

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME OCTOBER 18, 2026

St. Sebastian Catholic Parish in Fort Lauderdale, Inc. (954)524-9344



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Just stop by the office or call for arrangements.

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 last minute may be too late.**

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please contact the office at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date.

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you haven't registered yet as a parishioner of St. Sebastian, we invite you to do so in order to be recognized as a member of our parish.

Registration form is available in the church, at the office, or online.

EUCCHARISTIC 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!

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4 pm—Confessions

Saturday 5 pm (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 8:30 am, 11:00 am & 6:00pm

Weekdays

8:30 am (Monday through Friday)

OFFICE : SUMMER HOURS

Monday , Tuesday 9:00 am—1:00

pm Wednesday Closed

Thursday, Friday 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Weekends Closed

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

"AND PLOTTED HOW THEY MIGHT ENTRAP JESUS..."

My dear brothers and sisters, today's Gospel brings to our attention this plot of the Pharisees and the lawyers who wanted to 'entrap Jesus in speech.' So, they approached him cunningly and hypocritically paying him a compliment that he is 'a truthful man... who teaches the way God in accordance to the truth.' For sure, Jesus is truthful; he is the Truth. But these people were not interested in the truth; they wanted to see how to make him fall into a trap. The riddle they put to him was a very dangerous one because if Jesus had said that they should not pay the census tax, they would have accused him of insurrection against the Romans; and if he had said that they had to pay the tax, then they would have shouted 'traitor' of his own nation. But very easily, Jesus solved the riddle. 'Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.'

Talking of taxes, we know that all governments in the world had to take taxes from the people in order to carry out tasks that are vital for the country such as maintaining the army and the police for the protection and security of the country. Programs such as the basic infrastructures, the education, the health of the population or the protection of the environment many require government involvement, and therefore financial capability that only the government can guaranty. We also know that it is not easy to give of one's wealth to government programs, but it is necessary for the common good. Of course, it belongs to the citizens to make sure the government is using the taxes for right causes of the common good. Those who have should not be given tax break while the rest of the population cannot have the basics. Anyway, this is another chapter.

At this time of social turmoil, propagandas, and politics, we can easily be entrapped in falsehood. While it has become evident that one of the major problems in our nation is about 'truth and truthfulness,' it is vital that we all seek the truth and honesty. The first duty for each one of us consists of seeking the truth as objectively that one can. We cannot blame all the media as bad. There are limitations to the means of communication but somewhere the truth can be found. It is so wrong to deny the evidence we see and seek 'alternative facts' just to suit our interests, whether political, social, or economic. The scribes and pharisees did not to accept what Jesus was teaching them. Rather they wanted to entrap him because he was not satisfying their interests. But Jesus knows their hypocrisy: for instance, in this case, they pretend to have good appreciation of him and come up with flattering compliments only from their lips and not from their hearts: 'Teacher we know that that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth.' But they did not believe in this, otherwise they would have put their faith in him ...They flatter him in order to 'entrap' him. That is hypocrisy and hypocrisy is a type of lie; it is a kind of dishonesty and falsehood because one is trying to present an honest face but with no truth and goodness in the heart.

This is what happens when some politicians, pretending to be committed to the good of this nation in order to gain votes, make all kinds of false promises of what they say they will do. We know so much of this already; we should not be entrapped in the lies and propagandas. There are good people in our land. It belongs to us as disciples of Jesus, not only to seek the truth, but also to speak the truth. It belongs to each catholic to bring a positive contribution to our nation, -it is part of our civic duties. And one of the most urgent tasks is to walk in truth and bring more honesty and integrity to our land. May the Lord help us to be clear in our morals and 'give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God.'

Fr. Ernest

Humor: "Income tax has made more liars out of American people than Golf" (Bill Rogers)



Mass Intentions

Saturday	October 17
5:00 pm.	† Joan Fuccillo, by Family † Kevin Hogan, by Frank Krauser & Amy Carroll † Souls in Purgatory, by Gloria Gruebele
Sunday	October 18
8:30 am	† Dolores Hesse Fink, by husband Jack † Luis Cresencio Boveda, by Sandy Sajdera † Anita Kidd, by Anna Marie Pierotti
11:00 am	Living & † Deceased Members of our Parish
6:00 pm	† Victor Ponce, by Fabiola Osorno
Monday	October 19
8:30 am	† Brad Leal, by Jennifer and Joseph Borba
Tuesday	October 20
8:30 am	Wellbeing of Bill Fuccillo, by John & Sandy Mann For Peace in the world, by Rosie Koons
Wednesday	October 21
8:30 am	† Margaret Barrosse
Thursday	October 22
8:30 am	† Arthur Cholakakis, by Grace Middlemiss
Friday	October 23
8:30 am	† Brad Leal, by Jennifer and Joseph Borba

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.

REMEMBER THE SICK

Fr. Liam Quinn, Suzanne Plum, Jr., John Harris, Stephen Black, Alvaro Arevalo, Paul Ristow, Judy Flood, Sister Frances Voss, O.S.C., Rob Messerschmidt, Anne McCormick, Ray Wicklander, Kathy Mahoney, Linda Spitzer, Blake-Leigh Riley, Melissa Mirabile, Marge Mitchell, Jean Gorman, Ed Kidd, Mary Beth Vogler, Joel Rivera, Anthony Cotilus, Mark Bromage, Jonathan Hughes, Sean Ennis, William Hirsch, Lawrence Biondi S.J., Angela Cowherd, Danielle Barisch, Deborah Castillo, Georgianna Eschen, Lewis Day, Mona Terry, Douglas Ham, Taylor Ellis, Monica Albelo, Jul Lenihan, Marian Lenihan, Lilia Garcia, Rick Morris, Richard Stockinger, Edward Heyden, Loretta Polizano, Johanna Donson, Linda Schaan and Maria Badilla.

