

SUNDAY SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

June 29, 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

Office Staff

Francy Gonzalez
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Director of Music

Peter J. Manfredi, Jr.
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Cathy Spitzer

Facilities

Patricio Diaz-Pizarro

Pastoral Council

Nancy Adams
Maurício 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.

Just as God called Peter and Paul, He calls each of us today to find unity, to preach and live the Gospel.



**Solemnity of the Apostles
SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL**

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:

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

EXTRACTS FROM THE HOMILY OF ST. JOHN PAUL II— #2-4 (JUNE 29, 1980)

Jesus asks His Apostles: "Who do men say that the Son of Man is?" (Mt 16:13). Various opinions are collected that were certainly circulated among the people of Palestine at that time. And when Jesus asks a second time: "Who do you say that I am?" (Mt 16:15), Peter replies. And precisely his answer **is the key answer**. This is the key answer in terms of its content and, at the same time, even more so in terms of the source of where it that comes from.

This content is pronounced by Peter with the words "**You are the Christ, the Son of the living God**" (Mt 16:16). And Christ Himself announces from what source this truth comes, **from what source** this confession has arisen, on which, from now on, the Church is to be built, Christ says: "It is not flesh or blood that has revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven" (Mt 16:17).

In the Solemnity of the two Apostles, Paul says in the Letter to the Galatians: "...when it pleased Him who separated me from my mother's womb and called me by His grace, to reveal His Son to me... instantly, without consulting any man... I left for Arabia and again returned to Damascus... After three years, I went up to Jerusalem to see Cephas, with whom I remained fifteen days..." (Gal 1:15-18).

The Apostle to the Gentiles sums up his journey in these words. He met Peter in Jerusalem, then in Antioch, and only later in Rome, where the final trial awaited both of them. However, he was always united with Peter, and Peter with him, in this: that God was pleased to reveal His Son to him. For the first time, at the gates of Damascus, when he had fallen to the ground and was blinded by a light from heaven, after the question, "Who are you, Lord?", he had heard this answer: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9:5). Then the same thing was fulfilled in Paul as had been fulfilled in Peter at Caesarea Philippi, when he confessed: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." *The Father revealed to him in Christ the Messiah, His Son. The Son of the living God.* And Paul inwardly accepted the Father's words "without consulting any man," just as Peter had heard from the mouth of Christ, "Neither flesh nor blood has revealed it to you."

We are at the key point of the divine Economy. God gives His Son and at the same time reveals His Son first of all to Peter, who was first called Simon and was the son of John and brother of Andrew, and then — in due time — to Paul, who was first called Saul of Tarsus. Thanks to the power of this revelation of the Son on the Father's, Peter, who believed and confessed his faith, must be "rock." And I say to you: You are Peter, "the rock," and "on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it" (Mt 16:18). Thanks to the power of the Father's own revelation of the Son, Paul, who had believed and confessed his faith in Christ with the same fervor of mind with which he had previously persecuted Christ's confessors, was to become the "chosen instrument" to bring the Lord's name before the peoples (cf. Acts 9:19).

And, finally, the Church hears the words that Peter heard for the first time at Caesarea Philippi: "I will give you the keys of *the kingdom of heaven*, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Mt 16:19). And listening to those words, the whole Church prays *to be the faithful and vigilant servant* of every coming, historic and definitive, as well as to prepare herself and the whole human family for that coming. [of The Kingdom].

Keep Praying and continue your special devotions during this time of the year!

Mass Intentions

Saturday

5:00 pm

JUNE 28

- † Joan Fuccillo, by Family
- † Larry Biondi, by Anna Marie Pierotti
- † Geraldine Donnelly Borger, by Helen and Mary Louise

Sunday

8:30 am

JUNE 29 SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

- † Richard Grable III, Stephen and Susy Black
- † Imelda Anaya, by Gredys and Family
- † Dolores Hesse Fink, by her husband Jack
- † Grace and Murray Toomey, by Helen and Mary Louise Toomey

11:00 am

Wellbeing of the Class of 1975 on their 50th Anniversary from St. Thomas H.S.

6:00 pm

Living and Deceased of St. Sebastian

Monday

8:30 am

JUNE 30

Wellbeing of Mauricio Bautista, by Judy Fisher

Tuesday

8:30 am

JULY 1

Wellbeing of Doleen Borba, by Joseph and Jennifer Borba

Wednesday

8:30 am

JULY 2

- † Virginia Potter, by Jarchow Family
- † Evelyn Jarchow, by Jarchow Family
- Wellbeing of Doleen Borba, by Joseph and Jennifer Borba

Thursday

8:30 am

JULY 3

Wellbeing of Doleen Borba, by Joseph and Jennifer Borba

Friday

8:30 am

HAPPY 4th of JULY (No Adoration)

Wellbeing of Doleen Borba, by Joseph and Jennifer Borba

Saturday

5:00 pm

JULY 5

- † Joan Fuccillo, by Family
- † Grace and Murray Toomey, by Helen and Mary Louise
- Wellbeing of Doleen Borba, by Joseph and Jennifer Borba

Sunday

8:30 am

JULY 6

- † Richard Grable III, by Fr. Ernest and Staff
- † Charles, Marie and Ann Maher, by Maher Family
- Wellbeing of Angela Cowherd, by Gredys and Family
- Wellbeing of Doleen Borba, by Joseph and Jennifer Borba

11:00 am

Living and Deceased of St. Sebastian

6:00 pm

Wellbeing of Jufir Layos, by Joseph and

CONGRATULATIONS, FATHER ERNEST

On your 44th Anniversary of Priesthood
July 11, 2025



We are so blessed to have you here at St. Sebastian. Thank you for all these years of caring for God's people, helping us to Love the Lord, and guiding us to encounter Him more deeply in our lives. We continue to pray for you and for the years to come. May God bless you abundantly!

PRAYER FOR FATHER ERNEST!

Please join us in prayer for Father Ernest's happy and safe travels to his home country.

We look forward with great joy to welcoming him back!

The office staff

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.



"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.

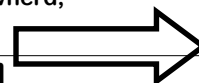
First time must provide proof of residency in Broward County.

Thank you! Your donations are greatly appreciated!

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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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.

NEW AMERICAN BIBLES!

Now available
In the parish office
for a ten dollar donation



**CELEBRATING
THE LIFE OF
RICHIE JOSEPH GRABLE III
11/15/2007 - 6/22/2025**



**CELEBRATION OF
LIFE MASS**

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE
ON THURSDAY, JULY 3RD, 2025

VISITATION
10:45-12:30PM ALL ARE WELCOME

MASS AT 1:00 PM

THE RECEPTION WILL BE
FROM 2:00 TO 4:00 PM IN THE
MSGR. PATRICK S. McDONNELL
PARISH HALL
ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

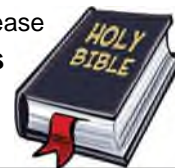
BIBLE SHARING

Joins 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.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION

You may use this QR code to donate to our Parish



NO ADORATION AFTER MASS on **FRIDAY, JULY 4th**



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

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.