

SUNDAY
OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
JUNE 7, 2026

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

**"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him," says the Lord.**
John 6:57



Solemnity of
CORPUS CHRISTI

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4 pm—Confessions
Saturday 5 pm (Sunday Vigil)
Sunday 8:30 am, 11:00 am & 6:00 pm

Weekdays

8:30 am (Monday through Friday)

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Lunch: 1:00 pm—1:30 pm

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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.

THE EUCHARIST: THE PASCHAL BANQUET**EXTRACTS FROM THE CATHECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH #1382 to #1390**

The Mass is at the same time, and inseparably, the sacrificial memorial in which the sacrifice of the cross is perpetuated and the sacred banquet of communion with the Lord's body and blood. But the celebration of the Eucharistic sacrifice is wholly directed toward the intimate union of the faithful with Christ through communion. To receive communion is to receive Christ himself who has offered himself for us.

The altar, around which the Church is gathered in the celebration of the Eucharist, represents the two aspects of the same mystery: the altar of the sacrifice and the table of the Lord. This is all the more so since the Christian altar is the symbol of Christ himself, present in the midst of the assembly of his faithful, both as the victim offered for our reconciliation and as food from heaven who is giving himself to us. "For what is the altar of Christ if not the image of the Body of Christ?" asks St. Ambrose. He says elsewhere, "The altar represents the body [of Christ] and the Body of Christ is on the altar." The liturgy expresses this unity of sacrifice and communion in many prayers. Thus the Roman Church prays in its anaphora:

We entreat you, almighty God, that by the hands of your holy Angel
this offering may be borne to your altar in heaven in the sight of your divine majesty,
so that as we receive in communion at this altar the most holy Body and Blood of your Son,
we may be filled with every heavenly blessing and grace.

"Take this and eat it, all of you": communion

The Lord addresses an invitation to us, urging us to receive him in the sacrament of the Eucharist: "Truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you." (Jn 6:53)

To respond to this invitation we must prepare ourselves for so great and so holy a moment. St. Paul urges us to examine our conscience: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For any one who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself." (I Cor 11:27-29) Anyone conscious of a grave sin must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before coming to communion.

Before so great a sacrament, the faithful can only echo humbly and with ardent faith the words of the Centurion: "Domine, non sum dignus ut intres sub tectum meum, sed tantum dic verbo, et sanabitur anima mea" ("Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul will be healed."). And in the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom the faithful pray in the same spirit:

O Son of God, bring me into communion today with your mystical supper. I shall not tell your enemies the secret, nor kiss you with Judas' kiss. But like the good thief I cry, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

To prepare for worthy reception of this sacrament, the faithful should observe the fast required in their Church. Bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing) ought to convey the respect, solemnity, and joy of this moment when Christ becomes our guest.

It is in keeping with the very meaning of the Eucharist that the faithful, if they have the required dispositions, receive communion when they participate in the Mass. As the Second Vatican Council says: "That more perfect form of participation in the Mass whereby the faithful, after the priest's communion, receive the Lord's Body from the same sacrifice, is warmly recommended."

The Church obliges the faithful to take part in the Divine Liturgy on Sundays and feast days and, prepared by the sacrament of Reconciliation, to receive the Eucharist at least once a year, if possible during the Easter season. But the Church strongly encourages the faithful to receive the holy Eucharist on Sundays and feast days, or more often still, even daily.

Since Christ is sacramentally present under each of the species, communion under the species of bread alone makes it possible to receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace. For pastoral reasons this manner of receiving communion has been legitimately established as the most common form in the Latin rite. But "the sign of communion is more complete when given under both kinds, since in that form the sign of the Eucharistic meal appears more clearly." This is the usual form of receiving communion in the Eastern rites.

