

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

**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-Rojas

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

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.

## **OUR VOCATION TO BEATITUDE**

### **EXTRACTS FROM THE CATHECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH #1716 to #1719**

#### **I. THE BEATITUDES**

“The Beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' preaching. They take up the promises made to the chosen people since Abraham. The Beatitudes fulfill the promises by ordering them no longer merely to the possession of a territory, but to the Kingdom of heaven:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

The Beatitudes depict the countenance of Jesus Christ and portray his charity. They express the vocation of the faithful associated with the glory of his Passion and Resurrection; they shed light on the actions and attitudes characteristic of the Christian life; they are the paradoxical promises that sustain hope in the midst of tribulations; they proclaim the blessings and rewards already secured, however dimly, for Christ's disciples; they have begun in the lives of the Virgin Mary and all the saints.

#### **II. The Desire for Happiness**

The Beatitudes respond to the natural desire for happiness. This desire is of divine origin: God has placed it in the human heart in order to draw man to the One who alone can fulfill it:

We all want to live happily; in the whole human race there is no one who does not assent to this proposition, even before it is fully articulated.”

How is it, then, that I seek you, Lord? Since in seeking you, my God, I seek a happy life, let me seek you so that my soul may live, for my body draws life from my soul and my soul draws life from you.

#### **God alone satisfies.**

The Beatitudes reveal the goal of human existence, the ultimate end of human acts: God calls us to his own beatitude. This vocation is addressed to each individual personally, but also to the Church as a whole, the new people made up of those who have accepted the promise and live from it in faith.”

**Father Ernest**

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR COMMITMENT WITH THE ABCD 2026**

**Mass Intentions**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 31</b>
5:00 pm	† Joan Fuccillo, by Family † Josephine Facarazzo, by Family Wellbeing of Tom and Pat, by Bill Loughran
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 1</b>
8:30 am	† Rena and Durant Tardugno, by Price Family Wellbeing of Donato Montenero, by Anna Marie Pierotti Wellbeing of Grable Family, by Abernethy Family
11:00 am	† Living & Deceased Members of our Parish
6:00 pm	† Msgr. James Fetscher Wellbeing of Ed Rivas, by Lourdes Fernandez
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 2</b> <u>Presentation of the Lord</u>
8:30 am	† Christine Miller, by Jarchow Family † John Middlemiss, by His wife, Grace Wellbeing of Marcia and Barry Hogan, by Bill Loughran
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 3</b> <u>St. Blaise and St. Ansgar</u>
8:30 am	† Roy Biondi, by Anna Marie Pierotti Wellbeing and conversion of Harold Ryan, by Rossana Ryan Wellbeing of Ed Rivas, by Sandi and Johnny Mann
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 4</b>
8:30 am	Wellbeing of Sandi and Johnny Mann, by Barry and Marcia Hogan Wellbeing of Anna Marie Pierotti by Barry and Marcia Hogan
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 5</b> <u>St. Agatha</u>
8:30 am	† Michael Middlemiss, by mom Wellbeing of Keyv Loughran, by Bill Loughran
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 6</b> <u>St. Paul Miki and Companions</u>
8:30 am	† Helen Wroblewski, by Jarchow Family Wellbeing of Pat Raffelo, by Bill Loughran

**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**



**NOTE: FEBRUARY** classes will be on **Wednesday, 4th & 11th, 2026, at 6:00 pm** in the Parish Hall.

The change to the 11th is due to **Ash Wednesday on the 18th.**

**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.*



**"PLEASE REMEMBER—** in addition to food and hygiene items, the Pantry needs plastic grocery bags for food distribution, and empty **clean egg cartons for 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 for your donations!**

**SAINT BLAISE -TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026**



IN HONOR OF THE FEAST OF SAINT BLAISE, WE INVITE EVERYONE TO RECEIVE THE BLESSING OF THE THROATS THIS TUESDAY, FOLLOWING THE 8:30 AM MASS.

SAINT BLAISE, PRAY FOR US!

**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, Douglas Ham, Taylor Ellis. Monica Albello, James Lauber.

**SAVE the DATE**

- Trinkets and Treasures - February 6, 7 & 8
- Ash Wednesday - February 18
- Annual Luncheon at Coral Ridge Yacht Club  
March 21, 2026



**LET US COME TOGETHER TO BRING...**

**LIGHT**  
WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS



DISCIPLES IN FAITH

**PEACE**  
WHERE THERE IS CONFLICT



MISSIONARIES OF HOPE

**LOVE**  
WHERE THERE IS NEED



SERVANTS FOR CHARITY

**FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI**

**ABCD 2026**

Together Do Good, Seek Peace

Through the Archbishop's Charities and Development Drive (ABCD), we answer this call together, doing good and seeking peace by supporting ministries that bring hope and healing.

**PLANNED GIVING:**

Planning Today to Do Good Together

Estate planning is important for everyone, no matter their age or wealth. An estate plan gives you a say in how those things are given to the people or organizations you care about. It arranges your affairs and leaves a written record of your wishes and intentions. It indicates how you want your property, belongings, cash, and financial assets distributed. The Online Wills Planner is designed to help you gather the information your attorney will need to plan for your future. Visit [www.adomgift.org](http://www.adomgift.org) to learn more.

**STEWARDSHIP**

Giving Stewardship

Good Stewards recognize that God is working through them and they don't put themselves above the people they have been called to help.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." MATTHEW 5:3

The phrase "poor in spirit" can be confusing. Think of it in this sense – poor in spirit means depending on God's providence and not depending on our own self-reliance. Being detached from earthly things (power, money, and comfort) and being attached to heavenly things (charity, sacrifice, and mercy). Denying ourselves from satisfying our desires and helping others through Stewardship to obtain their basic needs.

**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

**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



**EUCCHARISTIC**

**MIRACLES EXHIBIT**

**February 11 - 13, 2026**

**In the Parish Hall**



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