

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 18, 2026

St. Sebastian Catholic Parish in Fort Lauderdale, Inc. (954)524-9344

**JANUARY 20th, 2026 HAPPY FEAST OF SAINT SEBASTIAN
and HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR PASTOR, FR. ERNEST**



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-Rojas

Kathryn Cabrisas

Judy Fisher

Director of Music

Peter J. Manfredi, Jr.

(954) 868-6137

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Cathy Spitzer

Facilities

Patricio Diaz-Pizarro

Pastoral Council

Nancy Adams

Mauricio Bautista

Judy Fisher

Rosemary Guerin

John Mann, III

Johnny Mann, Jr.

Sandi Mann

Ed Rebholz

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 contact the office at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date.

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you haven't registered yet as a parishioner of St. Sebastian, we invite you to do so in order to be recognized as a member of our parish.

You can find the registration form in the church, at the office, or online.

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.

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.

JESUS PROCLAIMS THE KINGDOM OF GOD

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH— #541 TO #545 & #547 TO #550

"Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent, and believe in the gospel". To carry out the will of the Father, Christ inaugurated the kingdom of heaven on earth. Now the Father's will is "to raise up men to share in his own divine life". He does this by gathering men around his Son Jesus Christ. This gathering is the Church, "on earth the seed and beginning of that kingdom".

Christ stands at the heart of this gathering of men into the "family of God". By his word, through signs that manifest the reign of God, and by sending out his disciples, Jesus calls all people to come together around him. But above all, in the great Paschal mystery — his death on the cross and his Resurrection — he would accomplish the coming of his kingdom. "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." Into this union with Christ all men are called.

Everyone is called to enter the kingdom. First announced to the children of Israel, this messianic kingdom is intended to accept men of all nations. To enter it, one must first accept Jesus' word: The word of the Lord is compared to a seed which is sown in a field; those who hear it with faith and are numbered among the little flock of Christ have truly received the kingdom. Then, by its own power, the seed sprouts and grows until the harvest.

The kingdom belongs to the poor and lowly, which means those who have accepted it with humble hearts. Jesus is sent to "preach good news to the poor"; he declares them blessed, for "theirs is the kingdom of heaven." To them — the "little ones" the Father is pleased to reveal what remains hidden from the wise and the learned. Jesus shares the life of the poor, from the cradle to the cross; he experiences hunger, thirst and privation. Jesus identifies himself with the poor of every kind and makes active love toward them the condition for entering his kingdom.

Jesus invites sinners to the table of the kingdom: "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." He invites them to that conversion without which one cannot enter the kingdom, but shows them in word and deed his Father's boundless mercy for them and the vast "joy in heaven over one sinner who repents". The supreme proof of his love will be the sacrifice of his own life "for the forgiveness of sins".

Jesus accompanies his words with many "mighty works and wonders and signs", which manifest that the kingdom is present in him and attest that he was the promised Messiah.

The signs worked by Jesus attest that the Father has sent him. They invite belief in him. To those who turn to him in faith, he grants what they ask. So miracles strengthen faith in the One who does his Father's works; they bear witness that he is the Son of God. But his miracles can also be occasions for "offence"; they are not intended to satisfy people's curiosity or desire for magic. Despite his evident miracles, some people reject Jesus; he is even accused of acting by the power of demons.

By freeing some individuals from the earthly evils of hunger, injustice, illness and death, Jesus performed messianic signs. Nevertheless, he did not come to abolish all evils here below, but to free men from the gravest slavery, sin, which thwarts them in their vocation as God's sons and causes all forms of human bondage.

The coming of God's kingdom means the defeat of Satan's: "If it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you." Jesus' exorcisms free some individuals from the domination of demons. They anticipate Jesus' great victory over "the ruler of this world". The kingdom of God will be definitively established through Christ's cross: God reigned from the wood."

Father Ernest

ABCD DRIVE WILL BE NEXT WEEKEND, JANUARY 24 & 25

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY JANUARY 17
 5:00 pm † Joan Fuccillo , by Family
 † María Mortola, by Mitch and Anna Mortola
 † Kathleen Maloney, by Cousin Kathleen Maloney
 Wellbeing of Suzanne and Rob Plum,
 By Bill Loughran

SUNDAY JANUARY 18
 8:30 am † Dolores Hesse Fink, by Husband Jack
 † Mary Ann Teschner,
 by Isabel and Cal Jarman Mann
 Birthday Blessing of Rasoul Karimi,
 by Joseph and Jennifer Borba

11:00 am † Living & Deceased Members of our Parish

6:00 pm † Nicole Klotz, by Abernethy Family

MONDAY JANUARY 19
 8:30 am † Grace and Murray Toomey,
 by Helen and Mary Toomey
 † Bea Biondi, by Anna Marie Pierotti

TUESDAY JANUARY 20 Saint Sebastian
 8:30 am † Luke Facarazzo Jr., by Family
 † Anna Rubino, by Mary Fran and Steven
 † Ossi Pierotti, by Anna Marie Pierotti
 Birthday Blessing of Fr. Ernest,
 by Parishioners and Staff

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 21 Saint Agnes
 8:30 am Wellbeing of Bill Fuccillo, by Barry and Marcia Hogan
 Wellbeing of Jack Fink, by Barry and Marcia Hogan
 Wellbeing of Frank Krauser, by Barry and Marcia Hogan

THURSDAY JANUARY 22
 8:30 am Birthday Blessing of Grace Middlemiss
 by Anna Marie Pierotti
 Wellbeing of Bill and Karen Loughran,
 By Bill Loughran

FRIDAY JANUARY 23 Saint Marianne and St. Vincent
 8:30 am Wellbeing of Jimmy and Kevin Loughran,
 By Bill Loughran

REMEMBER THE SICK

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, Donato Montanaro, William Hirsch, Gary Demberg, Bill Fuccillo, Lawrence Biondi S.J., Angela Cowherd, Michael Fisher, Sean Ennis, Danielle Barisch, Deborah Castillo, Georgianna Eschen, Ruth McKelvie, Cathy Day, Mona Terry, Bill Loughran, Bill Poulson, Douglas Ham, Taylor Ellis. Monica Albelo, James Lauber.

