

TWENTY-SECOND Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES

Saturday 5 pm
(Sunday Vigil)
Sunday 8:30 & 11am
Weekdays 8:30am
(Mon. through Fri.)

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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 PASTOR'S DESK
THE TEN COMMANDMENTS
Deuteronomy 5:6-21 & Catechism 2055—2062

Deuteronomy 5:6-21

*I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt out of the house of bondage.
You shall have no other gods before me . . .
You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain . . .
Observe the sabbath day, to keep it holy. . .
Honor your father and your mother . . .
You shall not kill.
Neither shall you commit adultery.
Neither shall you steal.
Neither shall you bear false witness against your neighbor.
Neither shall you covet your neighbor's wife.
You shall not desire . . . anything that is your neighbor's.*

When someone asks him, "Which commandment in the Law is the greatest?" Jesus replies: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. and a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the prophets." The Decalogue must be interpreted in light of this twofold yet single commandment of love, the fullness of the Law:

The commandments: "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not kill, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this sentence: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

The word "Decalogue" means literally "ten words." God revealed these "ten words" to his people on the holy mountain. They were written "with the finger of God," unlike the other commandments written by Moses. They are pre-eminently the words of God. They are handed on to us in the books of Exodus and Deuteronomy. Beginning with the Old Testament, the sacred books refer to the "ten words," but it is in the New Covenant in Jesus Christ that their full meaning will be revealed.

The Decalogue must first be understood in the context of the Exodus, God's great liberating event at the center of the Old Covenant. Whether formulated as negative commandments, prohibitions, or as positive precepts such as: "Honor your father and mother," the "ten words" point out the conditions of a life freed from the slavery of sin. the Decalogue is a path of life:

If you love the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his ordinances, then you shall live and multiply.

This liberating power of the Decalogue appears, for example, in the commandment about the sabbath rest, directed also to foreigners and slaves:

You shall remember that you were a servant in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out thence with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm.

The "ten words" sum up and proclaim God's law: "These words the Lord spoke to all your assembly at the mountain out of the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness, with a loud voice; and he added no more. and he wrote them upon two tables of stone and gave them to me." For this reason these two tables are called "the Testimony." In fact, they contain the terms of the covenant concluded between God and his people. These "tables of the Testimony" were to be deposited in "the ark."

The "ten words" are pronounced by God in the midst of a theophany ("The LORD spoke with you face to face at the mountain, out of the midst of the fire.") They belong to God's revelation of himself and his glory. the gift of the Commandments is the gift of God himself and his holy will. In making his will known, God reveals himself to his people.

The gift of the commandments and of the Law is part of the covenant God sealed with his own. In Exodus, the revelation of the "ten words" is granted between the proposal of the covenant and its conclusion - after the people had committed themselves to "do" all that the Lord had said, and to "obey" it. The Decalogue is never handed on without first recalling the covenant ("The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.").

The Commandments take on their full meaning within the covenant. According to Scripture, man's moral life has all its meaning in and through the covenant. the first of the "ten words" recalls that God loved his people first:

Since there was a passing from the paradise of freedom to the slavery of this world, in punishment for sin, the first phrase of the Decalogue, the first word of God's commandments, bears on freedom "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."

The Commandments properly so-called come in the second place: they express the implications of belonging to God through the establishment of the covenant. Moral existence is a response to the Lord's loving initiative. It is the acknowledgement and homage given to God and a worship of thanksgiving. It is cooperation with the plan God pursues in history.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	August 31 † Isabel Odabashian, req. by Fuccillo Family † Mary Ann Smith , req. by Judy Fisher
Sunday 8:30 am	September 1 Living & deceased of our Parish
11:00 am	† Dolores Hesse Fink, req. by husband Jack † Conor Griffith, req. by Sajdera Family † Juana Esperanza Madera Posada, req. by the Family
Monday 8:30am	September 2 † Joan Fuccillo, req. by family
Tuesday 8:30 am	September 3 † Charles, Marie & Ann Maher, req. by Maher family
Wednesday 8:30 am	September 4 Wellbeing of Diane Jarchow, req. by Judy Fisher
Thursday 8:30 am	September 5 † Albertina Biondi, req. by Anna Marie Pierotti
Friday 8:30 am	September 6 † Mary Ann Smith, req. by SSCCW
Saturday 5:00 pm	September 7 † Joan Fuccillo, req. by Family † Rose & John Fink Sr., req. by Family † Ronnie Laurie, req. by Family
Sunday 8:30am	September 8 Living & deceased of our Parish
11:00am	† Conor Griffith, req. by Sajdera Family † Juana Esperanza Madera Posada, req. by Family

