

# Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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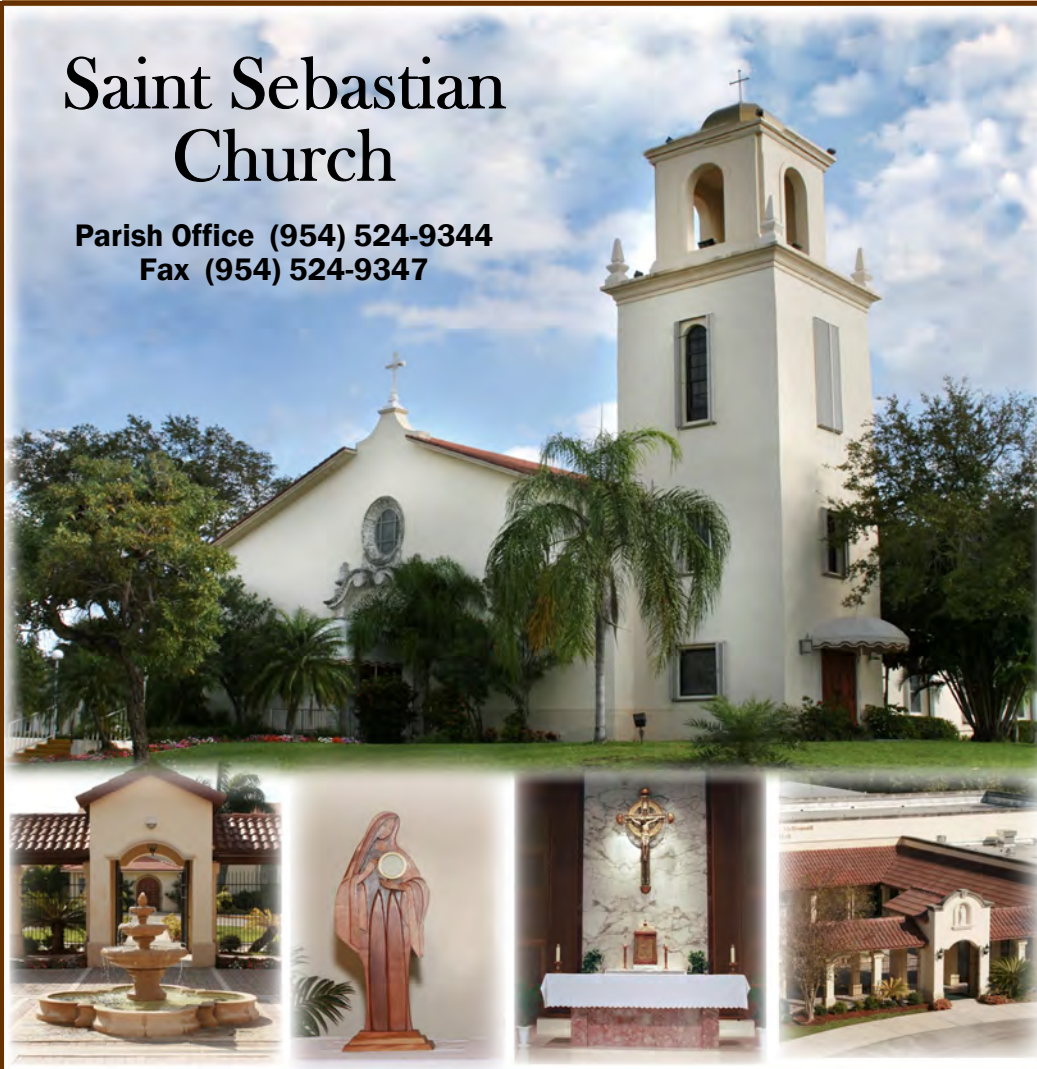
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## Saint Sebastian Church

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### MASSES

Saturday 5 pm  
(Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 8:30 & 11 am

Weekdays 8:30 am  
(Mon. through Fri.)

