

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 24, 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

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Pastoral Council

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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.



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 HOLY SPIRIT: AN ADVOCATE WHO DWELLS IN US**Extract from "The Spirit, Giver of Life and Love" - by Pope John Paul II**

"The very unity of the Son with the Father, stressed also in other parts of John's Gospel, seems to open up to the apostles the path of revelation of the Holy Spirit as a Person.

Significantly, Christ's words which most directly relate to this topic are found in the farewell discourse in the upper room. Therefore they are made in light of the imminent departure of the Son who returns to the Father by means of the cross and the ascension. At that moment Jesus said: "I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth which the world cannot accept because it neither sees nor knows him" (Jn 14:16-17). Advocate-Paraclete: this name, given to the Holy Spirit by Jesus, shows that he is a Person, distinct from the Father and the Son. The Greek word Parakletos is always applied to a person, since it means advocate, defender, or consoler. (...)

In the farewell discourse, the Paraclete is called "the Spirit of truth" several times (cf. Jn 14:17). This title recognizes the mission which is given him regarding the apostles and the Church: "The Advocate the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name - he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I taught you" (Jn 14:26). "Teach," "remind"; these activities show well that the Spirit is a Person. Only a person can do them. The mission of preaching truth, entrusted to the apostles and the Church by Christ, is and will always remain bound to the personal activity of the Spirit of truth.

The same observation goes for the witness which must be rendered to Christ before the world. "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me" (Jn 15:26). Only a Person can bear witness to another person. The apostles will have to bear witness to Christ. Their testimony as human persons will be supported and confirmed by the testimony of a divine Person, the Holy Spirit. (...)

There is a close connection between the redemptive death of Christ on the cross and what he gave the apostles after his resurrection: "Receive the Holy Spirit; whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (Jn 20:22-23). This is the route through which the road leading to victory over evil passes, the evil which the Spirit of truth must constantly convict the world of.

All of these passages come from Jesus' discourse in the upper room and reveal the Holy Spirit as a Person subsisting in trinitarian unity with the Father and the Son. They show the mission in which he is closely linked to the redemption accomplished by Christ: "For if I do not go," passing from this world to the Father, "the Advocate will not come to you" (Jn 16:7). There are also other passages which are very significant in this regard.

Jesus announces that the Holy Spirit will come to "remain" with us: "I will pray to the Father and he will give you another Advocate that he may remain with you always" (Jn 14, 16) These words express the indwelling of the Holy Spirit as inner guest in people's hearts: in the heart of anyone among all the souls belonging to Christ who welcomes the Spirit. The Father and Son too come to "take up residence" in these souls (Jn 14:23). Therefore the whole Trinity is present in them, but, since this is a spiritual presence, that presence refers in a most direct way to the Person of the Holy Spirit."

Mass Intentions

<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>MAY 23</u>
5:00 pm	† Joan Fuccillo, by Family † Dolores Hesse Fink, by husband Jack † David Horney, by Donald Bourke † Arthur Fuccillo, by Bill Fuccillo
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MAY 24</u>
8:30 am	† Maria Abigail Tovar, by Gredys and Richard Grable † Alejandro Tarazona, by The Family † Ossi Pierotti, by Anna Marie Pierotti Wellbeing of Maryellen Maher, by Leo Carey
11:00 am	† Living & Deceased Members of our Parish
6:00 pm	† Rev. Harry Ringenberger
<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>MAY 25</u> <u>THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH</u>
8:30 am	† Brad Leal, by Joseph and Jennifer Borba
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>MAY 26</u> <u>SAINT PHILIP NERI-PRIEST</u>
8:30 am	† Charles McGarry, by Family
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>MAY 27</u> <u>ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY</u>
8:30 am	Wellbeing and Conversion of Harold Ryan, by Rossanna Ryan
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>MAY 28</u>
8:30 am	For Religious Vocations
<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>MAY 29</u> <u>ST. PAUL VI-POPE</u>
8:30 am	† Brad Leal, by Joseph and Jennifer Borba

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, Amen.

RCIA and FAITH FORMATION



Registrations will open in August, and Classes are scheduled to begin in September. 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.
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.

REMEMBER THE SICK

Fr. Liam Quinn, Suzanne Plum, Gail Mills, Jr., John Harris, Stephen Black, Alvaro Arevalo, Paul Ristow, Matt Keysers, 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, Lilia Garcia, Maria Badilla, Maryellen Maher.



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 April, 2026: served 941 clients, representing 2959 individuals. The Expenses were \$7628.67 This figure includes partial rent and utility requested, gift cards, and other operational costs.

God Bless you all

SAVE the DATE

• **RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY** invites everyone to pray the Rosary from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm at the Mosaic on the northwest side of the church on the following Saturdays: June 13, July 11, August 15, September 12, and October 10.

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.





MAY IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

We are all invited to make an effort to pray the Rosary daily during this month. At our church, we pray it daily, Monday to Friday at 7:50 am. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Peace. Pray for us!

As we Celebrate Pentecost, may the Holy Spirit inspire our prayers and renew our parish family with His peace, unity, and strength.

“And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues as the Spirit enable them to proclaim” (Acts 2:4)



The gifts of the
HOLY SPIRIT

Counsel: Helps us to discern what is right and wrong.

Wisdom: Helps us to see the world from God's point of view.

Piety: Helps us to love God and obey His laws out of love for him.

Fortitude: Helps us to overcome difficulties with faith.

Knowledge: Helps us to discover God's will in all things.

Understanding: Helps us to know more clearly the mysteries of faith.

Fear of the Lord: Helps us to desire to flee from sin and choose to please God.

ROSARY RALLY - May 16/26



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



SANDWICH MINISTRY



Hello Everyone,
Just a little reminder that we will not be meeting in June.

Lois Pittler: 561-307-2128
Thank you all and BLESS YOU!!

SUNDAY DONUTS & COFFEE



Coffee and Donuts after the 8:30 AM Sunday Mass.
Come and meet fellow parishioners.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

ABCD 2026

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit fills the disciples with courage, transforming them into bold witnesses of the Gospel. That same Spirit is alive in us, calling us to share our gifts with generosity and joy. The ABCD is one way we allow the Spirit to work through us, supporting ministries that bring hope, healing, and faith to our broader community. Let the Holy Spirit guide your generosity. Make a difference by donating at www.isupportABCD.com.

PLANNED GIVING:

Planned Giving reflects a Spirit-filled vision for the future, ensuring that the mission of the Church continues to flourish long after we are gone. When we give freely, we allow the Holy Spirit to work powerfully through us. Plan today to make a lasting impact. Visit www.adomgift.org, consult your financial advisor, or contact Katie Blanco Bourdeau at kblanco@theadom.org or 305-762-1053.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is our response to the Spirit's movement in our lives, recognizing that our gifts are meant to be shared for the good of all.

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different working but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Each of us has been given unique talents to share with others. Time and treasure are similar for everyone; they only differ in amounts. The gifts of our talents are the most personal aspect of our stewardship.



THANK YOU

FOR YOUR DONATION

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



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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).