

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE DIVINE MERCY

APRIL 12, 2026

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



Jesus, I trust in you!

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

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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.

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!

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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

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THE DIVINE MERCY

of Saint Faustina Kowalska

The Divine Mercy devotion was made known because of a revelation about Jesus' Mercy that He Himself entrusted to a Polish nun called Sister Faustina (now Saint Faustina Kowalska). She was born on August 25, 1905 in Glogowiec. In July 1924, she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Warsaw. Her visions began in 1931, and she died in 1938 at age of 33. She was canonized by Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000. Below are a few extracts from her Diary.

#88 "I asked Jesus whether the inscription could be: "Christ, King of Mercy." He answered, "**I am King of Mercy, but He did not say "Christ." I desire that this image be displayed in public on the first Sunday after Easter. That Sunday is the Feast of Mercy. Through the Word Incarnate, I make known the bottomless depth of My mercy.**"

#206 "The next day, after Communion, I heard the voice saying," **'My daughter, look into the abyss of My mercy and give praise and glory to this mercy of Mine. Do it in this way: Gather all sinners from the entire world and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. I want to give Myself to souls; I yearn for souls, My daughter. On the day of My feast, the Feast of Mercy, you will go through the whole world and bring fainting souls to the spring of My mercy. I shall heal and strengthen them.'**"

#848 "While I was saying the chaplet, I heard a voice which said, **'Oh, what great graces I will grant to souls who say this chaplet; the very depths of My tender mercy are stirred for the sake of those who say the chaplet. Write down these words, My daughter. Speak to the world about My mercy; let all mankind recognize My unfathomable mercy. It is a sign for the end times; after it will come the day of justice. While there is still time, let them have recourse to the fount of My mercy; let them profit from the Blood and Water which gushed forth for them.'** O human souls, where are you going to hide on the day of God's anger: Take refuge now in the fount of God's mercy. O what a great multitude of souls I see! They worshiped the Divine Mercy and will be singing the hymn of praise for all eternity."

#1182 "Today the Lord said to me, **'My daughter, My pleasure and delight, nothing will stop me from granting you graces. Your misery does not hinder my mercy. My daughter, write that the greater the misery of a soul, the greater its right to My mercy; [urge] all souls to trust in the unfathomable abyss of My mercy, because I want to save them all. On the cross, the fountain of My mercy was opened wide by the lance for all souls – no one have I excluded!'**"

#1588 "Today I heard the words: **'In the Old Covenant I sent prophets wielding thunderbolts to My People. Today I am sending you with My mercy to the people of the whole world. I do not want to punish aching mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My Merciful Heart. I use punishment when they themselves force Me to do so; My hand is reluctant to take hold of the sword of justice. Before the Day of Justice I am sending the Day of Mercy.'**"

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!

Father Ernest

Mass Intentions

- SATURDAY APRIL 11**
5:00 pm
† Joan Fuccillo, by Family
† Pam Jennins, by Dian Grandefeld
† Joan Galo, by Sandi and Johnny Mann
- SUNDAY APRIL 12**
8:30 am
† Ossi Pierotti, by Anna Marie Pierotti
† Bill Loughran, by Bob Dempsey
Wellbeing of Mary Bee, by a Friend
- 11:00 am
3:00 pm
6:00 pm
† Living & Deceased Members of our Parish
Divine Mercy Mass
† Emil Cermeño, Gema Rojas and Janet Schragar, by Pedro Cruz
- MONDAY APRIL 13**
8:30 am
† Brad Leal, by Joseph and Jennifer Borba
† Maria DiChiaro, by Lisa Cobleigh and Gina Dodd
- TUESDAY APRIL 14**
8:30 am
† Carlos Bormida, by Elizabeth Rosado
† Robin McCluskey, by Donald Bourke
- WEDNESDAY APRIL 15**
8:30 am
† 20 Year Anniversary of Andrew Hurst, by Keith Dematteis
Birthday Blessings of Frank Darras, by Joseph and Jennifer Borba
- THURSDAY APRIL 16**
8:30 am
Wellbeing of Caroline Duchesneau, by Donald Bourke
For all who are sick in our Parish, by Rosie Koons
- FRIDAY APRIL 17**
8:30 am
† Bill Loughran, by Bob Dempsey
† Brad Leal, by Joseph and Jennifer Borba
For Souls in Purgatory, by Rosie Koons

REMEMBER THE SICK

Fr. Liam Quinn, Suzanne Plum, Gail Mills, 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, 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, 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, Rich Stockinger.