Father Ernest

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY JUNE 6

5:00 pm † Joan Fuccillo, by Family
 † Stephen Sjoblom, by Jarchow Family
 Wellbeing of Harold Gentry Ryan,
 by Rossanna Ryan

SUNDAY JUNE 7 CORPUS CHRISTI

8:30 am † Hugo Biondi, by Anna Marie Pierotti
 † Victor Ponce, by Fabiola Osorno
 † Isabel Odabashian, by son Edward Odabashian

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

6:00 pm † Alfred Chapman, by InterCruises Team

MONDAY JUNE 8

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

TUESDAY JUNE 9 SAINT EPHREM, DEACON AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

8:30 am Wellbeing of Taylor Ellis,
 by Grace Middlemiss

WEDNESDAY JUNE 10

8:30 am Wellbeing of Jim Hartman,
 by Grace Middlemiss

THURSDAY JUNE 11 SAINT BARNABAS, APOSTLE

8:30 am For Religious Vocations

FRIDAY JUNE 12 THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

8:30 am † Brad Leal, by Joseph and Jennifer Borba
 Wellbeing of The Kidd -Biondi Family,
 by Anna Marie Pierotti

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, Lilia Garcia, Maria Badilla, Maryellen Maher, Rick Morris, Richard Stockinger

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.

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



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.



LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY

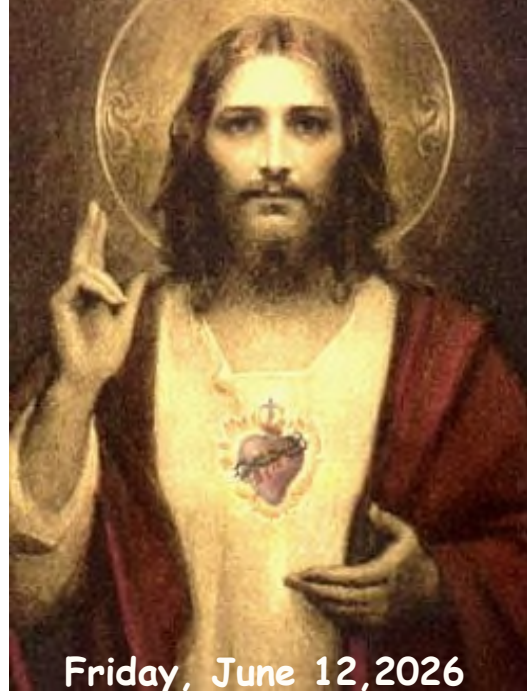
We invite everyone to join us in praying the Rosary, Monday - Friday, at 7:50 am. before daily Mass in the Chapel of the Divine Healer.



A Rosary a day keeps the devil away.

Fr. Ernest

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS



Friday, June 12, 2026

BIBLE SHARING

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

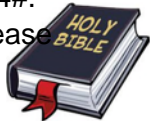
Now sharing about:

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**



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!

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

ABCD 2026

Together, we are one body in Christ, united through faith and generosity. Your support of the Archbishop's Charities and Development Drive (ABCD) helps provide hope, healing, and ministry to those most in need throughout our community. To make a gift and help build God's kingdom here on earth, please visit www.isupportABCD.com.

PLANNED GIVING:

The Eucharist reminds us that lasting gifts nourish generations. Consider creating a legacy of faith through a planned gift to support the Church's mission for years to come. Including the Archdiocese in your will, trust, or estate plans is a meaningful way to continue sharing Christ's love. To learn more, please visit www.adomgift.org.

STEWARDSHIP

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be fed by Christ and to feed others through our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure. Living generously strengthens both our community and our relationship with God. "Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf." (1 Corinthians 10:17)

The Eucharist reminds us that all we have is a gift from God. When we share our blessings with others through acts of generosity and service, we become living witnesses of Christ's love in the world.

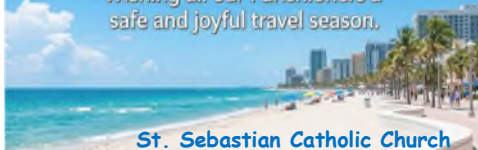
THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION

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



Welcome, Summer Visitors!

Wishing all our Parishioners a safe and joyful travel season.



St. Sebastian Catholic Church

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 BLESSINGS!!

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).