

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 14, 2026

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



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

Pastor

Rev. Ernest Biriruka

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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.

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, where-
in the gifts and talents of all -
young and old - are recognized,
nurtured and used to build the
Kingdom of God in the world.

"YOU SHALL BE TO ME A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS, A HOLY NATION" EX 19:6a

This is who we are: God's family, the Church. Jesus made of us the new family of God, by shedding his blood on the cross. St. Paul says that we are "justified" by Jesus' blood and therefore "safe from God's wrath"; "We were reconciled with God through the death of his Son" (Rom 5:9-10). Jesus instituted the twelve Apostles as the columns of His Church. The Church teaches us that we are One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

FROM THE CATHECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH #748 TO #757

"Christ is the light of humanity; and it is, accordingly, the heart-felt desire of this sacred Council, being gathered together in the Holy Spirit, that, by proclaiming his Gospel to every creature, it may bring to all men that light of Christ which shines out visibly from the Church." (Mk 16:15) These words open the Second Vatican Council's *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*. By choosing this starting point, the Council demonstrates that the article of faith about the Church depends entirely on the articles concerning Christ Jesus. The Church has no other light than Christ's; according to a favorite image of the Church Fathers, the Church is like the moon, all its light reflected from the sun.

The article concerning the Church also depends entirely on the article about the Holy Spirit, which immediately precedes it. "Indeed, having shown that the Spirit is the source and giver of all holiness, we now confess that it is he who has endowed the Church with holiness." The Church is, in a phrase used by the Fathers, the place "where the Spirit flourishes."

To believe that the Church is "holy" and "catholic," and that she is "one" and "apostolic" (as the Nicene Creed adds), is inseparable from belief in God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In the Apostles' Creed we profess "one Holy Church" (*Credo . . . Ecclesiam*), and not to believe in the Church, so as not to confuse God with his works and to attribute clearly to God's goodness all the gifts he has bestowed on his Church.

NAMES AND IMAGES OF THE CHURCH

The word "Church" (Latin *ecclesia*, from the Greek *ek-ka-lein*, to "call out of") means a convocation or an assembly. It designates the assemblies of the people, usually for a religious purpose. (Acts 19:39) *Ekklesia* is used frequently in the Greek Old Testament for the assembly of the Chosen People before God, above all for their assembly on Mount Sinai where Israel received the Law and was established by God as his holy people. By calling itself "Church," the first community of Christian believers recognized itself as heir to that assembly. In the Church, God is "calling together" his people from all the ends of the earth. The equivalent Greek term *Kyriake*, from which the English word Church and the German Kirche are derived, means "what belongs to the Lord."

In Christian usage, the word "church" designates the liturgical assembly, (1 Cor 11:18; 14:19,28,34,35) but also the local community (1 Cor 1:2; 16:1) or the whole universal community of believers. (1 Cor 15:9) These three meanings are inseparable. "The Church" is the People that God gathers in the whole world. She exists in local communities and is made real as a liturgical, above all a Eucharistic, assembly. She draws her life from the word and the Body of Christ and so herself becomes Christ's Body.

Symbols of the Church

In Scripture, we find a host of interrelated images and figures through which Revelation speaks of the inexhaustible mystery of the Church. The images taken from the Old Testament are variations on a profound theme: the People of God. In the New Testament, all these images find a new center because Christ has become the head of this people, which henceforth is his Body. (Eph 1:22) Around this center are grouped images taken "from the life of the shepherd or from cultivation of the land, from the art of building or from family life and marriage."

"The Church is, accordingly, a *sheepfold*, the sole and necessary gateway to which is Christ. It is also the flock of which God himself foretold that he would be the shepherd, and whose sheep, even though governed by human shepherds, are unfailingly nourished and led by Christ himself, the Good Shepherd and Prince of Shepherds, who gave his life for his sheep. (Jn 10:1-10)

"The Church is a *cultivated field*, the tillage of God. On that land the ancient olive tree grows whose holy roots were the prophets and in which the reconciliation of Jews and Gentiles has been brought about and will be brought about again(...). (Mt 21:33-43)

"Often, too, the Church is called the *building of God*. The Lord compared himself to the stone which the builders rejected, but which was made into the corner-stone. On this foundation the Church is built by the apostles and from it the Church receives solidity and unity. This edifice has many names to describe it: the house of God in which his family dwells; the household of God in the Spirit; the dwelling-place of God among men; and, especially, the *holy temple* (...). (Rev 21:1-2)

