

# Pentecost

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## Saint Sebastian Catholic Parish in Fort Lauderdale, Inc.

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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*

Miss Anne M. Gardner  
*Pastoral Assistant*

Ms. Judy Fisher  
*Office Assistant*

Mr. Peter J. Manfredi, Jr.  
*Director of Music*  
(954) 868-6137

Ms. Cathy Spitzer  
*Vocalist*

Mr. Patricio Diaz-Pizarro  
*Maintenance*

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Nancy Adams  
Elizabeth Calhoun  
Judy Fisher  
Rosemary Guerin  
Frank Krauser  
Johnny Mann  
Richard Page  
Connie Reed

**PARISH WEBSITE:**  
[stsebastianfl.org](http://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*

### *Come Holy Spirit, Come*

#### ***The Holy Spirit and the Era of the Church***

25. "Having accomplished the work that the Father had entrusted to the Son on earth (cf. Jn 17:4), on the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit was sent to sanctify the Church forever, so that believers might have access to the Father through Christ in one Spirit (cf. Eph 2:18). He is the Spirit of life, the fountain of water springing up to eternal life (cf. Jn 4:14; 7:38ff.), the One through whom the Father restores life to those who are dead through sin, until one day he will raise in Christ their mortal bodies" (cf. Rom 8:10f.).

In this way the Second Vatican Council speaks of the Church's birth on the day of Pentecost. This event constitutes the definitive manifestation of what had already been accomplished in the same Upper Room on Easter Sunday. The Risen Christ came and "brought" to the Apostles the Holy Spirit. He gave him to them, saying "Receive the Holy Spirit." What had then taken place inside the Upper Room, "the doors being shut," later, on the day of Pentecost is manifested also outside, in public. The doors of the Upper Room are opened and the Apostles go to the inhabitants and the pilgrims who had gathered in Jerusalem on the occasion of the feast, in order to bear witness to Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. In this way the prediction is fulfilled: "He will bear witness to me: and you also are witnesses, because you have been with me from the beginning."

We read in another document of the Second Vatican Council: "Doubtless, the Holy Spirit was already at work in the world before Christ was glorified. Yet on the day of Pentecost, he came down upon the disciples to remain with them for ever. On that day the Church was publicly revealed to the multitude, and the Gospel began to spread among the nations by means of preaching."

The era of the Church began with the "coming," that is to say with the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles gathered in the Upper Room in Jerusalem, together with Mary, the Lord's Mother. The time of the Church began at the moment when the promises and predictions that so explicitly referred to the Counselor, the Spirit of truth, began to be fulfilled in complete power and clarity upon the Apostles, thus determining the birth of the Church. The Acts of the Apostles speak of this at length and in many passages, which state that in the mind of the first community, whose convictions Luke expresses, the Holy Spirit assumed the invisible-but in a certain way "perceptible"-guidance of those who after the departure of the Lord Jesus felt profoundly that they had been left orphans. With the coming of the Spirit they felt capable of fulfilling the mission entrusted to them. They felt full of strength. It is precisely this that the Holy Spirit worked in them and this is continually at work in the Church, through their successors. For the grace of the Holy Spirit which the Apostles gave to their collaborators through the imposition of hands continues to be transmitted in Episcopal Ordination. The bishops in turn by the Sacrament of Orders render the sacred ministers sharers in this spiritual gift and, through the Sacrament of Confirmation, ensure that all who are reborn of water and the Holy Spirit are strengthened by this gift. And thus, in a certain way, the grace of Pentecost is perpetuated in the Church.

As the Council writes, "the Spirit dwells in the Church and in the hearts of the faithful as in a temple (cf. 1 Cor 3:16; 6:19). In them he prays and bears witness to the fact that they are adopted sons (cf. Gal 4:6; Rom 8:15-16:26). The Spirit guides the Church into the fullness of truth (cf. Jn 16:13) and gives her a unity of fellowship and service. He furnishes and directs her with various gifts, both hierarchical and charismatic, and adorns her with the fruits of his grace (cf Eph 4:11-12; 1 Cor 12:4; Gal 5:22). By the power of the Gospel he makes the Church grow, perpetually renews her and leads her to perfect union with her Spouse."

26. These passages quoted from the Conciliar Constitution *Lumen Gentium* tell us that the era of the Church began with the coming of the Holy Spirit. They also tell us that this era, the era of the Church, continues. It continues down the centuries and generations. In our own century, when humanity is already close to the end of the second Millennium after Christ, this era of the Church expressed itself in a special way through the Second Vatican Council, as the Council of our century. For we know that it was in a special way an "ecclesiological" Council: a Council on the theme of the Church. At the same time, the teaching of this Council is essentially "pneumatological": it is permeated by the truth about the Holy Spirit, as the soul of the Church. We can say that in its rich variety of teaching the Second Vatican Council contains precisely all that "the Spirit says to the Churches" with regard to the present phase of the history of salvation.

