

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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MASSES

Saturday 5 pm
(Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 8:30 & 11 am

Weekdays 8:30 am
(Mon. through Fri.)

Holy Days
(Schedule varies)

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Ernest Biriruka
Pastor

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PARISH WEBSITE:

stsebastianfl.org

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



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 desk of our Pastor, Father Ernest

PRAYER OF THE ROSARY

On 13th May 1917, Our Lady asked: *“Pray the Rosary every day”*; and this request was to be repeated by her every month until October.

So, calling to mind the insistence with which God, by means of the Fatima Message, recommends the prayer of the Rosary, and also all that the Church’s Magisterium has said about it over the years, we can conclude that the Rosary is a form of vocal prayer which, in general suits all of us, for which we should have the highest regard, and which we should make the greatest effort never to abandon.

We begin the Rosary with the words: *“Deus in adiutorium meum intende, Domine ad adjuvandum me festina”* or, in English: *“O God, come to our aid, Lord, make haste to help us.”* This is the prayer we say at the beginning of the different parts of the Liturgy of the Hours.

Then we pray: *Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper, et in saecula saeculorum, Amen.”* Or, in English, *“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.”* This prayer of praise, which we recite at the end of each decade of the Rosary, is the same as that with which we end the psalms in the Liturgy of the Hours, and it is also used at Mass, whether in the Gospel Acclamation on the Solemnity of the Blessed Trinity, or in the longer form of the hymn: *“Glory to God in the highest”*, begun by the Angels in Bethlehem.

The Our Father, which we recite at the beginning of each decade, was taught to us by Jesus Christ when his disciples asked Him to teach them to pray: *“Pray then like this: ‘Our Father who are in heaven, hallowed by thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.’”* (Mt 6,9-13). This prayer, which we say in all the decades of the Rosary, is a biblical prayer and is part of the Liturgy, it is recited daily in the Mass and in the Liturgy of the Hours.

The next prayer is the Hail Mary, which we repeat ten times, thus forming a decade of our Rosary, It, too, is a biblical prayer. It begins with the words which the Angel Gabriel addressed to Mary when he was sent by God to announce to her the Incarnation of the Word: *“The angel Gabriel was sent from God (...) to a virgin (...) and the virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!”. (Lk1,26-28). I think that when He was sending the Angel, God must have suggested to him the words with which he was to salute Mary, announcing to her, on the part of God, the mystery of the incarnation of the Word.*

And St. Elizabeth, moved by the Holy Spirit, said: *“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!”* (Lk 1,42).

Thus, the Hail Mary was formed under God’s inspiration: *“Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus”.*

We must regard this salutation as having been addressed to the Virgin Mary by God Himself, on the natural level insofar as the words of the heavenly messenger are concerned, and supernaturally in the case of the words which were spoken by St. Elizabeth under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit: *And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!”* (Lk 1, 41-42). If St. Elizabeth was moved by the Holy Spirit when she uttered these words, as Sacred Scripture tells us; then this praise comes from the Holy Spirit.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	April 27 † Allan Chreslen Sorensen, req. by Bob & Dana Mullaney † Mildred DeSantis, req. by Jesse & Patti Holshouser
Sunday 8:30 am	April 28 † Charles & Marie Maher, req. by Maher Family In Thanksgiving, req. by Maher Family Living & Deceased of our Parish
11:00 am	
Monday 8:30 am	April 29 Wellbeing of Cruz America Juarbe
Tuesday 8:30 am	April 30 † Leo McGinity, req. by Grace Middlemiss
Wednesday 8:30 am	May 1 Priests & Religious of Our Archdiocese
Thursday 8:30 am	May 2 † Edwardo Garcia
Friday 8:30 am	May 3 Wellbeing of Luis Marero
Saturday 5:00 pm	May 4 † Joan Fuccillo, req. by Bill, Joan, & Gary
Sunday 8:30 am	May 5 † Sister Marguerite McGilly, S.C. Living & Deceased of Our Parish
11:00 am	

REMEMBER THE SICK

Mary Lou Mann, Suzanne Plum, Don Loughran, Jr., Sandy Rodrigues, John

Harris, Stephen Black, Alvaro Arevalo, Paul Ristow, Matt Keyzers, Judy Flood, Sister Frances Voss, O.S.C., Tom Casey, Charles Benoit, Rob Messerschmidt, Anne McCormick, Patty Marma, Diane Johnson, Susan Lochrie, Ray Wicklander, Kathy Mahoney, Lila Ferzacca, Cash Dugan, Harriette Sessa, Mary Ann Smith, Linda Spitzer, Stephanie & Savannah Kate Allen, Grace & Angelo Ferrara, Blakeleigh Riley, Connie Reed, Melissa Mirabile, Marge Mitchell, Rasoul Karimi

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#. For more info, call Mary Kennedy at 954-290-1194. We will be sharing from the Gospel of Mark with Angela McNaughton facilitating.