REMEMBER THE SICK

Mary Lou Mann, Linda Grable, Suzanne Plum, Gail Mills ,Don Loughran, Jr., Sandy Rodrigues, John Harris, Stephen Black, Alvaro Arevalo, Paul Ristow, Matt Keyzers, Judy Flood, Sister Frances Voss, O.S.C., Rob Messerschmidt, Anne McCormick, Patty Marma, Ray Wicklander, Kathy Mahoney, Lila Ferzacca, Linda Spitzer, Blake-Leigh Riley, Melissa Mirabile, Marge Mitchell, Rasoul Karimi, Jean Gorman, Linda DeBold, Jay Hoover, Ed Kidd, Mary Beth Bogler, Joel Rivera, Amparo Leon.

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 Michele at 954-290-1194. We will be sharing from First and Second Thessalonians with Michele Namemek facilitating.

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.



PLEASE REMEMBER: *In addition to food and hygiene items, the Pantry needs plastic grocery bags for food distribution and empty, clean egg cartons for 6 or 12 eggs only* (they cannot use the cartons for 18 eggs). You

can also 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.

Proverbs 22:9 , "Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

Special Collection September 8th

Next weekend, the archdiocese will take up the National Collection for the Catholic University of America.. Catholic University is a national research university, in the heart of Washington, D.C. with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education.

OFFERTORY

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 24/25



	Last Weeks Total	\$2,912
Year to Date	\$34,933	
YTD Budget	\$50,812	
YTD Variance	\$ 15,879	



PRAYER TO AVERT HURRICANES

Father, all the elements of nature obey your commands. Protect us and all your people during this season of storms and hurricanes. Calm our fears and help us prepare our hearts as well as our homes. Help us see you in all we may encounter, and help us to minister to each other in your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



UPCOMING



Church EVENTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Classes for children in grades 1-12 will begin on September 29th at 9:45-10:45am . Registration forms are available one line. In person registration will take place on Sunday, September 22 in the parish office from 8:30– 1:00pm. Registration fee of \$100 to assist with books and materials.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

First class will begin on October 7, 2024 at 6:00pm in the Parish Office. The schedule of classes will be offered on the first Monday and third Wednesday of the month. These classes are for adults who wish to become Catholic or for baptized Catholics who have not completed the sacrament of Communion and/or Confirmation.

ST SEBASTIAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

- **October 4, 2024** Will begin their season with mass at 11am in the Chapel and followed by lunch in the Parish Hall on Please join them.
- **Trinkets and Treasurers**– Will be held on February 8th and 9th. **Please**, start bringing your treasurers now. Call Sandi Mann at 954.235.4005 for drop off information. Please no furniture, books or clothes
- **Annual SSCCW Luncheon** Will be held on March 22, 2025 at Coral Ridge Yacht Club. Details of the event will be presented in the near future.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

- **October is Respect Life Month** . We will be collecting baby items at all masses . A bassinet will be place in front of the ambo for the entire month. Please check bulletin for a list of items as October approaches.
- **Life Chain on University Drive. Sunday Oct. 6th 2-3pm** Carpool information from here to St. David's will be announced in October
- **Rosary Rally Saturday, Oct. 12th noon.** Will be held at Mary Star of the Sea mosaic. Rosary, prayers, litany, etc. on the anniversary of Mary's final apparition in Fatima.

MESSAGE FROM FLORIDA BISHOPS ON AMMENDMENT 4 VOTE NO

We urge all Floridians of goodwill to stand against the legalization of late-term abortion and oppose the abortion amendment. In doing so, we will not only protect the weakest, most innocent, and defenseless of human life among us but also countless women throughout the state from the harms of abortion," said the bishops of Florida in their statement on Amendment 4.