

# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

June 1, 2025

St. Sebastian Catholic Parish in Fort Lauderdale, Inc.

Parish Office (954) 524-9344



## **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 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Lunch: 1:00 pm—1:30 pm

## **Pastor**

**Rev. Ernest Biriruka**

## **Office Staff**

Francy Gonzalez  
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

## **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.

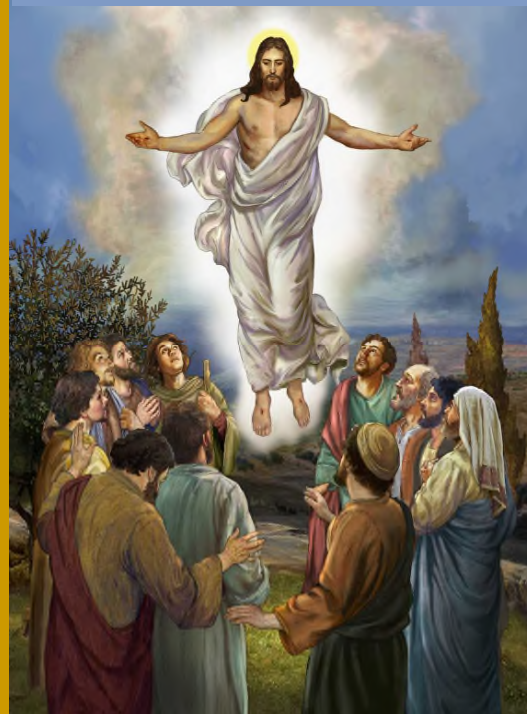
## **THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

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.

As we Celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, may we lift our hearts to heaven and live with hope, knowing that Jesus Christ is always with us.  
“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.” -John 14:18



## **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:

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARTICLE 6 "HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER"

659, 660, 661, 662, 663 and 664

659 "So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God." 532 Christ's body was glorified at the moment of his Resurrection, as proved by the new and supernatural properties it subsequently and permanently enjoys. 533 But during the forty days when he eats and drinks familiarly with his disciples and teaches them about the kingdom, his glory remains veiled under the appearance of ordinary humanity. 534 Jesus' final apparition ends with the irreversible entry of his humanity into divine glory, symbolized by the cloud and by heaven, where he is seated from that time forward at God's right hand. 535 Only in a wholly exceptional and unique way would Jesus show himself to Paul "as to one untimely born", in a last apparition that established him as an apostle. 536

660 The veiled character of the glory of the Risen One during this time is intimated in his mysterious words to Mary Magdalene: "I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." 537 This indicates a difference in manifestation between the glory of the risen Christ and that of the Christ exalted to the Father's right hand, a transition marked by the historical and transcendent event of the Ascension.

661 This final stage stays closely linked to the first, that is, to his descent from heaven in the Incarnation. Only the one who "came from the Father" can return to the Father: Christ Jesus. 538 "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man." 539 Left to its own natural powers humanity does not have access to the "Father's house", to God's life and happiness. 540 Only Christ can open to man such access that we, his members, might have confidence that we too shall go where he, our Head and our Source, has preceded us. 541

662 "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." 542 The lifting up of Jesus on the cross signifies and announces his lifting up by his Ascension into heaven, and indeed begins it. Jesus Christ, the one priest of the new and eternal Covenant, "entered, not into a sanctuary made by human hands. . . but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf." 543 There Christ permanently exercises his priesthood, for he "always lives to make intercession" for "those who draw near to God through him". 544 As "high priest of the good things to come" he is the centre and the principal actor of the liturgy that honours the Father in heaven. 545

663 Henceforth Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father: "By 'the Father's right hand' we understand the glory and honour of divinity, where he who exists as Son of God before all ages, indeed as God, of one being with the Father, is seated bodily after he became incarnate and his flesh was glorified." 546

664 Being seated at the Father's right hand signifies the inauguration of the Messiah's kingdom, the fulfilment of the prophet Daniel's vision concerning the Son of man: "To him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed." 547 After this event the apostles became witnesses of the "kingdom [that] will have no end". 548

*Let us make an effort to pray the Rosary.*

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday**

5:00 pm

**MAY 31**

† Ossi Pierotti, by Anna Marie Pierotti  
 † Mary Kennedy, Phyllis Keeth

**Sunday**

8:30 am

**JUNE 1 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

Wellbeing of Richard Grable II, by Family  
 Wellbeing of Richie Grable III, by Mom and Dad  
 Wellbeing of Imelda Anaya, by Gredys and Angela

11:00 am

Living and Deceased of St. Sebastian

6:00 pm

Wellbeing of Monsignor Fetscher

**Monday**

8:30 am

**JUNE 2**

† Mary Kennedy, by Jarchow Family  
 Wellbeing of Bill Fuccillo, by Judy Fisher

**Tuesday**

8:30 am

**JUNE 3**

† Mary Kennedy, by Mark and Jeanne Dellinger

**Wednesday**

8:30 am

**JUNE 4**

† Stephen Sjoblom, by Jarchow Family

**Thursday**

8:30 am

**JUNE 5**

Thanksgiving to God, and Wellbeing of Miguel Angel Rojas, by Family

**Friday**

8:30 am

**JUNE 6**

Thanksgiving to God, and Wellbeing of Miguel Angel Rojas, by Family

**Saturday**

5:00 pm

**JUNE 7**

† Joan Fuccillo, by Fuccillo Family  
 † John Thomas Sweeney, by Hero Family  
 Wellbeing of Grace Middlemiss,  
 by Anna Marie Pierotti

