

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 15, 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

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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.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

EXTRACTS FROM THE CATHECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH #2052 to #2055, #2062, #2063 & #2082

“Teacher, what must I do...?”

“Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?” To the young man who asked this question, Jesus answers first by invoking the necessity to recognize God as the "One there is who is good," as the supreme Good and the source of all good. Then Jesus tells him: "If you would enter life, keep the commandments." and he cites for his questioner the precepts that concern love of neighbor: "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother." Finally Jesus sums up these commandments positively: "You shall love your neighbor as Yourself.

To this first reply Jesus adds a second: "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." This reply does not do away with the first: following Jesus Christ involves keeping the Commandments. the Law has not been abolished, but rather man is invited to rediscover it in the person of his Master who is its perfect fulfillment. In the three synoptic Gospels, Jesus' call to the rich young man to follow him, in the obedience of a disciple and in the observance of the Commandments, is joined to the call to poverty and chastity. The evangelical counsels are inseparable from the Commandments.

Jesus acknowledged the Ten Commandments, but he also showed the power of the Spirit at work in their letter. He preached a "righteousness [which] exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees" as well as that of the Gentiles. He unfolded all the demands of the Commandments. "You have heard that it was said to the men of old, 'You shall not kill.' . . . But I say to you that every one who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment."

When someone asks him, "Which commandment in the Law is the greatest?" Jesus replies: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. and a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the prophets." The Decalogue must be interpreted in light of this twofold yet single commandment of love, the fullness of the Law:

the commandments: "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not kill, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this sentence: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

The Commandments properly so-called come in the second place: they express the implications of belonging to God through the establishment of the covenant. Moral existence is a response to the Lord's loving initiative. It is the acknowledgement and homage given to God and a worship of thanksgiving. It is cooperation with the plan God pursues in history.

The covenant and dialogue between God and man are also attested to by the fact that all the obligations are stated in the first person ("I am the Lord.") and addressed by God to another personal subject ("you"). In all God's commandments, the singular personal pronoun designates the recipient. God makes his will known to each person in particular, at the same time as he makes it known to the whole people:

The Lord prescribed love towards God and taught justice towards neighbor, so that man would be neither unjust, nor unworthy of God. Thus, through the Decalogue, God prepared man to become his friend and to live in harmony with his neighbor.... the words of the Decalogue remain likewise for us Christians. Far from being abolished, they have received amplification and development from the fact of the coming of the Lord in the flesh. (...)

What God commands he makes possible by his grace.”

Father Ernest

PLEASE MAKE YOUR COMMITMENT WITH THE ABCD 2026

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14 Happy Valentine's Day!

5:00 pm † Joan Fuccillo, by Family
 † Bruce Campbell, by Mimi Bauer
 Wellbeing of John McElhinney III,
 by Patricia Collins



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15

8:30 am † Richie Grable III, by Mom and Dad
 † Ossi Pierotti, by Anna Marie Pierotti
 † Grace and Murray Toomey,
 by Helen and Mary Louise Toomey
 Wellbeing of Regina Green, by a Friend

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

6:00 pm † Miguel Rojas, by Jorge Rave

MONDAY FEBRUARY 16

8:30 am † Rev. Oscar Alonso SchP

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 17

8:30 am † Larry Biondi, by Anna Marie Pierotti

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18 ASH WEDNESDAY

8:30 am † Rev. Msgr. James Fetscher



6:00 pm Birthday Blessing of Parishioners and Friends

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 19

8:30 am Birthday Blessing of Judy Fisher,
 by Father Ernest and Parish Staff

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20

8:30 am † Rev. Barth DeSimone OFM

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 Albelo, James Lauber.

SAVE the DATE

- Ash Wednesday - February 18
- Parish Lent Mission - March 3
- Annual Luncheon at Coral Ridge Yacht Club
 March 21, 2026

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



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.

We meet at the parish hall

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. Please continue your support of our neighbors in need through the SVDP poor boxes in the church. First time must provide proof of residency in Broward County.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

St. Vincent de Paul report for January 2026 (5 Fridays) served 1087 clients representing 3429 individuals. The Expenses were \$4746.23

Each month, Mass is celebrated for the past and present benefactors. The next Mass will be on Wednesday, February 25, at 8:00 AM at Blessed Sacrament Church.



DONATE BLOOD

Saint Sebastian Catholic Church
 Sunday, February 22

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

St. Sebastian Catholic Church
February 18th, 2026

Ash Wednesday

Masses at 8:30 am. & 6:00 pm.



We begin Lent with Prayer, fasting, and ashes as a sign of humility and repentance to be open to God's grace.

"Repent and believe in the Gospel" (Mark 1:15).

All are welcome to attend.

St. Sebastian Catholic Church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Every Friday in the church during Lent, after Mass

Wedding Anniversary Mass

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026
AT 5:30PM

The Cathedral of St. Mary

Celebrant: The Most Reverend Thomas G Wenski, Archbishop of Miami



All couples married in the Catholic Church celebrating their Paper (1st year), Silver (25th year), or Gold+ (50th+ year) wedding anniversary in 2026 are cordially invited.

During mass, couples will renew their marriage promises.

Couples wishing to have their photograph taken with Archbishop Wenski are encouraged to arrive by 4:00 PM.



REGISTER HERE

More information:
cshaw@theadom.org



FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

ABCD 2026

ABCD bulletins, by weekend are available for selection on the ABCD materials website: 2026 ABCD Parish Leadership Manual – ADOM

Choosing to Serve Together

We help people in their time of need in countless ways, but it is only made possible because of the generosity of people like you! Please support the ABCD by making a gift today. www.isupportABCD.com.

PLANNED GIVING:

Jesus calls us to choose life through love and generosity. Planned Giving allows us to leave a legacy that reflects our faith supporting families, outreach, and future generations as we do good together and seek peace. Help you gather the information from your attorney today by visiting www.adomgift.org.

STEWARDSHIP

Righteous Stewards

Jesus invites us to choose life through love and generosity. By embracing stewardship, we commit ourselves to serving one another and supporting the mission of the Church.

"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." MATTHEW 5:20

The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, not Stewardship. They used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear, it's the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending Sunday Mass and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of being a modern-day Pharisee.

BIBLE SHARING

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

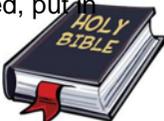
The Ministry started a new book on Thursday, February 5, 2026. Don't miss it!

The Gospel According to Saint John.

The facilitators for this book will be Madlean Boutram and Lourdes Fernandez, 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



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 main Church.

A Rosary a day keeps the devil away.

Fr. Ernest



SUNDAY DONUTS & COFFEE RETURN



Coffee and Donuts are back after the 8:30 AM Sunday Mass.

Come and meet fellow parishioners.

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