

THIRTIETH Sunday in Ordinary Time

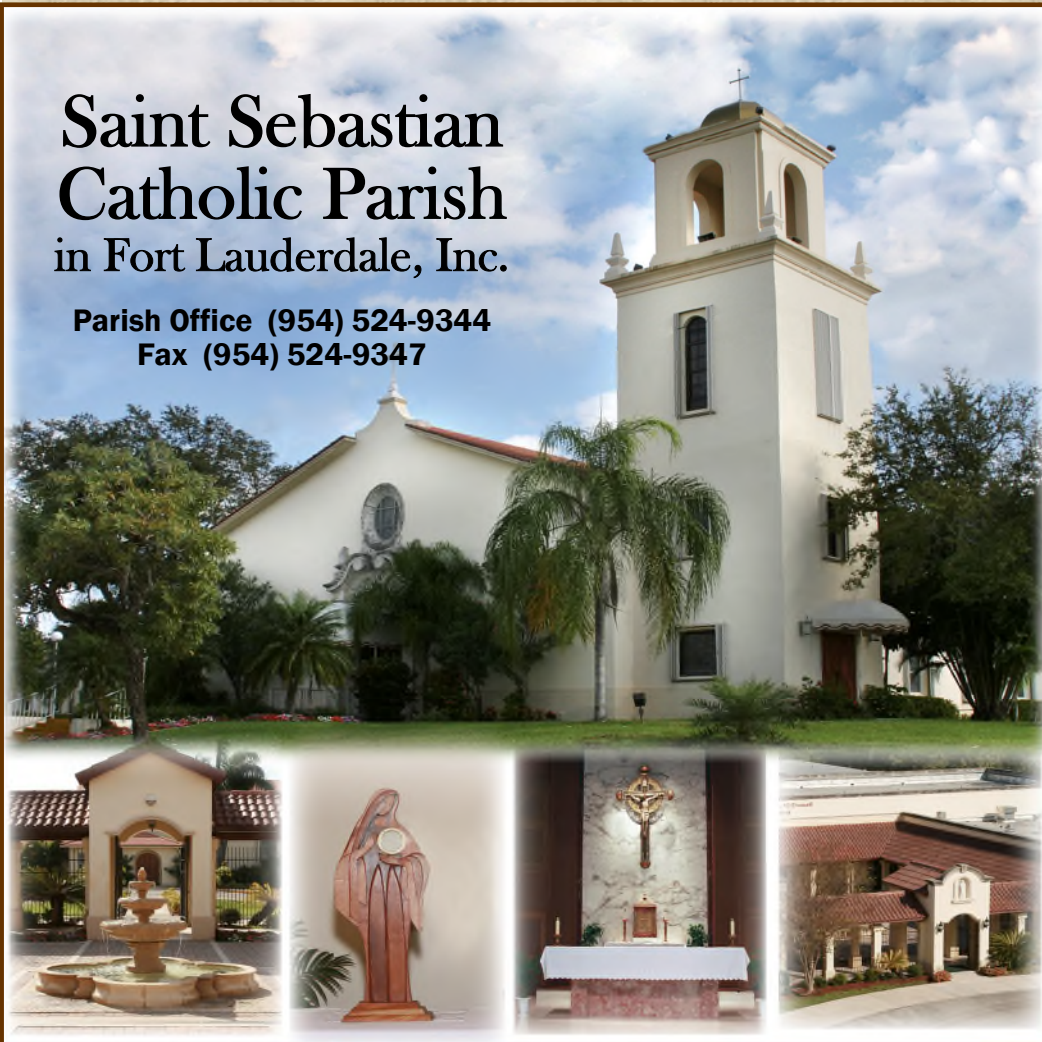
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Saint Sebastian Catholic Parish in Fort Lauderdale, Inc.

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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

Pastor

Andrea Badyna
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Director of Music
(954) 868-6137

Ms. Cathy Spitzer
Vocalist

Mr. Patricio Diaz-Pizarro
Maintenance

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Nancy Adams
Elizabeth Calhoun
Judy Fisher
Rosemary Guerin
Frank Krauser
Johnny Mann
Richard Page
Connie Reed

WEBSITE Stsebastianfl.org

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

My dear brothers and sisters:

WHAT IS NEW IN OUR PARISH? Some time our Church life seems to follow the same routine that we may not notice that new things are happening.

But first, allow me to welcome our parishioners who are back in town. You are most welcome as you winter in the parish of Saint Sebastian!!! Allow me also to explain why I share with you so frequently passages from the Catechism of the Catholic Church or from the writing of popes: I trust more Church wisdom than mine. Those writings might be hard to read, but with a little effort, we can enjoy them tremendously. If you read any of the recent messages, send me your feedback via the parish email. Anyway, during these last weeks, I was eager to promote the Rosary. Protestant criticisms should not make us neglect the rich prayer of the Rosary.

FAITH FORMATION and RCIA: Yes, something new is happening here. As I said from the pulpit, I am opening faith formation to everybody who would like to join us to deepen the faith. Sessions take place on the first and third Wednesday of the month, as you know, and we shall go until after Easter. This program aims at providing initiation in the faith for those who need the Sacraments, but is also profitable to open our minds to a variety of topics in our faith. Our methodology does not consist in proclaiming dogmas from above, but in learning and discussing, and referring to our own experiences of faith. The Word of God is also the foundation of our reflection and spiritual conclusions. Here is what Vatican II says:

“Sacred theology rests on the written word of God, together with sacred tradition, as its primary and perpetual foundation. By scrutinizing in the light of faith all truth stored up in the mystery of Christ, theology is most powerfully strengthened and constantly rejuvenated by that word. For the Sacred Scriptures contain the word of God and since they are inspired, really are the word of God; and so the study of the sacred page is, as it were, the soul of sacred theology.” (from Dei Verbum, Vatican II).

