

SUNDAY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

June 22, 2025

St. 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 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Lunch: 1:00 pm—1:30 pm

Pastor

Rev. Ernest Biriruka

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Cathy Spitzer

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Patricio Diaz-Pizarro

Pastoral Council

Nancy Adams
Mauricio Bautista
Judy Fisher
Rosemary Guerin
Johnny Mann
Sandi Mann
Ed Reholz
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.

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him,” says the Lord. John 6:57



**Solemnity of
CORPUS CHRISTI**

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:

PRESENCE AND WORSHIP OF JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST

CATECHESIS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH— #1377 TO #1381

The Eucharistic presence of Christ begins at the moment of the consecration and endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsist. Christ is present whole and entire in each of the species and whole and entire in each of their parts, in such a way that the breaking of the bread does not divide Christ.

Worship of the Eucharist. In the liturgy of the Mass we express our faith in the real presence of Christ under the species of bread and wine by, among other ways, genuflecting or bowing deeply as a sign of adoration of the Lord. "The Catholic Church has always offered and still offers to the sacrament of the Eucharist the cult of adoration, not only during Mass, but also outside of it, reserving the consecrated hosts with the utmost care, exposing them to the solemn veneration of the faithful, and carrying them in procession."

The tabernacle was first intended for the reservation of the Eucharist in a worthy place so that it could be brought to the sick and those absent outside of Mass. As faith in the real presence of Christ in his Eucharist deepened, the Church became conscious of the meaning of silent adoration of the Lord present under the Eucharistic species. It is for this reason that the tabernacle should be located in an especially worthy place in the church and should be constructed in such a way that it emphasizes and manifests the truth of the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

It is highly fitting that Christ should have wanted to remain present to his Church in this unique way. Since Christ was about to take his departure from his own in his visible form, he wanted to give us his sacramental presence; since he was about to offer himself on the cross to save us, he wanted us to have the memorial of the love with which he loved us "to the end," even to the giving of his life. In his Eucharistic presence he remains mysteriously in our midst as the one who loved us and gave himself up for us, and he remains under signs that express and communicate this love:

The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease.

"That in this sacrament are the true Body of Christ and his true Blood is something that 'cannot be apprehended by the senses,' says St. Thomas, 'but *only by faith*, which relies on divine authority.' For this reason, in a commentary on *Luke 22:19* ('This is my body which is given for you. '), St. Cyril says: 'Do not doubt whether this is true, but rather receive the words of the Savior in faith, for since he is the truth, he cannot lie.'"

*Godhead here in hiding, whom I do adore
Masked by these bare shadows, shape and nothing more,
See, Lord, at thy service low lies here a heart
Lost, all lost in wonder at the God thou art.*

*Seeing, touching, tasting are in thee deceived;
How says trusty hearing? that shall be believed;
What God's Son has told me, take for truth I do;
Truth himself speaks truly or there's nothing true.*

Special devotion for June: Honoring The Sacred Heart of Jesus



Mass Intentions

<u>Saturday</u> 5:00 pm	<u>JUNE 21</u> Father's Day Novena
<u>Sunday</u> 8:30 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm	<u>JUNE 22 THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST</u> Father's Day Novena Living and Deceased of St. Sebastian Father's Day Novena
<u>Monday</u> 8:30 am	<u>JUNE 23</u> Father's Day Novena
<u>Tuesday</u> 8:30 am	<u>JUNE 24</u> † Geraldine Donnelly Borger, by Helen and Mary Louise Birthday Blessing Of Santiago Cardenas, by Family
<u>Wednesday</u> 8:30 am	<u>JUNE 25</u> † Geraldine Donnelly Borger, by Helen and Mary Louise Conversion and Birthday Blessing of Mary Sherman, by Grace Middlemiss
<u>Thursday</u> 8:30 am	<u>JUNE 26</u> † Geraldine Donnelly Borger, by Helen and Mary Louise Conversion of Sean Middlemiss, by Grace Middlemiss
<u>Friday</u> 8:30 am	<u>JUNE 27 THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS</u> † Geraldine Donnelly Borger, by Helen and Mary Louise
<u>Saturday</u> 5:00 pm	<u>JUNE 28</u> † Joan Fuccillo, by Family † Larry Biondi, by Anna Marie Pierotti † Geraldine Donnelly Borger, by Helen and Mary Louise
<u>Sunday</u> 8:30 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm	<u>JUNE 29 SAINTS PETER AND PAUL</u> † Dolores Hesse Fink, by her husband Jack † Grace and Murray Toomey, by Helen and Mary Louise Toomey † Hugo Biondi, by Anna Marie Pierotti † Imelda Anaya, by Gredys and Family Wellbeing of the Class of 1975 on their 50th anniversary from St. Thomas H.S. Living and Deceased of St. Sebastian

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 Fort Lauderdale, 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

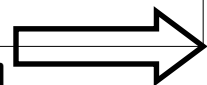
Conditions to receive the Eucharist

- *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.*

REMEMBER THE SICK

Msgr. James Fetscher, Mary Lou Mann, Suzanne Plum, Gail Mills, 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, Ray Wicklander, Kathy Mahoney, Linda Spitzer, Blake-Leigh Riley, Melissa Mirabile, Marge Mitchell, Rasoul Karimi, Jean Gorman, Ed Kidd, Mary Beth Vogler, Joel Rivera, Fred Zagone S.J., Anthony Cotilus, Mark Bromage, Jonathan Hughes, Margaret & Donato Montanaro, William Hirsch, Gary Demberg, Bill Fuccillo, Lawrence Biondi S.J., Angela Cowherd, Mauricio Bautista.

PARISH EVENTS AND DATES



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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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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.

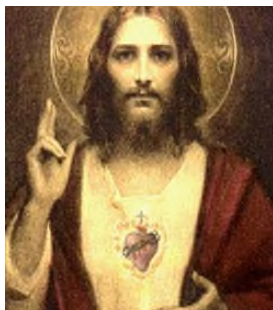
All are welcome!

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In the parish office
for a ten dollar donation



THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS



Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we, who glory in the Heart of your beloved Son and recall the wonders of his love for us, may be made worthy to receive an overflowing measure of grace from that fount of heavenly gifts. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

BIBLE SHARING

Join us for **Scripture sharing every Thursday** in the Parish Hall from 9:15 to 10:30 am.

Everyone is invited to explore the Gospel of Luke with facilitator **Professor Arthur Cholakis**.

You may also join us online by dialing 848-777-1212; when prompted, put in 1431434#.

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



WEEKDAY 8:30 AM MASS
IN THE CHAPEL OF THE DIVINE HEALER

Located in THE PARISH CENTER

EUCCHARISTIC 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!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION

You may use this QR code to donate to our Parish



SANDWICH MINISTRY

Meet once a month to make sandwiches for the needy.

Saturday, June 28th at 8:30 am.
in the Parish Hall

For more information email : Lois.pittler@gmail.com

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 to 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: WWW.USCCB.ORG**
For Prayers, go to **Mass Prayer or Order of Mass.** USCCB, stands for US Conference of Catholic Bishops.