

# Third Sunday in Lent

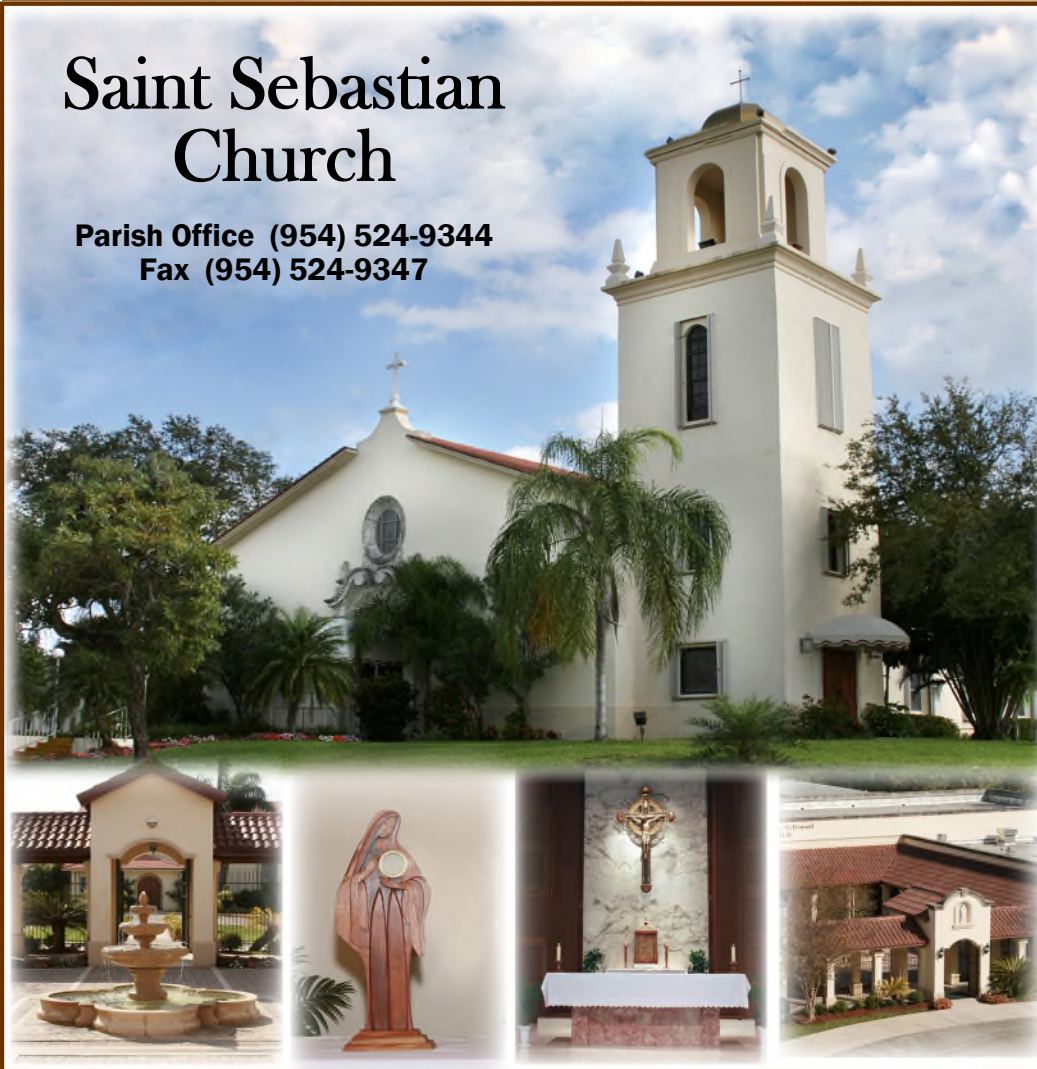
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## Saint Sebastian Church

Parish Office (954) 524-9344  
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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*

Ms. Judy Fisher  
*Office Assistant*

Mr. Peter J. Manfredi, Jr.  
*Director of Music*  
(954) 868-6137

Ms. Cathy Spitzer  
*Vocalist*

Mr. Patricio Diaz-Pizarro  
*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***

### **The Effects of the Sacrament of Penance**

**1468** "The whole power of the sacrament of Penance consists in restoring us to God's grace and joining us with him in an intimate friendship ." Reconciliation with God is thus the purpose and effect of this sacrament. For those who receive the sacrament of Penance with contrite heart and religious disposition, reconciliation "is usually followed by peace and serenity of conscience with strong spiritual consolation." Indeed the sacrament of Reconciliation with God brings about a true "spiritual resurrection," restoration of the dignity and blessings of the life of the children of God, of which the most precious is friendship with God.

