

TWENTY-SIXTH Sunday in Ordinary Time

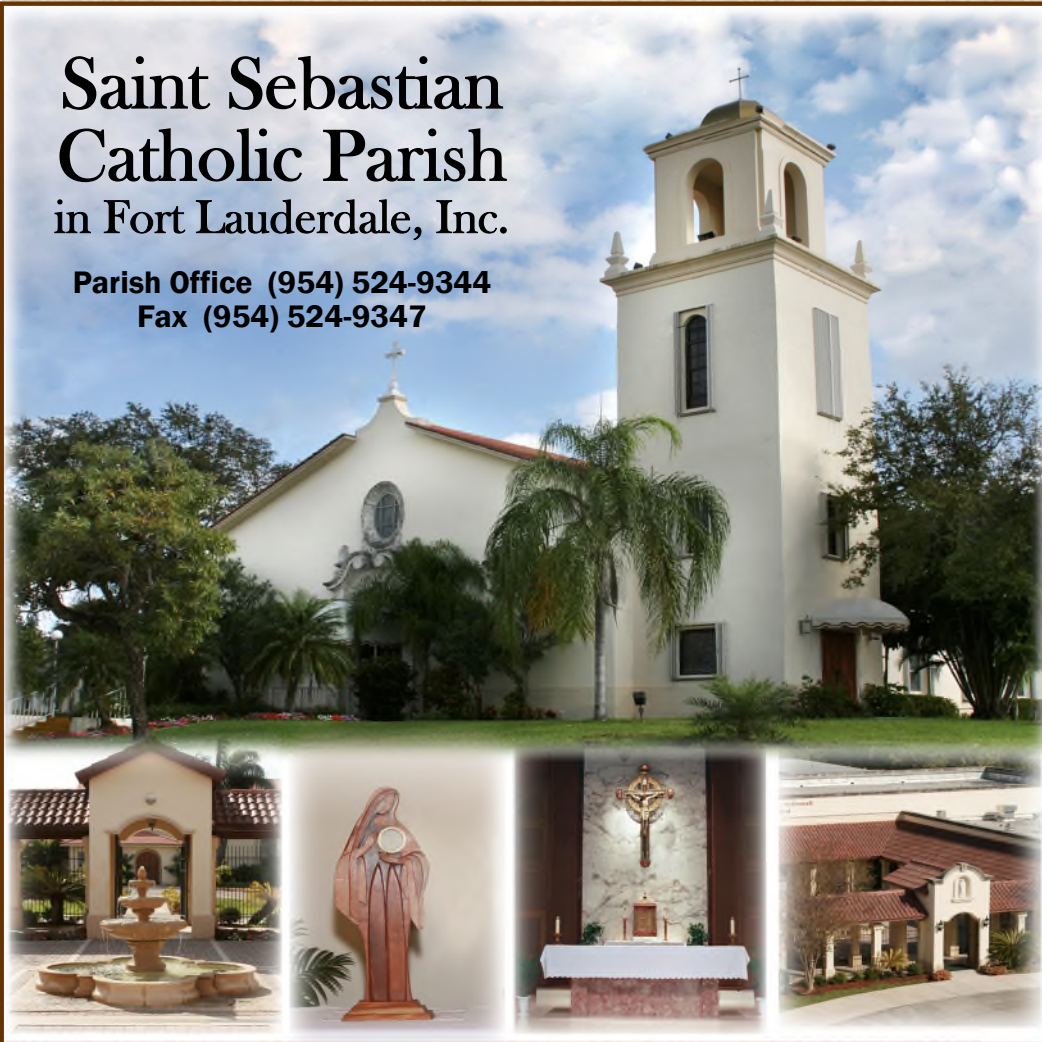
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MASSES

Saturday 5 pm

(Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 8:30 & 11am

Weekdays 8:30am

(Mon. through Fri.)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8am-1:30pm

CLOSED FRIDAYS

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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.

