

# Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

### 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***

***CAN WE DO MORE FOR THE EUCHARIST AND THE MASS?***

My dear brothers and sisters of Saint Sebastian:

We are already in the long season of the Ordinary Time. This Sunday is the 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time. After the Easter Season and the beautiful feasts of Pentecost, Most Holy Trinity and Corpus Christi, we are now back in Ordinary Time. It sounds to me that all that we have learnt from Christmas to now should be put in practice. But I think most of all of last week with the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus because we are in this special time of the Revival of our faith in the Eucharist. We are all encouraged to renew our faith and love of the Eucharist. But let me first appreciate those who made the time for the Holy Hour last Sunday. About 12 people were able to make it and we had a great "Happy Hour" with Jesus.

So, in concrete terms, what shall we do for the Eucharist? Our Church encourages us to participate in the Mass a little bit more. I always say that going to Mass on Sunday is a great step because in that way we honor the Lord and his Day. But we should try to do more. We need to go "beyond obligation" and take initiative to do something because we appreciate God's love and God's gift of the Eucharist. In our week, we have time for so many things such as walking, shopping, leisure time on boats, dining, watching favorite shows, playing games, and so forth... but should we not also take time to go meet Jesus in the Eucharist? Let us look at our schedule and see if we can make time, at least once a week, to go to Mass at a day of our choice. Besides that, we can also see if we can spend a little bit of time of prayer to Jesus in the most Holy Eucharist. Every day our Chapel of the Divine Healer is open for a visit to Jesus, during office hours. By the way, now that the AC has been repaired, it is a nice place to cool off from the heat. But I wanted to emphasize that on Fridays, we do have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and we are all invited to stop by to spend some time of personal prayer. I shared my dream with you last Sunday, that I would love to see at least five people each hour stop by to visit with Jesus on Friday! This is not a mere physical presence but an act of faith and love that we do because we love Jesus and value his presence among us. Our contact with Him allows us to grow stronger in his friendship and so organize better our lives for his kingdom.

What should be our dispositions when we go to receive Holy Communion? We should be without mortal sin, in other words have not committed a grave offense against God or our neighbor. We refer of course to the Commandments. Should we fall into grave sin, then we should go to confession before receiving the Eucharist. Confession is an amazing Sacrament of God's mercy to restore grace in our soul. The priest is there to help us and not to condemn us. Those who are in civil marriage need to have their marriage blessed in the Church before they could receive. If one has a previous church marriage that has not been "annulled," one should contact our office to see how we can help. If you belong to another denomination, you need to become catholic in order to receive.

But each time we go to Mass, we should also take time to prepare ourselves spiritually through prayer and if possible, by meditating on the Scripture readings of that Mass beforehand. If you do not have a Missal (missalette) at hand, you could 'google' on your phone or your computer "[Daily readings USCCB](#)" (US Conference of Catholic Bishops), and you will find the readings of that day. In fact, now Mass readings can be easily found on many catholic websites, thanks be to God.

I do not wish to discuss about Sunday attire at this beach area and hot weather!!! I leave it to your discretion and common sense. But let us think of the right attire that gives honor to God and his house and avoid scandalizing our brother or sister in the Church. Finally our participation is more than presence: we need to love our Mass even though our postures are mostly of tranquility and meditation. Can you imagine if you go to Mass and then not remember even a word of the readings or of the homily? Or find that you could not remember if you said a prayer or not? Our participation means paying attention so as to benefit from that time with God.

Let us ask the Lord to increase our faith and love of the Eucharist.

Mass Intentions

Table with 2 columns: Day and Intention. Rows include Saturday June 8, Sunday June 9, Monday June 10, Tuesday June 11, Wednesday June 12, Thursday June 13, Friday June 14, Saturday June 15, and Sunday June 16.

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 Marma, Diane Johnson, 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, Jay Hoover, Ed Kidd

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

June 15 at 6:30 pm - Annie's Retirement Reception.
June 15-16 - St. Vincent de Paul truck in our parking lot.
June 23 - Bloodmobile in our parking lot. Please donate



'When I was hungry, you gave me to eat.'(Matt. 25:35). Lord, when did we give you food to eat? When we filled the church shopping carts with non-perishable food to help those in need in our city, we answered the question. 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.

LET'S CELEBRATE!!

The Retirement Reception to show our appreciation to Annie Gardner for 28+ years of being our beloved Pastoral Assistant is this Saturday, June 15, 2024 following the 5:00 pm Mass. Please sign up on the sheets (only once) by the doors or call Nancy Adams at 954-766-6029 by this Monday if you wish to attend.

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.

ST. JOSEPH'S RESIDENCE

A caring Assisted Living facility, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Miami, offering furnished apartments or suites, 24/7 nurse on duty and emergency pull cord systems. They provide three meals served daily, weekly housekeeping and laundry, as well as assistance in bathing, dressing, and monitoring medications. There is a beautiful chapel offering scheduled and private worship... all for a reasonable monthly rate. For more information, please call 954.739.1483.

JUST A THOUGHT...

The Will of God will never take you
Where the Grace of God will not protect you.

Decorative border of palm trees surrounding the text: 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.



# 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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