Holy Days  
(Schedule varies)

### PARISH STAFF

Rev. Msgr. James F. Fetscher  
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### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Nancy Adams  
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Frank Krauser  
Patrick O'Dea  
Connie Reed  
Chuck Wobby

### PARISH WEBSITE:

[stsebastianfl.org](http://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.

Dear Family,

Today is the **FEAST OF JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE.**

This feast ends our liturgical year, the cycle of Sundays and holidays that celebrate the Good News of our Salvation. We have walked with the evangelist, Luke. Next Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent, we begin a new year with Matthew.

Risking the cliché chasm, we hear that the Word of God is 'living and active.' (Hebrews 4:12). For me it means that no matter how many times I may have heard this or that Scripture passage, it always has the possibility of new insights. This year it's Matthew's turn to offer us new discoveries and rediscoveries.

As the saying goes, "Man proposes, God disposes." With Hurricane Nicole aiming at us last week, I 'proposed' closing up for two days, only to wake up and find that God had 'disposed' of Nicole in another venue. The sun was shining on our closed sanctuary. And of course, at that point, there was no way to say we'll have Mass after all.

Moving on, Thursday we celebrate Thanksgiving. Our civil holiday has always been rooted in an attitude of thanks that ultimately finds its way to God.

For example, On October 3, 1789, George Washington issued the proclamation,

"Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor—and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me 'to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.'"

"Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the

People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be—That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks—..."

The leaders of our country "proposed" giving thanks. I'm very much convinced that God was (and is) "disposed" to receiving that thanks.

**WE WILL CELEBRATE A SPECIAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING on Thursday at 10:00 a.m.**

I'd like to make a suggestion. Normally, we don't have a collection at our Thanksgiving Mass. In the next few days would you sit down and jot on a piece of paper some of the things for which you are thankful. We will make the collection of your various lists our offering for the Mass.

Many things are on my list. One of the biggest ones is my gratitude for all of you. Young and old (whoops... I mean 'mature',) I think we do a good job of providing each other with an environment of peace and joy, wisdom and patience, hospitality and hope, in fact, an environment of *holiness*, despite our faults.

I feel as though I'm standing on the edge of a chasm of clichés into which I could so easily fall, but I'm going to take the chance anyway and simply say that the "attitude of gratitude" is what we people of the Eucharist must always be about.

We don't need a civil proclamation to make us grateful. Every time we come to the altar, we are a people of thanks. And yet having something that reminds us of who we are isn't a bad thing at all. Sometimes, we take our blessings for granted; at least I do.

**"Ad Venio." Advent.** We are **"Coming to..."**

As we anticipate celebrating the Lord's Coming, may we encourage each other.

In Jesus,





## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>November 19</b> † Ann Rentoumis Living & Deceased of our Parish
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am	<b>November 20</b> † Charles & Marie Maher, req. by Family † Dolores Fink, req. by Sandy Polselli † Pasquale Polselli, req. by Sandy Polselli
11:00 am	† Jonathan Bedard, req. by Cheryl & Ted Abernethy † Judith Barr-Bacha, req. by Cheryl & Ted Abernethy † Patricia Calhoun, req. by Judy Fisher
<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>November 21</b> † Nancy Totino, req. by Jacquie Anselmo Our Religious & Political Leaders, past & present, req. by Virginia Garcia
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>November 22</b> Wellbeing of Michelle & Maria Williams
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>November 23</b> † Ellie Loughran, req. by husband, Bill
<b>Thursday</b> <b>10:00 am</b>	<b>November 24—THANKSGIVING DAY</b> For Our Parishioners and Benefactors
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>November 25</b> † Carol Houghton
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>November 26</b> Living and Deceased of Our Parish
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am	<b>November 27</b> † Charles & Marie Maher, req. by Family † Dolores Hesse Fink, req. by The Fink Family † Grace & Murray Toomey, req. by M.L. & Helen Toomey
11:00 am	† Jack McAllister, Jr., req. by Abernethy Family † Patricia Calhoun, req. by Ann Murry

