

# Fourth Sunday of Lent

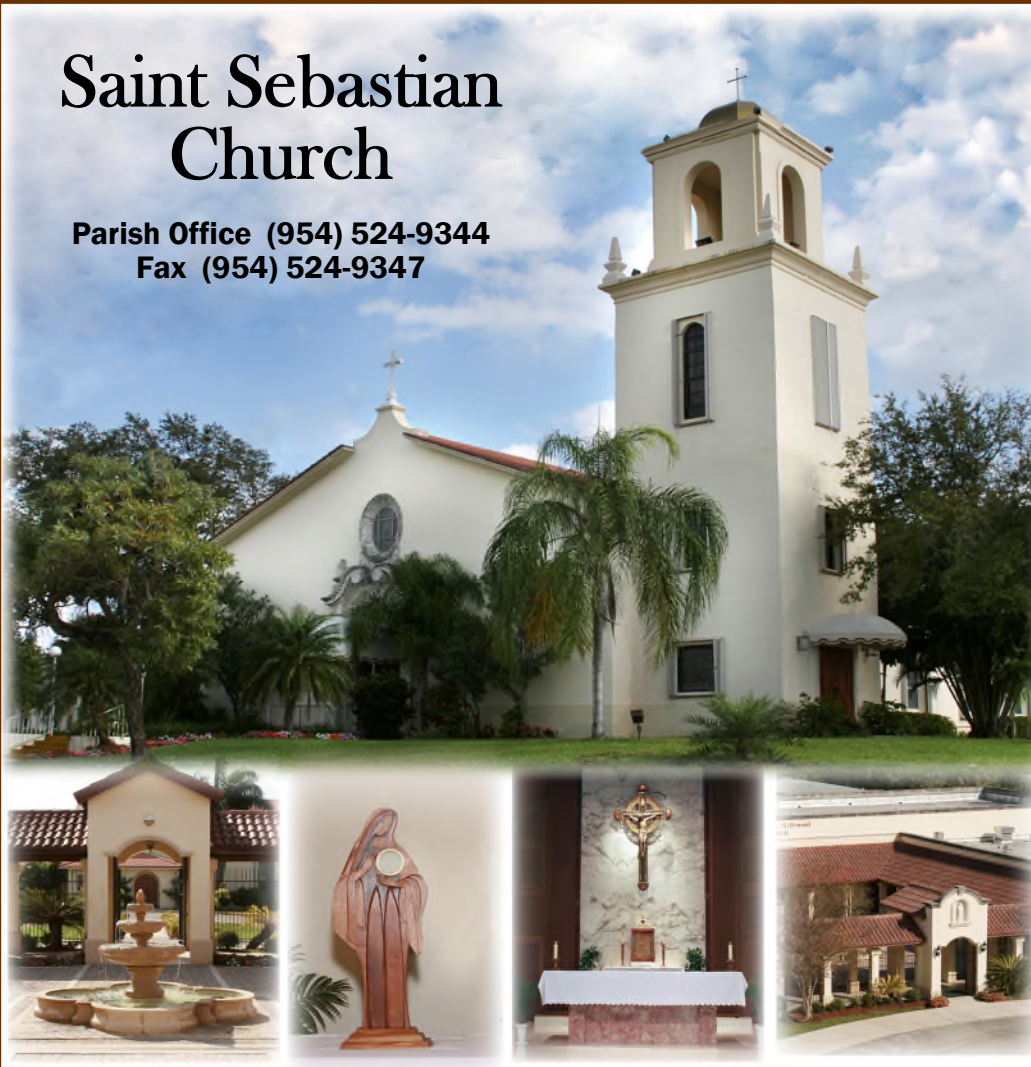
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## Saint Sebastian Church

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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

Rev. Ernest Biriruka  
*Pastor*

Miss Anne M. Gardner  
*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 Anointing of the Sick**

**1499** "By the sacred anointing of the sick and the prayer of the priests the whole Church commends those who are ill to the suffering and glorified Lord, that he may raise them up and save them. And indeed she exhorts them to contribute to the good of the People of God by freely uniting themselves to the Passion and death of Christ."