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 pray for 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,

RCIA and FAITH FORMATION



Next class will be on **Wednesday, January 21st, 2026, at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall.**

Classes are held on the **first and third Wednesday of each month** for adults who wish to become Catholic, and for adults who are baptized Catholic but have not received Communion and/or Confirmation.

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.
- We should also make an effort to have the right attire and be punctual for Mass.

Thank You for attending the Ministry Fair

Thank you to John Mann III, Rich Grable, and all those who helped. It was a joyful, fruitful, and enjoyable event.

Thank you very much!
Fr. Ernest

2025 ANNUAL TAX RETURN LETTERS

If you would like please stop by the Parish Office and pick up your letter, or let us know if you prefer that we mail it out to you. They will be mailed out by January 30th. Please contact the parish office if you need your letter sooner.

Thank you for your contributions.

SAVE the DATE

- **Saint Sebastian Feast** - January 20
- **Fr. Ernest's Birthday** - January 20
- **Reel Joy** - January 29
- **Men's Club, Italian Dinner** - January 23
- **Trinkets and Treasures** - February 6, 7 & 8
- **Annual Luncheon at Coral Ridge Yacht Club** March 21, 2025

THE SSCCW PRESENTS
A SHOWING OF
"THE LOST BUS"

REEL JOY

FREE ENTRY



THURSDAY | **6 PM**
JANUARY 29, 2026

PARISH HALL THEATER

THE LOST BUS
DRAMA MOVIE
Mattew McConaughey & America Ferrera

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT
NANCY SICA 301-233-9448



January 23, 2026
Doors Open at 6:00 PM
Dinner Served 6:30 PM

SAINT SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Italian Dinner

Enjoy Real Italian Food from
Osteria Acqua E Farina
Romain Salad | Italian Bread
Authentic Pasta and Meatballs
Italian Dessert | Coffee

*Beer, wine, and soda will be available for purchase at an additional cost.



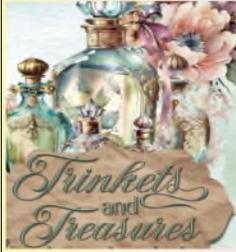
Live Entertainment: Marcel Rasa | **Door Prizes | 50/50 Raffle**

- \$50 per person
- Reserved tables of 8, 10, or 12 available (tables of 8 and 10 include 2 bottles of wine, tables of 12 include 4)
- Call 954-524-9341 or visit the parish office for tickets or table sales
- Tickets Also Available Online

To order tickets online, scan the QR code with your phone or go to: <https://st-sebastian-italian-dinner.eventbrite.com> >>>



SSCCW TRINKETS AND TREASURES



ST. SEBASTIAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Is currently collecting items for our Annual Trinkets and Treasures Rummage Sale. If you have items to donate, please contact Sandi at 954-235-4005

FEB. 6 - 8, 2026



Please - no books, clothing or furniture

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

ABCD
This weekend is Announcement Weekend for the 2026 ABCD Campaign. By giving to the Archbishop's Charities and Development Drive, you help illuminate lives with hope, faith, and support, sharing Christ's love throughout our Archdiocese. Help a neighbor in need by making a donation at www.isupportABCD.com.

PLANNED GIVING:
By choosing Planned Giving, your generosity helps sustain the mission of the Church and brings hope to generations to come. The most basic estate planning tools are wills and trusts. "Bequests" are established by wills and trusts. Bequests are not payable until death, so they do not affect your assets or cash flow during your lifetime. You can change the provisions of your will or a revocable trust at any time. To make a bequest you will most likely engage an estate planning attorney to make sure all legal necessities are followed. Contact the Development Office for Wills Guide today, 305-762-1054, or visit www.adomgift.org.

STEWARDSHIP
God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here's the hard part to share all we have without expecting anything in return.
"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." Isaiah 49:5
God has given each of us a different Stewardship! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and become the saint that God is calling you to be.

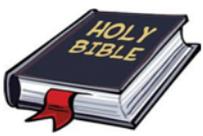
BIBLE SHARING

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

We are sharing The Act of the Apostles. With the help of Fr. Ernest.

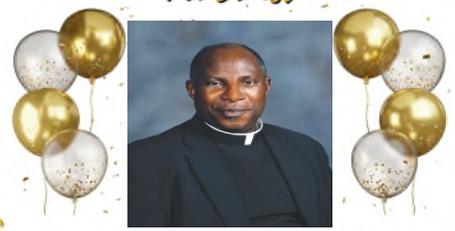
You may also join us online by dialing 848-777-1212; when prompted, put in 1431434#.

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



JANUARY 20, 2026

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Fr. Ernest



AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO OUR PARISH!

SANDWICH MINISTRY

HELP FEED THE HOMELESS

Hello Everyone,
Just a little reminder that we will be meeting on Saturday, JANUARY 24th in the Parish Hall at 8:30 AM to make sandwiches.
Thank you for keeping our Ministry going. For those of you who will be in town, please let me know if you plan to be there on the 24th.

Lois Pittler: 561-307-2128

Thank you all and BLESS YOU!!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION

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