## REMEMBER THE SICK

Mary Lou Mann, Suzanne Plum, Don Loughran, Jr., Jim Cowgill, Jr., Peter Hanna, Sandy Rodrigues, John Harris, Stephen Black, Mary Alice Zittle, Alvaro Arevalo, Michelline Toulouse, Kari Albertson, Paul Ristow, Ed Fetscher, Margaret Donato, Ted Petoniak, Jean Armstrong, Matt Keyzers, Marianne Dougherty, Sister Maire O'Dea, Loretta Polizano, Judy Flood, Sister Frances Voss, O.S.C., Rae Pietrzak, Tom Casey, Tom Drohan

## IN MEMORIAM

**+ ANN RENTOUMIS +**  
**November 9, 2022**

*May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

## BIBLE SHARING

Come for coffee and Scripture Sharing each Thursday in the Parish Hall at 9:15 am. Everyone is invited. You may also join us online by dialing 848-777-1212. When prompted put in 1431434#. For more info, please call Mary Kennedy at 954-290-1194. We will be sharing from Hebrews.

Save the Date!

**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS: 10:00 AM**  
with pumpkin pastelitos after Mass

**MINISTRY FAIR: Saturday & Sunday**  
Dec. 3 & 4 after each Mass

**NOVA SINGERS: Tuesday, December 6th,**  
7:30 pm in the church

Whether we say "Thanksgiving" or "giving thanks," they both mean the same thing. Let us use both words to express our gratitude to the Lord for providing us with so many blessings. We can do this by sharing our non-perishable food and hygiene items with the less fortunate families in our city. Please fill our church shopping carts with these items and our love. To care is to share! **If you know of anyone in need, please let them know that The St. Vincent DePaul Society conducts a drive thru grocery distribution every Friday from 1:30-4 PM at Blessed Sacrament Church, 1701 E Oakland Park Blvd (entrance to the parking lot is located on NE 33<sup>rd</sup> Street and will be closed at 3:45). First timers must provide proof of residency in Broward County.**



## MINISTRY FAIR

Would you like to become more involved with our Parish? Stop in the Parish Hall after Mass the weekend of December 3 & 4th to find out the many ways you can participate and use your talents. Wine & cheese will be available after the 5:00 pm Saturday Mass, and coffee & donuts will be available after the 8:30 am & 11:00 am Masses. Hope to see you there!

## NOVA SINGERS HOLIDAY CONCERT

The Nova Singers will present their Holiday Concert with Brass & Percussion at St. Sebastian on Tuesday, December 6th, beginning at 7:30 pm in our church. The concert will feature favorites from "Christmas at the Movies" and Kevin Memley's "Gloria", a New Arrangement of Silent Night, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, Ocho Kandelikas, and audience favorites including Rudolph, Jingle Bells, African Noel. Tickets are available in advance in the Parish Office for \$20. (\$25. on Concert Day). Children 12 & under free, as well as students of any age with a school ID. Tickets may also be purchased at [Nova.edu/novasingers](http://Nova.edu/novasingers).

## ST. JOSEPH'S ASSISTED LIVING

ST. Joseph's is a caring Assisted Living facility, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Miami, offering furnished apartments or suites, 24/7 nurse on duty and emergency pull cord systems. They serve three meals daily, weekly housekeeping and laundry. There is a beautiful chapel. All this for a reasonable monthly rate. For more information, call: 954.739.1483.

**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, and help us to minister to each other in your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Give thanks to  
the Lord, for he  
is good, for his  
steadfast love  
endures forever.

*Psalm 136:1*



*Thanksgiving Day Mass*

*10:00 am*

*Pumpkin Pastelitos & coffee in the Parish Hall following Mass.*