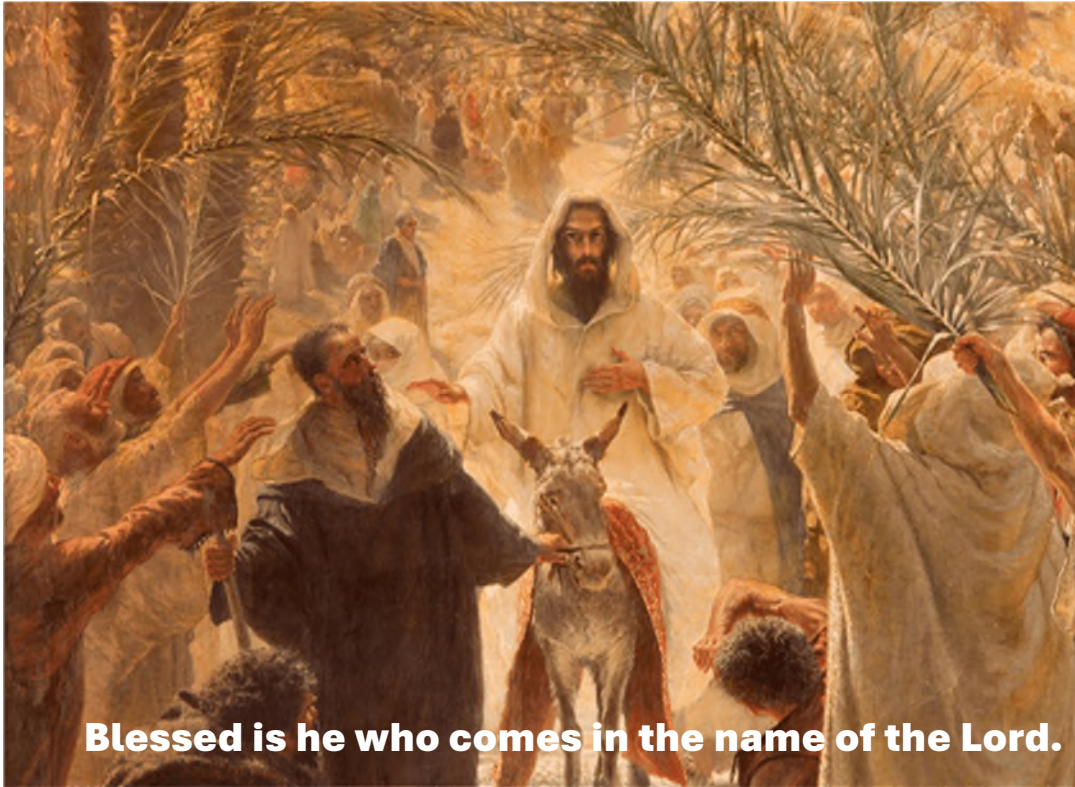


# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MARCH 29, 2026

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



**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

## **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**



## **NO ADORATION ON GOOD FRIDAY**

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!

## **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.

## CHRIST REDEMPTIVE DEATH IN GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

EXTRACTS FROM THE CATHECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH #601 to #606

### **"He died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures"**

The Scriptures had foretold this divine plan of salvation through the putting to death of "the righteous one, my Servant" as a mystery of universal redemption, that is, as the ransom that would free men from the slavery of sin. ([Isa 53:11](#); cf. [53:12](#)) Citing a confession of faith that he himself had "received", St. Paul professes that "Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures." ([1 Cor 15:3](#)) In particular Jesus' redemptive death fulfills Isaiah's prophecy of the suffering Servant. ([Isa 53:7-8](#) and [Acts 8:32-35](#).) Indeed Jesus himself explained the meaning of his life and death in the light of God's suffering Servant. ([Mt 20:28](#)) After his Resurrection he gave this interpretation of the Scriptures to the disciples at Emmaus, and then to the apostles. ([Lk 24:25-27, 44-45](#))

### **"For our sake God made him to be sin"**

Consequently, St. Peter can formulate the apostolic faith in the divine plan of salvation in this way: "You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your fathers... with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was made manifest at the end of the times for your sake." ([1 Pet 1:18-20](#)) Man's sins, following on original sin, are punishable by death. ([Rom 5:12](#); [1 Cor 15:56](#)) By sending his own Son in the form of a slave, in the form of a fallen humanity, on account of sin, God "made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." ([2 Cor 5:21](#))

Jesus did not experience reprobation as if he himself had sinned. ([Jn 8:46](#)) But in the redeeming love that always united him to the Father, he assumed us in the state of our waywardness of sin, to the point that he could say in our name from the cross: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ([Mk 15:34](#)) Having thus established him in solidarity with us sinners, God "did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all", so that we might be "reconciled to God by the death of his Son." ([Rom 8:32; 5:10](#))

