

TWENTY-THIRD Sunday in Ordinary Time

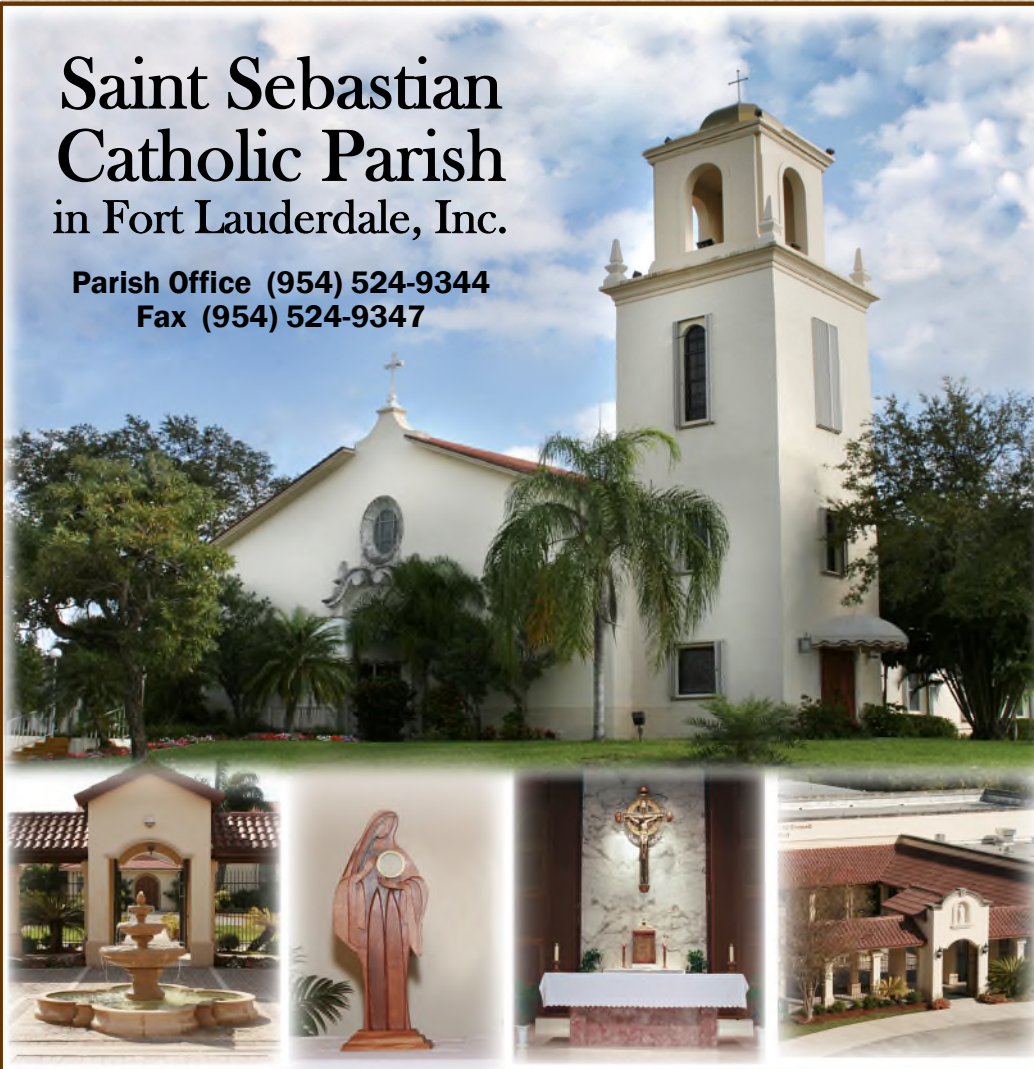
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MASSES

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 5:5-21 & Catechism 2062-2072

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.

The Decalogue in the Church's Tradition

In fidelity to Scripture and in conformity with the example of Jesus, the tradition of the Church has acknowledged the primordial importance and significance of the Decalogue.

Ever since St. Augustine, the Ten Commandments have occupied a predominant place in the catechesis of baptismal candidates and the faithful. In the fifteenth century, the custom arose of expressing the commandments of the Decalogue in rhymed formulae, easy to memorize and in positive form. They are still in use today. The catechisms of the Church have often expounded Christian morality by following the order of the Ten Commandments.

2066 The division and numbering of the Commandments have varied in the course of history. The present catechism follows the division of the Commandments established by St. Augustine, which has become traditional in the Catholic Church. It is also that of the Lutheran confessions. The Greek Fathers worked out a slightly different division, which is found in the Orthodox Churches and Reformed communities.

The Ten Commandments state what is required in the love of God and love of neighbor. The first three concern love of God, and the other seven love of neighbor. As charity comprises the two commandments to which the Lord related the whole Law and the prophets . . . so the Ten Commandments were themselves given on two tablets. Three were written on one tablet and seven on the other.

