

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 19, 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

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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.

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.

AVOIDANCE OF WAR

CURBING THE SAVAGERY OF WAR

Extract from Vatican Council II, Gaudium et Spes (The Church in the Modern World) Art. 79-80

“Even though recent wars have wrought physical and moral havoc on our world, the devastation of battle still goes on day by day in some part of the world. Indeed, now that every kind of weapon produced by modern science is used in war, the fierce character of warfare threatens to lead the combatants to a savagery far surpassing that of the past. Furthermore, the complexity of the modern world and the intricacy of international relations allow guerrilla warfare to be drawn out by new methods of deceit and subversion. In many causes the use of terrorism is regarded as a new way to wage war.

Contemplating this melancholy state of humanity, the council wishes, above all things else, to recall the permanent binding force of universal natural law and its all-embracing principles. Man's conscience itself gives ever more emphatic voice to these principles. Therefore, actions which deliberately conflict with these same principles, as well as orders commanding such actions are criminal, and blind obedience cannot excuse those who yield to them. The most infamous among these are actions designed for the methodical extermination of an entire people, nation or ethnic minority. Such actions must be vehemently condemned as horrendous crimes. The courage of those who fearlessly and openly resist those who issue such commands merits supreme commendation.

On the subject of war, quite a large number of nations have subscribed to international agreements aimed at making military activity and its consequences less inhuman. Their stipulations deal with such matters as the treatment of wounded soldiers and prisoners. Agreements of this sort must be honored. Indeed they should be improved upon so that the frightfulness of war can be better and more workably held in check. All men, especially government officials and experts in these matters, are bound to do everything they can to effect these improvements. Moreover, it seems right that laws make humane provisions for the case of those who for reasons of conscience refuse to bear arms, provided however, that they agree to serve the human community in some other way.

Certainly, war has not been rooted out of human affairs. As long as the danger of war remains and there is no competent and sufficiently powerful authority at the international level, governments cannot be denied the right to legitimate defense once every means of peaceful settlement has been exhausted. State authorities and others who share public responsibility have the duty to conduct such grave matters soberly and to protect the welfare of the people entrusted to their care. But it is one thing to undertake military action for the just defense of the people, and something else again to seek the subjugation of other nations. Nor, by the same token, does the mere fact that war has unhappily begun mean that all is fair between the warring parties.

Those too who devote themselves to the military service of their country should regard themselves as the agents of security and freedom of peoples. As long as they fulfill this role properly, they are making a genuine contribution to the establishment of peace.

With these truths in mind, this most holy synod makes its own the condemnations of total war already pronounced by recent popes, and issues the following declaration.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY APRIL 18

5:00 pm † Joan Fuccillo, by Family
 † Dr. Jairo Casas, by Gloria Gruebele
 † Molly Richard and Francis Yen,
 by Donald Bourke
 † Bill Loughran, by Josephine and John Hero
 † Bill Loughran, by Brian Hero

SUNDAY APRIL 19

8:30 am † Dolores Hesse Fink, by her husband, Jack
 † Edna Salg, by loving daughter
 Wellbeing of Robert Schehrer,
 by his sister Carolyn
 Birthday Blessing of Carolyn Kervin,
 by Father Ernest and Staff

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

6:00 pm † Rev. Luis Casabon
 † Barbara Jo Karst, by Juan Plate and family

MONDAY APRIL 20

8:30 am † Brad Leal, by Joseph and Jennifer Borba

TUESDAY APRIL 21 ST ANSELM

8:30 am † Thomas J. Raskiewicz, by Harvey Ward

WEDNESDAY APRIL 22

8:30 am † Fr. Ernesto Diano, by Soledad Cano
 Birthday Blessing of Allison Sherman,
 by Grace Middlemiss

THURSDAY APRIL 23 ST GEORGE & ST ADALBERT

8:30 am For souls in purgatory, by Rosie Koons

FRIDAY APRIL 24 ST FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN

8:30 am † Brad Leal, by Joseph and Jennifer Borba

† OLDINIA NELSON (04-12-2026)

Our deepest condolences go out to the family, and especially to her daughter, Jeannette Harris. May her soul rest in God's peace.

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, 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, Patrick Hayes.

SAVE the DATE

- The Men's Club of St. Sebastian will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast after the 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Mass on April 19, 2026
- The SSCCW invites the Parish to a "SIP and CHAT" at the patio behind the parish hall on Thursday, April 23rd from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Bring your friends.
- Fr. Ernest and the Pastoral Council invite those who participate in the Liturgical Ministries for a Reception in the parish hall on Wednesday, April 29th at 6:00 p.m. RSVP to the parish office.

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



The last concluding sessions for this Class 2025-2026 are scheduled for **Wednesdays, May 6th and 13th at 6:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. Please make plans to attend.

Fr. Ernest

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 benefactors will be on Wednesday, April 22 at 8:00 a.m. 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 p.m. at St. Sebastian Parish Hall.



WHO'S HUNGRY FOR PANCAKES?



Pancake Breakfast
 April 19, 2026
 After the 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM Masses
Adults \$10 - Kids \$5
 Includes pancakes, bacon, sausage, coffee, and juice.

Supported by the Saint Sebastian Men's Club & Saint Sebastian Council of Catholic Women

BIBLE SHARING

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

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**



PREGNANCY HELP CENTER WISHLISTS

Please have items sent to your nearest Pregnancy Help Center.

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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.**



LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY

We invite everyone to join us in **praying**

the **Rosary,**

Monday - Friday, at 7:50 a.m.
before daily Mass, in the main Church.

A Rosary a day keeps the devil away.

Fr. Ernest



SSCCW

INSTALLATION MASS

FRIDAY APRIL 10TH, 2026.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR THEIR FAITHFUL SERVICE.

MAY THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDE YOU IN YOUR CONTINUED DEVOTION TO OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

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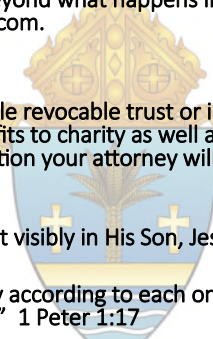
A charity can be the beneficiary of a relatively simple revocable trust or irrevocable trust. Other giving strategies using charitable trusts can provide benefits to charity as well as to your family or yourself. Visit www.adomgift.org to help you gather the information your attorney will need to plan for your future

STEWARDSHIP

God reveals His perfect and infinite love for us most visibly in His Son, Jesus Christ. A steward makes God's love visible by imitating Jesus.

"If you invoke as Father Him who judges impartially according to each one's works, conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning." 1 Peter 1:17

Jesus meets the need of each disciple. To the fearful in the upper room, He speaks words of peace. To doubt Thomas, He provides the tangible proof of His resurrection. What do I need to become His disciple? What do I have to share that might meet someone else's need?



Sunshine Strings Community Concert: Movies and More!

The Sunshine Strings will delight you with its talented young musicians, ages 9-18.

**Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 5:30 pm
In the Parish Hall**

Come enjoy an exciting concert featuring music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, Sting, and John Williams! Music includes Phantom of the Opera, Fields of Gold, Star Wars, Jurassic Park, Jaws and six other John Williams movie themes that you will know and love!
Free entry - All are Welcome

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