### **God takes the initiative of universal redeeming love**

By giving up his own Son for our sins, God manifests that his plan for us is one of benevolent love, prior to any merit on our part: "In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins." ([1 Jn 4:10; 4:19](#)) God "shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us." ([Rom 5:8](#))

At the end of the parable of the lost sheep Jesus recalled that God's love excludes no one: "So it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish." ([Mt 18:14](#)) He affirms that he came "to give his life as a ransom for many"; this last term is not restrictive, but contrasts the whole of humanity with the unique person of the redeemer who hands himself over to save us. ([Mt 20:28](#)) The Church, following the apostles, teaches that Christ died for all men without exception: "There is not, never has been, and never will be a single human being for whom Christ did not suffer." ([2 Cor 5:15; 1 Jn 2:2](#))

### **Christ's whole life is an offering to the Father**

The Son of God, who came down "from heaven, not to do [his] own will, but the will of him who sent [him]" ([Jn 6:38](#)), said on coming into the world, "Lo, I have come to do your will, O God." "And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." ([Heb 10:5-10](#)) From the first moment of his Incarnation the Son embraces the Father's plan of divine salvation in his redemptive mission: "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work." ([Jn 4:34](#)) The sacrifice of Jesus "for the sins of the whole world" ([1 Jn 2:2](#)) expresses his loving communion with the Father. "The Father loves me, because I lay down my life", said the Lord, "[for] I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father." ([Jn 10:17; 14:31](#))

**Father Ernest**

**Have a blessed Holy Week!**

**Mass Intentions of the Holy Week**

<b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>	<b><u>MARCH 28</u></b>
	<b><u>Vigil of the Passion of the Lord</u></b>
5:00 pm	† Joan Fuccillo, by Family † Dolores Hesse Fink, by husband Jack † Mary Lou Makey, by husband Charles
<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>	<b><u>MARCH 29 Palm Sunday</u></b>
8:30 am	† Margaret Montanaro, by Anna Marie Pierotti † Donato Montanaro Jr., by Anna Marie Pierotti
11:00 am	† Living & Deceased Members of our Parish
6:00 pm	Wellbeing of Bill Loughran, by Parish Staff
<b><u>MONDAY</u></b>	<b><u>MARCH 30 Monday of Holy Week</u></b>
8:30 am	† Brad Leal, by Joseph & Jennifer Borba Wellbeing of Taylor Ellis, by Grace Middlemiss
<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b>	<b><u>MARCH 31 Tuesday of Holy Week</u></b>
8:30 am	† Carmine DiChiaro, by Lisa Cobleigh and Gina Dodd
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>	<b><u>APRIL 1 Wednesday of Holy Week</u></b>
8:30 am	† Americo Galo, by Sandi and Johnny Mann † Emily Pasqua, by Leo and Marion Carey Birthday Blessing and Wellbeing of Bill Loughran, by Marcia and Barry Hogan
<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>	<b><u>APRIL 2 HOLY THURSDAY</u></b>
8:30 am	† Brad Leal, by Joseph & Jennifer Borba
7:00 pm	<b>MASS OF THE LORD'S LAST SUPPER</b>
<b><u>FRIDAY</u></b>	<b><u>APRIL 3 GOOD FRIDAY</u></b>
<b><u>NO MASS</u></b> — <b><u>NO ADORATION</u></b>	
10:00 am	<b>CONFESSIONS</b>
12:00 pm	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>
3:00 pm	<b>PASSION OF THE LORD</b>

† Fred Zagone S.J. - May his soul rest in God peace.

**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, Anthony Cotilus, Mark Bromage, Jonathan Hughes, Donato Montanaro, William Hirsch, Gary Demberg, Lawrence Biondi S.J., Angela Cowherd, Sean Ennis, Danielle Barisch, Deborah Castillo, Georgianna Eschen, Ruth McKelvie, Cathy Day, Mona Terry, Douglas Ham, Taylor Ellis. Monica Albelo, Jul Lenihan, Marian Lenihan, Isabel Cruz, Bill Loughran.

**SAVE the DATE**

- **A Weekend Retreat for the Women of St. Sebastian at Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center April 10-12, 2026**
- **The Men's Club of St. Sebastian will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast after the 8:30 & 11:00 am. Mass April 19, 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**



**Congratulations to all of you who will receive your Sacraments at the Easter Vigil.**

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.*



**"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 February, 2026:** served 917 clients, representing 2786 individuals. The Expenses were **\$6,824.62.** This figure includes partial rent and utility requested, gift cards, and other operational costs

**God Bless you all**

**BRIDGE TO RECOVERY**



Are you concerned about someone else's drinking or using drugs or your own? We can Help! Meetings are held every Monday, at 7:30 pm. at St. Sebastian Parish Hall.



