

SUNDAY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY MAY 31, 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
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



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.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

My dear brothers and sisters, it is truly beautiful to celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Trinity, after having contemplated the mystery of our redemption through the Son and the coming of the Holy Spirit of the Father and the Son. In a way, we can say that we have the full picture and that we can take a moment to reflect on this amazing One God who revealed himself to us as Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit": That is how we start our Christian prayers and liturgies. Jesus himself taught us that God is our 'Father' and sent us the Holy Spirit from the Father. "The doctrine of the Trinity is the specifically Christian way of speaking of God. The doctrine of the Trinity, which stands at the center of Christian faith, summarizes the basic truth of Christianity: that people are saved by God through Jesus Christ [the Son] by the power of the Holy Spirit. The triune mystery of God is the central mystery of Christian faith and life, thus the doctrinal formulation about the nature of this God is the source of all other mysteries of the faith." (The HarperCollins Encyclopedia of Catholicism, art. on the Trinity).

The revelation of this mystery appears clearly in the Sacred Scriptures, both in the Old and the New Testament. But more so in the New Testament because Jesus taught us about the Father and the Holy Spirit. Jesus sent his apostles to baptize in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Mt. 28:19). Saint Paul likes to greet the Christian communities with the invocation of the Father and the Son, and in many instances mentions how the Holy Spirit is at work in us, filling us with God's Love (Rom 5:5; 8: 10-11,14-17; 1Co: 12-13, etc.). *"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all"* (2Co: 13:13). John's Gospel contains amazing statements on this: Jesus goes to the Father in order to send us the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete or Defender, the teacher, the Spirit of truth, etc. (Jn 14: 15-17, 26; 15: 26-27; 16: 6-15). In the same Gospel, Jesus declares that he is equal to the Father and one with the Father (Jn 5:19-27; 6: 8:13 & following; 10: 26 & following, etc.).

In the early Church, there were many discussions about the three Persons of the Holy Trinity, all of which led to several councils, especially Nicaea (325), Constantinople (381) and a few more after. Here is how Edmund J. Dobbin (OSA), summarized the conclusions of those councils (The New Dictionary of Theology, Editors Joseph A. Komonchak, Mary Collins and Dermot A. Lane, Dublin, 1990, Art. on Trinity):

"The Trinitarian Dogma. In effect the Council of Constantinople (381) canonized the basic logic of trinitarian predication provided by the Cappadocians. The Niceno-Constantinopolitan creed, reflecting Basil's doxological innovation, is essentially a reaffirmation of the doctrine of Nicaea with further elaboration on the status and role of the Holy Spirit. The creed itself does not explicitly apply the word homoousion to the Spirit and the actual documents of the Council have been lost (...) According to the respective formulations God is one power and substance (ousia, substantia), in three distinct persons (hypostaseis personae), and both the Son and the Spirit are of one identical substance (homoousion, unius substantiae) with the Father. While the terms in the two languages have different nuances, their intention here is basically the same. The dogma of Constantinople (381) has subsequently been received as binding on all churches of east and west, e.g., at Chalcedon (451)."

Enjoy the Blessed Trinity.

Father Ernest

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY MAY 30
 5:00 pm † Joan Fuccillo, by Family
 † Sister and Dr. Helen Bourke, by Donald Bourke
 † Arthur Fuccillo, by Francy and Family
 † Rita Kopecki, by Heather Kelleher
 † 10 year Anniversary of Frank Ryder, by Family

SUNDAY MAY 31
 8:30 am † Albertina Biondi, by Anna Marie Pierotti
 11:00 am † Living & Deceased Members of our Parish
 6:00 pm † Victor Ponce, by Family

**MONDAY JUNE 1 SAINT JUSTIN, Martir
 (Ninth Week in Ordinary Time)**
 8:30 am † Brad Leal, by Joseph and Jennifer Borba

TUESDAY JUNE 2 SAINTS MARCELLINUS AND PETER, MARTIRS
 8:30 am † Bill Loughran, by Judy Fisher

WEDNESDAY JUNE 3 ST. CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS
 8:30 am † Evelyn Jarchow, by Jarchow Family

THURSDAY JUNE 4
 8:30 am Wellbeing of Santiago Cardenas, by Family

FRIDAY JUNE 5 ST. BONIFACE, BISHOP AND MARTYR
 8:30 am † Brad Leal, by Joseph and Jennifer Borba
 Birthday Blessing of Jufir Layos,

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.

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.

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 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.



Are you concerned about someone else's drinking? **We can Help!**



Closed meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous for those who have a desire to stop drinking. Meetings are held every Monday, at 7:30 pm., at St. Sebastian Church Parish Hall.





Thank you Mother Mary for being our Mother and for protecting us!

"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen."



Prayer to THE HOLY TRINITY

O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God in three divine Persons, we adore You with profound reverence. We praise Your infinite goodness, Your perfect wisdom, and Your boundless love.

Through Christ, our Lord, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we humbly offer You our hearts, our minds, and our souls. May Your divine presence fill us with grace, strengthen our faith, and guide us in all our ways.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen!

WEEKDAY 8:30 AM MASS
IN THE CHAPEL OF THE DIVINE HEALER

LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY

We invite everyone to join us in praying the Rosary, Monday - Friday, at 7:50 am. before daily Mass. A Rosary a day keeps the devil away.
Fr. Ernest



BIBLE SHARING

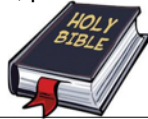
Join us every Thursday in the Parish Hall from 9:15 to 10:30 am.

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



FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

ABCD 2026

The Trinity reveals a God who is a perfect communion of love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are created in that image and called to live in unity, generosity, and self-giving love. Through the ABCD, we participate in a wider community of faith, joining together to support ministries that serve those in need and strengthen the Church. Thank you for supporting the ABCD. Make a difference by donating at www.isupportABCD.com.

PLANNED GIVING:

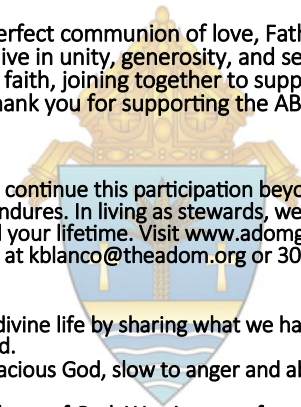
Planned Giving is a meaningful way to continue this participation beyond our lifetime, ensuring that our commitment to God and His people endures. In living as stewards, we reflect the love of the Trinity in the world. Extend your generosity beyond your lifetime. Visit www.adomgift.org speak with your financial advisor, or contact Katie Blanco Bourdeau at kblanco@theadom.org or 305-762-1053.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship invites us to reflect that divine life by sharing what we have with others, building stronger relationships within our parish and beyond.

"The Lord, the Lord, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness." Exodus 34:6

Stewardship is a response to the goodness of God. We give out of gratitude to a gracious God, not out of fear that God will be vengeful.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION

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



SUNDAY DONUTS & COFFEE



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

Come and meet fellow parishioners.

SANDWICH MINISTRY



Hello Everyone,
Just a little reminder that we will be meeting on Saturday, June 27, 2026 at 8:30 am. in the parish hall.
Lois Pittler: 561-307-2128
Thank you all and BLESS YOU!!

PRAYER TO AVERT HURRICANES

Father, all the elements of nature obey your commands. Protect us and all your people during this season of storms and hurricanes. Calm our fears and help us prepare our hearts as well as our homes. Help us see you in all we may encounter, and help us to minister to each other in your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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).