SAVE the DATE

- The Men's Club of St. Sebastian will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast after the 8:30 & 11:00 am. Mass on April 19, 2026
- The SSCCW invites all to experience "Reel Joy" in a showing of 'Sarah's Oil' on Thursday April 16th at 6 pm in the parish hall.
- The SSCCW invites the Parish to a "SIP and CHAT" at the patio behind the parish hall on Thursday, April 23rd from 5 to 7. Bring your friends.

Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/StsebastianFL

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 our candidates who were Baptized and Confirmed during Easter Vigil, as well as those who were Confirmed on Saturday, April 11th.

HAPPY EASTER and CONGRATULATIONS!!

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 March, 2026: served 915 clients, representing 2907 individuals. The Expenses were \$7874.31 This figure includes partial rent and utility requested, gift cards, and other operational costs.

The Mass for past and present members and benefactor will be on Wednesday, April 22 at 8:00 am. At Blessed Sacrament Church.

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.



PARISH EVENTS AND DATES

Please find the Pancake Breakfast flyer inside the bulletin.



THE SSCCW INVITES THE PARISH TO A

SIP and CHAT



THURSDAY APRIL 23

5:00 TO 7:00 PM

At The Patio behind the Parish Hall.

SANDWICH MINISTRY



Hello Everyone,
Just a little reminder that we will be meeting on Saturday, April 18th in the Parish Hall at 8:30 AM to make sandwiches. Thank you for keeping our Ministry going.

Lois Pittler: 561-307-2128

Thank you all and BLESS YOU!!

THE SSCCW PRESENTS A SHOWING OF "SARAH'S OIL" REEL JOY

FREE ENTRY

THURSDAY APRIL 16, 2026 6 PM

PARISH HALL THEATER

SARAH'S OIL A TRUE STORY Zachary Levi & Naya Desir-Johnson

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION
You may use this QR code to donate to our Parish.



St. Sebastian Catholic Church

THANK YOU

SSCCW and SS Men's Club,

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the SSCCW and Men's Club of St. Sebastian for your kindness, generosity and hard work in cleaning and decorating the Church.

As always, your love and commitment to our Church truly bear witness to The Lord in a tangible and significant manner. Thank you so much as well for those of you who helped in the Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. We are so proud of you.

May God bless you abundantly and keep up the good work.

Fr. Ernest and the Parish Community of St. Sebastian

LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY

We invite everyone to join us in praying the Rosary, Monday - Friday, at 7:50am, before daily Mass, in the main Church.

A Rosary a day keeps the devil away.
Fr. Ernest



FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

ABCD 2026

Thanks to your generosity, we can continue to witness the real hands and feet of Jesus in the work of our Archdiocese above and beyond the good work in our parishes. To make a gift today, please visit www.isupportABCD.com.

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STEWARDSHIP

The Stewardship Way of Life is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor.

"All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them all according to each one's need." Acts 2:44-45

The early church practiced the purest form of stewardship. Their generosity was a realization that all they had belonged to God and it was entrusted to them for the sake of others.

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).

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

AMAZON QR CODE
DIAPERS/WIPES/LOTIONS QR CODE

SOUTH BROWARD 4747 HOLLYWOOD BLVD. SUITE 2101 HOLLYWOOD, FL 33021
WALMART WISHLIST QR CODE

CENTRAL BROWARD 2181 S COMMERCIAL BLVD. SUITE 2301 FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33308
WALMART WISHLIST QR CODE

SOUTH DADE 7385 SW 87TH AVE. SUITE 2302 MIAMI, FL 33173
WALMART WISHLIST QR CODE

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**

