

May 25, 2025

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. Sebastian Catholic Parish in Fort Lauderdale, Inc.

Parish Office (954) 524-9344



MASSES

Saturday 5 pm (Sunday Vigil)
Sunday 8:30 am, 11 am & 6 pm

Weekdays

8:30 am (Mon. through Fri.)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:30 am - 3 pm

Pastor

Rev. Ernest Biriruka

Office Staff

Francy Gonzalez
Kathryn Cabrisas
Judy Fisher

Director of Music

Peter J. Manfredi, Jr.
(954) 868-6137

Vocalist

Cathy Spitzer

Facilities

Patricio Diaz-Pizarro

Pastoral Council

Nancy Adams
Mauricio Bautista
Judy Fisher
Rosemary Guerin
Johnny Mann
Sandi Mann
Ed Rebolz
John Mann

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:

CATECHESIS ON THE CREED BY POPE JOHN PAUL II

THE CHURCH: MYSTERY, SACRAMENT, COMMUNITY

The Church is a Structured Society

"In forming the group of the Twelve, Jesus established the Church as a visible society organized to serve the Gospel and the coming of God's kingdom. The number twelve referred to the twelve tribes of Israel, and Jesus' use of it reveals his intention to create a new Israel, the new People of God established as a Church. Jesus' intention to create appears in the very word used by Mark to describe the foundation: "He appointed Twelve.... He appointed the Twelve." "Appointed" or "made" recalls the verb used in the Genesis account about the creation of the world and in Deutero-Isaiah (cf. 43:1; 44:2) about the creation of the People of God, the ancient Israel. This creative will is also expressed in the new names given to Simon (Peter) and to James and John (sons of thunder), but also to the entire group or college considered as a whole. Indeed, St. Luke writes that Jesus "chose twelve, whom he also named apostles" (Lk 6:13). The twelve apostles thus became a special, distinct socio-ecclesial reality, one which in certain aspects cannot be repeated. In their group the Apostle Peter stood out. In his regard Jesus revealed most explicitly his intention of founding a new Israel by the name he gave to Simon: the "rock" on which Jesus chose to build his Church (cf. Mt 16:18).

Mark explains Jesus' purpose in establishing the Twelve: "He appointed twelve that they might be with him and he might send them forth to preach and to have authority to drive out demons" (Mk 3:14-15). The first constitutive element of the Twelve, then, is their absolute adherence to Christ. They are persons called to "be with him," that is, to follow him by leaving everything. The second element is missionary, expressed on the model of Jesus' own mission of preaching and driving out demons. The mission of the Twelve is a sharing in Christ's mission on the part of men closely joined to him as disciples, friends and confidants.

In the apostles' mission the evangelist Mark emphasizes the "authority to drive out demons." It is an authority of power over evil, which means positively the authority to give people Christ's salvation, for he drives out "the ruler of this world" (Jn 12:31). Luke confirms the meaning of this authority and the purpose of establishing the Twelve when he reports Jesus' words in conferring authority on the apostles in the kingdom: "It is you who have stood by me in my trials, and I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father has conferred one on me" (Lk 22:28). In this declaration, perseverance in union with Christ is closely linked to the authority conferred in the kingdom. This authority is pastoral, as we can see from the text on the mission specifically entrusted to Peter: "Feed my lambs.... Feed my sheep" (Jn 21:15-17). Peter personally received supreme authority in the pastoral mission. This mission is exercised as a participation in the authority of the one shepherd and teacher, Christ. The supreme authority entrusted to Peter does not nullify the authority conferred on the other apostles in the kingdom. The pastoral mission is shared by the Twelve under the authority of a single, universal shepherd, who is the agent and representative of the Good Shepherd, Christ."

Let us make an effort to pray the Rosary.

"A Rosary a day keeps the devil away."

