

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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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

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Nancy Adams

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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 Founded the Catholic Church

Today we begin a new cycle of catechetical talks dedicated to the Church, about which the Nicene– Constantinopolitan Creed says: “ I believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.” This creed like the antecedent, the Apostles’ Creed, straightaway connects the truth about the Church with the Holy Spirit: “I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church.” To go from the Holy Spirit to the Church has its own logic, which St. Thomas explains at the beginning of his catechesis on the Church: “As we see that in man there are one body and one soul, and yet this body has various members, so too, the Catholic Church is one body and has many members. The soul which gives life to this body is the Holy Spirit. For this reason, after expressing our faith in the Holy Spirit, we are commanded to believe in the holy catholic Church” (cf. *In Symbolum Apostolorum Exposito*, art 9, Edit. tau.,n.971).

The Nicene– Constantinopolitan Creed speaks of the Church as “one , holy, catholic and apostolic.” These are the so-called “marks” of the Church, which require a certain introductory explanation, even though we will speak about their significance again in later catechesis.

Let us listen to what the last two councils said about this subject.

The First Vatican Council declared the unity of the Church in rather descriptive terms: “ The eternal shepherd... decided to establish his holy Church in which the faithful would be united, as in the house of the living God, by bonds of the same faith and charity” (cf. *DS* 3050).

The Second Vatican Council, in turn, states: “Christ, the one Mediator, established and continually sustains here on earth his holy Church, the community of faith, hope and charity, as an entity with visible delineation.” It also says : “The earthly Church and the Church enriched with heavenly things...form once complex reality which coalesces from a divine and human element.... This is the one Church of Christ which in the creed is professed as one, holy, catholic and apostolic” (*LG* 8). The Council teaches us that this Church “...is in Christ like a sacrament or as a sign and instrument both of a very closely knit union with God and the unity of the whole human race” (*LG* 1).

Clearly, the unity of the Church which we profess in the creed is proper to the universal Church, and the particular (or local) churches are such insofar as they share in the unity. Unity was recognized and preached as a property of the Church from the beginning, that is , from the time the Pentecost. It is a primordial and co essential reality for the Church, and not merely an ideal which we hope and search can be valid regarding the historical realization of reuniting believers in Christ, but once cannot nullify the truth enunciated in the Letter to the Ephesians: “...one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call (Eph 4:3-4). This is the truth of the Church’s beginnings, which we profess in the creed: “ I believe in one ...Church.”

May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love.

May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year ... Fr. Ernest and St Sebastian Parish office



Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	January 4 Living and Deceased of our Parish
Sunday 8:30 am	January 5 † Julia Matute, by the Matute family † Esperanza Funez, by the Matute family Wellbeing of Noah Mattan, by Mariam Mattan
11:00am	In Thanksgiving for 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
Monday 8:30 am	January 6 † Eleanor Kieff by Judy Fisher † Julia Matute, by the Matute family † Esperanza Funez, by the Matute family
Tuesday 8:30 am	January 7 † Esperanza Funez, by the Matute family
Wednesday 8:30 am	January 8 † Fr. Michael O'Laughlin † Esperanza Funez, by the Matute family
Thursday 8:30 am	January 9 † Esperanza Funez, by the Matute family
Friday 8:30 am	January 10 † Esperanza Funez, by the Matute family
Saturday 5:00 pm	January 11 † Joan Fucillo, by family † Mary Horne, by Mark Horne Well being of Nancy and Steve Weber by Steve
Sunday 8:30 am	January 12 † Charles, Marie and Ann Maher, by Maher family † Albert Mainellie, by Jack Tavone For The Church of Notre Dame in Paris and her people, by 8:30 am ushers
11:00am	Living & Deceased of our Parish
6:00pm	† Rev. Ronald J. Pusak

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

The Vincent the Paul truck will be in our parking lot, collecting donations on the weekend of January 11-12th. Thank you, Pat Burke

FAITH FORMATION / RCIA

Will resume this Wednesday, January 8th, 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 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.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH



Thank you so much for your participation and generosity. We raised for our parish with your donations and the proceeds from the Gala, the amount of \$256,000.+ . May God bless you abundantly.

FOR BETTER PARTICIPATION IN THE MASS

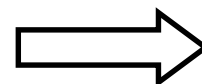
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PARISH EVENTS AND DATES



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January 5 : THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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Let us remember that our acts of charity, no matter how big or small, are a way of recognizing and honoring Christ in our midst. As we begin this new year, let us renew our commitment to follow Christ's example of love and service, offering our own gifts to Him. Make a gift today www.isupportABCD.com.

Planned Giving

Planned Giving allows us to make a lasting impact by contributing to the Church in a way that reflects our values and helps secure the future of the faith. Whether through bequests, endowments, or other planned gifts, we are invited to make a difference that extends beyond our lifetime—just as the wise men’s offerings continue to inspire us today. For more information on how you can make a planned gift, please get in touch with us via email at Kblanco@theadom.org or please visit www.adomgift.org.

Stewardship

This Epiphany, let us remember that our stewardship is a response to God’s call to be caretakers of His creation and to serve one another. Whether it is through sharing our financial resources, offering our time in service to the Church and the community, or using our talents to help others, we are invited to follow the example of the wise men, who sought the light of Christ and brought their best gifts to honor Him. “...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” (MATTHEW 2:11).

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ’s wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.



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 may be found 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

