

# The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

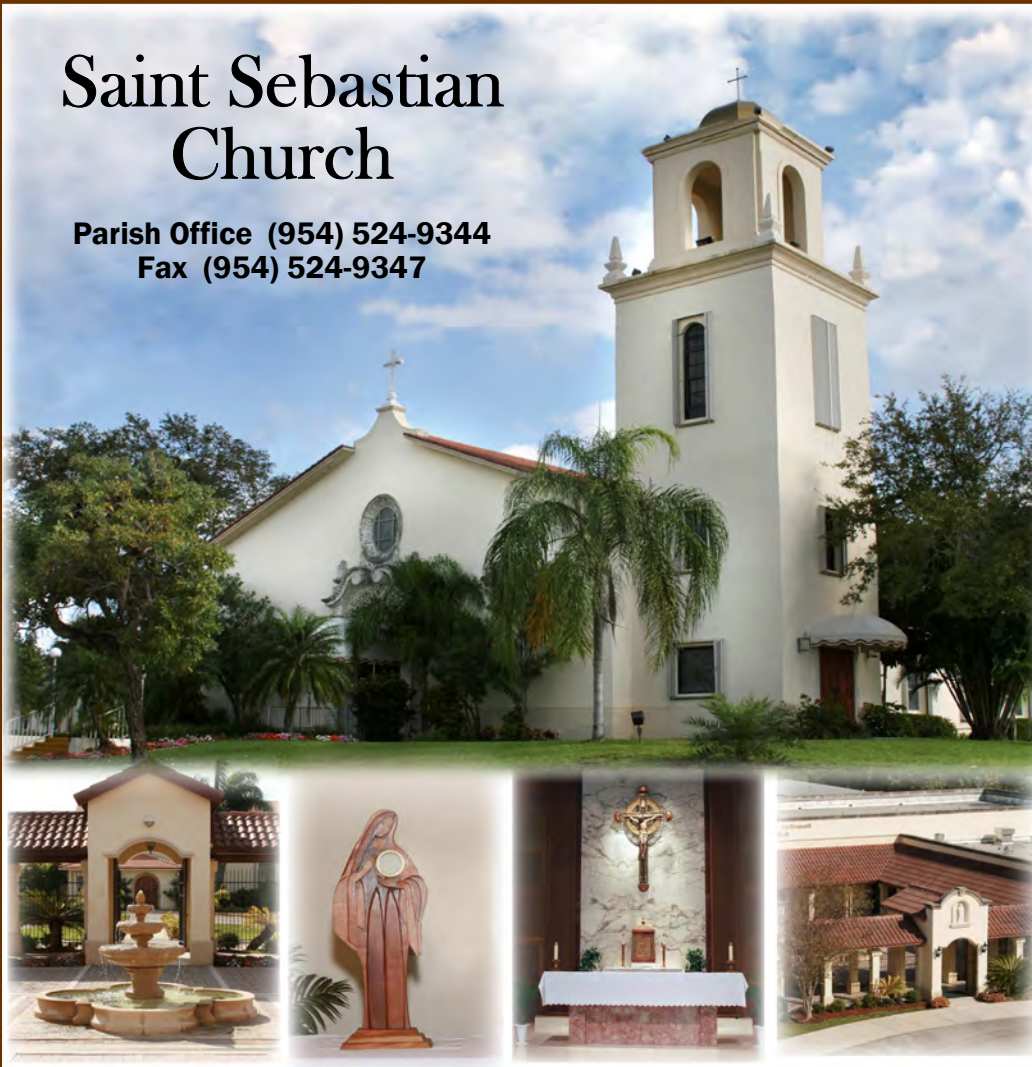
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## Saint Sebastian Church

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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  
*Pastor*

Miss Anne M. Gardner  
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### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Nancy Adams  
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Frank Krauser  
Richard Page  
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 Solemnity of **THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**. We grew up knowing this as the Feast of Corpus Christi.

