

THE SEVENTH 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, 11am & 6pm

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
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Director of Music

Peter J. Manfredi, Jr.
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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 :

ONE LORD, ONE BODY

My dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to make a short comment again on the material I have shared with you in the Parish Bulletin, about the Church. As I mentioned a few weeks back, I felt it would be of great spiritual interest to meditate on the Church during this Jubilee Year, a Year of Hope as our Pope Francis invited us to celebrate it. Pope Saint John Paul II have a series of catechesis on the Church and that is what I have been sharing with you all along these weeks.

We, the Church are a family of God, born of Him through water and Holy Spirit through the baptism; we have been redeemed and Sanctified through the Blood of his Son, and his Holy Spirit guide and sanctifies us until the end of time.

Saint Paul wrote about this unity saying;

"I, then, ... urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all". Eph 4:1-6

We are many and different members of the One Body of Jesus; and each of us have received special gifts for the common wellbeing of the Church, Jesus being the Head of that body. (1Co 12; Eph 1: 7-16). This explains why we profess in the Creed that we believe in One and Catholic Church; spread throughout the world but we are one and Catholic (universal) Church.

Even though we are many 'Christian Churches', Jesus did not intend to establish many churches. Jesus wanted one, holy, catholic and apostolic church; this is why Vatican II affirmed that;

"This is the sole Church of Christ which in the Creed we profess to be one, holy, catholic and apostolic, which our Saviour, after his resurrection, entrusted to Peter's pastoral care (Jn 21, 17). (...) This Church, constituted and organized as a society in the present world, subsists in the Catholic Church, which is governed by the successor of Peter and by the bishops in communion with him" (LG 8). In his famous priestly prayer, in Chap. 17 of St. John, it is clear that Jesus wants the unity of all who believe in him. Vatican II teaches strongly that we should be one and encouraged "Ecumenism" in the Decree on Ecumenism (*Unitatis Redintegratio*, Nov. 1964). While remarkable efforts were made after the Council, it appears that we have pulled apart in so many ways because of divergences on a variety of issues such as the ordination of women to be part of the Hierarchy of the Church (deacons, priests and bishops), teachings on the 'same sex unions', the understanding of the sacraments like the Eucharist, the Confession and evidently substantial differences in the interpretation of the Word of God, and so forth.

Our prayers and aspirations to the unity of believers must strictly respect the orthodoxy and orthopraxy of the Catholic Church (the faith and morals) as they have been expressed in her Teachings and Tradition. *"For it is through Christ's Catholic Church alone, which is the universal help towards salvation, that the is the fullness of the means of salvation can be obtained".* (Decree on Ecumenism, Art. 3).

Fr. Ernest

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	February 22 † Grace & Murray Toomey, by Helen & Mary Louise Toomey † Sunny Kinnaman, by Frank Krauser
Sunday 8:30 am	February 23 † Linda Grable, by Grable family
11:00 am	† Maria DeSabota, by Soledad Cano Wellbeing of Monsignor James Fetscher
6:00 pm	Living and Deceased of St. Sebastian
Monday 8:30 am	February 24 † Anna Maria Marchetti, by Anna Marie Pierotti Wellbeing of Lindsey & Phil Koontz, by Joseph & Jennifer Borba
Tuesday 8:30 am	February 25 † Leo Conaghan, by Susan & Barry Conaghan Wellbeing of Stella Koontz by Joseph & Jennifer Borba
Wednesday 8:30 am	February 26 † Jerry R. Dempsey, by Bill Loughran † Ellie Loughran, by husband Bill
Thursday 8:30 am	February 27 Wellbeing of Kason Koontz, by Joseph & Jennifer Borba † Michael Noonan, by Kaye Drohan
Friday 8:30 am	February 28 Wellbeing of Jenna Elise & Scott Melgren, by Joseph & Jennifer Borba † Miguel Rojas, by Jorge Rave
Saturday 5:00 pm	March 1 † Joan Fuccillo, by Fuccillo family Wellbeing of Hudson Melgren, by Joseph & Jennifer Borba Wellbeing of Wyatt Melgren, by Joseph & Jennifer Borba
Sunday 8:30 am	March 2 Wellbeing of Angela Cowherd, by Grable family † Mert Pruzinsk, by Sandra Keyzers
11:00 am	Living and Deceased Of St. Sebastian
6:00 pm	† Msgr. Patrick O'Donohue

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, Mary Kennedy, Margaret & Donato Montanaro., William Hirsch.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Sebastian is a key contributor to the Catholic Food Bank. There are grocery carts at each of our doors for your contributions of food, new toiletries and egg cartons. Please consider bringing a donation each time you come to mass. Remember Christ fed the hungry. Thank you.

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 next Wednesday, March 6th. Theme: The Sacraments.

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.*

EUCHARISTIC 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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a Special Collections to support the Church in Latin America on **Sunday, March 2nd.**

SEMINARIAN INITIATIVE

During March, our Church is supporting the Seminarians by providing them with a yearly stipend. This charity gives directly future priests. Checks can be written to the Seminarian Initiative, a 501 (c) (3) charity. On the table at the Church entrance, place cash or checks in the red lockbox or mail it :Carol McMahon: 1300 N. Rio Rista Blvd. Ft Lauderdale, FL 33316

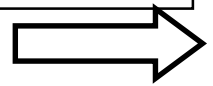


FOR BETTER PARTICIPATION IN THE MASS

With your smart phone, you can find **Mass Readings and Prayers** easily. Search for :

Daily mass Readings USCCB
Mass Prayer or Order of Mass
(USCCB = US Conference of Catholic Bishops)

PARISH EVENTS AND DATES



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February 23: The Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

ABCD

As we reflect on this powerful teaching, we are also reminded of the ways in which we, as a community of faith, can embody Christ's love through our actions, especially through the support of the Archbishop's Development Drive (ABCD). This important initiative provides vital resources to strengthen the Church's work in our communities, helping to support our ministries, outreach programs, and efforts to serve those most in need. Visit the ABCD today to make your donation.

www.isupportABCD.com.

Planned Giving

By considering a planned gift, whether through a bequest, charitable trust, or other means, you are making a lasting investment in the future of our faith, our Church, and the many ministries that carry out Christ's work. Your gift ensures that future generations will experience the same opportunities to grow in faith, receive education, and experience the love and support of the Church. Please feel free to contact us via email at kblanco@theadom.org or call us at 305-762-1053 today!

Stewardship

Today, we encourage you to reflect on how you can live out your stewardship more fully by sharing your gifts. Whether through acts of service, offering your time and talents to the parish or community, or providing financial support to the mission of the Church, every act of stewardship is a way to give back to God and to serve others with the same generosity and love that He shows to us.

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back..." - LUKE 6:35

Easier said than done, right? But, in Stewardship, we are to imitate Christ. Most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness. .

ABCD ANNUAL APPEAL

Thanks again for your generosity and commitment, we have met our goal with our ABCD campaign. Let us celebrate this achievement! Thank you for your sacrificial giving and your selfless support.



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 Arthur Cholakis facilitating.

ADORATION AND ROSARY

We need adorers of the **Holy Eucharist on Fridays**. There is a sign-up paper on each exits of the Church, please sign-up. Please also join us for the Rosary, **Monday - Friday, at 7:50 a.m.** in the church. All are most welcome.



SANDWICH MINISTRY

Meets once a month, we will meet on **Sunday, March 30th in 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 for more information.

ST. SEBASTIAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (SCCW)

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

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.

