

THIRD 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, 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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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 about our Parish Family.



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

God's Plan for the Church Is Eternal

When seen in the perspective of the Father's eternal plan, the Church appears from the beginning, in the thought of the apostles and the first Christian generations, as the fruit of the infinite, divine love which unites the Father to the Son within the Trinity. It is actually in the virtue of this love that the Father has willed to unite humanity in his Son. The *mysterium ecclesiae* thus finds its origin in the *mysterium Trinitatis*. Here we must use the same exclamation we make at Mass when the renewal of the Eucharistic sacrifice is accomplished, where the Church in turn is gathered: *mysterium fidei!*

The principle of the Church's missionary dynamism is also found in this eternal source. The Church's mission is, as it were, the continuation, or historical expansion, of the mission of the Son and the Holy Spirit, and so one can call it a vital participation, in the form of ministerial association, in the Trinity's activity in human history.

In the Constitution *Lumen Gentium* (cf. nn.1-4), Vatican II speaks at great length about the mission of the Son and the Holy Spirit. In the Decree *Ad Gentes* it speaks precisely about the communal character of human participation in the divine life, when it says that God's plan "flows from the 'fount-like love' or charity of God the Father, who, being the 'principle without principle' from whom the Son is begotten and the Holy Spirit proceeds through the Son, freely creating us on account of his surpassing and merciful kindness and graciously calling us moreover to share with him his life and his glory, has generously poured out, and does not cease to pour out still, his divine goodness. Thus he who created all things may at last be 'all in all' (1Cor 15:28), bringing about at one and the same time his own glory and our happiness. But it pleased God to call men to share his life, not just singly, apart from any mutual bond, but rather to mold them into a people in which his sons, once scattered abroad, might be gathered together (cf. Jn 11:52)" (AG2).

The foundation of the community willed by God in his eternal plan is the work of redemption, which frees human beings from the division and dispersion produced by sin. The Bible teaches us that sin is the source of hostility and violence, as appears in the fratricide Cain committed (cf. Gen 4:8), and as that fragmentation of nations which in its negative aspects finds its paradigmatic expression in the account of the tower of Babel.

God willed to free humanity from this state through Christ. This saving will of his seems to echo in Caiaphas' speech to the Sanhedrin, in regard to which John the evangelist writes: "Since he was high priest for that year, he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation, and not only for the nation, but also to gather into one the dispersed children of God" (Jn 11:51-52).



Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	January 25 † Linda Tuthill Fullen, by Mimi Bauer
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	† Rev. Rafael Escala Wellbeing of Sarai, by Ira Fernandez Wellbeing of the people in California affected by fires
6:00pm	Living & Deceased of St. Sebastian
Monday 8:30 am	January 27 Wellbeing of Grace Middlemiss, by Bill Fuccillo
Tuesday 8:30 am	January 28 † Hugo Biondi, by Anna Marie Pierotti
Wednesday 8:30 am	January 29 † Vito Furio, by Elaine Furio Happy 97th Birthday Mary Kennedy, by family
Thursday 8:30 am	January 30 † John Middlemiss, by Grace Middlemiss
Friday 8:30 am	January 31 † Michael Middlemiss, by Grace Middlemiss
Saturday 5:00 pm	February 1 † Joan Fuccillo, by Fuccillo family † Leo McGinity, by Heather Kelleher † Kenneth McGinity, by Grace Middlemiss
Sunday 8:30 am	February 2 Living and Deceased of St. Sebastian
11:00am	† Christine Miller, by Diane Jarchow Wellbeing of Doleen Borba, by Joseph & Jennifer Borba
6:00pm	† Rev. John Kelleghan

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

The Vincent the Paul truck, next scheduled
pick up for gently used household items
and clothing is the weekend of February
22- 23, 2025. Thank you for your
donations, *Pat Burke*



RCIA and FAITH FORMATION

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month
at 6pm, in the Parish Hall. The next one will
be February 5th. Theme: Jesus,
His Redemption (Death & Resurrection).

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

Please stop by the Parish Office and pick up your
letter. They will be mailed out by January 30th. Please
contact the parish office if you need your letter sooner.
Thank you for your contributions.

"Reel Joy". Please join us for the viewing of "*Sight*",
(The true story of Dr. Ming Wang, a Chinese immigrant
who defies all odds to become a world-renowned eye
surgeon. Dr. Wang sets out to restore the sight of a
blind orphan.) **Saturday February 15, 2025 at 2:00PM in
the Parish Hall.** Admission is free and we look forward to
seeing you there.



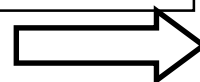
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PARISH EVENTS AND DATES



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January 26: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

ABCD

This Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, let us consider how we can respond to Christ's call by supporting the work of His Church through the ABCD. May our generosity reflect our commitment to the Gospel, and may our contributions help the Church continue to fulfill its mission of bringing God's love to all corners of the world. Visit the ABCD today to make your donation. www.isupportABCD.com.

Planned Giving

Through planned giving, we can ensure that future generations have the same opportunity to encounter the Good News of Jesus Christ. Whether through bequests, endowments, or other planned gifts, our contributions can support vital ministries, education, outreach, and charitable works that embody Christ's love for the world. Please feel free to contact us via email at kblanco@theadom.org or call us at 305-762-1053 today!

Stewardship

Stewardship is also about prioritizing the things that matter most: our relationship with God, our service to others, and our commitment to sharing the Gospel. In our daily lives, we can practice stewardship by using our time and talents to serve others, by supporting the Church and its ministries, and by sharing our resources to help those in need. Whether it's through prayer, acts of charity, or financial contributions, each act of stewardship reflects our love for God and our commitment to His work in the world.

"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..." (NEHEMIAH 8:10)

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here's the hard part – to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

ABCD ANNUAL APPEAL

This weekend, we are all invited to participate in the ABCD and bring hope to others and help them experience the transformative love of Christ—a love so powerful that it can heal the sick, convert hearts and change the course of someone's life. Whether it is through advocacy, education, housing, or serving the poor—just to name a few—ABCD is bringing hope to those in need. Please join us and be an agent of hope by making a gift to the ABCD today!



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.

ST. SEBASTIAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (SSCCW)

****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 Luncheon**

Will be held on March 22, 2025 at Coral Ridge Yacht Club.

ST. SEBASTIAN MEN'S CLUB

We extend our sincere gratitude to the Men's Club for hosting a highly successful St. Sebastian Italian Dinner. It was a wonderful evening enjoyed by members of our Parish and the wider Community. We thank everyone who contributed to its success.

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.