EUCCHARISTIC 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. If you'd like to commit to a specific time slot each week, please call the office for a specific time.



REGISTRATION

If you attend Mass at St. Sebastian regularly, please become a registered member of our parish. Complete a registration form (found at the Welcome Table at the main entrance of the church, on our website, or by calling the office).

SAVE THE DATE

April 27-28 St. Vincent de Paul Truck in our parking lot



It's HOT out there! Summer has arrived. For many in our community, sun screen is an item they cannot afford. Let's fill our church shopping carts with weekly contributions of non-perishable food items and 30 (or higher) strength sun screen lotion. 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 (they cannot use the cartons for 18 eggs). You can also place these items in the shopping carts. Thank you! If you know of anyone in need, please tell them that a drive thru grocery distribution takes place every Friday from 1:30-4 PM at Blessed Sacrament Church, 1701 E Oakland Park Blvd (entrance to parking lot on NE 33rd Street and closes at 3:15). First timers must provide proof of residency in Broward County.

HAVANA NIGHTS

The Archbishop invites you to join him for his annual Havana Nights event on Friday May 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at Corpus Christi Catholic Parish, 3220 NW 7 Avenue in Miami. Cost is \$100. per person. Come enjoy an evening of dominos, Cuban music, cigars, food and drinks, while raising much needed funds for the Unaccompanied Minors Program of Catholic Charities. For more information, please call (305) 762-1051 or email events@theadom.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

ADULT DAY CARE

Catholic Charities has been providing adult day care services and much needed socialization to the elderly for more than 30 years. Their trained and licensed health care professionals provide exceptional care to adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities, dementia or Alzheimer's, or adults requiring supervision during the day. Relieve the stress as your loved one enjoys two nutritious meals a day, a snack, social groups, recreational activities, live entertainment, as well as daily group exercise, all in a safe and secure environment. For more information, please call 954-630-9501.

A THOUGHT ON STEWARDSHIP

It's difficult to *teach or practice* stewardship, unless we have a clear understanding of exactly what stewardship is. If we wish to embrace stewardship, we must gradually learn to embrace every definition or aspect of stewardship.

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." -

(Exodus 20:4)

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times, they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort, or health.

Let us pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

Have a phenomenal week!



RELIGIOUS FRANCE PILGRIMAGE

UNDER THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTION OF THE REV. ERNEST BIRIRUKA

WE WILL VISIT:

In Paris: The Montmartre neighborhood and its Basilica of the Sacred Heart. The Chapel of "Notre Dame de la Medaille Miraculeuse. Enjoy the dinner cruise on the Siene river.

In Lisieux: The Basílique of Saint Therese (known as Saint Therese of the child Jesus), the Sanctuary (les Buissonests) of Lesieux and the "Cathedrale of St Pierre".

In Parial Le Monial: Visit places dedicated to "Sainte Marguerite Marie Alacoque", in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Margaret Mary Alacoque was a French Catholic Visitation nun and mystic who promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

In Ars Sur Formens: The wax museum, the Basílica, both deededicated to "St. Jean Vianney". Transfer to Dardilly where we will visit the house of St Jean Vianney, and the church.

In Avignon: Visit the Palace of the Popes; It is one of the largest and most important medieval Gothic buildings in Europe. Once a fortress and palace, the papal residence was a seat of Western Christianity during the 14th century. Six papal conclaves were held in the Palais.

In Lourds: Sanctuary of our Lady of Lourdes. In the afternoon visit of church of St. Bernadette, and her paternal house. the Marian (torchlight) procession at 9:00 pm.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Round trip Air France ticket in the route: Miami, Paris and Paris, Miami. And a airlines ticket from Lourdes to Paris with taxes and airports chargers included.
- 6 nights in 4* hotels in Paris, Avivgon and Lourdes.with taxes included
- 2 nights in 3* hotel in Paray le Monial with axes included.
- 7 breakfast at the hotels
- 7 dinners at the hotels .
- English speaking guide throughout the tour.
- Admissions to all sites included in the itinerary.
- Baggage handling (except at the airports)
- Cable car to reach Montmartre Basilica
- Modern motor coach service exclusive for the group.
- Daily Mass

DEPARTURE DATE: SEPTEMBER, 22, 2024 -RETURN DATE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2024
9 DAYS / PRICE PER PERSON: 4,375.00
(SPACE IS LIMITED / PAYMENT OPTIONS)



For more information or to book your reservation please contact the parish office or Antonio o Lilliam Morales at QVI Travel Group, Inc.

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