

June 8, 2025

# PENTECOST SUNDAY

St. Sebastian Catholic Parish in Fort Lauderdale, Inc.



## **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 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Lunch: 1:00 pm—1:30 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 Rebholz  
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.

**“And when the days of Pentecost were completed, they were all together in the same place. And suddenly, there came a sound from heaven, like that of a wind approaching violently, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.”**  
**Acts 2:1-2**



## **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.

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

### THE HOLY SPIRIT AS SANCTIFIER

CATECHESIS BY POPE JOHN PAUL II ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

“According to the Bible, the divine spirit is not only a light which illumines by giving knowledge and prompting prophecy, but also a force which sanctifies. God's spirit communicates holiness, because he himself is "a spirit of holiness," "holy spirit." This title is attributed to the divine spirit in chapter 63 of the Book of Isaiah when, in the long poem or psalm devoted to praising the benefits of Yahweh and deploring the people's strayings during Israel's history, the sacred author says that "they rebelled and grieved his holy spirit" (Is 63:10). But he adds that, after God's punishment, "they remembered the days of old and Moses his servant," and they wondered: "Where is he who put his holy spirit in their midst?" (Is 63:11).

This title is echoed also in Psalm 51 where, in asking pardon and mercy of the Lord ( Miserere mei Deus, secundum, misericordiam tuam ), the author pleads: "Do not cast me out from your presence nor take your holy spirit from me" (Ps 51:13). This is a reference to the intimate principle of good which operates within, leading one to holiness ("spirit of holiness").

The Book of Wisdom affirms the incompatibility of the Holy Spirit with all lack of sincerity and justice: "The holy spirit of discipline flees deceit and withdraws from senseless counsel; and when injustice occurs, it is rebuked" (Wis 1:5). This expresses a very close relationship between wisdom and the spirit. In wisdom, the inspired author says, "there is an intelligent and holy spirit" (7:22), which is therefore "unstained" and "loving the good." This spirit is the very spirit of God, because he is "all-powerful and all-seeing" (7:23). Without this "holy spirit of God" (cf. 9:17), which God "sends from on high," human beings cannot discern the holy will of God (9:13-17) and much less carry it out faithfully.

The necessity of holiness is strongly linked in the Old Testament to the cultural and priestly dimension of Israel's life. Worship must be carried out in a "holy" place, a place of the dwelling of God thrice holy (cf. Is 6:1-4). The cloud is the sign of the Lord's presence (cf. Ex 40:34-35; 1 Kgs 8:10-11). Everything, within the tent, in the Temple, on the altar and on the priests, starting with Aaron, the first to be consecrated (cf. Ex 29:1 ff.), must respond to the demands of the "holy." The holy is like a halo of respect and veneration created around persons, rites and places privileged by a special relationship with God.

For that reason God promised the gift of the Spirit in hearts, in Ezekiel's famous prophecy which says: "I will prove the holiness of my great name, profaned among the nations, in whose midst you have profaned it... I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols; I will give you new heart and place a new spirit within you... I will put my spirit within you..." (Ez 36:23-27). The result of this wonderful gift is holiness in the concrete, lived with sincere attachment to God's holy will. Thanks to the intimate presence of the Holy Spirit, hearts will be finally docile to God and the life of the faithful will conform to the Lord's law.

God says: "I will put my spirit within you and I will make you live according to my statutes and will make you observe my laws and put them into practice" (Ez 36:27). Thus the Spirit sanctifies the entire existence of the human person."

*Let us make an effort to pray the Rosary. "A Rosary a day keeps the devil away."*

## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b><u>JUNE 7</u></b>	† Joan Fuccillo, by Fuccillo Family † John Thomas Sweeney, by Hero Family Wellbeing of Grace Middlemiss, by Anna Marie Pierotti
<b>Sunday</b>	<b><u>JUNE 8 PENTECOST</u></b>	† Silvio Pierotti, By Anna Marie Pierotti † Victoria Tarazona, by Gredys and Angela † Charles, Marie and Ann Maher, by Maher Family Wellbeing of Stephen and Suzi Black, by Gredys Grable 11:00 am Living and Deceased of St. Sebastian 6:00 pm Wellbeing of Monsignor Fetscher
<b>Monday</b>	<b><u>JUNE 9</u></b>	8:30 am Wellbeing of Monsignor Fetscher
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b><u>JUNE 10</u></b>	8:30 am Wellbeing of Margaret Donato, by Anna Marie Pierotti
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b><u>JUNE 11</u></b>	8:30 am Wellbeing of Monsignor Fetscher
<b>Thursday</b>	<b><u>JUNE 12</u></b>	8:30 am † Rev. Manuel Fildalgo
<b>Friday</b>	<b><u>JUNE 13</u></b>	8:30 am † Ossi Pierotti, by Anna Marie Pierotti
<b>Saturday</b>	<b><u>JUNE 14</u></b>	5:00 pm † Joan Fuccillo, by Fuccillo Family † Msgr. Pat McDonnell † Roy Biondi, by Anna Marie Pierotti
<b>Sunday</b>	<b><u>JUNE 15 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</u></b>	
	<b>Happy Father's Day</b>	
		8:30 am Father's Day Novena 11:00 am Living and Deceased of St. Sebastian 6:00 pm Father's Day Novena

### 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., Angela Cowherd

### 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.



*"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink. (Matt. 25:35). How often have we heard these words spoken by Jesus? Through our weekly contributions of non-perishable food and hygiene items to the needy of Broward County, we respond to Jesus. To care is to share. **PLEASE REMEMBER in addition to food and hygiene items, the Pantry needs plastic grocery bags for food distribution and empty, clean egg cartons for 6 or 12 eggs.** You can also place these items in the shopping carts. If you know of anyone in need, please tell them that a drive thru grocery distribution takes place every Friday from 1:30-4:00 PM at Blessed Sacrament Church, and closes at 3:15 PM. The Food Bank is currently in special need of canned meat, fish or similar protein items.*

First time must provide proof of residency in Broward County.

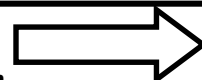
**Thank you! Your donations are greatly appreciated!**

### 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.*

PARISH EVENTS AND DATES



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**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!



***Come,  
Holy  
Spirit***

Come, Holy Spirit,  
Fill the hearts of your faithful  
And kindle in them  
The fire of your love.  
Send forth Your Spirit, Lord,  
And they shall be created.  
And you shall renew the face of the earth.

O God,  
Who by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
Did instruct the hearts of the faithful,  
Grant that by the same Holy Spirit  
We may be truly wise  
And ever enjoy his consolations,  
Through Christ Our Lord.  
Amen!

**BIBLE SHARING**

Come for coffee and Scripture sharing **each Thursday in the Parish Hall at 9:15 to 10:30 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



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**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**

**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 to see you in all we may encounter, and help us to minister to each other in your name. We ask this through our Christ our Lord. Amen.

**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**.