So, I am so glad to invite any parishioner who can join us to come and so enjoy a good time with us. Our next session will explore faith and Revelation. What is Revelation? Come and find out.

It is also a great joy to say that our **BIBLE SHARING** on Thursday morning is growing. The number of participants seem to have doubled in these last few months. We read and share what we understand of the Sacred Scriptures. Since I joined, we have already read the Gospel of Mark, the Letters to the Thessalonians ..., the Book of Daniel, now we are reading the gospel of Luke. Amazing things are happening. How I would love to see all who have time on Thursday morning to join us for the Bible sharing. Never mind if you have never opened your Bible, you can still join us. Maybe you do not know which version of the Bible you have, bring it and we will find out with you. In that sharing we are enjoying the amazing knowledge of Arthur who shares his insights with our group. So, please join us new things are happening.

We have also new members on the **Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion teams.** An additional **MASS** at 6pm on Sunday, in an effort to accommodate those who might not have the chance in the morning will start this November. By the way, our music team, Peter and Kathy are really outstanding and do a superb job; we admire the tremendous success they bring to our liturgies. Remarkable efforts are being made about **Voting No on amendment 4 &3,** so as to protect life, born and unborn. So, let us keep up the good work!!! One of my requests to you is to invite as many friends and family members you can to join us at Saint Sebastian.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	October 26 Wellbeing of Connie Reed, by Fuccillo Family † Joan Fuccillo, family
Sunday 8:30 am	October 27 † Conor Griffith, by Sajdera family † Juana Esperanza Madera Posada, by Sajdera family † Mike Schwartz, by Al & Lila Ferzacca
11:00 am	Living & deceased of our Parish
Monday 8:30 am	October 28 Wellbeing of Doleen Borba, by Joseph and Jennifer Borba
Tuesday 8:30 am	October 29 Wellbeing of Frank McGinity, by Grace Middlemiss
Wednesday 8:30 am	October 30 † Roman Gray † Jane Abitabilo, by Nancy, Frank & Anne
Thursday 8:30 am	October 31 Wellbeing of Bill Fuccillo, by Office Staff
Friday 8:30 am	November 1 All Saints Day Wellbeing of Lorraine Herm
6pm	Wellbeing of Annie Gardner by Judy Fisher † Luis Cano, by Cano family † Magaly Bautista, by Cano family
Saturday 5:00 pm	November 2 ALL SOULS' NOVENA
Sunday 8:30am	November 3 L & D of our Parish
11:00am 6:00pm	ALL SOULS NOVENA ALL SOULS NOVENA

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.

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.



The Christmas Gala "Fun Raiser" tickets are now available after each Mass at the back of the church and at the Parish office. Please invest in our parish through this opportunity to have a wonderful time and donate to build our community and meet our needs. Tickets are \$125.00 per person. Table Sponsorships (8 persons) are available for \$1,000 and include two bottles of wine. Underwriting opportunities are available for decorations and catering. Please contact the parish office for more information: 954-524-9344.


DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME REMINDER

Daylight savings time will end on Sunday, November 3, 2024 at 2:00AM. Don't forget to FALL BACK by turning your clocks back 1 hour. Enjoy your extra hour of sleep before Sunday mass!

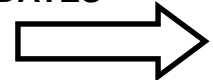


All Souls Day Novena Envelopes are located at all the church entrances and in the Parish Office

<u>OFFERTORY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>WEEKEND OF 10/12/24 & 10/13/24</u>	
Last Week's Collection	\$4,362
Offertory Total YTD	\$70,652
Budget YTD	\$91,483
Shortfall YTD	\$(20,831)



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

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NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

ABCD

We appreciate your continued support for the Archdiocese of Miami and its various ministries. Your contributions to the Archdiocese of Miami have a significant impact and are fundamental to sustaining the Catholic Church's mission. Let's donate today at www.isupportABCD.com.

Planned Giving

Planned Giving is an ideal way to continue supporting the parish for decades to come, leaving your legacy with others to carry forward as we continue to lead individuals of all ages to their Sacraments, commemorate diverse cultural experiences through liturgy, and uphold the historical integrity of our church buildings and grounds. Get involved by visiting www.adomgift.org today!

Stewardship

A Christian Steward is someone who receives God's gifts with gratitude, manages them responsibly, and shares them joyfully.

"And Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your faith has made you well.' And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way." (Mark 10:52)

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

- **General Meeting**— November 1 at 9am
- **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.

ST. SEBASTIAN MEN'S CLUB Will hold its regular meeting in the Parish hall on Sunday, October 27 at 9:45am. All men of the Parish are invited to attend. The schedule of activities for the 2024/25 season will be discussed.

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 each church entrance.



PILGRIMAGE TO THE FRENCH SANCTUARIES with Father Ernest - 10 days 8 nights. Paris- Lisieux Nevers-Paray Le Monial- Ars- La Salette-Avignon-Lourdes – Toulouse. March 28– April 6, 2025, \$2,985 USD Land per person. Information located at our church entrances.