

TWENTY-SEVENTH 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-Thursday 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

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

CONTEMPLATING CHRIST WITH MARY

Articles 9, 11-14

A face radiant as the sun "And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun" (Mt 17:2). The Gospel scene of Christ's transfiguration, in which the three Apostles Peter, James and John appear entranced by the beauty of the Redeemer, can be seen as *an icon of Christian contemplation*. To look upon the face of Christ, to recognize its mystery amid the daily events and the sufferings of his human life, and then to grasp the divine splendour definitively revealed in the Risen Lord, seated in glory at the right hand of the Father: this is the task of every follower of Christ and therefore the task of each one of us. In contemplating Christ's face we become open to receiving the mystery of Trinitarian life, experiencing ever anew the love of the Father and delighting in the joy of the Holy Spirit. Saint Paul's words can then be applied to us: "Beholding the glory of the Lord, we are being changed into his likeness, from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit" (2Cor 3:18)

Mary's memories Mary lived with her eyes fixed on Christ, treasuring his every word: "She kept all these things, pondering them in her heart" (Lk 2:19; cf. 2:51). The memories of Jesus, impressed upon her heart, were always with her, leading her to reflect on the various moments of her life at her Son's side. In a way those memories were to be the "rosary" which she recited uninterruptedly throughout her earthly life.

Even now, amid the joyful songs of the heavenly Jerusalem, the reasons for her thanksgiving and praise remain unchanged. They inspire her maternal concern for the pilgrim Church, in which she continues to relate her personal account of the Gospel. *Mary constantly sets before the faithful the "mysteries" of her Son*, with the desire that the contemplation of those mysteries will release all their saving power. In the recitation of the Rosary, the Christian community enters into contact with the memories and the contemplative gaze of Mary.

The Rosary, a contemplative prayer The Rosary, precisely because it starts with Mary's own experience, is *an exquisitely contemplative prayer*. Without this contemplative dimension, it would lose its meaning, as Pope Paul VI clearly pointed out: "Without contemplation, the Rosary is a body without a soul, and its recitation runs the risk of becoming a mechanical repetition of formulas, in violation of the admonition of Christ: 'In praying do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think they will be heard for their many words' (Mt 6:7). By its nature the recitation of the Rosary calls for a quiet rhythm and a lingering pace, helping the individual to meditate on the mysteries of the Lord's life as seen through the eyes of her who was closest to the Lord. In this way the unfathomable riches of these mysteries are disclosed". It is worth pausing to consider this profound insight of Paul VI, in order to bring out certain aspects of the Rosary which show that it is really a form of Christocentric contemplation.

Remembering Christ with Mary Mary's contemplation is above all *a remembering*. We need to understand this word in the biblical sense of remembrance (*zakar*) as a making present of the works brought about by God in the history of salvation. The Bible is an account of saving events culminating in Christ himself. These events not only belong to "yesterday"; *they are also part of the "today" of salvation*. This making present comes about above all in the Liturgy: what God accomplished centuries ago did not only affect the direct witnesses of those events; it continues to affect people in every age with its gift of grace. To some extent this is also true of every other devout approach to those events: to "remember" them in a spirit of faith and love is to be open to the grace which Christ won for us by the mysteries of his life, death and resurrection.

Consequently, while it must be reaffirmed with the Second Vatican Council that the Liturgy, as the exercise of the priestly office of Christ and an act of public worship, is "the summit to which the activity of the Church is directed and the font from which all its power flows", it is also necessary to recall that the spiritual life "is not limited solely to participation in the liturgy. Christians, while they are called to prayer in common, must also go to their own rooms to pray to their Father in secret (cf. Mt 6:6); indeed, according to the teaching of the Apostle, they must pray without ceasing (cf. 1Thes 5:17)". The Rosary, in its own particular way, is part of this varied panorama of "ceaseless" prayer. If the Liturgy, as the activity of Christ and the Church, is *a saving action par excellence*, the Rosary too, as a "meditation" with Mary on Christ, is *a salutary contemplation*. By immersing us in the mysteries of the Redeemer's life, it ensures that what he has done and what the liturgy makes present is profoundly assimilated and shapes our existence.