**1469** This sacrament reconciles us with the Church. Sin damages or even breaks fraternal communion. The sacrament of Penance repairs or restores it. In this sense it does not simply heal the one restored to ecclesial communion, but has also a revitalizing effect on the life of the Church which suffered from the sin of one of her members. Re-established or strengthened in the communion of saints, the sinner is made stronger by the exchange of spiritual goods among all the living members of the Body of Christ, whether still on pilgrimage or already in the heavenly homeland:

It must be recalled that . . . this reconciliation with God leads, as it were, to other reconciliations, which repair the other breaches caused by sin. The forgiven penitent is reconciled with himself in his inmost being, where he regains his innermost truth. He is reconciled with his brethren whom he has in some way offended and wounded. He is reconciled with the Church. He is reconciled with all creation.

**1470** In this sacrament, the sinner, placing himself before the merciful judgment of God, anticipates in a certain way the judgment to which he will be subjected at the end of his earthly life. For it is now, in this life, that we are offered the choice between life and death, and it is only by the road of conversion that we can enter the Kingdom, from which one is excluded by grave sin. In converting to Christ through penance and faith, the sinner passes from death to life and "does not come into judgment."

### **The punishments of sin**

**1472** To understand this doctrine and practice of the Church, it is necessary to understand that sin has a double consequence . Grave sin deprives us of communion with God and therefore makes us incapable of eternal life, the privation of which is called the "eternal punishment" of sin. On the other hand every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory. This purification frees one from what is called the "temporal punishment" of sin. These two punishments must not be conceived of as a kind of vengeance inflicted by God from without, but as following from the very nature of sin . A conversion which proceeds from a fervent charity can attain the complete purification of the sinner in such a way that no punishment would remain.

**1473** The forgiveness of sin and restoration of communion with God entail the remission of the eternal punishment of sin, but temporal punishment of sin remains. While patiently bearing sufferings and trials of all kinds and, when the day comes, serenely facing death, the Christian must strive to accept this temporal punishment of sin as a grace. He should strive by works of mercy and charity, as well as by prayer and the various practices of penance, to put off completely the "old man" and to put on the "new man."

*-From Catechism of the Catholic Church*

Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>March 2</b> † Mary Lou Makey, req. by husband, Charles
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am	<b>March 3</b> † Richard Voke, req. by Al & Lila Ferzacca † Marilene Dermarker-Azer, req. by Sisters & families † Ben Zangrara, req. by Ed & Jill Rebholz Living & Deceased of our Parish
11:00 am	
<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>March 4</b> Wellbeing of Connie Reed, req. by Grace Middlemiss
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>March 5</b> † Jim Kieff, req. by Judy Fisher
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>March 6</b> For Our Parish Family
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30	<b>March 7</b> † Henry J. Penades, req. by Elli Hurst
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>March 8</b> Priests & Religious of our Archdiocese
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>March 9</b> † J. Patrick & Nelly O'Connor, req. by Family
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am	<b>March 10</b> † Brenda Ferzacca, req. by Lila & Al Ferzacca Wellbeing of Marcia Hogan, req. by Barry Hogan Living and Deceased of our Parish
11:00 am	

**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 Ephesians with Isabel Jarman 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**

**March 5 at 6:00 pm**- Parish Reconciliation  
**March 8 & Fridays of Lent** - Stations of the Cross after 8:30 Mass  
**March 9** - SSCCW Fashion Show & Luncheon  
**March 23 & 24** - St. Vincent de Paul Truck here  
*"The kindly one will be blessed for he shares his bread with the poor" (Proverbs:22:9)* How we have been blessed with the ability to share with the needy in Fort Lauderdale! Please fill our church shopping carts with non-perishable food and hygiene items each week.. 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.



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

We are approaching the close of the ABCD 2024 appeal. As of the printing of this bulletin, we have \$75,999. pledged toward our total goal of \$131,799.... So we have some ground left to cover. Your support of the ABCD enables the Archdiocese to provide essential programs and support to individuals and families above and beyond what happens in our parish. Please keep in mind that - if a parish does not reach its ABCD goal - the shortfall is added to the total assessments that the parish is required to remit to the Archdiocese. So, your generous donation to ABCD not only helps support Archdiocesan programs, it also helps our parish.  
 Please carefully complete the pledge envelope in the pews for your contribution to ABCD, and place it in the Offertory basket, drop it off at the office or mail it to the Archdiocese this week. 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 this Saturday, 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](http://stsebastianfl.org).

**Remember the P.F.A. Challenge**  
**P**rayer, **F**asting, **A**msgiving for Lent

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