

TWENTY-EIGHTH Sunday in Ordinary Time

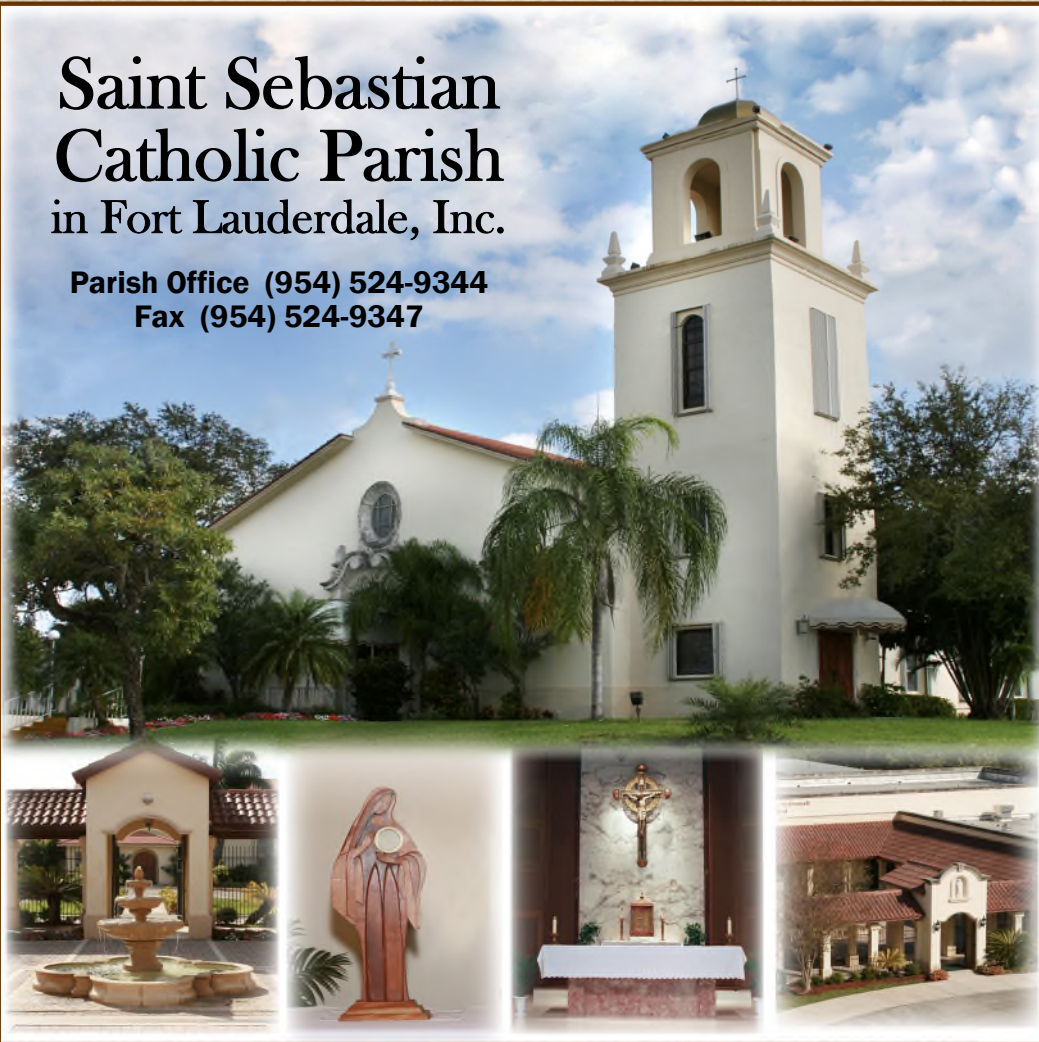
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Saint Sebastian Catholic Parish in Fort Lauderdale, Inc.

