

# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

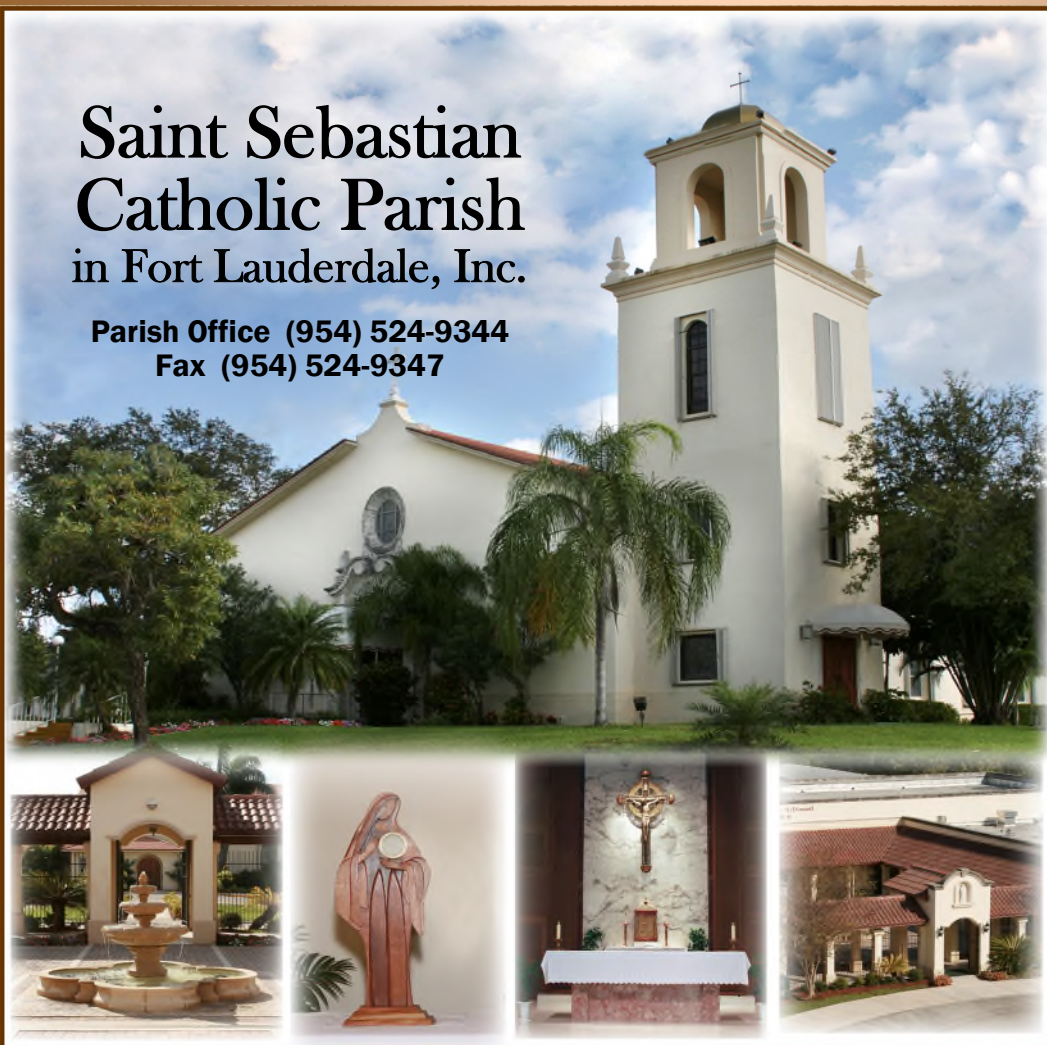
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## Saint Sebastian Catholic Parish in Fort Lauderdale, Inc.

**Parish Office (954) 524-9344**  
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### MASSES

Saturday 5 pm

(Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 8:30, 11am & 6pm

**Weekdays 8:30am**

(Mon. through Fri. )

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:30am-3:00pm

### Office Staff

**Rev Ernest Biriruka**

**Pastor**

Gredys Grable

Kathryn Cabrisas

Ms. Judy Fisher

Mr. Peter J. Manfredi, Jr.