**Sunday**

8:30 am

**JUNE 8 PENTECOST**

† Victoria Tarazona, by Gredys and Angela  
 † Charles, Marie and Ann Maher, by Maher Family  
 Wellbeing of Stephen and Suzi Black,  
 by Gredys Grable

11:00 am

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6:00 pm

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**REMEMBER THE SICK**

Msgr. James Fetscher, 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, Jay Hoover, Ed Kidd, Mary Beth Vogler, Joel Rivera, Fred Zagone S.J., Anthony Cotilus, Mark Bromage, Jonathan Hughes, Margaret & Donato Montanaro, William Hirsch, Pamela Jennings, Gary Demberg, Bill Fuccillo, Lawrence Biondi S.J., Angela Cowherd

**A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**



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



*"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink. (Matt. 25:35). How often have we heard these words spoken by Jesus? Through our weekly contributions of non-perishable food and hygiene items to the needy of Broward County, we respond to Jesus. To care is to share. PLEASE REMEMBER in addition to food and hygiene items, the Pantry needs plastic grocery bags for food distribution and empty, clean egg cartons for 6 or 12 eggs. You can also place these items in the shopping carts. If you know of anyone in need, please tell them that a drive thru grocery distribution takes place every Friday from 1:30-4:00 PM at Blessed Sacrament Church, and closes at 3:15 PM. The Food Bank is currently in special need of canned meat, fish or similar protein items.*

First time must provide proof of residency in Broward County.

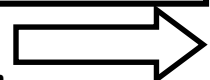
**Thank you! Your donations are greatly appreciated!**

**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 are married in the Church.*
- *Note: For any question or to begin the annulment process for a previous marriage, please contact the Pastor.*

PARISH EVENTS AND DATES



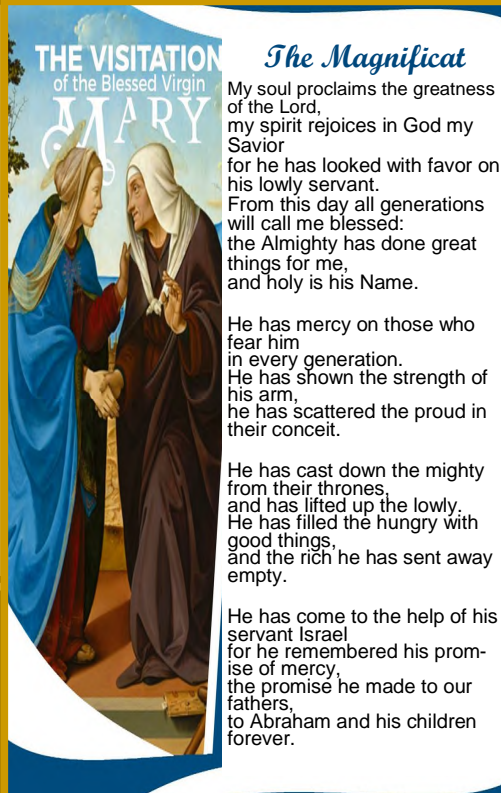
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**LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY**



We invite everyone to join us in praying the Rosary, **Monday - Friday, at 7:50 am**, before daily mass, in the Chapel of the Divine Healer. Let us come together in prayer and deepen our devotion to Our Blessed Mother.

All are welcome!



*The Magnificat*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever.

**BIBLE SHARING**

Come for coffee and Scripture sharing **each Thursday in the Parish Hall at 9:15 to 10:30 am**. Everyone is invited. You may also join us online by dialing 848-777-1212; when prompted, put in 1431434#.

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

For more information, please contact **Miriam Rivas** At 954-673-1522



**WEEKDAY 8:30 AM MASS**

**IN THE CHAPEL OF THE DIVINE HEALER**

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**ADORATION OF THE HOLY**



Eucharist Adoration takes place in our **chapel of the Divine Healer** on **Fridays** after morning Mass until 5:00 pm.

We still need adorers of the **Holy Eucharist** for the following times: 1-2 pm, 2-3 pm & 3-4 pm

Please contact the office if you are able to come to any of those hours.

Thank you!

**WE NEED LECTORS**



**Lector training will be held on Saturday, June 14 at 9:30 am. In the Church.**

**For more information,**

**Please call Rosemary, 954-816-4166**

**PRAYER TO AVERT HURRICANES**

Father, all the elements of nature obey your commands. Protect us and all your people during this season of storms and hurricanes. Calm our fears and help us prepare our hearts as well as our homes. Help us see you in all we may encounter, and help us to minister to each other in your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**FOR BETTER PARTICIPATION IN THE MASS**

With your smart phone or computer, 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.