

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF 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 am, 11 am & 6 pm  
**Weekdays** 8:30 am  
(Mon. through Fri. )  
**OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday-Friday 8:30 am-3:00 pm

### **Pastor**

*Rev. Ernest Biriruka*

### **Office Staff**

*Gredys Grable  
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  
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

#### The Church Is The Body of Christ

The body is an organism which, precisely as an organism, expresses the need for cooperation among the individual organs and parts in the unity of the whole, which is put together and structured in such a way, according to St. Paul, "that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another" (1 Cor 12:25). "Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary" (1 Cor 12:22). "We are," the Apostle adds, "individual parts of one another" (Rom 12:5) in the body of Christ, the Church. The multiplicity of the members and the variety of their functions cannot damage this unity, just as, on the other hand, this unity cannot cancel or destroy the multiplicity and variety of the members and their functions.

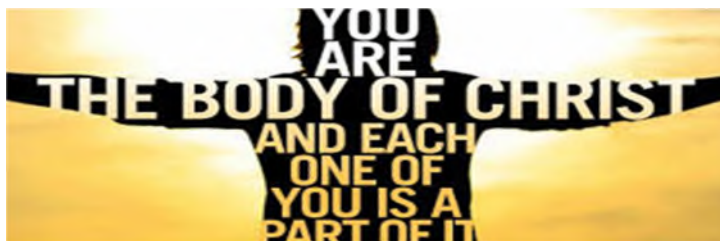
The need for "biological" harmony in the human organism is applied analogously in theological language to indicate the necessity of solidarity among all the members of the Church community. The Apostle writes: "If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy" (1 Cor 12:26).

Thus, the concept of Church as the body of Christ can be said to complement the concept of People of God. The same reality is expressed according to the two aspects of unity and multiplicity by two different analogies.

The analogy of the body especially highlights the unity of life: the Church's members are united with one another through the principle of unity in an identical life which comes from Christ. "Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?" (1 Cor 6:15). It is a spiritual life; in fact, it is life in the Holy Spirit. We read in *Lumen Gentium*: "By communicating his Spirit, Christ made his brothers, called together from all nations, mystically the components of his own body" (LG 7). In this way, Christ himself is "the head of the body, the Church" (Col 1:18). The condition for participating in the life of this body is the bond with the head, that is, with him "from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and bonds, achieves the growth that comes from God" (Col 2:19).

The Pauline concept of the head of (Christ, the head of the body which is the Church) signifies first of all the power which he possesses over the whole body. It is a supreme power, in regard to which we read in Ephesians that God "put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the Church" (Eph 1:22). As head, Christ fills the Church, his body, with his divine life, so that all may grow "into him who is the head, Christ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, with the proper functioning of each part, brings about the body's growth and builds itself up in love" (Eph 4:15-16).

As head of the Church, Christ is the principle and source of cohesion among the members of this body (cf. Col 2:19). He is the principle and source of growth in the Spirit: from him the entire body grows and "builds itself up in love" (Eph 4:16). This is the reason for the Apostle's exhortation to live "the truth in love" (Eph 4:15). The spiritual growth of the Church's body and its individual members is a growth "from Christ" (the principle) and also "into Christ" (the goal). The Apostle tells us this when he finishes his exhortation with these words: "Living the truth in love, we should grow in every way into him who is the head, Christ" (Eph 4:15).



**Mass Intentions**

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>February 8</b> † Joan Fuccillo, by Fuccillo Family † Barty O’Leary, by Heather Kelleher † Michael Young, by Richard Bowes
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am	<b>February 9</b> Souls of Victims from Plane Crashes, by Mary Ellen Maher Wellbeing of Dolan Family, by 8:30A.M. ushers Wellbeing of Doleen Borba, by Joseph & Jennnifer Borba
11:00 am	Living and Deceased of St. Sebastian
6:00 pm	† Rev. Jorge Sardina
<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>February 10</b> † Jerry R. Dempsey, by Bill Loughran
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>February 11</b> † Albert J. Mainellie, by Jack Tavone
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>February 12</b> † James Masciolo, by Carmen & Jackie Grosso Wellbeing of James Koontz, by Joseph & Jennifer Borba
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>February 13</b> † Isabelle Andrews, by Grace Middlemiss
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>February 14</b> † Ossi Pierotti, by Anna Marie Pierotti
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>February 15</b> † Leo McGinity, by Phyllis Keeth † Tim La Ganke Sr., by Family
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am	<b>February 16</b> † Charles, Marie & Ann Maher, by Maher Family † Dolores Hesse Fink, by husband Jack † Georges Dermarkar & Marilene Dermarkar-Azer, by sisters and Family
11:00 am	Wellbeing of Mery, by Rosie Koons
6:00 pm	Living and Deceased of St. Sebastian

