

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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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PASTORAL COUNCIL

Nancy Adams
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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

Extract from “The Church in the Modern World “ (Vatican II)

Articles 30 & 31

Profound and rapid changes make it more necessary that no one ignoring the trend of events or drugged by laziness, content himself with a merely individualistic morality. It grows increasingly true that the obligations of justice and love are fulfilled only if each person, contributing to the common good, according to his own abilities and the needs of others, also promotes and assists the public and private institutions dedicated to bettering the conditions of human life. Yet there are those who, while possessing grand and rather noble sentiments, nevertheless in reality live always as if they cared nothing for the needs of society. Many in various places even make light of social laws and precepts, and do not hesitate to resort to various frauds and deceptions in avoiding just taxes or other debts due to society. Others think little of certain norms of social life, for example those designed for the protection of health, or laws establishing speed limits; they do not even avert to the fact that by such indifference they imperil their own life and that of others.

Let everyone consider it his sacred obligation to esteem and observe social necessities as belonging to the primary duties of modern man. For the more unified the world becomes, the more plainly do the offices of men extend beyond particular groups and spread by degrees to the whole world. But this development cannot occur unless individual men and their associations cultivate in themselves the moral and social virtues, and promote them in society; thus, with the needed help of divine grace men who are truly new and artisans of a new humanity can be forthcoming

In order for individual men to discharge with greater exactness the obligations of their conscience toward themselves and the various group to which they belong, they must be carefully educated to a higher degree of culture through the use of the immense resources available today to the human race. Above all the education of youth from every social background has to be undertaken, so that there can be produced not only men and women of refined talents, but those great-souled persons who are so desperately required by our times.

Now a man can scarcely arrive at the needed sense of responsibility, unless his living conditions allow him to become conscious of his dignity, and to rise to his destiny by spending himself for God and for others. But human freedom is often crippled when a man encounters extreme poverty just as it withers when he indulges in too many of life's comforts and imprisons himself in a kind of splendid isolation. Freedom acquires new strength, by contrast, when a man consents to the unavoidable requirements of social life, takes on the manifold demands of human partnership, and commits himself to the service of the human community.

Hence, the will to play one's role in common endeavors should be everywhere encouraged. Praise is due to those national procedures which allow the largest possible number of citizens to participate in public affairs with genuine freedom. Account must be taken, to be sure, of the actual conditions of each people and the decisiveness required by public authority. If every citizen is to feel inclined to take part in the activities of the various groups which make up the social body, these must offer advantages which will attract members and dispose them to serve others. We can justly consider that the future of humanity lies in the hands of those who are strong enough to provide coming generations with reasons for living and hoping.

ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT OFFICE HOURS

Summer Office Hours:

We will be open: 8:00am—1:30pm, Monday through Thursday. The Office will open on Sundays Mornings in the fall. We hope to have office phone volunteers to keep Friday opened. Again, thank you for your understanding while we go through a period of adjustments.

Mass Intentions

Table with Mass Intentions for Saturday (July 20), Sunday (July 21), Monday (July 22), Tuesday (July 23), Wednesday (July 24), Thursday (July 25), Friday (July 26), Saturday (July 27), and Sunday (July 28). Each entry includes the date, time, and the name of the person or family for whom the intention is being said.



Because of the flooding and dire forecast, we were forced to close our distribution on June 14 – so we only were open on three Fridays. On those days, we had 541 clients representing 1771 individuals. Surrounding parishes and many individuals continue to support us with both food and financial assistance. We also receive donations from Publix, Fresh Market, and BJ's as well as deliveries from Feeding South Florida weekly and Farm Share biweekly.

Our expenses for the month-- which include partial rents, utilities, gift cards and operational costs – were \$2652. We and our clients are most grateful to each of you who make this ministry happen. We also have a very dedicated team of loyal volunteers who come each week and work tirelessly in spite of often difficult weather conditions.

Each month we have a Mass celebrated for past and present members and benefactors of our St. Vincent DePaul chapter. The next one will be on Wednesday, July 24 at 8:00 AM at Blessed Sacrament Church. Please join us in person or in prayer.

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.

REMEMBER THE SICK

Mary Lou Mann, Suzanne Plum, Gail Mills, Don Loughran, Jr., Sandy Rodrigues, John Harris, Stephen Black, Alvaro Arevalo, Paul Ristow, Matt Keysers, 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, Linda DeBold, Jay Hoover, Ed Kidd, Mary Beth Bogler, Joel Rivera.

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 Colossians with Patty Taylor 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.



Please consider volunteering to be a Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Altar Server, Adorer of the Blessed Sacrament or share a talent you have to assist St. Sebastian Parish. If we find enough volunteers, your time may only be needed once a month. Please fill out a Volunteer Form that can be found at each door and place it in the envelope provided.. We will be in touch! Thank you.



Coffee and Donuts are on hold during the summer! Calories (donuts) will return in the fall!

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.

Next Sunday we Celebrate



PLAN A VISIT NEXT SUNDAY

We suggest that the celebration of next Sunday - as usual - be structured around two fundamental elements: the celebration of a Eucharistic liturgy dedicated to the elderly, and the visitation of lonely elderly people within one's own community.

- In order for the message of closeness and consolation - the message that the Day wants to express - to reach everyone, including those who are most isolated, we suggest paying a visit to the lonely elderly people within one's own community and sharing the Holy Father's message with them.
- The visit, a tangible sign of the outgoing Church, is a way to reaffirm that the elderly, even the loneliest, are at the center of our communities.
- The visit can be an opportunity to bring a gift, such as a flower, and to read the message and prayer of the Day together.
- The encounter between young and old, and the friendship that can arise, shows how the mercy of the Lord extends from generation to generation.