

July 27, 2025

SEVENTEENTH 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
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Director of Music

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(954) 868-6137

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Cathy Spitzer

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Patricio Diaz-Pizarro

Pastoral Council

Nancy Adams
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Rosemary Guerin
Johnny Mann
Sandi Mann
Ed Rebolz
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.

“Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples..” He said to them, “When you pray, say: ...
(Luke 11:1-13)



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE LORD PRAYER

CATHECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH #2759 TO #2766

2759 Jesus "was praying at a certain place, and when he ceased, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.'" In response to this request the Lord entrusts to his disciples and to his Church the fundamental Christian prayer. St. Luke presents a brief text of five petitions, while St. Matthew gives a more developed version of seven petitions. The liturgical tradition of the Church has retained St. Matthew's text: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

2760 Very early on, liturgical usage concluded the Lord's Prayer with a doxology. In the Didache, we find, "For yours are the power and the glory for ever." The Apostolic Constitutions add to the beginning: "the kingdom," and this is the formula retained to our day in ecumenical prayer. The Byzantine tradition adds after "the glory" the words "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." The Roman Missal develops the last petition in the explicit perspective of "awaiting our blessed hope" and of the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Then comes the assembly's acclamation or the repetition of the doxology from the Apostolic Constitutions.

2761 The Lord's Prayer "is truly the summary of the whole gospel." "Since the Lord . . . after handing over the practice of prayer, said elsewhere, 'Ask and you will receive,' and since everyone has petitions which are peculiar to his circumstances, the regular and appropriate prayer [the Lord's Prayer] is said first, as the foundation of further desires."

2762 After showing how the psalms are the principal food of Christian prayer and flow together in the petitions of the Our Father, St. Augustine concludes:

Run through all the words of the holy prayers [in Scripture], and I do not think that you will find anything in them that is not contained and included in the Lord's Prayer.

2763 All the Scriptures - the Law, the Prophets, and the Psalms - are fulfilled in Christ. The Gospel is this "Good News." Its first proclamation is summarized by St. Matthew in the Sermon on the Mount; the prayer to our Father is at the center of this proclamation. It is in this context that each petition bequeathed to us by the Lord is illuminated:

The Lord's Prayer is the most perfect of prayers.... In it we ask, not only for all the things we can rightly desire, but also in the sequence that they should be desired. This prayer not only teaches us to ask for things, but also in what order we should desire them.

2764 The Sermon on the Mount is teaching for life, the Our Father is a prayer; but in both the one and the other the Spirit of the Lord gives new form to our desires, those inner movements that animate our lives. Jesus teaches us this new life by his words; he teaches us to ask for it by our prayer. The rightness of our life in him will depend on the rightness of our prayer.

2765 The traditional expression "the Lord's Prayer" - oratio Dominica - means that the prayer to our Father is taught and given to us by the Lord Jesus. The prayer that comes to us from Jesus is truly unique: it is "of the Lord." On the one hand, in the words of this prayer the only Son gives us the words the Father gave him: he is the master of our prayer. On the other, as Word incarnate, he knows in his human heart the needs of his human brothers and sisters and reveals them to us: he is the model of our prayer.

2766 But Jesus does not give us a formula to repeat mechanically. As in every vocal prayer, it is through the Word of God that the Holy Spirit teaches the children of God to pray to their Father. Jesus not only gives us the words of our filial prayer; at the same time he gives us the Spirit by whom these words become in us "spirit and life." Even more, the proof and possibility of our filial prayer is that the Father "sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!'" Since our prayer sets forth our desires before God, it is again the Father, "he who searches the hearts of men," who "knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God." The prayer to Our Father is inserted into the mysterious mission of the Son and of the Spirit.

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	<u>JULY 26 St. Joachim and St. Anne</u> † Joan Fuccillo, by Family † Ossi Pierotti, by Anna Marie Pierotti
Sunday 8:30 am	<u>JULY 27 Grandparents Day!</u> † Dolores Hesse Fink, by Husband Jack † Richie Grable III, by A.G. Living and Deceased of St. Sebastian
11:00 am	Living and Deceased of St. Sebastian
6:00 pm	Wellbeing of Doleen Borba, by Joseph and Jennifer Borba
Monday 8:30 am	<u>JULY 28</u> Wellbeing of Francys Rojas, by Gredys Grable
Tuesday 8:30 am	<u>JULY 29 St. Martha, Mary and Lazarus</u> † Grace Elizabeth Lucchesi, by, Stacy Black
Wednesday 8:30 am	<u>JULY 30</u> Wellbeing of Msgr. James Fetscher
Thursday 8:30 am	<u>JULY 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola</u> Wellbeing of Kidd Biondi Pierotti, by Anna Marie Pierotti
Friday 8:30 am	<u>AUGUST 1 St. Alphonsus Liguori</u> † Msgr. Dominic Barry
Saturday 5:00 pm	<u>AUGUST 2</u> † Joan Fuccillo, by Family † John Koons, by Wife Rosie
Sunday 8:30 am	<u>AUGUST 3</u> † Diane Burak, by Cal & Isabel Jarman † Richie Grable III, by Fr. Ernest & office staff Living and Deceased of St. Sebastian
11:00 am	Living and Deceased of St. Sebastian
6:00 pm	† Rev. Edward McConnell



PRAYER FOR FATHER ERNEST!



Please join us in prayer for Father Ernest's happy and safe return. We Look forward with great joy to welcoming him back.

Office staff

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.

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 26-27



Blessed are those who have not lost hope (cf. Sir 14:2)

Let us lovingly pass on the faith we have lived for so many years, in our families and in our daily encounter with others. May we always praise God for his goodness, cultivate unity with our loved ones, open our hearts to those who are far away and, in particular, to all those in need. In this way, we will be signs of hope, whatever our age.

From the Vatican, 26 June 2025

LEO PP. XIV

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!

PARISH PICNIC AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Join us on **August 17, 2025 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$10.00 each and can be purchased at the Parish office or after Masses. Children 12 and under eat free. Grilled Hot dogs and Hamburgers will be served along with Ice Cream and all the toppings. Enjoy refreshing Ice Tea and Lemonade.

If you would like to share your favorite Picnic Side Dish there will be a sign up sheet at all the entrances of the church or you can call Sandi at 954-235-4005

All are Welcome!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION

You may use this QR code to donate to our Parish



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.**