

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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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

WEEDAYS

8:30 am (Mon. through Fri.)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:30 am - 3 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
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.



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, Vol. 4

The Church: Mystery, Sacrament, Community

The Church is *Communio* of Love

This divine plan was historically realized when Jesus instituted the Church, which he first announced (cf. Mt 16:18), and then established by the sacrifice of his blood and the mandate conferred on the apostles to shepherd his flock. It is a historical fact as well as a mystery of communion in Christ, which the Apostle is not satisfied merely to contemplate. In its presence he feels compelled to express in a song of blessing the truth he has contemplated: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

To accomplish this communion of human beings in Christ, which was eternally willed by God, the commandment which Jesus himself called "my commandment" has as essential importance (Jn 15:12). He called it "a new commandment." "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another" (Jn 13: 34). "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you" (Jn 15:12).

The commandment to love God above all things and to love one's neighbor as one's self is rooted in the Old Testament. But Jesus summarized it, formulated it in clear-cut terms and gave it a new meaning as the sign that his followers belong to him. "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (Jn 13:35). Christ himself is the living model and constitutes the measure of the love he speaks of in his commandment: "as I have loved you," he says. He even presented himself as the source of that love, as "the vine" which bears fruit of his love in his disciples, who are his branches. "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit because without me you can do nothing" (Jn 15:5). So he exhorted them: "Remain in my love" (Jn 15:9). The community of disciples, rooted in that love with which Christ himself loved them, is the Church, the body of Christ, the one vine of which we all are the branches. It is the Church as a communion, the Church as a community of love, the Church as a mystery of love.

The members of this community love Christ and in him they love one another. It is a love with which Jesus himself loves them, and it is linked to the source of the God-Man's love— the communion of the Trinity. Its whole nature and its supernatural character derive from this communion and tend toward it as its definitive fulfillment.



Mass Intentions

Saturday	March 15
5:00 pm	† Ossi Pierotti, by Anna Marie Pierotti † Mary Jane O'Hara DiPesa, by Patti Mcgee Wellbeing of Helene McGrody, by Grace Middlemiss
Sunday	March 16
8:30 am	† Charles, Marie & Ann Maher, by Maher Family † Grace & Murray Toomey, by Helen & Louise Toomey † Jim Cowgill Jr., by Joan Morris Living and Deceased of St. Sebastian
11:00 am	† Barbara Pawek, by Richard Bowes & Freddie Morales
6:00 pm	
Monday	March 17
8:30 am	Wellbeing Father Pat, by the Maher family Wellbeing Pablo Lopez, by Grace Middlemiss
Tuesday	March 18
8:30 am	Wellbeing Taylor Ellis, by Grace Middlemiss
Wednesday	March 19
8:30 am	† Willard Jarchow, by Jarchow family Special Intention for Anna Marie Pierotti
Thursday	March 20
8:30 am	† Lillian Garcia, by Jorge Rave Wellbeing of Msgr. James Fetscher, by SSCCW
6:00 pm	Parish Confessions
Friday	March 21
8:30 am	† Regina Davis, by Rosina & Bill Fredericks Wellbeing of Mary Kennedy, by SSCCW
Saturday	March 22
5:00 pm	† Joan Fuccillo, by family † Dick Reed, by wife Connie
Sunday	March 23
8:30 am	† Guillermo Ambat, by office staff † Edna Salg, by loving daughter Susie † Albert Gissarelli by Jack Tavone
11:00 am	† Rev. Leonard Boucher OMI
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, 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, Jonathan Hughes, Mary Kennedy, Margaret & Donato Montanaro, William Hirsch, Msgr. James Fetscher.

A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for the men and women that you have called to discern 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.



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 Wednesday, March 19th. 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.



SEMINARIAN INITIATIVE

During March, our Church is supporting the Seminarians by providing them with a yearly stipend. This charity gives directly to our 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 Vista Blvd. Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316

SCHEDULE FOR LENT

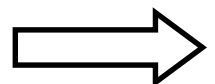


Parish Confessions— Thursday, March 20, 6:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross— Friday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the Church . Adoration in Chapel after stations.

Easter Vigil— Saturday, April 19, 8:00 p.m.

PARISH EVENTS AND DATES



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March 16: Second Sunday of Lent

ABCD

The ABCD supports the essential ministries that allow the Church to serve and reach those in need. From faith formation and outreach programs to supporting our seminarians and clergy, the ABCD enables us to continue fulfilling our mission to spread the Gospel and care for our community. Your generosity helps ensure that these vital programs can continue to impact lives and bring hope to many. Make a difference by donating to www.isupportABCD.com.

Planned Giving

This Lent, as we reflect on God's gifts to us, we invite you to prayerfully consider how you can make a planned gift to support the mission of the Church. Whether through a bequest in your will, a charitable gift annuity, or another option, your generosity will leave a lasting impact. 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

As we continue our Lenten journey, we are invited to reflect on the ways in which we respond to God's call to stewardship. This season of Lent, a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice, is an opportunity for us to examine how we use the gifts God has entrusted to us: our time, talents, and treasure. Stewardship is about more than giving; it is about living in gratitude, recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God, and using those gifts for His glory.

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." - GENESIS 15:7

Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you?

PLEASE HELP BURUNDIAN PRIESTS

With the authorization of His Excellency Thomas Wenski, Archbishop of Miami, we have a special collection to assist the Burundian clergy in their needs. The collection is now through March 23rd. For any questions, please refer to Fr. Ernest. I greatly appreciate your generosity.

Fr. Ernest



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 Cholakakis facilitating.

ADORATION AND ROSARY

We need adorers of the **Holy Eucharist on Fridays**. There is a sign-up paper on each exit 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 to make sandwiches for the needy. Please email Lois Pittler at: Lois.pittler@gmail.com for more information.

ST. SEBASTIAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (SSCCW)

Annual St Sebastian Council of Catholic Women Luncheon and Fashion Show

Will be held on **March 22, 2025, 11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.** at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club. The theme is, **Beach Bag Bash**; tickets are \$65.each. 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

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