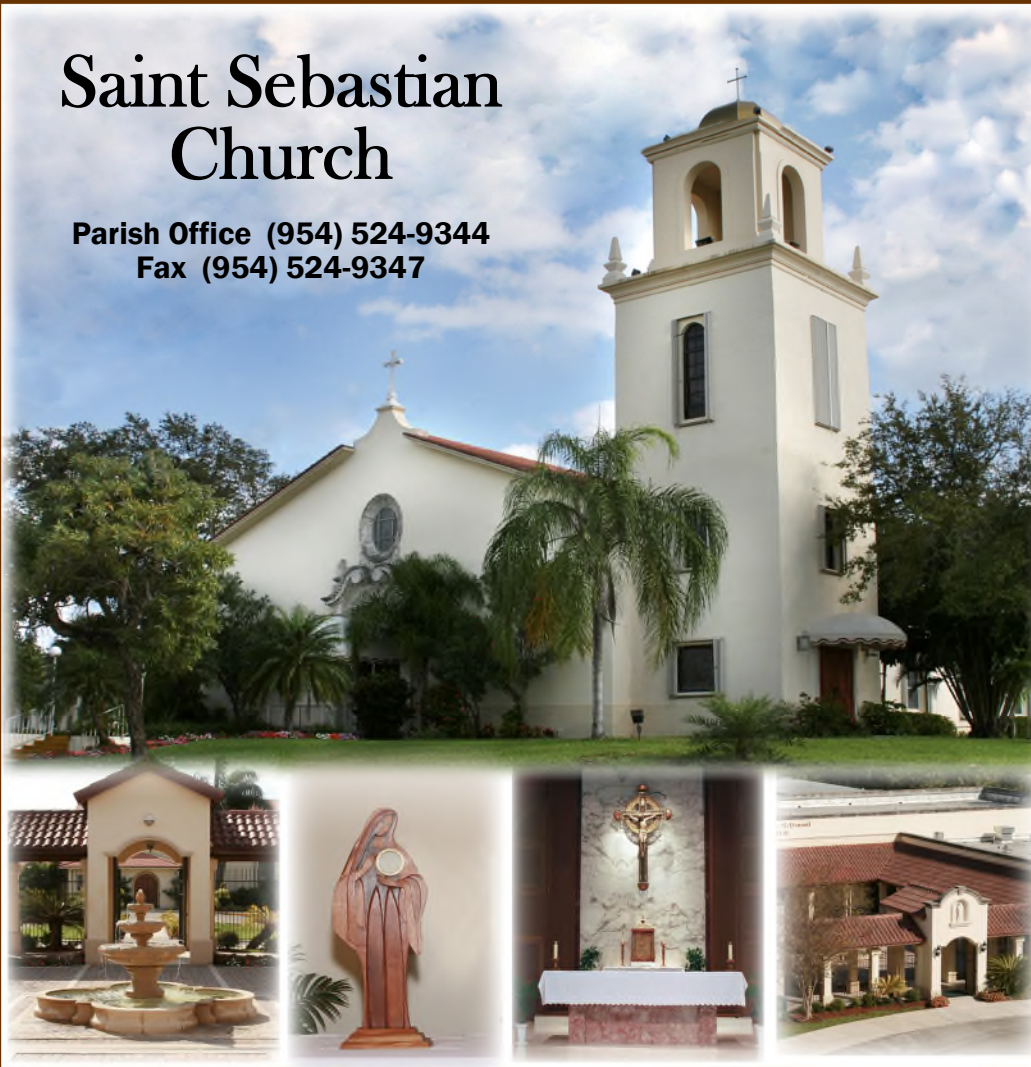
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Saint Sebastian Church

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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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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

VI. THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

1440 Sin is before all else an offense against God, a rupture of communion with him. At the same time it damages communion with the Church. For this reason conversion entails both God's forgiveness and reconciliation with the Church, which are expressed and accomplished liturgically by the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

Only God forgives sin

1441 Only God forgives sins. Since he is the Son of God, Jesus says of himself, "The Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" and exercises this divine power: "Your sins are forgiven." Further, by virtue of his divine authority he gives this power to men to exercise in his name.

1442 Christ has willed that in her prayer and life and action his whole Church should be the sign and instrument of the forgiveness and reconciliation that he acquired for us at the price of his blood. But he entrusted the exercise of the power of absolution to the apostolic ministry which he charged with the "ministry of reconciliation." The apostle is sent out "on behalf of Christ" with "God making his appeal" through him and pleading: "Be reconciled to God."

Reconciliation with the Church

1443 During his public life Jesus not only forgave sins, but also made plain the effect of this forgiveness: he reintegrated forgiven sinners into the community of the People of God from which sin had alienated or even excluded them. A remarkable sign of this is the fact that Jesus receives sinners at his table, a gesture that expresses in an astonishing way both God's forgiveness and the return to the bosom of the People of God.

1444 In imparting to his apostles his own power to forgive sins the Lord also gives them the authority to reconcile sinners with the Church. This ecclesial dimension of their task is expressed most notably in Christ's solemn words to Simon Peter: "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." "The office of binding and loosing which was given to Peter was also assigned to the college of the apostles united to its head."

1445 The words bind and loose mean: whomever you exclude from your communion, will be excluded from communion with God; whomever you receive anew into your communion, God will welcome back into his. Reconciliation with the Church is inseparable from reconciliation with God.

The sacrament of forgiveness

1446 Christ instituted the sacrament of Penance for all sinful members of his Church: above all for those who, since Baptism, have fallen into grave sin, and have thus lost their baptismal grace and wounded ecclesial communion. It is to them that the sacrament of Penance offers a new possibility to convert and to recover the grace of justification. The Fathers of the Church present this sacrament as "the second plank [of salvation] after the shipwreck which is the loss of grace."