**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, Jim Cowgill, Jonathan Hughes.

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL**

The Vincent the Paul truck’s 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 6 p.m., in the Parish Hall. The next one will be February 19th. 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 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass until 5:00 p.m. Please consider this opportunity to spend some quiet time with the Lord in prayer.

**"REEL JOY"**

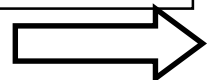
Please join us for the viewing of "*Sight*", (The true story of Dr. Ming Wang, a Chinese immigrant who defies all odds to become a world-renowned eye surgeon. Dr. Wang sets out to restore the sight of a blind orphan.) **Saturday, February 15, at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.** Admission is free and we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

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**PARISH EVENTS AND DATES**



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## **February 9: The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

### **ABCD**

As we listen to today's readings and reflect on our role as the light of the world, let us recognize that the work of spreading God's love requires both faith and action. Through your generous support of the ABCD, you are helping to ensure that the mission of the Church continues to shine brightly, touching the lives of countless individuals and families. Together, we can make a difference [www.isupportABCD.com](http://www.isupportABCD.com).

### **Planned Giving**

In the spirit of trust and commitment, we are called to consider the future of our Church and the legacy we wish to leave. Planned giving is a powerful way to ensure that the mission of the Church continues to flourish for generations to come. It is a way of offering our gifts to God, trusting that they will be used to strengthen our ministries, support the education of future generations, and care for those in need. To learn more please feel free to contact us today via email at [kblanco@theadom.org](mailto:kblanco@theadom.org) or call us at 305-762-1053.

### **Stewardship**

On this Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Gospel reminds us of our call to be the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." Jesus invites us to live so that our lives reflect His love and bring hope to others. As stewards of God's abundant gifts, we are called not only to cherish these blessings but also to share them generously with others, helping to build His Kingdom here on earth.

*"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" - ISAIAH 6:8*  
Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new Stewardship ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say, "Here I am, Lord."

### **ABCD ANNUAL APPEAL**

For the intentions of the ABCD, that we grow to better understand the importance of stewardship and almsgiving in our parish and beyond. May we recognize that our blessings are gifts from God-entrusted to us for the service of others. Together, may we serve as agents of hope to those in need Together, let us continue to give generously, knowing that our efforts have a lasting impact.



### **BIBLE SHARING**

Come for coffee and Scripture sharing **each Thursday in the Parish Hall at 9:15 a.m.** 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.

### **Sandwich Ministry**

Meets once a month in the **Parish Hall at 8:30 a.m.—9:30 a.m.**; to make sandwiches for the needy. Please email Lois Pittler at: [lois.pittler@gmail.com](mailto:lois.pittler@gmail.com) for more information.

### **ST. SEBASTIAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (SSCCW)**

#### **Trinkets and Treasures Sale**

Is happening now in the Parish Hall. Please stop by Sunday, **February 9th, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** We Thank all the volunteers for your time and support.

#### **Annual St Sebastian Council of Catholic Women Luncheon**

Will be held on **March 22, 2025** at Coral Ridge Yacht Club. If you have any questions, please contact Sandi Mann at 954-235-4005.

#### **Weekend Retreat for Women of Our lady of Florida Center**

Ladies of St Sebastian parish and all other parishes are welcome to attend, a weekend retreat, **March 28 - 30, 2025.** For more information contact Linda; 954-604-5507. **Please register at:** [www.ourladyofflorida.org](http://www.ourladyofflorida.org)

### **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.

