

# Seventeenth 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*

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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



## 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

*From the desk of our Pastor, Father Ernest*

## **THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS IN INDIANAPOLIS, JULY 17 TO 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2024**

My dear brothers and sisters of Saint Sebastian Parish,

It is with great joy that I would like to share with you my impressions of this most remarkable Congress that we lived in Indianapolis last week. My goal was to learn about the American faith in the Holy Eucharist and watch the American Church in her faith in expression toward the Eucharist.

My dreams were fulfilled to capacity. First, I was amazed by the people who attended: young and old, families and single individuals, children, youth, religious, especially lots of Sisters of a variety of religious Orders, thousands of Seminarians, thousands of priests, hundreds of bishops. But I was particularly struck by people with disabilities and yet who walked to be there because we all walked a lot from our hotels to the Convention Center or to Lucas Oil Stadium. Some gatherings in the stadium ranged from over fifty thousand (50,000 +) to more than 60,000. Just imagine such crowd in a silent adoration or singing hymns to the Lord!

Second, the Themes and witnesses were delivered with power in the Holy Spirit; strong and vigorous.

Each day, in the morning, at 8.30 am, there was Mass in the stadium and in various locations in the Convention: in the Charismatic hall, the Youth Center and in the Spanish hall; and in other places, Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite, Byzantine Rite, in Vietnamese and in Latin according to the 1962 Missal for those who were interested. But the closing Mass was for us all in English, presided by the special delegate of Pope Francis to the Congress, Cardinal Tagle, from the Philippines.

We were welcomed by the Ordinary of the Place, Bishop Andrew Cozzens. The Nuncio, Cardinal Christophe Pierre also was among the first speakers; many speakers, some of whom spoke in the many workshops that were scheduled concomitantly. But names like Fr. Michael Schmitz, Scott Hann, Mother Adela Galindo from Miami, Bishop Robert Barron, Sister Bethany Madonna, Mother Olga of the Sacred Heart, Sister Josephine Garrett, the producer of the Chosen Series, and many more lay people, priests, deacons, Sisters and Bishops. All of them have very impacting talks that are based on their faith and their encounter with Jesus in the Blessed Eucharist, either in adoration or in Mass. Miracles of conversions, of amazing achievements in His Name, made all of us feel how the Church in America is in a kind of Spring time because of the Eucharist. It was emphasized that we receive the Eucharist which is a gift from God so that we ourselves can be a gift for others. We receive in order to give. We receive Jesus to be molded in his image, and be Christ-bearer disciples. Starting from a story of a woman who used to hang around the Church apparently for a good reason but who was avoiding to meet her family, Cardinal Tagle brought home a good point that 'if the Mass is ended, we have to GO'; go home, go into the world, go into your work place to bear witness to Jesus and his amazing love.

You could feel the unction of the Holy Spirit in that Stadium; you could feel the energy of this renewal of our faith in the Holy Eucharist. Just after the event, I shared my impression with Father Rafael Caputo of Saint Thomas University (Miami) and he said 'I wish I had been able to bring more youth to this event'. I was feeling the same way: 'I wish some from our Parish had been able to attend'. Anyway, I hope that we, as a Parish Community, will be able to take some moments of reflection about this 'New Spring of the American Church'.

Right now, I would like to suggest that we all make an effort for Adoration. You know that Friday has been selected by my predecessors as a day of adoration in our parish. So, if you could spend some time in adoration, on Friday, please sign up or call the office so that all the hours from 9am to 5pm can be covered. On the other hand, I will try to get the materials used in some of the conferences so that we can take time to reflect on them. It is about our faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Let us all participate. Amen!!!

Father Ernest

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday July 20**  
5:00 pm Living & Deceased

of our Parish

- Saturday July 27**  
5:00 pm †Joan Fuccillo, req. by Fuccillo Family
- Sunday July 28**  
8:30 am Living & Deceased of our Parish  
11:00 am † Conor Grithith, req. by Sajdera Family  
† Juana Esperanza Madera Posada, req. by the family
- Monday July 29**  
8:30am For Blessing Received, req by Maite Saint Surin
- Tuesday July 30**  
8:30 am † Barbara & Gerry Amoroso, req. by Badya Family
- Wednesday July 31**  
8:30 am Wellbeing of Joan Sargol, req. by Jarchow Family
- Thursday August 1**  
8:30 am † Mary E. Gabriel, req by Cabrisas Family
- Friday August 2**  
8:30 am †John Koons, req. by the Family
- Saturday August 3**  
5:00 pm †Isabel Odabashian, req. by Fuccillo Family  
†John Koons, req. by the Family
- Sunday August 4**  
8:30 am † Conor Griffith, req. by Sajdera Family  
† Juana Esperanza Madera Posada, req. by the Family  
11:00am Living & deceased of our Parish

**REMEMBER THE SICK**

Mary Lou Mann, Suzanne, Plum, Gail Mills ,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, 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 Galatians 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.

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

**Volunteer Sign Up**



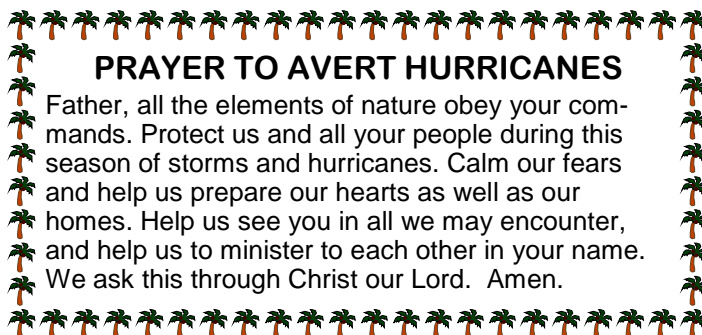
**Volunteers Needed**

*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 basket. We will be in touch! Thank you.*

**Coffee and Donuts**



**Will not be served during the summer!**


**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.



World Day  
for Grandparents  
and the Elderly  
2024

## Prayer for the Fourth World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

28 July 2024

Lord, faithful God,  
You who created us in Your image.  
You who never leaves us alone  
and who accompanies us through every season of life, Do not abandon us,  
take care of us.

And grant us, once again,  
the ability to discover ourselves  
and recognize that we are Your children.

Renew our hearts with your Word,  
and do not allow anyone to be cast aside.

May your Spirit of love fill us with Your tenderness and teach us to say:  
"I will not abandon you!"

To those we meet on our journey, with the help of your  
beloved Son, may we not lose the taste for fraternity and  
may we not conform to the sadness of loneliness.

Help us to look to the future with renewed hope,  
and make the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly A day without loneli-  
ness, and a day abundant with the first-fruits of Your peace.

Amen.