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	May 24 † Joan Fuccillo, by Family † Christine Kicinski, by Rene Mohnani † Mary Kennedy, by Carl and Isabel Jarman † Susan Mennella, by Anna Marie Pierotti
Sunday 8:30 am	May 25 † Dolores Hesse Fink , by husband Jack † Frank Gardner Wellbeing of Charles Cowherd & BJ Holly, by Family
11:00 am	Living and Deceased of St. Sebastian
6:00 pm	Wellbeing of Monsignor Fetscher
Monday 8:30 am	May 26 † Jens Moe, by Rosina Fredericks Wellbeing of Briana Henessy, by Grace Middlemiss
Tuesday 8:30 am	May 27 † Mary Kennedy, by Grace Middlemiss
Wednesday 8:30 am	May 28 † Mary Lou McPhillips, by Grace Middlemiss Wellbeing of Jack Fink
Thursday 8:30 am	May 29 † Sister Marguerite McGilly, S.C. † Mildred McGinity, by Grace Middlemiss † Albertina Biondi, by Anna Marie Pierotti
Friday 8:30 am	May 30 † Eleanor Abernethy, by Albernethy Family † Lorenzo Coakley, by Albernethy Family † Leo McGinity, by Grace Middlemiss
Saturday 5:00 pm	May 31 † Ossi Pierotti, by Anna Marie Pierotti † Mary Kennedy, by Phyllis Keeth
Sunday 8:30 am	June 1 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD Wellbeing of Richard Grable II, by Family Wellbeing of Richie Grable III, by Mom and dad
11:00 am	Living and Deceased of St. Sebastian
6:00 pm	Wellbeing of Monsignor Fetscher

REMEMBER THE SICK

Msgr. James Fetscher, Mary Lou Mann, Suzanne Plum, Gail Mills, Imelda Anaya, Don Loughran, Jr., 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, Linda Spitzer, Blake-Leigh Riley, Melissa Mirabile, Marge Mitchell, Rasoul Karimi, Jean Gorman, Jay Hoover, Ed Kidd, Mary Beth Vogler, Joel Rivera, Fred Zagone S.J., Anthony Cotilus, Mark Bromage, Jonathan Hughes, Margaret & Donato Montanaro, William Hirsch, Pamela Jennings, Gary Demberg, Bill Fuccillo, Lawrence Biondi S.J.,

A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for the men and women that you have called to discern the calling to priesthood and religious life. We beg your continued blessing on our Archdiocese of Miami and on all our families. Call forth more women and men of generous spirit and fervent love whom you desire for this holy work. We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.

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 are married in the Church.*
- *Note: For any question or to begin the annulment process for a previous marriage, please contact the Pastor.*

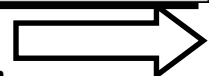
The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you. O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to you I come; before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me.

AMEN.



PARISH EVENTS AND DATES



Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/StsebastianFL

LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY



We invite everyone to join us in praying the Rosary, **Monday - Friday, at 7:50 am**, before daily mass, in the Chapel of the Divine Healer. Let us come together in prayer and deepen our devotion to Our Blessed Mother.

All are welcome!



FATIMA PRAYER

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those who have most

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#.

We are sharing from the Gospel of Luke with Arthur Cholakis facilitating.

For more information, please contact **Miriam Rivas** At **954-673-1522**



WEEKDAY 8:30 AM MASS

IN THE CHAPEL OF THE DIVINE HEALER

WEEKDAY 8:30 AM MASS

IN THE CHAPEL OF THE DIVINE HEALER

ADORATION OF THE HOLY



Eucharist Adoration takes place in our **chapel of the Divine Healer** on **Fridays** after morning Mass until 5:00 pm.

We still need adorers of the **Holy Eucharist** for the following times: 1-2 pm., 2-3 pm & 3-4 pm

Please contact the office if you are able to come to any of those hours.

Thank you!

WE NEED LECTORS



Lector training will be held on **Saturday, June 14 at 9:30 am**. In the Church.

For more information,

Please call Rosemary, 954-816-4166

FOR BETTER PARTICIPATION IN THE MASS

With your smart phone or computer, you can find Daily Mass Readings and Prayers easily. Search for: Daily Bible Readings USCCB. For Prayers, go to Mass Prayer or Order of Mass. USCCB, stands for US Conference of Catholic Bishops.