Please note that names will be kept on the list for a month!

Saints' Corner

10/17 Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr +107. Second bishop succeeded of Peter in Antioch. While in route to Rome, where he was to be killed, Ignatius wrote a series of letters. This correspondence forms a central part of a later collection of works by the Apostolic Fathers.

10/19- St. Isaac Jogues and St. John de Brebref and companion, martyrs (1642-1649) French Jesuits who were missionaries to the Huron and Iroquois, but they were martyred by those Indian Tribes.

10/20 Saint Paul of the Cross (born Paolo Francesco Danei on January 3, 1694; died October 18, 1775) was an Italian Catholic mystic, priest, and the founder of the Passionists.

10/22- Saint John Paul II, Pope + April 2, 2005, As archbishop of Krakow, he took part in The Second Vatican Council. Elected Pope on October 1978, he showed exceptional apostolic zeal for families, the youth, and the sick made numerous pastoral visits to so many countries in the world. He implemented the conclusion of Vatican II and published the Catechism of the Catholic Church, revised the code of Canon of law and the third typical edition of the Roman Missal, Some would call him "John Paul II the Great"

10/23 Saint John of Capistrano, OFM (Italian: Giovanni da Capestrano; 24 June 1386-23 October 1456) was an Italian Franciscan friar and Catholic priest from the town of Capistrano, Abruzzo. Famous as a preacher, theologian, and inquisitor, he earned himself the nickname "the Soldier Saint" when in 1456 at age 70 he led a Crusade against the invading Ottoman Empire.



First of all, I wish to thank you for your continued consistent support through your monthly food drives for our food distribution program at Blessed Sacrament Church. Each week we serve 200+ clients.

We will be doing our Thanksgiving distribution on Friday, November 20. On that day, we would like to give an extra bag of Thanksgiving related items to each client. Please consider donating the following items during October and November: canned or boxed potatoes, sweet potatoes, pumpkin, cranberry sauce, gravy, etc. We prefer them to be one pound or less and no glass so we can put 5 or 6 different items in each bag. The food pantry will be closed the entire week of November 22 so please do not plan to bring any donations at that time. We will reopen on Monday, November 30. Thank you in advance and may you be richly blessed by God for your participation in this ministry. Pat Burke

PLEASE REMEMBER— in addition to food and hygiene items, the Pantry needs plastic grocery bags for food distribution. **NO MORE EGG CARTONS**



POOR BOXES

Located at each entry door. Help support the work of St. Vincent de Paul.



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ABCD: Today's Gospel reminds us that while we live in this world, our ultimate responsibility is to God. Jesus calls us to give God what belongs to Him. ABCD gives us a meaningful opportunity to place our faith into action by supporting the ministries of the Church that proclaim the Gospel, serve the vulnerable, strengthen families, and bring Christ's presence to our community. On World Mission Sunday, we are especially reminded that the mission of the Church extends beyond our own parish and reaches people throughout the world. Our generosity helps make that mission possible. Support the mission today by visiting www.isupportABCD.com or contact our Development Office at 305-762-1043 to make your donation.

SAVE THE DATE St. Sebastian **Christmas Gala December 4, 2026** located at Coral Ridge Yacht Club, LIVE BAND! Extensive Silent Auction including jewelry, Sports and Entertainment Memorabilia and Travel, Door Prizes Galore. Sponsorship Opportunities Available. You won't want to miss this! More details to follow.

Parish News & Ministries

BIBLE SHARING Join us every Thursday in the Parish Hall from 9:15 to 10:30 am Now sharing about: *The Gospel According to Saint John* For more information, please contact Miriam Rivas at 954-673-1522

LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY: We invite you to join us in praying the Rosary, Monday - Friday, at 7:50 am. Before daily Mass. in the Chapel of the Divine Healer. A Rosary a day keeps the devil away. Fr. Ernest

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY: Invites everyone to DONATE layette items in the Bassinet until November 1, LIFE CHAIN Sunday, October 4, 2-3pm (carpool to St David), ROSARY RALLY Saturday, October 10, 12noon at mosaic, and please VOTE Pro-Life.

ST. SEBASTIAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN is now accepting donations for the "Trinkets and Treasures" rummage sale. This is a good time to clean out nagging drawers, closets, and garages. To coordinate a drop-off, contact Sandi Mann at 954-235-4005.

Thank you. Sandi Mann

MEN'S CLUB: Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, October 18 after the 8:30AM and 11 AM Masses.

RCIA SESSION: Our next RCIA session will be held on Wednesday, October 21 at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall, Please remember to bring your Bible and your Catechism of the Catholic Church.

WEEKDAY MASS
8:30 AM
IN THE CHAPEL OF
THE
DIVINE HEALER

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 or WWW.USCCB.ORG For Prayers, go to Mass Prayer or Order of Mass. (USCCB, stands for US Conference of Catholic Bishops).

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR DONATION**

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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.



Are you concerned about someone else's drinking?
We can Help!

Closed meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous for those who have a desire to stop drinking.
Meetings are held every Monday, at 7:30 pm., at