Throughout the centuries there was always a procession associated with the feast. Our modest but heartfelt procession comes after the Vigil Mass on Saturday. We bless the four directions, to spread good NEWS, and we pray for what stretches out before us. Those special prayers are on the back of this week's bulletin.

Perhaps you would consider stepping outside your front door and praying for your patch of our world. (You can do it in your living room, too. It's probably a lot cooler.)

What is the point?

For me, when I stop to pray and think about the Body of Christ, I'm overwhelmed. "Take this all of you and eat of it. This is my Body..." "...this is the chalice of my Blood which will be poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins."

Jesus says. "MY Body... MY Blood." How personal can you get? We speak of the presence of Jesus, in the Scriptures, in the sacrament, and in each other. We say we are the Body of Christ.

This body which we are needs nourishment, and so Jesus extends His Presence. Bread and wine. Imagine! "This is Me! Open your eyes of faith and see what I'm trying to do for you!"

The privilege of bringing about His Presence is awesome and humbling. But priesthood is a gift to the whole church. We make Jesus present.

More amazing is the whole idea of Jesus, becoming man, walking with His disciples, giving Himself over for the sake of others, and then finding a way of remaining with us in an extraordinary way. It raises awe and wonder to a whole new level.

I'm writing this *Twitch* before this weekend's feast, but I suspect that during this weekend's homilies, I might recall again St. Thomas Aquinas's (and Aristotle's) help in trying to grasp such a mystery by looking at the ideas of substance and accidents.

But the last thing I want to do is cloud over the most personal gift of Eucharist with philosophical weeds. We're not talking about philosophy, but incredible generosity. Stay tuned.

#### Shift Gears.

Your new pastor, Father Ernest Biriruka, becomes 'official' tomorrow, June 12<sup>th</sup>. In early July, with Archbishop Wenski's encouragement, Father will take a vacation that had been long planned and is well-deserved.

So, this is my last "Official" *Twitch*. But I will enjoy staying on until Father Ernest returns.

#### Shift Gears Again

I have a few "official" thoughts.

Topmost on my list is simply to say **THANK YOU** for nearly 13 great years. You really have no idea how much you have blessed me.

The second thing on my list is to say another "Thanks!!!" for the WONDERFUL 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary party on May 25<sup>th</sup>. When I scheduled that celebration, I didn't know I would be leaving, but it sure worked out well.

In the weeks to come I would really appreciate not making a big deal, or even a little deal, about moving on. Don't forget it's a two-way street. If we keep our gratitude in our hearts, that is more than enough.

Blessings on your heads and all the other parts that may need them.

In Jesus,





## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>June 10</b> † Molly Yen, req. by Don Bourke Wellbeing of Marcia Hogan, req. by Barry Hogan Wellbeing of Carole & Tom Casey, req. by Joan & Bill
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am	<b>June 11</b> † Charles & Marie Maher, req. by Maher Family † Dolores Fink, req. by Sandra Polselli † Jim Cowgill, Jr., req. by Sandy & Matt Keyzers
11:00 am	Living and Deceased of our Parish
<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>June 12</b> † Larry Arbour, req. by Ed & Jill Rebholz † Joseph Perrone, req. by Jacque Anselmo
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>June 13</b> Intentions of Father Ernest Biriruka
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>June 14</b> † Michael McDonnell
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>June 15</b> † Grace & Murray Toomey, req. by M.L. Toomey
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 16</b> † Msgr. Pat McDonnell Wellbeing of Barry Hogan, req. by Marcia Hogan
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>June 17</b> Living & Deceased of our Parish
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am	<b>June 18</b> † Dolores Fink, req. by husband, Jack † Michael McDonnell, req. by Susan Albertson † Marilyn White, req. by son, Gil
11:00 am	Father's Day Novena

## REMEMBER THE SICK

Mary Lou Mann, Suzanne Plum, Don Loughran, Jr., Sandy Rodrigues, John

Harris, Stephen Black, Mary Alice Zittle, Alvaro Arevalo, Paul Ristow, Ed Fetscher, Margaret Donato, Matt Keyzers, Judy Flood, Sister Frances Voss, O.S.C., Rae Pietrzak, Tom Casey, Charles Benoit, Rob Messerschmidt, Mary Pat Connolly, Anne McCormick, Margaret Barrosse, Patricia Moss, Patty Marma, Joan Cook, Diane Johnson, Jim Guerin

## PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

If you submitted a picture for our Parish Photo Directory, your Directory is ready for pick-up! Please see Annie after Mass, or stop by the office during the week.