The confession of sins

1455 The confession (or disclosure) of sins, even from a simply human point of view, frees us and facilitates our reconciliation with others. Through such an admission man looks squarely at the sins he is guilty of, takes responsibility for them, and thereby opens himself again to God and to the communion of the Church in order to make a new future possible.

1456 Confession to a priest is an essential part of the sacrament of Penance: "All mortal sins of which penitents after a diligent self-examination are conscious must be recounted by them in confession, even if they are most secret and have been committed against the last two precepts of the Decalogue; for these sins sometimes wound the soul more grievously and are more dangerous than those which are committed openly."

When Christ's faithful strive to confess all the sins that they can remember, they undoubtedly place all of them before the divine mercy for pardon. But those who fail to do so and knowingly withhold some, place nothing before the divine goodness for remission through the mediation of the priest, "for if the sick person is too ashamed to show his wound to the doctor, the medicine cannot heal what it does not know."

Mass Intentions

- Saturday**
5:00 pm
February 24
† Father Albie Schempp, req. by Richard Bowes & Freddie Morales
† Joan Fuccillo, req. by Steve & Nancy Weber
- Sunday**
8:30 am
February 25
Living & Deceased of our Parish
11:00 am
† Jim Cowgill Jr.
- Monday**
8:30 am
February 26
Priests & Religious of our Archdiocese
- Tuesday**
8:30 am
February 27
† Mary Antoinette Brito, req. by Marianela
- Wednesday**
8:30 am
February 28
Wellbeing of Carole Duksta, req. by Grace Middlemiss
- Thursday**
8:30
February 29
Wellbeing of Mark Carpione, req. by Grace Middlemiss
- Friday**
8:30 am
March 1
† Dottie & Michael Raimondi
- Saturday**
5:00 pm
March 2
† Mary Lou Makey, req. by husband, Charles
- Sunday**
8:30 am
March 3
† Richard Voke, req. by Al & Lila Ferzacca
† Marilene Dermarker-Azer, req. by Sisters & families
† Ben Zangrara, req. by Ed & Jill Rebholz
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, Grace & Angelo Ferrara, Blakeleigh Riley

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.

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 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.

SAVE THE DATE

- February 24-25** St. Vincent de Paul Truck in our parking lot
 - February 28** - 6:00 pm—Parish Mission with Fr. Hector Perez
 - March 1 & Fridays of Lent** - Stations of the Cross after 8:30 Mass
 - March 5** - Parish Reconciliation
 - March 9** - SSCCW Fashion Show & Luncheon
- If you're thinking about what to do for Lent, consider getting in the habit of making a weekly contribution of non-perishable food and hygiene items to the shopping carts at the church entrances. These items are given to our needy sisters and brothers in Broward county through the Food Pantry at Blessed Sacrament Church. 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.



If you have not given to this year's ABCD campaign, please put your love into action today! Every day, every dollar makes a difference in the lives of those in need. Your support of the ABCD enables us to provide essential programs and support

to individuals and families above and beyond what happens in our parish. Together, let us continue to give generously, knowing that our efforts have a lasting impact. 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!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross take place on Fridays during Lent following the 8:30 am Mass in the main church.

Easter Parade Luncheon and Fashion Show



St. Sebastian Council of Catholic Women is holding an Easter Parade Fashion Show Luncheon. The luncheon will be held on

March 9, 2024 at 11:30am to 3:00pm at Coral Ridge Yacht Club located at 2800 Yacht Club Blvd Ft Lauderdale, FL 33304. Be sure to wear your best Easter Bonnet! An award will be presented to the best Easter Bonnet! There will be gift raffles and a cash parish raffle. Sponsorship opportunities are available from \$150.00 to \$1,000. For luncheon reservations, sponsorship or other information please contact Sandi Mann at 954-235-4005 or visit the St. Sebastian website at stsebastianfl.org.

TRINKETS & TREASURES

Thank you to everyone who worked, donated and/or shopped at this year's Trinkets & Treasures Sale sponsored by S.S.C.W. We are please to have cleared \$3,355.

Remember the **P.F.A Challenge** for Lent...**Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving**

St Sebastian Council of Catholic Women Presents our
Easter Parade Luncheon and Fashion Show

March 9, 2024

11:30pm - 3:00pm

Coral Ridge Yacht Club

2800 Yacht Club Blvd.

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304

\$50.00 per person



Fashions by Patchington Boutique
Prizes for best Easter Bonnet
Gift Raffles Galore
Parish Cash Raffle

Wear your best Easter bonnet! Award for the most creative Easter Bonnet!

Registration Form (Deadline March 4, 2024)

Luncheon Tickets (\$50/ea.) No. _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Lemon Basil Chicken (Sautéed Chicken Breast with Garlic, Olive Oil and Lemon Zest)

If you have special dietary needs please contact Sandi Mann 954-235-4005

Sponsorships (Deadline March 1, 2024)

\$1,000 (8 complimentary lunches) *\$500 (4 complimentary lunches)*\$250 (2 complimentary lunches)*

\$150 (1 complimentary lunch)*

Sponsorship \$ _____ Support Donation \$ _____ Total Amount Enclosed _____

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone No. _____

Send order form and checks payable to: SSCCW at St Sebastian Parish, 2000 SE 25th Avenue, FT Lauderdale, FL 33316

For more information call Sandi Mann at 954-235-4005

NOTE: You will receive your tickets at the door

* Tax Deduction Statement will be sent by email