

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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MASSES

Saturday 5 pm

(Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 8:30, 11am & 6pm

Weekdays 8:30am

(Mon. through Fri.)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:30am-3:00pm

Office Staff

Rev Ernest Biriruka

Pastor

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Nancy Adams

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Judy Fisher

Rosemary Guerin

Johnny Mann

Sandi Mann

Ed Rebholz

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



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 :

A Catechesis on the Creed John Paul II, The Church Mystery, Sacrament, Community

Christ Founded the Catholic Church

From the beginning, however, the Church's history has unfolded in the midst of tensions and pressures which compromised unity, even to the point of eliciting appeals and reproofs from the apostles, especially Paul. He exclaimed : "Is Christ divided?" (1Cor 1:13). It was and is the sign of the human inclination to oppose one another. It is as if one had to—or wanted to—do one's own part in scattering people, as was effectively depicted in the biblical account of Babel.

But the Fathers and pastors of the Church always appealed to unity, to the light of Pentecost which was contrasted with Babel. Vatican II observes: "It is the Holy Spirit, dwelling in those who believe and pervading and ruling over the Church as a whole, who brings about that wonderful communion of the faithful. He brings them into intimate union with Christ, so that he is the principle of the Church's unity" (*UR 2*). It must be a source of joy, hope and prayer for the Church to recognize, especially today, that the honest efforts which aim at overcoming all divisions and reuniting Christians come from the Holy Spirit (*ecumenism*).

The profession of faith contained in the creed also says that the Church is holy. It must be clarified immediately that the Church is such in virtue of her origin and divine institution. The Christ who instituted her is holy and merited for her by the sacrifice of the cross the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is the inexhaustible source of the Church's holiness, as he is the principle and foundation of her unity. The Church is holy because of her purpose, which is the glory of God and the salvation of men; she is holy because of the means used to obtain this purpose, which contain in themselves the holiness of Christ and the Holy Spirit. These means are the teaching of Christ, summed up in the revelation of God's love for us and in the dual commandment of love; the seven sacraments and the entire liturgy, especially the Eucharist; the life of prayer. It is all a divine plan of life, in which the Holy Spirit works through the grace infused and nourished in believers and enriched with manifold charisms for the good of the entire Church.

This, too is a fundamental truth, professed in the creed and already stated in Ephesians, where the reason for this holiness is explained: "Christ loved the Church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her" (Eph 5:25-26). He has made her holy by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, as Vatican II says: "The Holy Spirit was sent on the day of Pentecost in order that he might continually sanctify the Church" (*LG 4*).



Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	January 11 † Timothy Laganke Sr., by John and Rae Pietrzak † Joan Fucillo, by family † Mary Horne, by Mark Horne Well being of Nancy and Steve Weber by Steve
Sunday 8:30 am	January 12 † Charles, Marie and Ann Maher, by Maher family † Albert Mainellie, by Jack Tavone For The Church of Notre Dame in Paris and her people, by 8:30 am ushers
11:00am	Living & Deceased of our Parish
6:00pm	† Rev. Ronald J. Pusak
Monday 8:30 am	January 13 For the Wellbeing of St .Sebastian Parishioners and their families
Tuesday 8:30 am	January 14 † Rev. Charles Kollgoar O.M.I
Wednesday 8:30 am	January 15 † Rev. George Cardona
Thursday 8:30 am	January 16 † Tim Sargol, by the Jarchow family
Friday 8:30 am	January 17 † Rev. Robert Brush
Saturday 5:00 pm	January 18 † Joan Fucillo, by the family † Paul Gardner, by Sandi Mann
Sunday	January 19
8:30 am	† Grace & Murray Toomey, by Helen & Mary Louise Toomey † Ben Biondi, by Anna Marie Pierotti † Maria Abigail Tovar, by Angela and Gredys
11:00am	Wellbeing of Doleen Borba, by Joseph and Jennifer Borba
6:00pm	† Rev. Thomas Anglim

REMEMBER THE SICK

Mary Lou Mann Suzanne Plum,
Gail Mills, Angela Cowherd, 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, Fred Zagone S.J. Anthony Cotilus.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

The Vincent the Paul truck will be in our
parking lot, collecting donations now.
Thank you in advance for your donations.
Pat Burke

FAITH FORMATION / RCIA

Next class, Wednesday, the 22nd of January at 6 pm.

We will continue to explore the theme of
"Jesus the Mesiah, The Christ and The Savior."

We look forward to having all join us.



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Conditions to receive the Eucharist

- Be a practicing Catholic and without mortal sin.
- Must confess mortal sins before receiving.
- Divorced who are single can receive.
- Those in a civil marriage or cohabitating cannot receive until they either marry in the Church or have their marriage convalidated.
- Note: should you need the annulment of a previous marriage. Please contact the Pastor.



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.

2024 Annual Tax Return Letters

If you would like please stop by the Parish Office
and pick up your letter, or let us know if you
prefer that we mail it out to you. They will be
mailed out by January 30th. Please contact the
parish office if you need your letter sooner. Thank
you for your contributions.

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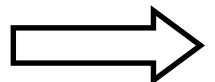
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PARISH EVENTS AND DATES



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January 12: The Baptism of the Lord

ABCD

Your generous support through the ABCD helps ensure that the Church remains a beacon of faith, hope, and charity in our communities. As we honor the baptism of our Lord, let us renew our commitment to being faithful stewards of the gifts God has given us. In doing so, we help sustain and grow the mission of the Church for generations to come. Together, we can make a difference www.isupportABCD.com.

Planned Giving

In our own baptism, we are welcomed into God’s family, made stewards of His gifts, and called to live lives of service, generosity, and love. As we reflect on our baptismal promises, we are also invited to consider how we can make a lasting impact on the mission of the Church through planned giving. To learn more please feel free to contact us today via email at kblanco@theadom.org or call us at 305-762-1053.

Stewardship

In the light of this sacred moment, we are reminded of our own baptism, through which we are claimed by God as His beloved children. Baptism not only cleanses us of sin but also commissions us to live as stewards of the gifts God has entrusted to us.

“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...” (LUKE 3:16)

The Catholic Catechism states that *“Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will. As baptized Catholics, there is only one gift we need to give to Jesus: the gift of ourselves.*



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.



Please pick up your 2025 Parish Envelopes are may be found at the main entrance to be picked up.



The **2025 Catholic Life Calendars** have arrived, please pick them up at entrance of church.

ST. SEBASTIAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

- **Trinkets and Treasures Sale-** Will be held on **Saturday, February 8th, 8am – 3pm & Sunday, February 9th, 8am – 1pm.** Please bring in your treasures now and see the flyers with more details at all exits of the church. If you have any questions, call Sandi Mann at 954-235-4005.
- **Annual SSCCW Luncheon** Will be held on March 22, 2025 at Coral Ridge Yacht Club.

ST. SEBASTIAN MEN’S CLUB

Save the Date and join us for our **Annual St. Sebastian Italian Dinner, Friday, January 24 at 6pm.** This great event is hosted by the Men’s Club; the tickets for the Dinner, Live entertainment is only \$50./ person. Tickets will be sold at the church doors after Masses the next two weekends and in the parish office during the week.

.REGISTRATION

If you attend Mass at St. Sebastian regularly, please become a registered member of our parish. Complete a registration form (found in the welcome table at the entrance of the church or by calling the Parish office.) Thank you.