**Director of Music**

(954) 868-6137

Ms. Cathy Spitzer

**Vocalist**

Mr. Patricio Diaz-Pizarro

**Maintenance**

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Nancy Adams

Mauricio Bautista

Elizabeth Calhoun

Judy Fisher

Rosemary Guerin

Johnny Mann

Sandi Mann

Ed Rebholz

### 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



## 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.

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

*Father Ernest and the staff of St. Sebastian Parish wish you a Very Happy New Year 2025. It is also a Jubilee Year. May it be a Blessed Year for each one of us.*

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*FAMILIARIS CONSORTIO OF POPE JOHN PAUL II*

### **THE FAMILY**

As we celebrate The Feast of the Holy Family, we have an occasion to pray for our families and to meditate on how we can improve Family Life. And we do so by following The Holy Family example of having God in the midst of the family and therefore by love, prayer and obedience to God's Commandments. Here is what St. John Paul II wrote about the family communion (*Familiaris Consortio*, 18,19,20, 1st paragraph)

#### ***Love as the Principle and Power of Communion***

The family, which is founded and given life by love, is a community of persons: of husband and wife, of parents and children, of relatives. Its first task is to live with fidelity the reality of communion in a constant effort to develop an authentic community of persons.

The inner principle of that task, its permanent power and its final goal is love: without love the family is not a community of persons and, in the same way, without love the family cannot live, grow and perfect itself as a community of persons. What I wrote in the Encyclical *Redemptor hominis* applies primarily and especially within the family as such: "Man cannot live without love. He remains a being that is incomprehensible for himself, his life is senseless, if love is not revealed to him, if he does not encounter love, if he does not experience it and make it his own, if he does not participate intimately in it."

The love between husband and wife and, in a derivative and broader way, the love between members of the same family-between parents and children, brothers and sisters and relatives and members of the household-is given life and sustenance by an unceasing inner dynamism leading the family to ever deeper and more intense communion, which is the foundation and soul of the community of marriage and the family.

#### ***The Indivisible Unity of Conjugal Communion***

The first communion is the one which is established and which develops between husband and wife: by virtue of the covenant of married life, the man and woman "are no longer two but one flesh"and they are called to grow continually in their communion through day-to-day fidelity to their marriage promise of total mutual self-giving.

This conjugal communion sinks its roots in the natural complementarity that exists between man and woman, and is nurtured through the personal willingness of the spouses to share their entire life-project, what they have and what they are: for this reason such communion is the fruit and the sign of a profoundly human need. But in the Lord Christ God takes up this human need, confirms it, purifies it and elevates it, leading it to perfection through the sacrament of matrimony: the Holy Spirit who is poured out in the sacramental celebration offers Christian couples the gift of a new communion of love that is the living and real image of that unique unity which makes of the Church the indivisible Mystical Body of the Lord Jesus.

The gift of the Spirit is a commandment of life for Christian spouses and at the same time a stimulating impulse so that every day they may progress towards an ever richer union with each other on all levels-of the body, of the character, of the heart, of the intelligence and will, of the soul-revealing in this way to the Church and to the world the new communion of love, given by the grace of Christ. Such a communion is radically contradicted by polygamy: this, in fact, directly negates the plan of God which was revealed from the beginning, because it is contrary to the equal personal dignity of men and women who in matrimony give themselves with a love that is total and therefore unique and exclusive. As the Second Vatican Council writes: "Firmly established by the Lord, the unity of marriage will radiate from the equal personal dignity of husband and wife, a dignity acknowledged by mutual and total love."

#### ***An Indissoluble Communion***

Conjugal communion is characterized not only by its unity but also by its indissolubility: "As a mutual gift of two persons, this intimate union, as well as the good of children, imposes total fidelity on the spouses and argues for an unbreakable oneness between them."



## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>December 28</b> † Juliana Esperanza Posada, by family † Joan Fuccillo, by Fuccillo family Wellbeing of Robert Matacchiera
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am	<b>December 29</b> † Dolores Hesse Fink, by husband Jack † Larry Biondi, by Anna Marie Pierotti Wellbeing of Rajesh Patel, by Sandra Keyzers
11:00 am	Living and Deceased of our Parish
6:00 pm	Wellbeing of Doleen Borba, by Joseph & Jennifer Borba
<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>December 30</b> Wellbeing of Doleen Borba, by Joseph & Jennifer Borba
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>December 31</b> Wellbeing of Doleen Borba, by Joseph & Jennifer Borba
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>January 1</b> † Leo McGinity, by Grace Middlemiss † Michael Hopkins by Rebholz family Wellbeing of Msgr. James Fetscher, by Jarchow family
11:00 am	Wellbeing of Doleen Borba, by Joseph & Jennifer Borba
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>January 2</b> † Leo Middlemiss, by Mary Kennedy
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>January 3</b> † Rev. Joseph Carney
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>January 4</b> Living and Deceased of our Parish
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am	<b>January 5</b> Wellbeing of Noah Mattan, by Mariam Mattan
11:00am	† Thanksgiving to Anna by Mariana Mattan Wellbeing of Mariana & Tony Mattan, by Mariam Mattan Wellbeing of Dave & Carolyn Anderson, by Sandi & John Mann
6:00pm	† Rev. Oscar Sarmiento

