

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 28 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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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Just stop by the office or call for arrangements.

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 last minute may be too late.**

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.

Registration form is available 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.

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

My dear brothers and sisters,

This weekend we continue to meditate on our life as disciples and witness of Jesus. When we were baptized, we renounced sin and Satan in order to live a new life in Jesus. In virtue of that Baptism and Confirmation, we share in the prophetic mission of our Lord.

Saint Paul expresses this new life with words that have become legendary in this chapter 6 of his Letter to the Romans: 'Baptized into Christ Jesus, we were baptized in his death.' We died to sin so as to live 'in newness of life.' If we have died in Christ, we shall live in a new life of the resurrection. This means to renounce to the views that are focused only on the glories and pleasures of this world.

In the Gospel passage today, from Mt 10, Jesus reminds us that we have to love him more than ourselves and our families. We have to choose him above all other persons and goods, take up our cross and follow him. Of course, Jesus knows that we need to love our family as well and take care of them and us. But what he wants us to understand is that we have to come out of that comfort zone in order to bear witness to him.

This week we can illustrate this with the lives of the two greatest apostles, Peter and Paul. Their feast is yearly celebrated on June 29, which will fall on this Monday this year. When Jesus called Peter and Andrew his brother who were fishermen at the 'sea of Galilee' they left everything and followed him; so, did James and John, the sons of Zebedee (Mt 4:18-22). But it took years of walking with Jesus and receiving the strength from the Holy Spirit for them to accept the supreme sacrifice of their life. Saint Paul, the one known as 'Saul' was a brilliant young man, a doctor of the Law, who was already known by the powerful chief priests of the Sanhedrin. He was so zealous of his faith that he obtained a mandate to arrest Christians everywhere and throw them in prison. But when Jesus appeared to him on his way to Damascus, everything changed. He started preaching the name of Jesus and the Good News, accepting all kinds of challenges and dangers without fear. In the end, his life which had been spent as 'a libation' was offered in supreme sacrifice. Both Peter and Paul died martyr in Rome, one crucified and the other beheaded.

So, what does that new life in Christ entails for me? What kind of changes do I need to make in my lifestyle? For instance, last weekend, I witnessed the training of two new lectors. These men listened to an announcement calling for service in our community and they made a step forward in order to help. Another weekend we were talking of termite damage and repairs in the Parish Center and in the rectory, and this family wrote a check of \$1,000.00 to help. So, this is to say that when God speaks to us, we should always be attentive and to see in which way we can respond to his message.

As said earlier, our Baptism means a new life in Christ. And clearly, a life in Jesus requires better and more knowledge about our faith. For instance, what do you know of the Word of God? Have you read the Bible? Have you read anything in the Catechism of the Catholic Church? You may start with reading at least the New Testament in order to know more the teachings of Jesus and the apostles. Yes, a new life in Christ not only excludes sinful ways of life but also ignorance in matters of our religion. It is also about prayer life and works of charity.

Finally, there are also hidden sacrifices that we are called to make: the cross we have to bear personally. Maybe it is about that chronic suffering which we need to offered together with Jesus' cross; maybe it concerns that extraordinary effort we make to come to Mass. Maybe we endure criticism from our family and friends because of our faith. What is the cross that I have to carry when I follow Jesus? Remember his words, "(...) anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it" (Mt 10:39).

Father Ernest

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY 5:00 pm	JUNE 27 Father's Day Novena † Joan Fuccillo, by Family
SUNDAY 8:30 am	JUNE 28 Father's Day Novena † Robert Welch, by Darryl & Charles Roukema
11:00 am	† Living & Deceased Members of our Parish
6:00 pm	Father's Day Novena † Pedro Jose Cruz & Leonarda Rojas, by Pedro Cruz
MONDAY 8:30 am	JUNE 29 ST. PETER & ST. PAUL APOSTLES Father's Day Novena
TUESDAY 8:30 am	JUNE 30 † Brad Leal, by Joseph and Jennifer Borba † Margaret Montanaro, by Donato Montanaro † Larry Biondi, by Anna Marie Pierotti
WEDNESDAY 8:30 am	JULY 1 ST. JUNIPERO SERRA Wellbeing of Peggy DeMatteis, by SSCCW
THURSDAY 8:30 am	JULY 2 For Religious Vocations, by Francy
FRIDAY 8:30 am	JULY 3 ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE (THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED) † Bill Loughran, by Anna Marie Pierotti † Brad Leal, by Joseph and Jennifer Borba
SATURDAY 5:00 pm.	JULY 4th HAPPY 4th of JULY HAPPY 250th ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE † Joan Fuccillo, by Family † Hanna and Rebecca Lawrence by Mimi Bauer Wellbeing of Layos Family, 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.

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 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



"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 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: 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.



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



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

For more information, please contact **Miriam Rivas** at **954-673-1522**



NO ADORATION AFTER MASS on FRIDAY, JULY 3rd



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

Welcome, Summer Visitors!

Wishing all our Parishioners a blessed and safe travel season.

St. Sebastian Catholic Church

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION

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JUNE 29th – THE APOSTLES SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL



FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

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STEWARDSHIP

True stewardship requires trust and sacrifice. Christ invites us to surrender our gifts, talents, and resources to Him so that His work may continue through us in service to others. "…whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." (Matthew 10:38) Following Christ requires sacrifice, trust, and commitment. Through faithful stewardship, we offer our lives back to God in gratitude for the many blessings He has given us.

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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.