**OCTOBER MONTH OF THE ROSARY
HOW TO PRAY THE ROSARY**

ROSARIUM VIRGINIS MARIAE , John Paul II, October 16, 2002

In order to supply a Biblical foundation and greater depth to our meditation, it is helpful to follow the announcement of the mystery with *the proclamation of a related Biblical passage*, long or short, depending on the circumstances. No other words can ever match the efficacy of the inspired word. As we listen, we are certain that this is the word of God, spoken for today and spoken "for me". If received in this way, the word of God can become part of the Rosary's methodology of repetition without giving rise to the ennui derived from the simple recollection of something already well known. It is not a matter of recalling information but of *allowing God to speak*. In certain solemn communal celebrations, this word can be appropriately illustrated by a brief commentary.

Listening and meditation are nourished by silence. After the announcement of the mystery and the proclamation of the word, it is fitting to pause and focus one's attention for a suitable period of time on the mystery concerned, before moving into vocal prayer. A discovery of the importance of silence is one of the secrets of practicing contemplation and meditation. One drawback of a society dominated by technology and the mass media is the fact that silence becomes increasingly difficult to achieve. Just as moments of silence are recommended in the Liturgy, so too in the recitation of the Rosary it is fitting to pause briefly after listening to the word of God, while the mind focuses on the content of a particular mystery.

After listening to the word and focusing on the mystery, it is natural for *the mind to be lifted up towards the Father*. In each of his mysteries, Jesus always leads us to the Father, for as he rests in the Father's bosom (cf. *Jn 1:18*) he is continually turned towards him. He wants us to share in his intimacy with the Father, so that we can say with him: "Abba, Father" (*Rom 8:15; Gal 4:6*). By virtue of his relationship to the Father, he makes us brothers and sisters of himself and of one another, communicating to us the Spirit which is both his and the Father's. Acting as a kind of foundation for the Christological and Marian meditation which unfolds in the repetition of the *Hail Mary*, the *Our Father* makes meditation upon the mystery, even when carried out in solitude, an ecclesial experience.

This is the most substantial element in the Rosary and also the one which makes it a Marian prayer *par excellence*. Yet when the *Hail Mary* is properly understood, we come to see clearly that its Marian character is not opposed to its Christological character, but that it actually emphasizes and increases it. The first part of the *Hail Mary*, drawn from the words spoken to Mary by the Angel Gabriel and by Saint Elizabeth, is a contemplation in adoration of the mystery accomplished in the Virgin of Nazareth. These words express, so to speak, the wonder of heaven and earth; they could be said to give us a glimpse of God's own wonderment as he contemplates his "masterpiece" – the Incarnation of the Son in the womb of the Virgin Mary. If we recall how, in the Book of Genesis, God "saw all that he had made" (*Gen 1:31*), we can find here an echo of that "pathos with which God, at the dawn of creation, looked upon the work of his hands".⁽³⁶⁾ The repetition of the *Hail Mary* in the Rosary gives us a share in God's own wonder and pleasure: in jubilant amazement we acknowledge the greatest miracle of history. Mary's prophecy here finds its fulfilment: "Henceforth all generations will call me blessed" (*Lk 1:48*).

The centre of gravity in the *Hail Mary*, the hinge as it were which joins its two parts, is *the name of Jesus*. Sometimes, in hurried recitation, this centre of gravity can be overlooked, and with it the connection to the mystery of Christ being contemplated. Yet it is precisely the emphasis given to the name of Jesus and to his mystery that is the sign of a meaningful and fruitful recitation of the Rosary. Pope Paul VI drew attention, in his Apostolic Exhortation *Marialis Cultus*, to the custom in certain regions of highlighting the name of Christ by the addition of a clause referring to the mystery being contemplated.⁽³⁷⁾ This is a praiseworthy custom, especially during public recitation. It gives forceful expression to our faith in Christ, directed to the different moments of the Redeemer's life. It is at once *a profession of faith* and an aid in concentrating our meditation, since it facilitates the process of assimilation to the mystery of Christ inherent in the repetition of the *Hail Mary*. When we repeat the name of Jesus – the only name given to us by which we may hope for salvation (cf. *Acts 4:12*) – in close association with the name of his Blessed Mother, almost as if it were done at her suggestion, we set out on a path of assimilation meant to help us enter more deeply into the life of Christ. From Mary's uniquely privileged relationship with Christ, which makes her the Mother of God, *Theotókos*, derives the forcefulness of the appeal we make to her in the second half of the prayer, as we entrust to her maternal intercession our lives and the hour of our death.

