

Eighteenth 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

Andrea Badyna
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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

18 Sunday of Ordinary Time (John 6: 24-35)

My dear brothers and sisters,

On this 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Gospel Passage from that amazing chapter 6 of Saint John brings to us a powerful message where Jesus wants us to work for the food that endures for ever, the bread from heaven.

This is an invitation to look for Jesus with right motivations. To go to Jesus as the Bread from heaven that gives life to the world. To use the words of Bishop Robert Barron in the Eucharistic Congress, many people are focused on happiness in this world: they are looking for power, pleasures, money and honors (fame). So, it no surprise that some can come to Church with those kind of goals in mind. I even get the impression that some companies that deal with religious materials are doing so to accumulate wealth, profiting from the Church and her faithful, just as we hear that these people were looking for Jesus not because they appreciate the sign but because they had eaten for free and wanted some more.

“Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endure for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you” (Jn 6:27). When they heard this, they asked Jesus about the ‘works of God’. One would think of some tasks to fulfill. But Jesus tells them that they have to believe in him, whom God sent to them. So, they are caught in this situation and are looking for a way out. They ask for a sign! He had just multiplied the bread and the fish for them to eat but they are still looking for signs!!!

Jesus explains to them that the bread that they ate in the desert was from his Father and that now He is the bread that came from heaven and gives life to the world. And when they ask for that king of bread,

Jesus told them “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst”(Jn 6: 35). So, before Jesus declared that we needed to eat him as our food and drink his blood, he said that we need to go to him, we have to believe in him. This is the first and indispensable step when we approach the Eucharist: we have to go to Jesus; we have to believe in him. That leads us to understand that it is when we believe in Jesus that the Eucharist profits us. The fact that Jesus is in the Eucharist and present in the Mass will not bring us the spiritual benefices and effects if we do not believe in him. It is the mystery of faith and not magic. What would happen to an atheist who came to church to accompany relatives who are Catholic and get up to receive the Eucharist as it was a cookie? He would not receive the spiritual benefices that a believer has. Every time Jesus healed somebody, he would say ‘*your faith has healed you, go in peace*’, in other words the person was able to obtain the healing because he put his trust in Jesus.

“He came to his own home, but his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave the power to become children of God”. John 1:11-12

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life” Jn 3:14.

So, the Eucharist gives us life’ if we go to Jesus, if we believe in him’. Those who do not believe in the real presence of Jesus think that the Eucharist is a meal and that nobody should be excluded from receiving: Yes, the Eucharist is a sacred banquet and to be able to receive the fruits of that meal, one has to believe that Jesus is the one who nourishes us through his body and blood present in the Holy Eucharist.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	August 3 †Isabel Odabashian, req. by Fuccillo Family †John Koons, req. by the Family
Sunday 8:30 am	August 4 † Conor Griffith, req. by Sajdera Family † Juana Esperanza Madera Posada, req. By the Family
11:00 am	Living & deceased of our Parish
Monday 8:30am	August 5 For our parishioners who serve at our daily Masses.
Tuesday 8:30 am	August 6 † Joan Fuccillo
Wednesday 8:30 am	August 7 † Rev. Antonio Silio
Thursday 8:30 am	August 8 † Rev. James E. Quinn
Friday 8:30 am	August 9 Wellbeing of Marcia Hogan req, by Barry Hogan
Saturday 5:00 pm	August 10 † Joan Fuccillo, req. by the Family † Hector & Elvira Cabrisas, req. by Family
Sunday 8:30 am	August 11 † Albert J. Mainellie, req. by Jack Tavone † 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, Linda Grable, 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 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.



HELP NEEDED- We need more non-perishable items. Please, no glass jars. We feed about 200 families each week and have been running short lately. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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. 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 only (we 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.



Thank you to those of you who serve our Parish weekly and to those of you who have answered the call to serve.

We will be scheduling training this month so if you have not volunteered yet please consider this a



Coffee and Donuts

Will not be served 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.

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, Avignon 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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