The Council of Trent teaches that the Ten Commandments are obligatory for Christians and that the justified man is still bound to keep them; The Second Vatican Council confirms: "The bishops, successors of the apostles, receive from the Lord . . . the mission of teaching all peoples, and of preaching the Gospel to every creature, so that all men may attain salvation through faith, Baptism and the observance of the Commandments."

The unity of the Decalogue

The Decalogue forms a coherent whole. Each "word" refers to each of the others and to all of them; they reciprocally condition one another. The two tables shed light on one another; they form an organic unity. To transgress one commandment is to infringe all the others. One cannot honor another person without blessing God his Creator. One cannot adore God without loving all men, his creatures. The Decalogue brings man's religious and social life into unity.

The Decalogue and the natural law

The Ten Commandments belong to God's revelation. At the same time they teach us the true humanity of man. They bring to light the essential duties, and therefore, indirectly, the fundamental rights inherent in the nature of the human person. The Decalogue contains a privileged expression of the natural law:

From the beginning, God had implanted in the heart of man the precepts of the natural law. Then he was content to remind him of them. This was the Decalogue.

The commandments of the Decalogue, although accessible to reason alone, have been revealed. To attain a complete and certain understanding of the requirements of the natural law, sinful humanity needed this revelation:

A full explanation of the commandments of the Decalogue became necessary in the state of sin because the light of reason was obscured and the will had gone astray. We know God's commandments through the divine revelation proposed to us in the Church, and through the voice of moral conscience. The obligation of the Decalogue.

Since they express man's fundamental duties towards God and towards his neighbor, the Ten Commandments reveal, in their primordial content, grave obligations. They are fundamentally immutable, and they oblige always and everywhere. No one can dispense from them. The Ten Commandments are engraved by God in the human heart.

Mass Intentions

- Saturday** **September 7**
5:00 pm † Joan Fucillo, req. by Fucillo family
 † Rose & John Fink Sr., req. by family
 † Ronnie Lauria

- Sunday** **September 8**
8:30 am Living & deceased of our Parish

- 11:00 am † Conor Griffith, req. by Sajdera family
 † Juan Esperanza Madera Posada,
 req. by Family
 † Alfonso Carvajalino,
 req. by Alexandra & family

- Monday** **September 9**
8:30 am Wellbeing of Priests & Religious of Our
 Archdiocese

- Tuesday** **September 10**
8:30 am Wellbeing of Marcia Hogan,
 req. by Barry Hogan

- Wednesday** **September 11**
8:30 am † Albert J. Mainellie req. by Jack Tavone

- Thursday** **September 12**
8:30 am † Frances Silk, req. by Mary Louise Toomey

- Friday** **September 13**
8:30 am Wellbeing of Diane Jarchow,
 req. by SSCW

- Saturday** **September 14**
5:00 pm † J. Patrick & Nelly OConnor, req. by family
 † Isabel Odabashian, req. by Fuccillo family

- Sunday** **September 15**
8:30am † Frank Gardner
 † Conor Griffith, req. by Sajdera family
 † Juana Esperanza Madera Posada by
 Sajdera family

- 11:00am Living & deceased of our Parish

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.



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."*



BIBLE SHARING

Come for coffee and Scripture Sharing each Thursday in the Parish Hall at 9:15 am.

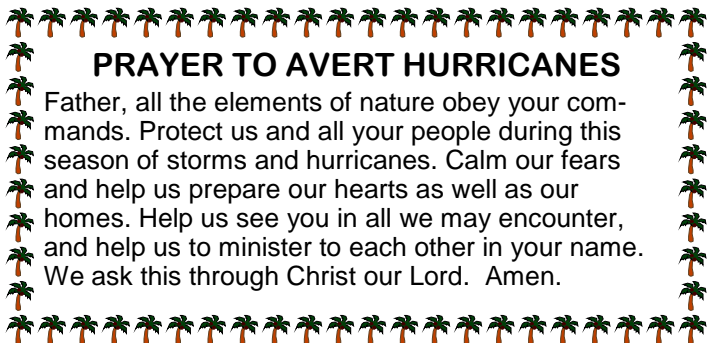
Everyone is invited. You may also join us online by dialing 848-777-1212. When prompted put in 1431434#. For more info, call Michele at 954-290-1194. We will be sharing from First and Second Thessalonians with Michele Namenek facilitating.

OFFERTORY

WEEKEND OF 8/31-09/01



Last Weeks Total	\$9,084
Year to Date	\$43,272
YTD Budget	\$54,883
YTD Variance	\$ 11,611



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 online. 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) & FAITH FORMATION

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 and any Catholic adult who wishes to know more about their faith.

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 SSCW 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 placed 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.