AUGUST 17, 2025

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Sebastian Catholic Parish in Fort Lauderdale, Inc. (954)524-9344

MASSES
Saturday 5 pm (Sunday Vigil)
Sunday 8:30 am,11 am & 6 pm

Weekdays
8:30 am (Mon. through Fri.)

OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Lunch: 1:00 pm—1:30 pm

Pastor
Rev. Ernest Biriruka

Office Staff
Francy Gonzalez
Kathryn Cabrisas
Judy Fisher

Director of Music
Peter J. Manfredi, Jr.
(954) 868-6137

Vocalist
Cathy Spitzer

Facilities
Patricio Diaz-Pizarro

Pastoral Council
Nancy Adams
Mauricio Bautista
Judy Fisher
Rosemary Guerin
Johnny Mann
Sandi Mann
Ed Rebholz
John Mann

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.

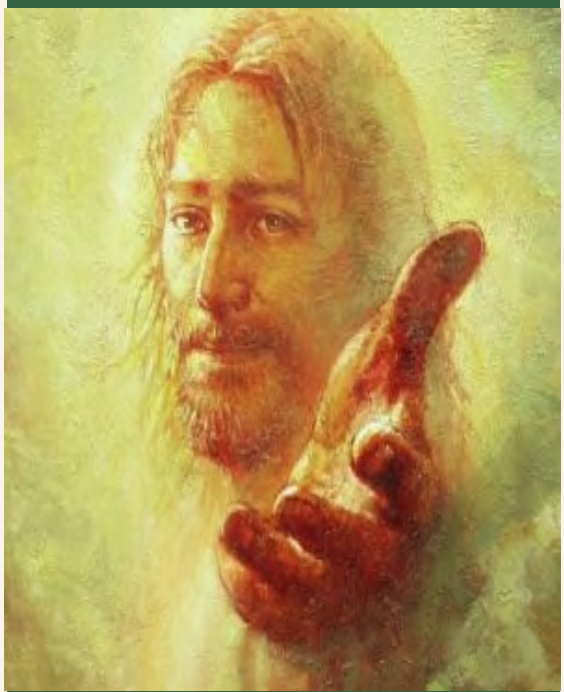
THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
Please call the office as soon as anyone is seriously ill.

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 Family.

Jesus said to his disciples "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing."

Luke 12:49



JESUS IS CALLING US!

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: TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE LAST JUDGMENT

CATHECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH #1038 TO #1041

1038 The resurrection of all the dead, "of both the just and the unjust," will precede the Last Judgment. This will be "the hour when all who are in the tombs will hear [the Son of man's] voice and come forth, those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment." Then Christ will come "in his glory, and all the angels with him. ... Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. ... And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

1039 In the presence of Christ, who is Truth itself, the truth of each man's relationship with God will be laid bare. The Last Judgment will reveal even to its furthest consequences the good each person has done or failed to do during his earthly life: All that the wicked do is recorded, and they do not know. When "our God comes, he does not keep silence."... he will turn towards those at his left hand: ... "I placed my poor little ones on earth for you. I as their head was seated in heaven at the right hand of my Father — but on earth my members were suffering, my members on earth were in need. If you gave anything to my members, what you gave would reach their Head. Would that you had known that my little ones were in need when I placed them on earth for you and appointed them your stewards to bring your good works into my treasury. But you have placed nothing in their hands; therefore you have found nothing in my presence."

1040 The Last Judgment will come when Christ returns in glory. Only the Father knows the day and the hour; only he determines the moment of its coming. Then through his Son Jesus Christ he will pronounce the final word on all history. We shall know the ultimate meaning of the whole work of creation and of the entire economy of salvation and understand the marvelous ways by which his Providence led everything towards its final end. The Last Judgment will reveal that God's justice triumphs over all the injustices committed by his creatures and that God's love is stronger than death.

1041 The message of the Last Judgment calls men to conversion while God is still giving them "the acceptable time, ... the day of salvation." It inspires a holy fear of God and commits them to the justice of the Kingdom of God. It proclaims the "blessed hope" of the Lord's return, when he will come "to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at in all who have believed."

God calls us to conversion, while it is still possible, before the door is shut. Entering by narrow door means to leave the concerns of the world and so as to look for God's kingdom. This means to give up our vices and sinful ways, so as to live in the Grace and Love of God.

Father Ernest

Keep praying and continue your special devotions during this time of the year!

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Mass Intentions

Saturday **AUGUST 16**

5:00 pm
† Joan Fuccillo, by Family
† Ossi Pierotti, by Anna Marie Pierotti

Sunday **AUGUST 17**

8:30 am
† Kay Lesnick, by Broward Sierra Club

11:00 am
† Carol Sica, by Judy Fisher
† Dr. Jairo Casas, by Gloria Casas

6:00 pm
Living and Deceased of our Parish

Monday **AUGUST 18**

8:30 am
Wellbeing of Georgianna Eschen, by Donald Bourke

Tuesday **AUGUST 19**

8:30 am
† Mitchell John Sajdera, by Sajdera Family

Wednesday **AUGUST 20**

8:30 am
Wellbeing of Msgr. James Fetscher
Birthday Blessing of Rosemary Guerin, by Family