Following the guidance of the Spirit of truth and bearing witness together with him, the Council has given a special confirmation of the presence of the Holy Spirit-the Counselor. In a certain sense, the Council has made the Spirit newly "present" in our difficult age. In the light of this conviction one grasps more clearly the great importance of all the initiatives aimed at implementing the Second Vatican Council, its teaching and its pastoral and ecumenical thrust. In this sense also the subsequent Assemblies of the Synod of Bishops are to be carefully studied and evaluated, aiming as they do to ensure that the fruits of truth and love-the authentic fruits of the Holy Spirit-become a lasting treasure for the People of God in its earthly pilgrimage down the centuries. This work being done by the Church for the testing and bringing together of the salvific fruits of the Spirit bestowed in the Council is something indispensable. For this purpose one must learn how to "discern" them carefully from everything that may instead come originally from the "prince of this world." This discernment in implementing the Council's work is especially necessary in view of the fact that the Council opened itself widely to the contemporary world, as is clearly seen from the important Conciliar Constitutions *Gaudium et Spes* and *Lumen Gentium*.

We read in the Pastoral Constitution: "For theirs (i.e., of the disciples of Christ) is a community composed of men. United in Christ, they are led by the Holy Spirit in their journey to the kingdom of their Father and they have welcomed the news of salvation which is meant for every man. That is why this community realizes that it is truly and intimately linked with mankind and its history. "The Church truly knows that only God, whom she serves, meets the deepest longings of the human heart, which is never fully satisfied by what the world has to offer. ""God 's Spirit. . . with a marvelous providence directs the unfolding of time and renews the face of the earth.

—from *Dominum et Vivificantem* by St. John Paul II, paragraphs 25 & 26.

## Mass Intentions

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| <b>Saturday</b><br>5:00 pm  | <b>May 18</b><br>Mother's Day Novena   |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>8:30 am    | <b>May 19</b><br>Living & Deceased of our Parish   |
| 11:00 am                    | Mother's Day Novena  |
| <b>Monday</b><br>8:30 am    | <b>May 20</b><br>Mother's Day Novena   |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>8:30 am   | <b>May 21</b><br>† Grace & Murray Toomey,<br>req. by Helen & M.L. Toomey<br>† Margaret Barrosse<br>Wellbeing of Barry Hogan,<br>req. by Marcia Hogan |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>8:30 am | <b>May 22</b><br>In Thanksgiving, req. by Gisella Reyes  |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>8:30 am  | <b>May 23</b><br>† Jesus Manuel Marero   |
| <b>Friday</b><br>8:30 am    | <b>May 24</b><br>† Edwardo Garcia  |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>5:00 pm  | <b>May 25</b><br>† Albertina Biondi,<br>req. by Anna Marie Pierotti  |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>8:30 am    | <b>May 26</b><br>† Charles, Marie & Ann Maher,<br>req. by Maher Family<br>† Dolores Hesse Fink,<br>req. by husband, Jack<br>† Frank Gardner          |
| 11:00 am                    | Living & Deceased of Our Parish  |

## 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., Rob Messerschmidt, Anne McCormick, Patty Marmar, Diane Johnson, Susan Lochrie, Ray Wicklander, Kathy Mahoney, Lila Ferzacca, Mary Ann Smith, Linda Spitzer, Stephanie & Savannah Kate Allen, Grace & Angelo Ferrara, Blakeleigh Riley, Melissa Mirabile, Marge Mitchell, Rasoul Karimi, Jean Gorman, Ann Star, Linda DeBold

## 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.

## EUCHARISTIC 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.

## FIRST GRADE TEACHER NEEDED

St. Jerome Catholic School in Fort Lauderdale is looking to hire a qualified 1st Grade Teacher for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year that is passionate about teaching, can help students learn, and apply a curriculum for elementary students. The Elementary Teacher performs all duties and responsibilities in alignment with the mission, vision, and values of the Catholic Archdiocese of Miami. To apply, send resume with cover letter to the Principal at: [tmarino@stjfl.org](mailto:tmarino@stjfl.org).

## SAVE THE DATE

**May 18-19-** St. Vincent de Paul Truck in our parking lot.

**June 15 at 6:30 pm-** Annie's Retirement Reception



*"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 (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 33<sup>rd</sup> Street and closes at 3:15). First timers must provide proof of residency in Broward County.*

## HOLY SPIRIT SEMINAR

Ignite the fire of the Holy Spirit in your life. Attend the seminar at Chaminade Parish Hall, 5220 Johnson Street in Hollywood on Thursday & Friday, June 6-7 from 7-9 pm and Saturday, June 8 from 9:00-4:00. Call Renee Doyle at 954.683.6151 to register. Call Mary Kennedy 954.290.1194 to combine rides from here.

## "AN APPOINTED TIME FOR EVERYTHING..."

After more than 28 years of ministry at St. Sebastian Parish, and after much prayer, Annie Gardner has decided that it is time to retire. Her last day will be Saturday, June 22, 2024, so...

## LET'S CELEBRATE!!

The reception to show our appreciation to Annie Gardner for 28+ years of being our beloved Pastoral Assistant is June 15, 2024 following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Please sign up on the sheets by the doors or call Nancy Adams at 954-766-6029 if you wish to attend.

## Come, Holy Spirit,

*fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

*Send forth your Spirit, 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 rejoice*

*in his consolations.*

*We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*





# 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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