

# Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary

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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*

Andrea Badyna  
*Office staff*  
Kathryn Cabrisas  
*Office Staff*

Ms. Judy Fisher  
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Mr. Peter J. Manfredi, Jr.  
*Director of Music*  
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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

### 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***

### **Priests as Ministers of the Sacraments and the Eucharist**

God, who alone is holy and who alone bestows holiness, willed to take as his companions and helpers men who would humbly dedicate themselves to the work of sanctification. Hence, through the ministry of the bishop, God consecrates priests, that being made sharers by special title in the priesthood of Christ, they might act as his ministers in performing sacred functions. In the liturgy they continue to carry on his priestly office by the action of his Spirit. By Baptism men are truly brought into the People of God; by the sacrament of Penance sinners are reconciled to God and his Church; by the Anointing of the Sick, the ill are given solace; and especially by the celebration of Mass they offer sacramentally the Sacrifice of Christ. In administering all sacraments, as St. Ignatius Martyr has borne witness from the early days of the Church, priests by various titles are bound together hierarchically with the bishop. And so in a certain way they make him present in every congregation.

The other sacraments, as well as with every ministry of the Church and every work of the apostolate, are tied together with the Eucharist and are directed toward it. The Most Blessed Eucharist contains the entire spiritual boon of the Church, that is, Christ himself, our Pasch and Living Bread, by the action of the Holy Spirit through his very flesh vital and vitalizing, giving life to men who are thus invited and encouraged to offer themselves, their labors and all created things, together with him. In this light, the Eucharist shows itself as the source and the apex of the whole work of preaching the Gospel. Those under instruction are introduced by stages to a sharing in the Eucharist, and the faithful, already marked with the seal of Baptism and Confirmation, are through the reception of the Eucharist fully joined to the Body of Christ.

Thus the Eucharistic Action, over which the priest presides, is the very heart of the congregation. So priests must instruct their people to offer to God the Father the Divine Victim in the Sacrifice of the Mass, and to join to it the offering of their own lives. In the spirit of Christ the Shepherd, they must prompt their people to confess their sins with a contrite heart in the sacrament of Penance, so that, mindful of his words "Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand" (Mt 4:17), they are drawn closer to the Lord more and more each day. Priests likewise must instruct their people to participate in the celebrations of the sacred liturgy in such a way that they become proficient in genuine prayer. They must coax their people on to an ever more perfect and constant spirit of prayer for every grace and need. They must gently persuade everyone to the fulfillment of the duties of his state of life, and to greater progress in responding in a sensible way to the evangelical counsels. Finally, they must train the faithful to sing hymns and spiritual songs in their hearts to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*From: Decree on Ministry and Life of Priests Presbyterorum ordinis, Article 5*

### **ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT OFFICE HOURS**

*As we announced last weekend, we are adjusting the schedule. We will be open: 8:00am—1:30pm, Monday through Thursday. (Please keep in mind that this Thursday, July 4th is a holiday and the office will be closed.) We will open on Sundays in the fall. We hope to have volunteers to keep Friday opened. Again, thank you for your understanding while we go through these adjustments.*



Mass Intentions

SAVE THE DATE

Table with columns for day and time, and rows for Mass Intentions from Saturday (June 29) to Sunday (July 7).

July-13-14 - St. Vincent de Paul truck scheduled to be here.



The month of May had 5 (very hot!) Fridays. The Food Pantry at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church serve 952 clients representing 3,007 individuals. Surrounding parishes continue to support the pantry with food and hygiene items.

Whoever closes his hand to the poor, will himself call out and not be answered." (Proverbs 21-13)

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This weekend is the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works.

4th of July Reflection

Thursday we will celebrate Independence Day. We are reminded of all those who sacrificed for our freedoms, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ.

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, Ray Wicklander, Kathy Mahoney, Lila Ferzacca, Mary Ann Smith, Linda Spitzer, Blakeleigh Riley, Melissa Mirabile, Marge Mitchell, Rasoul Karimi, Jean Gorman, Ann Star, Linda DeBold, Jay Hoover, Ed Kidd, Mary Beth Bogler

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.

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.



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.





# 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 Basilique 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 Basilica, 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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