

TWENTY-FOURTH Sunday in Ordinary Time

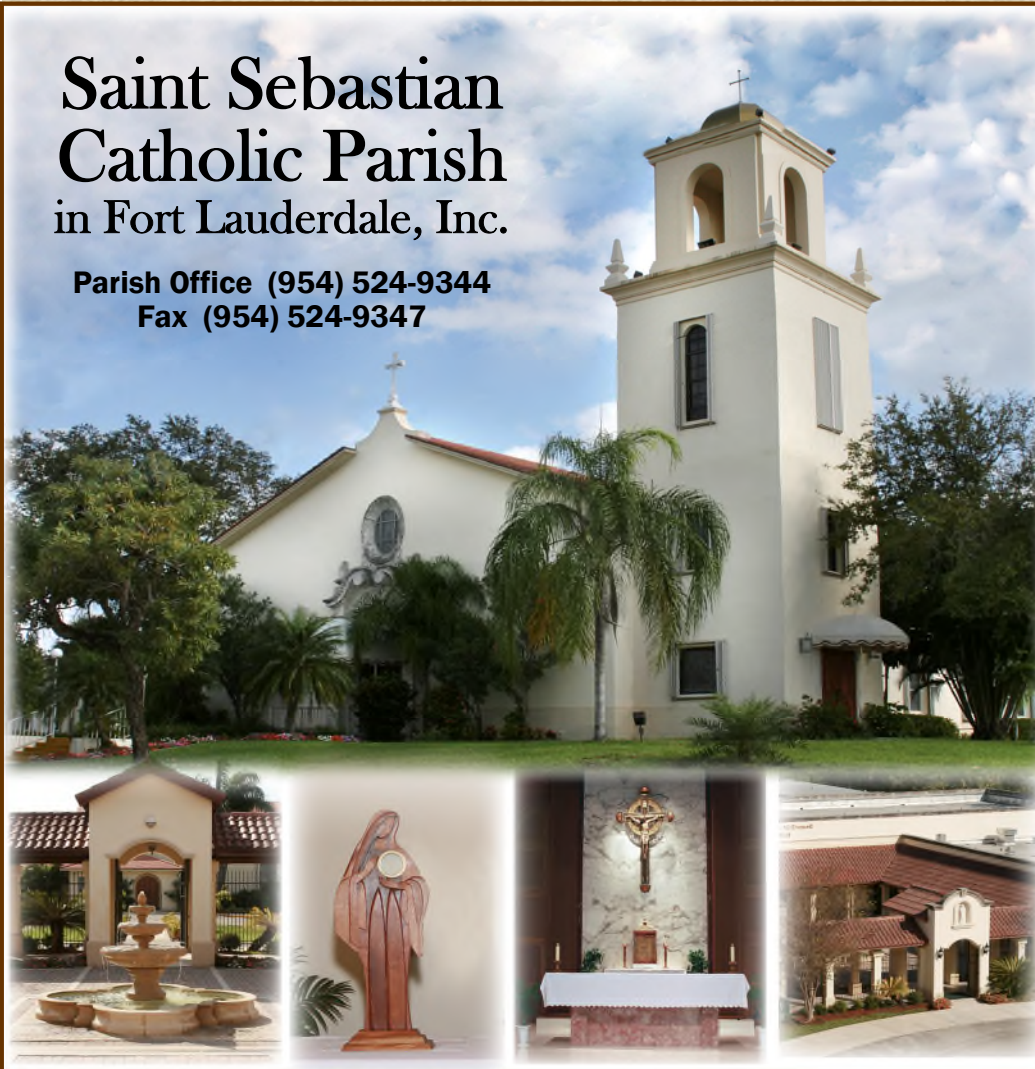
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MASSES

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.

JESUS, THE CHRIST, ONLY SON OF GOD, THE LORD
CCC: # 436-438, 440-442, 452-455

The word "Christ" comes from the Greek translation of the Hebrew Messiah, which means "anointed". It became the name proper to Jesus only because he accomplished perfectly the divine mission that "Christ" signifies. In effect, in Israel those consecrated to God for a mission that he gave were anointed in his name. This was the case for kings, for priests and, in rare instances, for prophets. This had to be the case all the more so for the Messiah whom God would send to inaugurate his kingdom definitively. It was necessary that the Messiah be anointed by the Spirit of the Lord at once as king and priest, and also as prophet. Jesus fulfilled the messianic hope of Israel in his threefold office of priest, prophet and king.

To the shepherds, the angel announced the birth of Jesus as the Messiah promised to Israel: "To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." From the beginning he was "the one whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world", conceived as "holy" in Mary's virginal womb. God called Joseph to "take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit", so that Jesus, "who is called Christ", should be born of Joseph's spouse into the messianic lineage of David.

Jesus' messianic consecration reveals his divine mission, "for the name 'Christ' implies 'he who anointed', 'he who was anointed' and 'the very anointing with which he was anointed'. the one who anointed is the Father, the one who was anointed is the Son, and he was anointed with the Spirit who is the anointing." His eternal messianic consecration was revealed during the time of his earthly life at the moment of his baptism by John, when "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power", "that he might be revealed to Israel" as its Messiah. His works and words will manifest him as "the Holy One of God".