Learning Christ from Mary Christ is the supreme Teacher, the revealer and the one revealed. It is not just a question of learning what he taught but of "*learning him*". In this regard could we have any better teacher than Mary? From the divine standpoint, the Spirit is the interior teacher who leads us to the full truth of Christ (cf. Jn 14:26; 15:26; 16:13). But among creatures no one knows Christ better than Mary; no one can introduce us to a profound knowledge of his mystery better than his Mother. The first of the "signs" worked by Jesus – the changing of water into wine at the marriage in Cana – clearly presents Mary in the guise of a teacher, as she urges the servants to do what Jesus commands (cf. Jn 2:5). We can imagine that she would have done likewise for the disciples after Jesus' Ascension, when she joined them in awaiting the Holy Spirit and supported them in their first mission. Contemplating the scenes of the Rosary in union with Mary is a means of learning from her to "read" Christ, to discover his secrets and to understand his message. This school of Mary is all the more effective if we consider that she teaches by obtaining for us in abundance the gifts of the Holy Spirit, even as she offers us the incomparable example of her own "pilgrimage of faith". As we contemplate each mystery of her Son's life, she invites us to do as she did at the Annunciation: to ask humbly the questions which open us to the light, in order to end with the obedience of faith: "Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38).

Mass Intentions

- Saturday** **October 5**
 5:00 pm † Pierotti Biondi, by Anna Marie Pierotti
 † John Koons, by Rosie Koons
 Wellbeing of Sharon Fink, by Family
 Wellbeing of Connie Reed, by Fuccillo Family
- Sunday** **October 6**
 8:30 am †Conor Griffith, by Sajdera Family
 †Juana Esperanza Madera Posada,
 by Sajdera family
 †Grace & Murray Toomey, by Helen &
 Mary Louise Toomey
- 11:00 am Living & deceased of our Parish
- Monday** **October 7**
 8:30 am Wellbeing of Doleen Borba, by Joseph
 & Jennifer Borba
- Tuesday** **October 8**
 8:30 am Wellbeing of Martha Juelle, by Rosie Koons
 Wellbeing of Joan McMahon, by Rosie
 Koons
- Wednesday** **October 9**
 8:30 am †George Miller, by Charles & Darryl
 Roukema
- Thursday** **October 10**
 8:30 am †Father Pat McDonnell, by Maher Family
- Friday** **October 11**
 8:30 am †Albert J. Mainellie, by Jack Tavone
 Wellbeing of Marcia Hogan, by Barry Hogan
- Saturday** **October 12**
 5:00 pm Living & deceased of our Parish
- Sunday** **October 13**
 8:30am Wellbeing of Brooke & Tomas Fink, by
 the family
 Wellbeing of Bill Fuccillo, by Anna Marie
 Pierotti
 † Mary Brunetti, by Winslow Family
- 11:00am †Conor Griffith, by Sajdera Family
 †Juana Esperanza Madera Posada,
 by Sajdera family
 †Mary Ellen Fowler, by Ann Murray

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 Mar-
 ma, 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

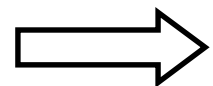
BIBLE SHARING Come for coffee and Scripture sharing each Thursday in the Parish Hall at 9:15am. Everyone is invited. You may also join us online by dialing 848-777-1212, when prompted put in 143143#. For more info call Michele at 954.290.1194. We will be sharing from the Gospel of Luke with Mary Ann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



OFFERTORY COLLECTION	
WEEKEND OF 09/28-09/29	
Last Week's Collection	\$ 3,918
Offertory Total YTD	\$57,561
Budget YTD	\$71,167
Shortfall YTD	\$(13,605)



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



NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

ABCD

Individually, none of us possess the capability to address the requirements of our Archdiocese adequately. However, when we come together, we have the power to achieve remarkable things. The ABCD provides us with the opportunity to continue spreading Christ's love throughout our communities, providing hope in the process. You can also contemplate making a donation to the ABCD at www.isupportABCD.com.

Planned Giving

The planned giving process represents one of the most transformative means of providing support to the Archdiocese of Miami. It is never too late to make plans for the individuals and causes you hold dear. For additional information, please visit www.adomgift.org.

Stewardship

The Mission of the Archdiocese of Miami is to help people encounter Jesus Christ, accompany each other on this journey of discipleship, and live the unconditional joy of the Gospel message.

"So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name." Genesis 2:19

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

ST. SEBASTIAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

- **October 12 at 2pm** All are invited to experience "Reel Joy". SSCCW presents a showing of "Cabriní" 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.

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RESPECT LIFE MONTH

- **October is Respect Life Month** . We are collecting baby items at all masses . A bassinet will be placed in front of the church for the entire month.
- **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.