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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

Office Staff

Rev Ernest Biriruka

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Nancy Adams

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Connie Reed

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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

APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION
OF HIS HOLINESS PAUL VI
MARIALIS CULTUS
Articles 15-19

Mary is the attentive Virgin, who receives the word of God with faith, that faith which in her case was the gateway and path to divine motherhood, for, as Saint Augustine realized, "Blessed Mary by believing conceived Him (Jesus) whom believing she brought forth." In fact, when she received from the angel the answer to her doubt (cf. Lk. 1:34-37), "full of faith, and conceiving Christ in her mind before conceiving Him in her womb, she said, 'I am the handmaid of the Lord, let what you have said be done to me' (Lk. 1:38)." (46) It was faith that was for her the cause of blessedness and certainty in the fulfillment of the promise: "Blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled" (Lk. 1:45). Similarly, it was faith with which she, who played a part in the Incarnation and was a unique witness to it, thinking back on the events of the infancy of Christ, meditated upon these events in her heart (cf. Lk. 2:19,51). The Church also acts in this way, especially in the liturgy, when with faith she listens, accepts, proclaims and venerates the word of God, distributes it to the faithful as the bread of life and in the light of that word examines the signs of the times and interprets and lives the events of history.

Mary is also the Virgin in prayer. She appears as such in the visit to the mother of the precursor, when she pours out her soul in expressions glorifying God, and expressions of humility, faith and hope. This prayer is the Magnificat (cf. Lk. 1:46-55), Mary's prayer par excellence, the song of the messianic times in which there mingles the joy of the ancient and the new Israel. As St. Irenaeus seems to suggest, it is in Mary's canticle that there was heard once more the rejoicing of Abraham who foresaw the Messiah (cf. Jn. 8:56) (and there rang out in prophetic anticipation the voice of the Church: "In her exultation Mary prophetically declared in the name of the Church: 'My soul proclaims the glory of the Lord....'" And in fact Mary's hymn has spread far and wide and has become the prayer of the whole Church in all ages.

At Cana, Mary appears once more as the Virgin in prayer: when she tactfully told her Son of a temporal need she also obtained an effect of grace, namely, that Jesus, in working the first of His "signs," confirmed His disciples' faith in Him (cf. Jn. 2:1-12).

Likewise, the last description of Mary's life presents her as praying. The apostles "joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers" (Acts 1:14). We have here the prayerful presence of Mary in the early Church and in the Church throughout all ages, for, having been assumed into heaven, she has not abandoned her mission of intercession and salvation. The title Virgin in prayer also fits the Church, which day by day presents to the Father the needs of her children, "praises the Lord unceasingly and intercedes for the salvation of the world.

Mary is also the Virgin-Mother-she who "believing and obeying...brought forth on earth the Father's Son. This she did, not knowing man but overshadowed by the Holy Spirit." (52) This was a miraculous motherhood, set up by God as the type and exemplar of the fruitfulness of the Virgin-Church, which "becomes herself a mother.... For by her preaching and by baptism she brings forth to a new and immortal life children who are conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of God." (53) The ancient Fathers rightly taught that the Church prolongs in the sacrament of Baptism the virginal motherhood of Mary. Among such references we like to recall that of our illustrious predecessor, Saint Leo the Great, who in a Christmas homily says: "The origin which (Christ took in the womb of the Virgin He has given to the baptismal font: He has given to water what He had given to His Mother-the power of the Most High and the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit (cf Lk. 1:35), which was responsible for Mary's bringing forth the Savior, has the same effect, so that water may regenerate the believer."

Mass Intentions

- Saturday October 12**
5:00 pm Living & deceased of our Parish

- Sunday October 13**
8:30 am Wellbeing of Brooke & Tomas Fink, by the family
Wellbeing of Bill Fuccillo, by Anna Marie Pierotti
† Mary Brunetti, by Winslow Family

- 11:00 am †Conor Griffith, by Sajdera Family
†Juana Esperanza Madera Posada, by Sajdera family
†Mary Ellen Fowler, by Ann Murry

- Monday October 14**
8:30 am Wellbeing of Gianna Turek, by Anna Marie Pierotti

- Tuesday October 15**
8:30 am †Elena Loughran, by husband Bill

- Wednesday October 16**
8:30 am †Elena Loughran, by husband Bill
Wellbeing of Linda Grable, by Judy Fisher

- Thursday October 17**
8:30 am Wellbeing of Barry Hogan, by Marcia Hogan

- Friday October 18**
8:30 am Wellbeing of Doleen Borba, by Joseph & Jennifer Borba

- Saturday October 19**
5:00 pm †J Patrick & Nelly O'Connor, by the family
†Juana Esperanza Madera Posada, by Sajdera family
† Joan Fuccillo, by the family

- Sunday October 20**
8:30am † Charles & Marie Ann Maher, by Maher family
† Dolores Hesse Fink, by husband Jack
†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.