Jesus accepted Peter's profession of faith, which acknowledged him to be the Messiah, by announcing the imminent Passion of the Son of Man. He unveiled the authentic content of his messianic kingship both in the transcendent identity of the Son of Man "who came down from heaven", and in his redemptive mission as the suffering Servant: "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Hence the true meaning of his kingship is revealed only when he is raised high on the cross. Only after his Resurrection will Peter be able to proclaim Jesus' messianic kingship to the People of God: "Let all the house of Israel therefore know assuredly that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

In the Old Testament, "son of God" is a title given to the angels, the Chosen People, the children of Israel, and their kings. It signifies an adoptive sonship that establishes a relationship of particular intimacy between God and his creature. When the promised Messiah-King is called "son of God", it does not necessarily imply that he was more than human, according to the literal meaning of these texts. Those who called Jesus "son of God", as the Messiah of Israel, perhaps meant nothing more than this.

Such is not the case for Simon Peter when he confesses Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God", for Jesus responds solemnly: "Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven." Similarly Paul will write, regarding his conversion on the road to Damascus, "When he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles..." "and in the synagogues immediately [Paul] proclaimed Jesus, saying, 'He is the Son of God'" From the beginning this acknowledgment of Christ's divine sonship will be the center of the apostolic faith, first professed by Peter as the Church's foundation.

The name Jesus means "God saves". the child born of the Virgin Mary is called Jesus, "for he will save his people from their sins" (Mt 1:21): "there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

The title "Christ" means "Anointed One" (Messiah). Jesus is the Christ, for "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power" (Acts 10:38). He was the one "who is to come" (Lk 7:19), the object of "the hope of Israel" (Acts 28:20).

The title "Son of God" signifies the unique and eternal relationship of Jesus Christ to God his Father: he is the only Son of the Father (cf Jn 1:14, 18; 3:16, 18); he is God himself (cf Jn 1:1). To be a Christian, one must believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God (cf Acts 8:37; 1 Jn 2:23).

The title "Lord" indicates divine sovereignty. To confess or invoke Jesus as Lord is to believe in his divinity. "No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit" (1 Cor 12:3).

Mass Intentions

- Saturday** **September 14**
 5:00 pm † Isabel Odabashian, by Fuccillo family
 † J. Patrick & Nelly OConnor, by family
- Sunday** **September 15**
 8:30 am † Frank Gardner
 † Conor Griffith, by Sajdera family
 † Juana Esperanza Madera Posada
 by Sajdera family
- 11:00 am Living & deceased of our Parish
- Monday** **September 16**
 8:30 am Wellbeing of Johnny Mann,
 by Sandi Mann
 † Liz Garvin, by Mary Kennedy
- Tuesday** **September 17**
 8:30 am Wellbeing of Barry Hogan,
 by Marcia Hogan
- Wednesday** **September 18**
 8:30 am Wellbeing of George McCauley
- Thursday** **September 19**
 8:30 am † Grace & Murray Toomey,
 by Mary Louise Toomey
- Friday** **September 20**
 8:30 am † Lorraine Chesarone,
 by E. Lorraine Hermes
 † Liz Garvin, by Grace Middlemiss
- Saturday** **September 21**
 5:00 pm † Olga Pasini, by Dale Kovatto
 † Joan Fuccillo, by Fuccillo family
 † Juana Esperanza Madera Posada,
 by Saldera family
- Sunday** **September 22**
 8:30am † Dolores Hesse Fink, by husband Jack
 † Margaret Barrosse
 † Conor Griffith, 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 Vogler, 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.



During the month of August (5 Fridays), we were able to serve 879 clients representing 2858 individuals. Our expenses, which included the purchase of 3 new freezers as well as rent and utility assistance for several clients, and gift cards for those who have no food storage and/or cooking facilities were \$6831. Once again, we are able to do this because of the generous donations of food and money from our surrounding parishes. We are most grateful to all of you for your support. It was a very challenging month because of some heavy downpours during our distributions. In addition, the deliveries from Feeding South Florida and Farm Share have been extremely low on fresh meat and produce which our clients have come to expect. We are hoping/praying that this situation will improve in the weeks ahead. Each month we have a Mass celebrated for past and present members and benefactors. The next one will be on Friday, September 27 (which is the feast of our patron) at 8am at Blessed Sacrament Church. Please join us. Thank you, Pat Burke

St Vincent de Paul Truck Will be here next weekend September 21-22.

Please, let people in need know we distribute groceries every Friday from 1:30-3:45pm at Blessed Sacrament Church. However, access to the parking lot closes at 3:15. Proof of residency in Broward County is needed for first time participants.

OFFERTORY

WEEKEND OF 09/07-09/08

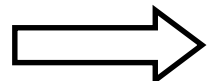
Last Weeks Total	\$3,389
Year to Date	\$46,661
YTD Budget	\$58,954
YTD Variance	\$(12,293)

BIBLE SHARING

Come for coffee and Scripture sharing each Thursday in the Parish Hall at 9:15am. Everyone is invited. You may also join us online by dialing 848-777-1212, when prompted put in 143143#. For more info call Michele at 954.290.1194. We will be sharing from first and Second Thessalonians with Michele Namenek facilitating.



PARISH EVENTS AND DATES



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,



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:

- Register for class on September 15 and September 22 from 8am– 12pm or Monday through Thursday 8am-1:30 in the Parish Office please bring a copy of your child/children's baptismal certificate. Class begins on September 29 for parents and students.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS) & FAITH FORMATION

- First class will begin on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 6:00pm in the Parish Office. The schedule of classes will be offered on the first 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** begins their season with mass at 11am in the Chapel followed by lunch in the Parish Hall. Please join them.
- **Trinkets and Treasurers**– Will be held on February 8th and 9th. **Please**, start bringing in 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.

ST. SEBASTIAN MEN'S CLUB

- Will kick off its 24/25 season with a meeting on **Sunday, September 29** at 9:45am in the Parish Hall. Club President Edward Rebholz will discuss the calendar of key events for the fall and winter season. Coffee and donuts will be available.

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 12:00pm** 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.