## 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. If you'd like to commit to a specific time slot each week, please call the office as there are available times.

*Have a spectacular week!*

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## WELCOME FATHER ERNEST BIRIRUKA!

This Monday, June 12th, we welcome our new Pastor, Father Ernest Biriruka, to St. Sebastian Parish Family. Father, we pray that you will find a warm welcome here. We look forward to sharing our gifts and talents together as we continue to show the Face of Jesus in the world. May God bless our time together!

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Sunday, June 18, 8am-1pm** - Bloodmobile will be here.

**Weekend of June 24-25** - St. Vincent de Paul truck scheduled to be here.

During the month of May (4 Fridays), the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church served 709 clients representing 2,152 individuals. They are able to do this because of the generosity of neighboring parishes (like us!) who conduct food drives. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. **ALSO:** The Pantry needs **plastic grocery bags** for food distribution and empty, clean **egg cartons**. The Pantry receives donations of eggs in bulk, so egg cartons are needed to pass them along. You can place these items in the shopping carts. Thank you! **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 Broward County residency.**



## FATHER'S DAY NOVENA

A Novena of Masses for our Father's - living and deceased - will begin next Sunday, June 18th, and continue through Monday, June 26th. If you wish to include your father in the Novena, please write his name on the card which can be found in your pew and place it in the basket in the sanctuary. The basket will be placed on the altar during the Novena.

## 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 the Gospel of Matthew, with Arthur Cholakakis facilitating.

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.

## *A Prayer of Blessing for our World on the Feast of Corpus Christi*

### *South*

Lord, we pray for all those who work for us to produce food, especially the various migrant communities that come to south Florida. Bless the growers who employ them and let the economy find ways of treasuring first and foremost those who feed us.

Lord, we also ask you to bless those who are in prison and those who minister to them. We remember that Jesus came to preach freedom to the prisoners. We know it means freedom from the kinds of actions that separate them from their communities. May our ministry encourage the imprisoned to a change of life; the kind of change you create in us by giving us your body and blood.

### *East*

God, you love our earth; from sunrise to sunset you fill the land and the seas with riches; the hills rejoice at your touch; the valleys shout for joy, they sing.

Open our eyes to this resplendent world that we may care for the earth as our companion in creation.

Protect the people of this earth from natural and man-made disasters that can befall us. Bless those who have experienced storms, fires and floods in the last year.

Help us see beyond our natural limitations to the horizon of eternal life that this sacrament of your Body and Blood promises .

### *North*

O Lord, bless all the branches of our government and the people who serve us from our President to the local traffic court judge. Bless our police and fire responders. Let justice be the means by which your laws become reality.

Let our concern for all people, especially the poor, be the principle that forms the foundations of our society.

May our beloved United States be a beacon of light for the world and may we strive to always give more than we have been given, as indeed Lord, you give yourself totally in this sacrament of your love.

### *West*

Finally, Lord, we look toward all our neighbors in Broward County. Bless the many who we pray will soon be able to come again, both those who worship and those who gather weekly in various groups. Bless the men and women who come through our seaport. Bless our many visitors. Bless all the people who come to these grounds seeking your face.

Bless our parish family. May hospitality be our trademark. May we help each other find you, through all the resumed ministries and activities you bless us with in abundance.

Keep us humble in our successes and penitent in our failures. Give us the wisdom to recognize both. May we always begin and end our praise and thanks for your goodness gathered around your Sacred Table.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen