

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER THE DIVINE MERCY

April 27, 2025

Saint Sebastian Catholic Parish in Fort Lauderdale, Inc.



## **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 pm

## **Pastor**

**Rev. Ernest Biriruka**

## **Office Staff**

Francy Gonzalez  
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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  
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.

**Farewell,  
Pope Francis  
1936 - 2025**



**Our hearts are filled with sorrow at your departure, but we find comfort knowing you are now in a better place, in the presence of Almighty God.**

**Rest in peace, Pope Francis. You will always be remembered with love and gratitude.**

St. Sebastian Catholic Church  
Ft. Lauderdale



Join Archbishop Thomas Wenski for the Vigil Mass this Saturday, April 26 at 5:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Mary, offered for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis.



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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

### THE DIARY OF SAINT FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

The Diary of Saint Faustina is the record of her life experience. The Journey of her soul. She was graced by a special communion with God, and the Diary express her conviction that this communion ought to be the center of our lives. Our deepest hope is that this Diary may truly be a vehicle of grace for all who read it, for in reading it we can see that the mercy of God lives forever. (*from the Preface of the Diary*)

**#699** On one occasion, I heard these words: **My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. (139) It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.**

**#742** My daughter, if I demand through you that people revere My mercy, you should be the first to distinguish yourself by this confidence in My mercy. I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it. I am giving you three ways of exercising mercy toward your neighbor: the first- by deed, the second - by word, the third - by prayer. In these three degrees is contained the fullness of mercy, and it is an unquestionable proof of love for Me. By this means a soul glorifies and pays reverence to My mercy. Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy, and I demand the worship of My mercy through the solemn celebration of the Feast and through the veneration of the image which is painted. By means of this image I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminded of the demands of My mercy, because even the strongest (163) faith is of no avail without works. O my Jesus, You Yourself must help me in everything, because You see how very little I am, and so I depend solely on Your goodness, O God.

**#1541** My daughter, encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given to you. It pleases Me to grant everything they ask of Me by saying the chaplet. When hardened sinners say it, I will fill their souls with peace, and the hour of their death will be a happy one. Write this for the benefit of distressed souls; when a soul sees and realized the gravity of its sins, when the whole abyss of the misery into which it immersed itself is displayed before its eyes, let it not despair, but with trust let it throw itself into the arms of My mercy, as a child into the arms of its beloved mother. These souls (125) have a right of priority to My compassionate Heart, they have first access to My mercy. Tell them that no soul that has called upon My mercy has been disappointed or brought to shame. I delight particularly in a soul which has placed its trust in My goodness.

Write that when they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the merciful Savior.

*Fr. Ernest*

## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>April 26</b> † Joan Fuccillo, by Family † Grace and Murray Toomey, by Helen and Mary Louise Toomey
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 27 "DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY"</b> † Dolores Hesse Fink, by her husband Jack † Kelly Breas, by Albert and Lila
11:00 am	Living and Deceased of St. Sebastian
<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Mass and Chaplet of the Divine Mercy</b>
6:00 pm	† Christopher Glynn, by Barbara Lee
<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 28</b> Wellbeing of Jimmy and Kaevy, by Bill Loughran Wellbeing of Bil Jr. and Karen, by Bill Loughran
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 29</b> † James Masciello, by Carmen Grosso † Jesus Rodriguez, by Carmen Grosso Wellbeing of Rob and Susan Plum, by Bill Loughran
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 30</b> † Sr. Patricia Switzer, by Barry and Marcia Hogan Wellbeing of Nancy Adams, by Barry and Marcia Hogan
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>May 1</b> † Jerry Dempsey, by Bill Loughran
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>May 2</b> † POPE FRANCIS, by 8:30am. Ushers
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>May 3</b> † Joan Fuccillo, by Family
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am	<b>May 4</b> † Charles, Marie and Ann Maher, by Maher Family † Grace and Murray Toomey, Helen and Mary Louise Toomey † Linda Grable, by Family
11:00 am	Living and Deceased of St. Sebastian
6:00 pm	† Rev. Jose Ramon Garcia

### REMEMBER THE SICK

Mary Lou Mann, Suzanne Plum, Gail Mills, Imelda Anaya, Don

Loughran, Jr., 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, Pamela Jennings.

### 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



CONGRATULATIONS to all our Candidates who are Confirmed this Saturday, April 26, at 5:00 pm.



And also CONGRATULATIONS to all the kids receiving their **FIRST COMMUNION** this Sunday, April 27, at 11:00 am. We pray that receiving JESUS fills your hearts with His love and keeps you close to Him always.

Fr. Ernest

### 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.



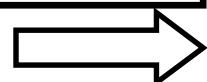
### CARLO ACUTI'S,

#### The Catholic Church's First Teenager Millennial Saint,


He is scheduled to be canonized on **Sunday, April 27, 2025**, during the Jubilee of Teenagers in St. Peter's Square. On this day, he will be officially recognized as a saint by Pope Francis. Carlo

was a teenager with deep love for the Eucharist, who used technology to share his faith. He died at the age of 15 and continues to inspire young people around the world.

### PARISH EVENTS AND DATES



**CELEBRATING**  
THE LIFE OF  
**JIM COWGILL**  
1942 - 2025



CELEBRATION OF LIFE MASS  
FOR A LONG-TIME PARISHIONER  
AND USHER

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE  
ON WEDNESDAY MAY 7, 2025  
AT 10:30AM  
A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW AND  
ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO  
ATTEND.




*Celebrating*  
THE LIFE OF  
**MARY ELLEN KENNEDY**  
January 29, 1928 - April 10, 2025



THE FAMILY WILL HOST A VISITATION  
AND A REMEMBRANCE ON WEDNESDAY,  
MAY 7 AT THE ATLANTIC ROOM, AT THE  
ATLANTIC TOWERS FROM 6-9 pm, WITH  
A ROSARY AT 5:30 pm.  
THE FUNERAL MASS WILL BE ON  
THURSDAY, MAY 8 AT 11:00 AM  
A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW AND ALL  
PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO  
ATTEND.



**ADORATION AND ROSARY**  
We need adorers of the Holy Eucharist on **Fridays**. There is a sign-up paper at each exit of the Church; please sign up. We still need Adorers for the following times: 1-2 p.m., 2-3 p.m. & 3-4 p.m. Please also join us for the Rosary, **Monday - Friday**, at **7:50 a.m.** in the church.  
All are most welcome.




**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#.

We are sharing from the Gospel of Luke with Arthur Cholakis facilitating.



**SANDWICH MINISTRY**  
Meets once a month to make sandwiches for the needy.

**Saturday April 26th at 8:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall**  
Please email Lois Pittler at: [Lois.pittler@gmail.com](mailto:Lois.pittler@gmail.com) for more information.



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY**  
In March they served 870 clients. They also help several of them with partial rents, utility bills, etc. Once again, we could not do this without the incredible generosity of many individuals, who support us on a regular basis. **SVDP Thrift Store and Truck Donation Ministry will no longer be accepting any donations at the retail store or via their truck program. We are still collecting your non perishable food items for the Feeding the Hungry, the carts at the entrances of our church.** We thank you for all you do and wish your families a blessed week.  
Pat Burke

**The St Sebastian Men's Club**

invites parishioners to attend a session with Victor DeBianchi, an attorney, who specializes in Elder Law. Victor has spoken at Saint Sebastian's in past years and always brings insightful updates to changes in the law regarding wills, probate and trusts. He also works in the area of Guardianships.

The meeting will be on **Wednesday, April 30 at 9:15 AM** following the morning Mass.

Coffee and sweet treats will be available.

**Note: if you have any questions, I will be in the parish office Tuesday, April 29 after the morning Mass.**

See you then,  
John Mann

**FOR BETTER PARTICIPATION IN THE MASS**  
With your smart phone, you can find Daily Mass Readings and Prayers easily. Search for: **Daily Bible Readings USCCB.** For Prayers, go to **Mass Prayer or Order of Mass.** USCCB stands for US Conference of Catholic Bishops.