

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASSSES

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

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(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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK :

A Catechesis on the Creed John Paul II, The Church Mystery, Sacrament, Community

Christ's Call Establishes the Church

We were told by the Gospel of Mathew that when Jesus, in response to Peter's confession of faith, announced the establishment of "his Church"- "Upon this rock I will build my Church" (Mt 16: 18) - he employed a term whose common usage at the time and in various passages of the Old Testament allows us to discover its semantic value. It must be said that the Greek Text of Matthew's Gospel uses here the express *mou ten ekklesian*. This word *ekklesia* was used in the Septuagint (the Greek translation of the Bible dating from the second century B.C.) to translate the Hebrew *qahal* and the corresponding Aramaic *qahal*, which Jesus probably used in his response to Simon Peter. This fact is the point of departure for our lexical analysis of Jesus' announcement.

Both the Hebrew term *qahal* and the Greek *ekklesia* mean "gathering, assembly." *Ekklesia* is etymologically related to the Greek verb *kalein*, which means "to call." In Semitic speech the word meant, in practice, "assembly" ("called together"), and it was used in the Old Testament to designate the "community" of the chosen people, especially in the desert (cf. Dt 4:10; Acts 7:38).

In Jesus's day the word was still being used. One notes in particular, that in a text from the Qumran sect regarding the war of the sons of darkness, the expression *qahal 'El*, "assembly of God," is used along with others like it on the military insignia (1 QM 5:10). Jesus, too, used the term to speak of "his" messianic community, that new assembly called together through the covenant in his blood, the covenant proclaimed in the upper room (cf. Mt 26:28).

In both Semitic and Greek usage, the assembly received its character from the will of the one who convoked it and the purpose for which he called it. Both in Israel and in the ancient Greek city-states (*po'leis*) various assemblies were called, those of a profane nature (political, military or professional), as well as those which were religious and liturgical.

The Old Testament also mentions various types of assemblies. But when it speaks of the community of the Chosen People it emphasizes the religious and even theocratic nature of those people who have been called together, by explicitly proclaiming that they belong to the one God. For this reason, it considers the entire people of Israel to be *qahal* of Yahweh, and calls them such, precisely because they are Yahweh's "special possession, dearer than all other people" (Ex 19:5). It is an altogether special belonging to and relationship with God, based on the covenant made with him and on acceptance of the commandments given to them by the intermediaries between God and the people at the moment of their call, which Sacred Scripture designates precisely as "the day of the assembly," *yo'mhaqqaha'l* (cf. Dt 9:10; 10:4). This feeling of belonging spans Israel's whole history and perdures, in spite of repeated betrayals and the recurrence of crises and defeats. It is a question of a theological truth continued in history, to which the prophets appeal in times of disappointment, like deuterio-Isaiah. He said to Israel in the name of God, toward the end of the exile, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine" (Is 43:1). This is an announcement that in virtue of the old covenant he will soon intervene to free his people.

The Church is founded



Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	January 18 † Joan Fucillo, by the family † Paul Gardner, by Sandi Mann
Sunday 8:30 am	January 19 † Grace & Murray Toomey, by Helen & Mary Louise Toomey † Bea Biondi, by Anna Marie Pierotti † Maria Abigail Tovar, by Angela and Gredys
11:00am	Wellbeing of Doleen Borba, by Joseph and Jennifer Borba Wellbeing of Mark Bromage, by family
6:00pm	† Rev. Thomas Anglim
Monday 8:30 am	January 20 † Sister Mary Rowley, S.C. † Ossi Pierotti, by Anna Marie Pierotti Wellbeing of Keavy Laughran by Bill Laughran
Tuesday 8:30 am	January 21 Wellbeing of Anna Marie Pierotti, by Bill Fucillo
Wednesday 8:30 am	January 22 Wellbeing of the Parishioners of St. Sebastian Wellbeing of Gene Petrey, by Mary K. & Grace M.
Thursday 8:30 am	January 23 † Rev. Donald Klaus
Friday 8:30 am	January 24 † Rev. Clemente Seoane Special Intention for Louis W. Bassett
Saturday 5:00 pm	January 25 Living & Deceased of St. Sebastian
Sunday 8:30 am	January 26 † Dolores Hesse Fink, by husband Jack † Fernando Tarazona, by Gredys Grable Wellbeing of Father Fred Zagone, by Anna Marie Pierotti
11:00am	Wellbeing of the people in California affected by fires Wellbeing of Sarai by Ira Fernandez
6:00pm	† Rev. Rafael Escala

