

THE PRESENTATION 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

Gredys Grable

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Director of Music

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Maintenance

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Nancy Adams

Mauricio Bautista

Elizabeth Calhoun

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 about our Parish Family.



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

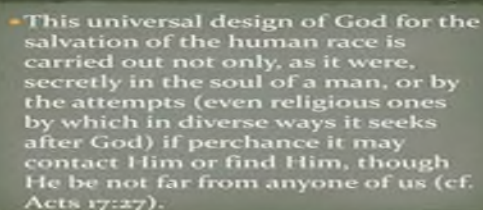
The Church Is Universal by Nature

“Jesus Christ [is] the founder of this new people. When Jesus was a mere infant the aged Simeon saw in him the “light” coming “for revelation to the Gentiles,” as Isaiah’s prophecy had foretold (cf. Is 42:6). Christ opened the way for people to attain to the universality of the new People of God, as St Paul writes: “For he is our peace, he who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity” (Eph 2:14). “There is neither Jew nor Greek... for you are all one in Christ Jesus” (Gal 3:28). The Apostle Paul was the principal spokesman of the universal extension of the People of God. Especially from his teaching and action, derived from that of Jesus himself, the Church reached the firm conviction that in Jesus Christ all are called, without distinction of nation, language or culture. As the Second Vatican Council says, the messianic people which is born of the Gospel and redemption through the cross, is a *firmissimum germen* (“most firm seed”) of unity, hope and salvation for the whole human race (cf. LG 9).

Enlightened from on high, this affirmation of the universality of the People of God of the new covenant coincides with the aspirations and efforts with which, especially in our day, people seek unity and peace, working most of all in the domain of international life and its vital institutions. Because of her very vocation and original mission the Church cannot fail to be involved in this historic moment.

In fact, the Council continues by stating that the messianic people, the Church, “established by Christ as a communion of life, charity and truth... is also used by him as an instrument for the redemption of all, and is sent forth into the whole world, as the light of the world and the salt of the earth (cf. Mt 5:13-16)” (LG 9). This openness to the whole world, to all peoples and to everything human, belongs to the Church’s nature. It flows from the universality of the redemption earned through Christ’s cross and resurrection (cf. Mt 28:19; Mk 16:15). It finds its consecration on Pentecost in the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the Jerusalem community, the Church’s first nucleus. Since that time the Church has always been aware of the universal call to all people to be part of the people of the new covenant.

God has called the entire community of those who look with faith upon Jesus, author of salvation and source of peace and unity, to be part of his people. This “community which has been called” is the Church, established that “for each and all it may be the visible sacrament of this saving unity. While it transcends all limits of time and confines of race, the Church is destined to extend to all regions of the earth and so enters into the history of mankind” (LG 9). The Council’s teaching continues: “Israel according to the flesh, which wandered as an exile in the desert, was already called the Church of God (Neh 13:1; cf. Num 20:4; Dt 23:1ff). Likewise the new Israel which while living in the present age goes in search of a future and abiding city (cf. Heb 13:14) is called the Church of Christ (cf. Mt 16:18). For he has bought it for himself with his blood (cf. Acts 20:28), has filled it with his Spirit and provided it with those means which befit it as a visible and social union” (LG 9).”



• This universal design of God for the salvation of the human race is carried out not only, as it were, secretly in the soul of a man, or by the attempts (even religious ones by which in diverse ways it seeks after God) if perchance it may contact Him or find Him, though He be not far from anyone of us (cf. Acts 17:27).

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	February 1 † Joan Fuccillo, by Fuccillo family † Leo McGinity, by Heather Kelleher † Kenneth McGinity, by Grace Middlemiss
Sunday 8:30 am	February 2 Living and Deceased of St .Sebastian
11:00am	† Christine Miller, by Diane Jarchow † Dolly Negron, by Heidi Negron Wellbeing of Doleen Borba, by Joseph & Jennifer Borba
6:00pm	† Rev. John Kelleghan
Monday 8:30 am	February 3 † Roy Biondi, by Anna Marie Pierotti † Alba Roldan, by Jorge Rave
Tuesday 8:30 am	February 4 † Jerry R. Dempsey, by Bill Loughran Wellbeing of Ginny Flood, by Grace Middlemiss
Wednesday 8:30 am	February 5 † Helen Wroblewski, Diane Jarchow † Roy Brinegar, by Jarchow Family
Thursday 8:30 am	February 6 † Gene Petrey, by Grace Middlemiss & Mary Kennedy
Friday 8:30 am	February 7 † Julia Matute, by Matute Family Wellbeing of Arthur Cholakis, by Grace Middlemiss
Saturday 5:00 pm	February 8 † Joan Fuccillo, by Fuccillo Family † Barty O’Leary, by Heather Kelleher † Michael Young, by Richard Bowes
Sunday 8:30 am	February 9 Wellbeing of Dolan Family, by 8:30A.M. ushers Wellbeing of Doleen Borba, by Joseph & Jennnifer Borba
11:00am	Living and Deceased of St. Sebastian
6:00pm	† Rev. Jorge Sardina