St. Vincent de Paul truck will be here next weekend, October 19 & 20.

BILL FUCCILLO CELEBRATES 101 YEARS!



After serving in the Army in WWII, Bill moved to Greenport N.Y. He married Joanie and they had three children. Bill owned a beauty salon in Greenport for over fifty years.

The Fuccillos moved here in the early 90's, joined St. Sebastian and became very active. Bill considers it the honor of his life that he has been an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, serving for decades in the nursing home on Miami Road and bringing Holy Communion to many of the sick of our parish.

Bill is a member of the Men's Club and served as Assistant President and then President of the club for many years. After the bell in the church steeple fell down in during hurricane Wilma in 2005, Bill enthusiastically rang the broken bell asking for donations for a new bell. Soon enough we had a new bell. Many of us know bill as the Energizer Bunny! If it needs to be done, ask Bill.

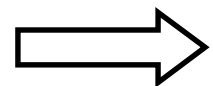
Catch Bill in the evening around five with his son Gary and daughter, Joannie when over cocktails, they reminisce about his beloved wife, Joan and son, Bill and yes, chat about all the wonders to come.

A life well lived. An inspiration to us all. Thank you and happy birthday, Bill. ♥

<u>OFFERTORY COLLECTION</u>	
<i>WEEKEND OF 10/05-10/06</i>	
Last Week's Collection	\$ 5,038
Offertory Total YTD	\$61,880
Budget YTD	\$71,167
Shortfall YTD	\$(9,287)



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

Through the ABCD, the Archdiocese of Miami assists elderly people in need, families in crisis, people who are homeless, lonely, and vulnerable, youth and young adults, and parishes and Catholic schools. To communicate with all who are interested in hearing the teachings of Jesus Christ. www.isupportABCD.com.

Planned Giving

Planned Giving is charitable giving that is planned, often deferred, and usually executed over an extended period of time through a will, contract, or trust. Bequests, charitable gift annuities, trusts, insurance, and gifts of appreciated stock are all examples of planned gifts. These important gifts help ensure that our lives touch the lives of those who come after us by building the faith for generations to come. You are welcome to contact us today via email at kblanco@theadom.org or call us at 305-762-1053.

Stewardship

As stewardship leaders, we are encouraged to reflect on our blessings, enhance them, and share them with others, recognizing that everything we possess is a gift from God. When we give of ourselves and help others, we demonstrate God's love.

"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." Mark 10:25

Jesus uses a strong visual analogy to make us understand our calling. He wants to show us that his conditions are not easy, and we are asked for true generosity with all our gifts including the gift of self which includes our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charities.

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 Mary at 954.290.1194. We will be sharing from the Gospel of Luke with Mary Ann Leseke facilitating.

ST. SEBASTIAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

- Next monthly Board Meeting October 29, 2024 at 10am
- **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 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 are collecting baby items at all masses. A bassinet will be placed in front of the ambo for the entire month. A list of items to donate is located at the entrance doors.



SVDP NEWS During the month of September (4 Fridays), we were able to serve 699 clients representing 2103 individuals. Our expenses, which included rent and utility assistance for several clients, and gift cards for those who have no food storage and/or cooking facilities. Our expenses were \$3869. 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. The inclement weather as well as the declining donations of fresh meat and produce from Feeding South Florida, Farm Share and BJ's have made our distribution a bit more challenging. We are doing our best to see if they will be able to get more of those items to us in the coming weeks. Each month we have a Mass celebrated for past and present members and benefactors of our St. Vincent DePaul Society. This next one will be on Wednesday October 23 at 8:00 AM at Blessed Sacrament Church. Please join us in prayer or in person if you are able. Thank You! Pat Burke

SVDP distributes groceries every Friday from 1:30-3:45 at Blessed Sacrament Church (1701 E Oakland Park Blvd). HOWEVER, ACCESS TO THE PARKING LOT WILL CLOSE AT 3:15. First timers need to provide proof of residency in Broward County.