**St. Sebastian Catholic Church  
HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**



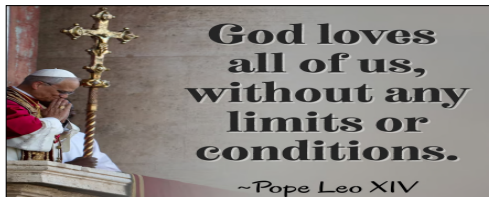
- PALM SUNDAY** - March 28th & 29th  
The Passion of the Lord  
Mass: 5 pm, 8:30 & 11 am and 6 pm
- Monday- Wednesday**, Mass at 8:30 am
- HOLY THURSDAY** - April 2nd  
Mass of the Lord's Last Supper -7:00 pm
- GOOD FRIDAY** - April 3rd
  - Confessions - 10:00 am
  - Stations of the Cross - 12:00 pm
  - Passion of the Lord - 3:00 pm
- EASTER VIGIL** - April 4th  
Saturday, at 8:00 pm  
(Please note there is no 5:00 pm Mass)
- EASTER SUNDAY** - April 5th  
Mass: 8:30, 11:00 am. & 6:00 pm

**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.**



**BIBLE SHARING**

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

Now sharing about:

**The Gospel According to Saint John.**  
The facilitators are: **Madlean Boutram and Lourdes Fenandez,**

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



**PREGNANCY HELP CENTER WISHLISTS**  
Please have items sent to your nearest Pregnancy Help Center.

<p><small>AMAZON</small></p> <p><small>SOUTH BROWARD 4747 HOLLYWOOD BLVD. SUITE #101 HOLLYWOOD, FL 33021</small></p>	<p><small>DIAPERS/WIPES/LOTIONS</small></p> <p><small>WALMART WISHLIST</small></p> <p><small>WALMART WISHLIST</small></p>
<p><small>SOUTH DADE 7385 SW 87TH AVE. SUITE SUITE #300 MIAMI, FL 33173</small></p>	<p><small>WALMART WISHLIST</small></p>

**St. Sebastian Council of Catholic Women  
Annual Fashion Show**

*Would like to Congratulate the Parish Raffle Winners*



- George Bottino-----\$100**
- Anna Marie Pierotti -----\$100**
- Sandy Keyzers ------\$300**
- Rosemary Guerin-----\$500**

**If anyone won a gift certificate and left it on the table, please call Kate. Thank you!**

**FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI**

**ABCD 2026**

As we enter Holy Week, we witness Christ's ultimate act of self-giving love. ABCD invites us to reflect that same sacrificial love in our own lives. By supporting the mission of the Church, we stand with Christ in serving the poor, forming future leaders, and strengthening our Catholic community. May our generosity mirror the love poured out for us on the Cross. Help continue to support these vital milestones of our faith through a gift at [www.isupportABCD.com](http://www.isupportABCD.com).

**PLANNED GIVING:**

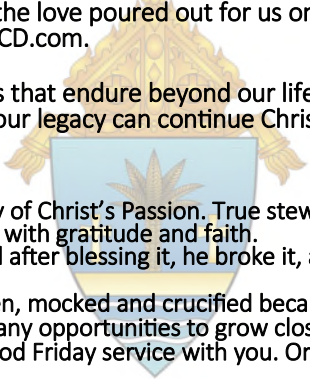
As Christ gives Himself completely, we reflect on gifts that endure beyond our lifetime. Planned giving is a meaningful way to express lasting gratitude for God's blessings. Consider how your legacy can continue Christ's mission of love and service. Discover the benefits by visiting [www.adomgift.org](http://www.adomgift.org) today!

**STEWARDSHIP**

On Palm Sunday, we begin our journey into the mystery of Christ's Passion. True stewardship mirrors Christ's self-giving love. As we prepare for Easter, may we offer our lives and our gifts back to God with gratitude and faith.

"While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, 'Take and eat; this is my body.'" Matthew 26:26

Jesus died for you. Jesus Christ, God the Son, was beaten, mocked and crucified because He loves you and wants to spend eternity with YOU. As we enter Holy Week, the Church provides us with many opportunities to grow closer to Christ, especially during the Triduum. This is the perfect opportunity to invite a friend to Mass or the Good Friday service with you. Or perhaps you can assist an elderly person with transportation to church this week.



**THANK YOU**

**FOR YOUR DONATION**

You may use this QR code to donate to our Parish. ➡



**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 USCCB** or **WWW.USCCB.ORG** For Prayers, go to **Mass Prayer** or **Order of Mass**. (USCCB, stands for US Conference of Catholic Bishops).