"The Church, further, which is called 'that Jerusalem which is above' and 'our mother', is described as the spotless spouse of the spotless lamb. It is she whom Christ 'loved and for whom he delivered himself up that he might sanctify her.' It is she whom he unites to himself by an unbreakable alliance, and whom he constantly 'nourishes and cherishes.'" (Gal 4:26)"

Father Ernest

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY JUNE 13

5:00 pm † Joan Fuccillo, by Family
 † Ossi Pierotti, by Anna Marie Pierotti
 † Viginia Potter, by Jarchow Family

SUNDAY JUNE 14

8:30 am † Richie Grable III, by Mom and Dad
 † Fink, Hesse, Roomey, and Ellis Family Members
 by Jack Fink

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

6:00 pm † Victor Ponce, by Fabiola Osorno

MONDAY JUNE 15

8:30 am † Brad Leal, by Joseph and Jennifer Borba
 † Grace and Murray Toomey,
 by Helen and Mary Toomey

TUESDAY JUNE 16

8:30 am Well-being of Lilia Garcia, by Family

WEDNESDAY JUNE 17

8:30 am † Msgr. James Fetscher

THURSDAY JUNE 18

8:30 am For Religious Vocations

FRIDAY JUNE 19 SAINT ROMUALD, ABBOT

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

SATURDAY JUNE 20

8:30 am † Joan Fuccillo, by Family
 † Dolores Hesse Fink, by Husband, Jack
 † Donato Montanaro, Jr. and Margaret Montanaro,
 by Donato Montanaro Sr.

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, 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 May, 2026: served 1106 clients, representing 3648 individuals. The Expenses were \$6,505.62 This figure includes partial rent and utility request-ed, gift cards, and other operational costs.

The Mass for past and present members and benefactors will be on Wednesday, June 17 at 8:00 am. At Blessed Sacrament Church. **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

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

ABCD 2026

Christ calls each of us to proclaim the Kingdom of Heaven through lives of compassion and service. Your gift to the ABCD supports ministries that bring Christ's love to families, students, the elderly, and those in need throughout South Florida. Make your impact today at www.isupportABCD.com.

PLANNED GIVING:

A planned gift is a powerful expression of faith and gratitude. Whether through a bequest, charitable gift annuity, or trust, your future gift can continue the mission of the Church for generations to come. For more information about planned giving opportunities, please visit www.adomgift.org.

STEWARDSHIP

God calls us into a loving relationship with Him now, not someday in the future. Stewardship is living with gratitude and urgency, recognizing that every moment and every gift can be used to share His love with others.

"As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'" (Matthew 10:7)

God has entrusted each of us with unique gifts and talents. Stewardship calls us to use these blessings faithfully to serve others and help spread the Good News each day.

Pilgrimage to
BEATIFICATION OF VENERABLE ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN
Sep 22 - 26, 2026
\$3,648 per person
From Fort Lauderdale (FLL)






Spiritual Director:
Fr. Luis Garcia

Contact Information: cteam@206tours.com (800) 206-8687
Book Now: www.206Tours.com/frgarcia
Booking code: LG092226

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#.

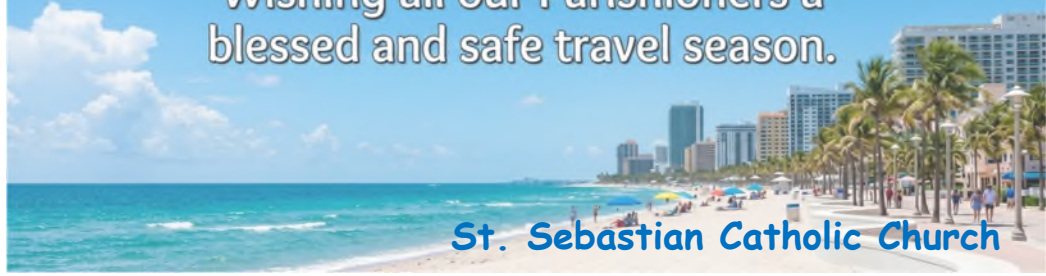
For more information, please contact **Miriam Rivas**



Welcome, Summer Visitors!

Wishing all our Parishioners a blessed and safe travel season.

St. Sebastian Catholic Church



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

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!!*

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR DONATION**

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



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).

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.