Trinitarian doxology is the goal of all Christian contemplation. For Christ is the way that leads us to the Father in the Spirit. If we travel this way to the end, we repeatedly encounter the mystery of the three divine Persons, to whom all praise, worship and thanksgiving are due. It is important that the *Gloria*, *the high-point of contemplation*, be given due prominence in the Rosary. In public recitation it could be sung, as a way of giving proper emphasis to the essentially Trinitarian structure of all Christian prayer. To the extent that meditation on the mystery is attentive and profound, and to the extent that it is enlivened – from one *Hail Mary* to another – by love for Christ and for Mary, the glorification of the Trinity at the end of each decade, far from being a perfunctory conclusion, takes on its proper contemplative tone, raising the mind as it were to the heights of heaven and enabling us in some way to relive the experience of Tabor, a foretaste of the contemplation yet to come: "It is good for us to be here!" (*Lk 9:33*).

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	September 28 † Scott Anselmo, by Jacque Anselmo † Leo T. Fink, by family † Eddy Saldira, by her son
Sunday 8:30 am	September 29 Living & deceased of our Parish
11:00 am	†Conor Griffith, by Sajdera Family †Juana Esperanza Madera Posada, by Sajdera family †Franco Chesarone, by E.Lorraine Hermes
Monday 8:30 am	September 30 Wellbeing of Doleen Borba, by Joseph & Jennifer Borba
Tuesday 8:30 am	October 1 † Mary Ann Smith, by Loretta Polizano
Wednesday 8:30 am	October 2 † Mary Brunetti, by SSCCW
Thursday 8:30 am	October 3 Wellbeing of Luca Pierotti, by Anna Marie Pierotti
Friday 8:30 am	October 4 † Mary Ann Smith, by SSCCW
Saturday 5:00 pm	October 5 † Pierotti Biondi, by Anna Marie Pierotti † John Koons, by Rosie Koons Wellbeing of Sharon Fink, by Family Wellbeing of Connie Reid, by Fuccillo Family
Sunday 8:30am	October 6 †Conor Griffith, by Sajdera Family †Juana Esperanza Madera Posada, by Sajdera family † Grace & Murray Toomey, by Helen & Mary Louise Toomey
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 Keysers, 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,

EUCHARISTIC 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

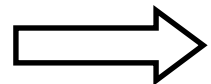
Please, let people in need know we distribute groceries every Friday from 1:30-3:45pm at Blessed Sacrament Church. However, access to the parking lot closes at 3:15. Proof of residency in Broward County is needed for first time participants.

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION	
WEEKEND OF 09/21-09/22	
Last Week's Collection	\$3,922
Offertory Total YTD	\$53,644
Budget YTD	\$67,096
Shortfall YTD	\$(13,452)



PARISH EVENTS AND DATES



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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



Church News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:

- First Class and information session for parents today at 9:45am in the Hall.

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

- First class will begin on 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 wishes to know more about their faith.

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 the Gospel of Luke with Mary Ann Leseke facilitating.

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. RSVP to Sandi Mann 954-235-4005.
- **October 12 at 2pm** All are invited to experience "Reel Joy". SSCCW presents a showing of "Cabrini" on Saturday October 12, 2024 @ 2pm in our Parish Hall. Admission is free & we hope to see you there. For more information please contact Nancy Sica @ 301-233-9448
- **Trinkets and Treasures**— Will be held on February 8th and 9th. **Please**, start bringing in your treasures now. Call Sandi Mann at 954.235.4005
- **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 to donate/
- **Life Chain: Sunday, Oct. 6, 2-3 pm.** Nationwide observance of Sanctity of Life will be held along University Drive. Signs will be provided; bring your chairs. Meet at St. Sebastian at 1:30pm to carpool to St. David's Church. Linda 954-604-5507.