## REMEMBER THE SICK

Mary Lou Mann Suzanne Plum, Gail Mills, Angela Cowherd, 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, Linda Spitzer, Blake-Leigh Riley, Melissa Mirabile, Marge Mitchell, Rasoul Karimi, Jean Gorman, Linda DeBold, Jay Hoover, Ed Kidd, Mary Beth Vogler, Joel Rivera, Fred Zagone S.J. Anthony Cotilus.

## SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Our clients are most grateful to all of you for your donations. Be assured of our prayers for each of you and your families from Vincent De Paul. Thanks again! Pat Burke

## ST. SEBASTIAN HOLY /HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

♦ January 1st— Holy Day of Obligation  
Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, the mass is at 10AM

## FAITH FORMATION / RCIA;

Will resume January 8th, 2025. We will continue to explore the theme of "Jesus the Messiah, The Christ and the Savior." We look forward to having all join us after the new year.



## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

### Conditions to receive the Eucharist

- Be a practicing Catholic and without mortal sin.
- Must confess mortal sins before receiving.
- Divorced who are single can receive.
- Those in a civil marriage or cohabitating cannot receive until they either marry or have their marriage convalidated in the church.

## 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.



A Great Big and Heart felt THANK YOU, to Sue and Scott Martinez, Susi O'leary, Carolyn Kervin, Richi Stockinger, Leo Carey, Paty Taylor, who helped to decorate the church. Thank you to Bill Loughran who donated the orchards for the altar. Ann Murry for organizing the Poinsettias donated.

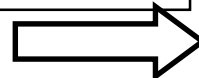
## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

WEEKEND OF 12/21/24 - 12/22/24

Last Week's Collection	\$5,670
Offertory Total YTD	\$118,641
Budget YTD	\$138,248
Shortfall YTD	(\$19,607)



## PARISH EVENTS AND DATES



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**December 29: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

**ABCD**

With this Advent, we invite you to support ABCD in its mission to provide food, shelter, and care to those most in need. Your generosity can bring hope and comfort to those who are suffering, as we await the coming of Christ who was born in humble circumstances to bring salvation to all. Visit the ABCD today to make your donation.

[www.isupportABCD.com](http://www.isupportABCD.com).

**Planned Giving**

Have you thought about how you can continue supporting the Church and its mission after you're gone? Through a planned gift, you can help secure the future of our parish, our ministries, and our outreach programs. To learn more please feel free to contact us via email at [kblanco@theadom.org](mailto:kblanco@theadom.org), call us at 305-762-1053 or visit

[www.adomgift.org](http://www.adomgift.org).

**Stewardship**

Let us embody the spirit of Advent through our generosity, knowing that every gift we offer is a reflection of the great gift God gave us in His Son, Jesus Christ.

*"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 John 3: 1)*

During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received – being children of God. As God's children, it's important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently.



**BIBLE SHARING** Come for coffee and Scripture sharing each Thursday in the Parish Hall at 9:15am.

Everyone is invited. You may also join us online by dialing 848-777-1212, when prompted put in 143143#. For more info call Mary at 954.290.1194. We will be sharing from the Gospel of Luke with Mary Ann Leseke facilitating.



**Your 2025 Parish Envelopes are at the main entrance to be picked up.**



The **2025 Catholic Life Calendars** have arrived, please pick them up at entrance of church.

**ST. SEBASTIAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**

- **Trinkets and Treasures** Will be held on February 8th and 9th. **Please**, start bringing in your treasures now. Call Sandi Mann at 954-235-4005
- **Annual SSCCW Luncheon** Will be held on March 22, 2025 at Coral Ridge Yacht Club.

**ST. SEBASTIAN MEN'S CLUB** Save the Date for an "**Evening in Venice**," a traditional Italian cuisine, scheduled for **Friday, January 24**. Tickets for the annual Italian dinner and entertainment hosted by the Men's Club will be available at the church doors after Masses the next two weekends and in the parish office during the week.

**.REGISTRATION**

If you attend Mass at St. Sebastian regularly, please become a registered member of our parish. Complete a registration form (found in the welcome table at the entrance of the church or by calling the Parish office.) Thank you