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.
Mark Bromage

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you for your donations of gently
used household items and clothing for the
Vincent the Paul truck. *Pat Burke*

FAITH FORMATION / RCIA

Next class, Wednesday, the 22nd of January at 6 pm.

We will continue to explore the theme of
"Jesus the Messiah, The Christ and The Savior."

We look forward to having all join us.



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 in the Church or have their marriage convalidated.
- Note: should you need the annulment of a previous marriage. Please contact the Pastor.



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.

2024 Annual Tax Return Letters

If you would like please stop by the Parish Office
and pick up your letter, or let us know if you
prefer that we mail it out to you. They will be
mailed out by January 30th. Please contact the
parish office if you need your letter sooner. Thank
you for your contributions.

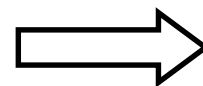
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PARISH EVENTS AND DATES



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January 19: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**ABCD**

The ABCD is an invitation for each of us to respond to God's call with generosity and faithfulness. Just as the disciples followed Jesus without hesitation, we are called to follow Christ by supporting His work in the world through our prayers, our time, or our financial contributions. Our support of the ABCD helps fund vital ministries such as education, evangelization, and care for those in need. Make a difference by donating to www.isupportABCD.com.

Planned Giving

Planned Giving allows us to make a lasting impact on the work of the Church by contributing to ministries, programs, and outreach that bring the light of Christ to others. Just as the first disciples followed Christ without hesitation, we, too, are called to follow Him by offering our resources with faith and generosity. Planned Giving whether through a will, trust, or endowment helps ensure that future generations have the opportunity to encounter the love of God, just as we have been blessed to do. To learn more about how you can make a planned gift, visit us today at www.adomgift.org.

Stewardship

Stewardship is a recognition that all we have our resources, our abilities, and our opportunities are blessings from God, and we are called to use them to further His work in the world.

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." (1 CORINTHIANS 12:7)

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that your gift is unique to you and if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to build a personal relationship with God and discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.



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 are sharing from the Gospel of Luke with Mary Ann Leseke facilitating.

ABCD ANNUAL APPEAL

ABCD reminds us of our shared responsibility, as Catholics, to place our blessings at His service. ABCD unites us, as one faith community, in our commitment to serve and support the needs of our brothers and sisters and allows the Archdiocese of Miami to share God's love with others regardless of who they are or where they live. Let us be generous to this year's ABCD and be agents of hope and love for all.

ST. SEBASTIAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

*****Trinkets and Treasures Sale-** Will be held on **Saturday, February 8th, 8am – 3pm & Sunday, February 9th, 8am – 1pm**. Please bring in your treasures now and see the flyers with more details. If you have any questions, call Sandi Mann at 954-235-4005.

*****Annual St Sebastian Council of Catholic Women (SSCCW) Luncheon** Will be held on March 22, 2025 at Coral Ridge Yacht Club.

ST. SEBASTIAN MEN'S CLUB

The **Annual St. Sebastian Italian Dinner, is this Friday, January 24 at 6pm**. This great event is being hosted by the Men's Club; the tickets for the Dinner & Live entertainment are only \$50./ person. Tickets are being sold after masses at Church doors and in the parish office during the week. We hope you will join us for a great night to mingle with Pashioners and our community.

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.