### **I. ITS FOUNDATIONS IN THE ECONOMY OF SALVATION**

#### **Illness in human life**

**1500** Illness and suffering have always been among the gravest problems confronted in human life. In illness, man experiences his powerlessness, his limitations, and his finitude. Every illness can make us glimpse death.

**1501** Illness can lead to anguish, self-absorption, sometimes even despair and revolt against God. It can also make a person more mature, helping him discern in his life what is not essential so that he can turn toward that which is . Very often illness provokes a search for God and a return to him.

"Heal the sick . . ."

**1506** Christ invites his disciples to follow him by taking up their cross in their turn. By following him they acquire a new outlook on illness and the sick. Jesus associates them with his own life of poverty and service. He makes them share in his ministry of compassion and healing: "So they went out and preached that men should repent. And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many that were sick and healed them."

**1507** The risen Lord renews this mission ("In my name . . . They will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.") and confirms it through the signs that the Church performs by invoking his name. These signs demonstrate in a special way that Jesus is truly "God who saves."

**1508** The Holy Spirit gives to some a special charism of healing so as to make manifest the power of the grace of the risen Lord. But even the most intense prayers do not always obtain the healing of all illnesses. Thus St. Paul must learn from the Lord that "my grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness," and that the sufferings to be endured can mean that "in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his Body, that is, the Church."

**1509** "Heal the sick!" The Church has received this charge from the Lord and strives to carry it out by taking care of the sick as well as by accompanying them with her prayer of intercession. She believes in the life-giving presence of Christ, the physician of souls and bodies. This presence is particularly active through the sacraments, and in an altogether special way through the Eucharist, the bread that gives eternal life and that St. Paul suggests is connected with bodily health.

**1510** However, the apostolic Church has its own rite for the sick, attested to by St. James: "Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders [presbyters] of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven." Tradition has recognized in this rite one of the seven sacraments.

*From Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 1499-1501, 1506-1510.*

## Mass Intentions

<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 Wellbeing of Tim Kervin, req. by Mom, Carolyn
11:00 am	Living & Deceased of our Parish
<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>March 11</b> † Conor Griffith
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>March 12</b> Wellbeing of Ed Rebholz, req. by Barry & Marcia Hogan
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>March 13</b> † Joan Fuccillo, req. by Barry & Marcia Hogan
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30	<b>March 14</b> † Maiselle Shortley, req. by M.L. & Helen Toomey
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>March 15</b> † Willard Jarchow, req. by Jarchow Family
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>March 16</b> Living and Deceased of our Parish
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am	<b>March 17</b> † Father Pat McDonnell, req. by Maher Family † Jim Cowgill Jr., req. by Joan Morris † Irene Trumbly, req. by Family
11:00 am	Wellbeing of Barry Hogan, req. by Marcia Hogan

## 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, Connie Reed, Jorge Rave

## 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).

## SAVE THE DATE

**March 15 & 22** - Stations of the Cross after 8:30 am Mass

**March 23 & 24** - St. Vincent de Paul Truck

*“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear.” (Matthew 6:25) As Jesus’ present day disciples He knows we will try to lessen the anxiety of the needy in our community by our weekly donations of non-perishable food and hygiene items. Please fill our church shopping carts. To share is to care. PLEASE RE-MEMBER: 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.*



## POPE FRANCIS' WORDS

*Do you want to fast this Lent?*

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

# *Holy Week Schedule*

*Palm Sunday of the  
Passion of the Lord*

*March 23rd: Mass at 5:00 pm*

*March 24th: Mass at 8:30 & 11:00 am*

*Monday-Wednesday, March 25-27:  
Mass at 8:30 am*

*Holy Thursday, March 28th:  
Mass of the Lord's Supper: 8:00 pm*

*Good Friday, March 29th:  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3:00 pm*

*Easter Vigil, March 30th:  
8:00 pm*

*(please note there is no 5:00 pm Mass)*

*Easter Sunday, March 31st:  
Mass at 8:30 & 11:00 am*