Thursday **AUGUST 21**

8:30 am
Wellbeing of Bill Fuccillo
Wellbeing of Isabel Jarman and Family

Friday **AUGUST 22 Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30 am
† Charles, Marie and Ann Maher, by Maher Family
† Gerald Chicky Morningstar, by Isabel Jarman

REMEMBER THE SICK

Msgr. James Fetscher, Mary Lou Mann, Suzanne Plum, Gail Mills, Don Loughran, Jr., John Harris, Stephen Black, Alvaro Arevalo, Paul Ristow, Matt Keysers, Judy Flood, Sister Frances Voss, O.S.C., Rob Messerschmidt, Anne McCormick, Ray Wicklander, Kathy Mahoney, Linda Spitzer, Blake-Leigh Riley, Melissa Mirabile, Marge Mitchell, Rasoul Karimi, Jean Gorman, Ed Kidd, Mary Beth Vogler, Joel Rivera, Fred Zagone S.J., Anthony Cotilus, Mark Bromage, Jonathan Hughes, Donato Montanaro, William Hirsch, Gary Demberg, Bill Fuccillo, Lawrence Biondi S.J., Angela Cowherd, Michael Fisher, Sean Ennis.

A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for the men and women that you have called to discern the calling to priesthood and religious life. We beg your continued blessing on our Archdiocese of Miami and on all our families. Call forth more women and men of generous spirit and fervent love whom you desire for this holy work. We make this prayer in Jesus' name,
Amen.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Takes place in our **chapel of the Divine Healer** on **Fridays** after morning Mass until 5:00 pm.

We still need adorers of the **Holy Eucharist** for the following times: 1-2 pm, 2-3 pm & 3-4 pm

Please contact the office if you are able to come to any of those hours.

Thank you!

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 are married in the Church.*
- *Note: For any question or to begin the annulment process for a previous marriage, please contact the Pastor.*

SAINT SEBASTIAN CHURCH DRIVE OUT HUNGER!

"*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink.* (Matt. 25:35). How often have we heard these words spoken by Jesus? Through our weekly contributions of non-perishable food and hygiene items to the needy of Fort Lauderdale, we respond to Jesus. To care is to share. **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**. You can also place these items in the shopping carts. If you know of anyone in need, please tell them that a drive thru grocery distribution takes place every Friday from 1:30-4:00 PM at Blessed Sacrament Church, and closes at 3:15 PM. The Food Bank is currently in special need of canned meat, fish or similar protein items.

First time must provide proof of residency in Broward County.

Thank you! Your donations are greatly appreciated!

St. Vincent DePaul report for July, serving **645 clients** representing 2092 individuals, **expenses** were **$4196.14**

Each month **Mass** is celebrated for past and present benefactors. The next one will be **on Wednesday, August 20 at 8:00 am at Blessed Sacrament Church.**

PARISH EVENTS AND DATES

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FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

ABCD

We ABCD creates a communion of generosity throughout our archdiocese. Your contribution joins with thousands of others to create a powerful force for good, reaching every corner of our Catholic community and beyond.

May your generosity be a source of blessing for our entire archdiocese and a reflection of the Eucharistic love that transforms us all.

To make your gift to ABCD, please visit www.isupportABCD.com, call us at 305-762-1243, or use the envelopes provided in your parish.

Planned Giving:

We understand that discussing estate planning can feel overwhelming. That's why we invite you to begin a conversation with your family, your financial advisor, and with us. There's no pressure, only an opportunity to explore how your final act of stewardship can reflect a lifetime of faith.

To learn more about Planned Giving, please contact: Kblanco@theadom.org or visit www.adomgift.org.

Stewardship

Good stewards realize the extraordinary love and graciousness with which God showers us. We need never convince God to be generous. God is already that generous friend. His abundant love bathes us in goodness.

"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." LUKE 12:51

Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stance through Stewardship for life, marriage, and religious liberty.

NEW AMERICAN BIBLES!

Now available
In the parish office
for a ten dollar donation

LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY

We invite everyone to join us in praying the Rosary, **Monday - Friday, at 7:50 am,** before daily mass, in the Chapel of the Divine Healer. Let us come together in prayer and deepen our devotion to Our Blessed Mother.
All are welcome!

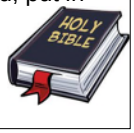
BIBLE SHARING

Joins us for **Scripture sharing every Thursday** in the Parish Hall **from 9:15 to 10:30 am.**

We are sharing **The Acts of the Apostles.** **With the help of Fr. Ernest**

You may also join us online by dialing 848-777-1212; when prompted, put in 1431434#.

For more information, please contact **Miriam Rivas At 954-673-1522**



August 22
Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

"Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954. But the Blessed Virgin Mary's Queenship has roots in the Scriptures. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "Mother of my Lord."

WEEKDAY 8:30 AM MASS

IN THE CHAPEL OF THE DIVINE HEALER

Located in THE PARISH CENTER

SANDWICH MINISTRY

Meet once a month to make sandwiches for the needy.

Saturday, August 23th at 8:30 am. in the Parish Hall

For more information email : Lois.pittler@gmail.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION

You may use this QR code to donate to our Parish

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 to 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.

FOR BETTER PARTICIPATION IN THE MASS

With your smart phone or computer, you can find Daily Mass Readings and Prayers easily. Search for: Daily Bible Readings: WWW.USCCB.ORG

For Prayers, go to Mass Prayer or Order of Mass.

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