

July 20, 2025

SIXTEENTH 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

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Director of Music

Peter J. Manfredi, Jr.
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Cathy Spitzer

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Pastoral Council

Nancy Adams
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Judy Fisher
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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.

Martha welcomed the Lord.

Mary has chosen the better part.



MARTHA AND MARY

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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MARTHA AND MARY WELCOME JESUS

LUKE 10:38-42

My dear brothers and sisters, today the Gospel brings our attention to an interesting moment when Jesus was received in the house of Mary, Martha and Lazarus. This family was indeed very close to Jesus and liked to welcome him. But as it were, Martha and Mary had two different temperaments: Martha was the active one who like to work intensively to see that food was on the table to welcome their guest. Mary was rather passive and liked to be just in the company of Jesus to listen to him. We do not hear about Lazarus at this stage.

Anyway, Martha felt it was unfair that her sister Mary left her alone to do all the preparations and complained to Jesus. *“Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?”* To which Jesus replied that Mary had chosen the better part, which was to sit at the feet of the Master and listen to his teachings. Many spiritual leaders in the past have opposed these two attitudes by painting negatively what Martha was doing; opposing the material to the spiritual and action to contemplation (or prayer life). It is true that Jesus said that Martha was not to worry too much about so many things and that Mary had chose the better part, but he did not say that what Martha was doing was useless. Yes, Mary chose the better part because God comes first and it is vital that we dedicate time in prayer and listen to his Word. But Martha captures the practical aspect of the hospitality: to put something on the table for their most honorable guest. This is also what we see when we have visitors: somebody keeps company with the guest while another runs to the store to get what to eat and drink or is in the kitchen preparing the meal.

This brings us to value both Martha and Mary. They are not opposed, they complement each other. Action and Contemplation complement each other, and they go together. It seems to me that Saint Benedict captured this in a very substantial way in his principle *‘Ora et Labora’*, pray and work. Action and contemplation go together. Prayer without action would not be balanced, neither would be action without prayer. Work, work without prayer would be like a machine that is running without direction. Working for God’s kingdom requires us to take time for prayer. Jesus set an example: he took time at the end of the day and early morning to withdraw in solitary places and have a dialogue with his Father. For instance, before he called his twelve apostles, we hear that he spent the night in prayer (Lk 6:12-13).

“Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, and it will not be taken from her” Lk 10: 41-42. Today, when we look at our activities and hectic schedules, do we take enough time to be with Jesus? Maybe we should participate more in daily Mass, in the Bible sharing or in Adoration. Let us choose the better part.

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday

5:00 pm

JULY 19

† Lila Thomas
Wellbeing of Mauricio Bautista,
by Joseph and Jennifer
Birthday Blessing for George McCauley,
by Chris McCauley

Sunday

8:30 am

JULY 20

† Jim Cowgill, by Bob and Carol Cowgill
† Richard Grable III, by Cabrisas Family
† Jeff Wilson, Wife, Child, and Those who died
in Texas, by Ira Fernandez
6:00 pm Wellbeing of Doleen Borba,
by Joseph and Jennifer Borba

Monday

8:30 am

JULY 21

Thanksgiving to Donald and Linda Lampasone
by St. Sebastian Parish

Tuesday

8:30 am

JULY 22 St. Mary Magdalene

† Richie Grable III, by Rojas-Gonzalez Family
Wellbeing of Mike Sweeney,
by Joseph and Jennifer

Wednesday

8:30 am

JULY 23

† Linda McDonough, by Frank and Molly Maguire
Wellbeing Peter Pierotti, by Anna Marie Pierotti

Thursday

8:30 am

JULY 24 St. James Apostle

† Margaret Ernst, by Frank Maguire

Friday

8:30 am

JULY 25

† Theresa M. Gardner
† Peter Lanzillotti, by Elaine Furio

Saturday

5:00 pm

JULY 26 St. Joachim and St. Anne

† Joan Fuccillo, by Family
† Ossi Pierotti, by Anna Marie Pierotti

Sunday

8:30 am

JULY 27 Grand Parents Worl Day!

† Dolores Hesse Fink, by Husband Jack
† Richie Grable III, by A.G.
Living and Deceased of St. Sebastian

6:00 pm

Wellbeing of Doleen Borba,
by Joseph and Jennifer Borba

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.

PRAYER FOR FATHER ERNEST!

Please join us in prayer for Father Ernest's happy and safe travels.

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.

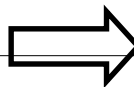
First time must provide proof of residency in Broward County.

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, Michael Fisher.

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



July 22



St. Mary Magdalene

O God, whose Only Begotten Son entrusted Mary Magdalene before all others with announcing the great joy of the Resurrection, grant, we pray, that through her intercession and example we may proclaim the living Christ and come to see him reigning in your glory. 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**.

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

Last Saturday of the month 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**.