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.
Mark Bromage

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

The Vincent the Paul truck’s, next
scheduled pick up for gently used house-
hold items and clothing is the weekend of
February 22—23, 2025. Thank you for your
donations. *Pat Burke*



RCIA and FAITH FORMATION

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month
at 6 p.m., in the Parish Hall. The next one
will be February 5th. Theme: Jesus,
His Redemption (Death & Resurrection).

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.*



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION


Eucharistic Adoration takes place in our
Chapel of the Divine Healer on Fridays after
the 8:30 a.m. Mass until 5:00 p.m. Please
consider this opportunity to spend some qui-
et time with the Lord in prayer.

2024 Annual Tax Return Letters

They were mailed out this week. Please contact the
parish office if you do not receive it within the next two
weeks. Thank you for your contributions.

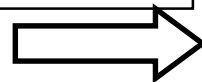
"REEL JOY"

Please join us for the viewing of "**Sight**", (The true
story of Dr. Ming Wang, a Chinese immigrant who
defies all odds to become a world-renowned eye sur-
geon. Dr. Wang sets out to restore the sight of a blind
orphan.) **Saturday, February 15, at 2:00 p.m. in the
Parish Hall.** Admission is free and we look forward
to seeing you there.



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IN THE MASS**
With your smart phone, you can
find **Mass Readings and Prayers**
easily. Search for :
Daily mass Readings USCCB
Mass Prayer or Order of Mass
(USCCB = US Conference of Catholic Bishops)

PARISH EVENTS AND DATES



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February 2: THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

ABCD

On this blessed Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, we are reminded to support the ABCD, an essential initiative that continues the work of building up our Church and serving the needs of our communities. This effort enables us to provide the resources necessary to strengthen our diocesan ministries, promote spiritual formation, and care for the most vulnerable among us. Your generous support ensures that we can carry out Christ's mission of love and hope in our world today. Make a gift today www.isupportABCD.com.

Planned Giving

As we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord, let us ask ourselves how we can dedicate our resources to furthering the work of the Church. Just as Mary and Joseph offered Jesus in the Temple, we are invited to offer our gifts, knowing that God will multiply them for His glory and the good of all His people. To learn more about how you can make a planned gift, visit us today at www.adomgift.org.

Stewardship

On this blessed Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, we are reminded of the moment when the infant Jesus was brought to the Temple, a moment that signifies His dedication to God and His deep connection to the faith of His people. "Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested." – Hebrews 2:18. When we join a support group, there is comfort in sharing our pain with people who have experienced the same thing; they understand what we are going through. The next time you experience suffering, talk to Jesus. He has experienced more suffering than most of us, He understands. Plus, Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. Only He can fill the hole Stewards feel in their hearts.

ABCD ANNUAL APPEAL

If you have not given to this year's ABCD campaign, we ask that you consider making a gift today! Every dollar makes a difference in the lives of those in need. Your support of the ABCD enables us to provide essential programs and support to individuals and families above and beyond what happens in our parish.



BIBLE SHARING

Come for coffee and Scripture sharing **each Thursday in the Parish Hall at 9:15 a.m.** 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 are sharing from the Gospel of Luke with Mary Ann Leseke facilitating.

ST. SEBASTIAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (SSCCW)

Sandwich Ministry

Meets once a month in the **Parish Hall at 8:30 a.m. -9:30 a.m.**; to make sandwiches for the needy. Please email Lois Pittler at: lois.pittler@gmail.com for more information.

Trinkets and Treasures Sale

Will be held on **Saturday, February 8th, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. & Sunday, February 9th, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Please bring in your treasures now, see the flyers with more details. If you have any questions, call Sandi Mann at 954-235-4005.

Annual St Sebastian Council of Catholic Women Luncheon

Will be held on **March 22, 2025** at Coral Ridge Yacht Club.

Weekend Retreat for Women of Our lady of Florida Center

Ladies of St Sebastian parish and other all other parishes are welcome to attend. A weekend retreat, **March 28 - 30, 2025**. For more information contact Linda; 954-604-5507. **Please register at:** www.ourladyofflorida.org

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.

