

July 6, 2025

# FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Sebastian Catholic Parish in Fort Lauderdale, Inc. (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  
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.

It is the calling of Lay People to spread the Kingdom of Christ, all for the glory of God the Father.



THE VOCATION OF LAY PEOPLE

## 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.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

## **THE VOCATION OF LAY PEOPLE TO THE APOSTOLATE**

EXTRACTS FROM VATICAN COUNCIL II #2 and #3

### **PARTICIPATION OF LAITY IN THE CHURCH'S MISSION**

2. The church was founded to spread the kingdom of Christ over all the earth for the glory of God the Father, to make all men partakers in redemption and salvation, and through them to establish the right relationship of the entire world to Christ. Every activity of the Mystical Body with this view goes by the name of "apostolate"; the Church exercises it through all its members, though in various ways. In fact, the Christian vocation is, of its nature, a vocation to the apostolate as well. In the organism of a living body no member plays a purely passive part, sharing in the life of the body it shares at the same time in its activity. The same is true for the Body of Christ, the Church: "the whole body achieves full growth in dependence on the full functioning of each part" (Eph. 4:16). Between the members of this body there exists, further, such a unity and solidarity (cf. Eph. 4:16) that a member who does not work at the growth of the body to the extent of his possibilities must be considered useless both to the Church and to himself.

In the Church there is diversity of ministry but unity of mission. To the apostles and their successors Christ has entrusted the office of teaching, sanctifying and governing in his name and by his power. But the laity are made to share in the priestly, prophetic and kingly office of Christ; they have therefore, in the Church and in the world, their own assignment in the mission of the whole People of God. In the concrete, their apostolate is exercised when they work at the evangelization and sanctification of men; it is exercised too when they endeavor to have the Gospel spirit permeate and improve the temporal order, going about it in a way that bears clear witness to Christ and helps forward the salvation of men. The characteristic of the lay state being a life led in the midst of the world and of secular affairs, laymen are called by God to make of their apostolate, through the vigor of their Christian spirit, a leaven in the world.

### **FOUNDATIONS OF THE LAY APOSTOLATE**

3. From the fact of their union with Christ the head flows the laymen's right and duty to be apostles. Inserted as they are in the Mystical Body of Christ by baptism and strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit in confirmation, it is by the Lord himself that they are assigned to the apostolate. If they are consecrated a kingly priesthood and a holy nation (cf. 1 Pet. 2:4-10), it is in order that they may in all their actions offer spiritual sacrifices and bear witness to Christ all world over. Charity, which is, as it were the soul of the whole apostolate, is given to them and nourished in them by the sacraments the Eucharist above all.

The apostolate is lived in faith, hope and charity poured out by the Holy Spirit into the hearts of all members of the Church. And the precept of charity, which is the Lord's greatest commandment, urge all Christians to work for the glory of God through the coming of his kingdom and for the communication of eternal life to all men. That they may know the only true God and Jesus Christ whom he has sent (cf. Jn. 17:3).

On all Christians, accordingly, rest the noble obligation of working to bring all men throughout the whole world to hear and accept the divine message of salvation.

The Holy Spirit sanctifies the People of God through the ministry and the sacraments. However, for the exercise of the apostolate he gives the faithful special gifts beside (cf. 1 Cor. 12:7), "allotting them to each one as he wills" (1 Cor. 12:7) so that each and all, putting at the service of others the grace received may be "as good steward of God's varied gifts," (1 Pet. 4:10), for the building up of the whole body in charity (cf. Eph. 4:16). From the reception of these charisms, even the most ordinary ones, there arise for each of the faithful the right and duty of exercising them in the Church and in the world for the good of men and the development of the Church, of exercising them in the freedom of the Holy Spirit who "breathes where he wills" (Jn. 3:8), and at the same time in communion with his brothers in Christ, and with his pastors especially. It is for the pastors to pass judgment on the authenticity and good use of these gifts, not certainly with a view to quenching the Spirit but to testing everything and keeping what is good (cf. 1Th. 5:12, 19,21).

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

**Mass Intentions**

**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

**Sunday**

8:30 am

**JULY 6**

† Richard Grable III, by Fr. Ernest and parish staff  
 † Charles, Marie and Ann Maher, by Maher Family  
Wellbeing of Angela Cowherd,  
 by Gredys & Family  
Wellbeing of Doleen Borba,  
 by Joseph and Jennifer  
Wellbeing of Jenna Melgren,  
 by Joseph and Jennifer  
 Living and Deceased of St. Sebastian

11:00 am

6:00 pm

Wellbeing of Jufir Layos, by Joseph and Jennifer

**Monday**

8:30 am

**JULY 7**

† Richard Grable III, , by Judy Fisher

**Tuesday**

8:30 am

**JULY 8**

Wellbeing of Juanita, Justine and Laurencio Alimpos, by Joseph and Jennifer

**Wednesday**

8:30 am

**JULY 9**

Wellbeing of Joseph and Jennifer Borba, by Joseph and Jennifer

**Thursday**

8:30 am

**JULY 10**

Wellbeing of Joseph and Jennifer Borba, by Joseph and Jennifer

**Friday**

8:30 am

**JULY 11**

Wellbeing of Joseph and Jennifer Borba, by Joseph and Jennifer

**Saturday**

5:00 pm

**JULY 12**

† Joan Fuccillo, by Family  
 † Emmet McTigue, by Mimi Bauer  
Wellbeing of Kate Heloise Gabucan,  
 by Joseph and Jennifer

**Sunday**

8:30 am

**JULY 13**

† Richie Grable III, by Fr. Ernest and parish staff  
Wellbeing of Kathy Cabrisas,  
 by Gredys Grable  
Wellbeing of Gene and Kelly Kelley,  
 by Joseph and Jennifer  
 Living and Deceased of St. Sebastian  
Wellbeing of Mauricio Bautista,  
 by Joseph and Jennifer

11:00 am

6:00 pm

**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.

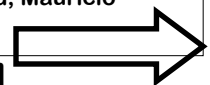
First time must provide proof of residency in Broward County.

**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.

All are welcome!

**NEW AMERICAN BIBLES!**

Now available  
In the parish office  
for a ten dollar donation



**The Prayer of Saint Benedict**  
Father, in your goodness  
Grant me the intellect to comprehend You,  
The perception to discern You,  
And the reason to appreciate You.  
In your kindness  
Endow me with the diligence to look for You,  
The wisdom, to discover You,  
And the spirit to apprehend You  
In your graciousness  
Bestow on me a heart to contemplate You,  
Ears to hear You,  
And tongue to speak of You.  
In Your mercy to confer on me  
A conversation pleasing to You,  
The patience to wait for You,  
and the perseverance to long for you.  
Grant me a perfect end,  
Your Holy presence.  
I ask this in the name of Your Son,  
Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!

**BIBLE SHARING**

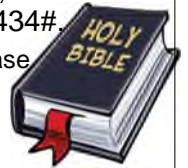
Join us for **Scripture sharing every Thursday** in the Parish Hall from 9:15 to 10:30 am.

We will begin studying **The Acts of the Apostles** starting Thursday **July 10**.

Come and be part of this journey! Together we can grow stronger in our faith.

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, July 26th at 8:30 am.**

in the Parish Hall

For more information email : [Lois.pittler@gmail.com](mailto: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.**