

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 19, 2026

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



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!

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Weekdays

8:30 am (Monday through Friday)

OFFICE : SUMMER HOURS

Monday , Tuesday 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Wednesday Closed

Thursday, Friday 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Weekends Closed

Pastor

Rev. Ernest Biruka

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Fabiola Osorno

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Johnny Mann, Jr.

Sandi Mann

Ed Rebholz

The Kingdom of God

Jesus compares the kingdom of God to a man who sows the good seed but the enemy sows weeds; they will grow together until harvest time. The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed; it will grow into a large tree; the kingdom of God is like yeast in wheat flour, it will make the dough rise. Here is an extract of St John Paul II on the kingdom of God. (*The Church A Catechesis on the Creed John Paul II page 54-55*)

"The kingdom of God is thus identified with the kingdom of Christ. It is present in him; it is realized in him. It passes from him, on his own initiative, to the apostles, and through them to all those who will believe in him: " I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father has conferred one on me" (Lk 22:29).

It is a kingdom which consists in the spread of Christ himself through the world, through human history, as a new life which comes from him and is communicated to believers in virtues of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, whom he sends (cf. Jn 1:16; 7:38-39; 15:26; 16:7).

The messianic kingdom realized by Christ in the world is revealed and shows its precise and definitive meaning in the context of his passion and death on the cross. During Christ's entrance into Jerusalem an event occurred, which he has planned and which Matthew presents as a fulfillment of a prophetic prediction made by Zechariah about the "king who comes to you riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden" (Zech 9:9; Mt 21:5). In the prophet's mind, in Jesus' intention and in the evangelist's interpretation, the ass means meekness and humility. Jesus was the meek and humble king who entered the city of David, where he fulfilled the prophecies about the true messianic kingship by his own sacrifice.

The kingship is clarified during the questioning Jesus underwent before the judgment seat of Pilate. The accusations made against Jesus were that "He misleads the people; he opposes the payment of taxes to Caesar and maintains that he is the Messiah, a king" (Lk 23:2). Therefore, Pilate asked the accused if he was a king. Jesus replied: "My Kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here". The evangelist states: "So Pilate said to him, ' Then you are a king?' Jesus answered, ' You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice'" (Jn 18:36-37).

This declaration concludes all the ancient prophecies which flow through Israel's history and which become a fact and a revelation in Christ. The words of Jesus enable us to catch the flashes of light which streak through the darkness of the mystery condensed in the three terms: kingdom of God, messianic kingdom, People of God called together in the Church. Along this path of prophetic and messianic light, we can better understand and repeat, with clearer comprehension of the words, the prayer Jesus taught us (Mt 6:10): "Thy kingdom come. "It is the kingdom of the Father, which entered the world with Christ; it is the messianic kingdom which develops through the work of the Holy Spirit in man and in the world, in order to return to the heart of the Father in the glory of heaven".

Fr. Ernest

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY

5:00 pm.

JULY 18 Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest

† Joan Fuccillo, by Family
† Dolores Hesse Fink, by husband Jack
Wellbeing of Layos Family,
by Joseph and Jennifer Borba

SUNDAY

8:30 am

JULY 19

† Esperanza Vega de Aranibar Diaz,
by Rossanna Ryan
Wellbeing of Sherry Lane and Alex
Saint Surin, by Maite Saint Surin

11:00 am

† Living & Deceased Members of our Parish

6:00 pm

Wellbeing of Doleen Borba,
by Joseph and Jennifer Borba

MONDAY

8:30 am

JULY 20 Saint Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr

† Brad Leal, by Joseph and Jennifer Borba

TUESDAY

8:30 am

JULY 21 Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest

Wellbeing of Joan Borba,
by Joseph and Jennifer Borba

WEDNESDAY

8:30 am

JULY 22 Saint Magdalene

† Orestes Gutierrez by Johnny & Sandi Mann
Well-being of Jennifer Borba,
by Family

THURSDAY

8:30 am

JULY 23 Saint Bridget, Religious

Birthday Blessings of Peter Pierotti,
by Anna Marie Pierotti
For Religious Vocations, by Francys

FRIDAY

8:30 am

JULY 24 Saint Sharbel Makhlof, Priest

† Brad Leal, by Joeph and Jennifer Borba

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, Sean Ennis, William Hirsch, Gary Demberg, Lawrence Biondi S.J., Angela Cowherd, 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, Edward Heyden, Loretta Polizano.

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).

SAINTS' CORNER:

07/20: **St. Apollinaris**: 1st century. Ordained by St. Peter. Fist bishop of Ravenna and martyr.

07/21: **St. Laurence of Brindisi** (+1619): capable in languages and in the Bible, deputed for the conversion of the Jews, then sent to reform the Capuchins in Germany, Prague, Viena and Gorizia; political and military influence; appointed Nuncio; contemplative life in his retirement; made Doctor of the Church by pope John XXIII. Known for his sermons and commentary of the Bible.

07/22: **St. Mary Magdalene**: healed of possession and faithful disciple of Jesus, witness of his death and resurrection; sent to announce the good news of the resurrection to the apostles.

07/23: **St. Bridget of Sweden** (+1373), mother of eight, mystic and founder of the Order of the Holy Savior; worked for the Pope's return from Avignon to Rome; co-patroness of Europe.

07/24: **St. Charbel Makhlof**: Lebanese Maronite, mystic and hermit. Canonized in 1977.

07/24: **St. James Apostle**, "the Greater", 1st of the apostles to be martyred in 44 by Herod Agrippa; venerated at Compostela (Spain).

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.

ST VINCENT de PAUL



During the month of June (4 Fridays), we served 830 clients representing 2684 individuals. Our expenses for the month were \$4386.63. This figure includes partial rent and utility requests, gift cards to Publix, and other operational costs. The incredible generosity (both financial and food) from so many individuals, parishes, and businesses as well as a dedicated team of volunteers allow our program to serve such a large number of needy people in our local community. The summer months can be challenging with the intense heat and a reduced volunteer team due to several being "snow birds" and others taking vacation time. Each month we have a Mass said for past and present members and benefactors. The next one will be on Wednesday, July 22 at 8:00 AM at Blessed Sacrament Church. Please join us if you are able. Pat Burke

"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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI NEWS**JULY 19: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

ABCD God's patience and mercy are reflected through the ministries supported by the ABCD. Your generosity helps provide compassionate care, spiritual guidance, and essential services to those seeking hope and healing. Together, we help reveal God's love and mercy to our community. Together, we can make a difference by donating to www.isupportABCD.com.

Stewardship calls us to imitate God's patience and generosity. As we share our gifts with others, we become instruments of His mercy and help build a stronger community of faithfully 2026

A planned gift is a powerful way to ensure that the seeds of faith you have cultivated during your lifetime continue to grow for generations to come. Your legacy can help sustain the Church's ministries and outreach efforts far into the future.

For more information about giving opportunities or to discuss planned giving options, please contact the Development Office Katie Blanco Bourdeau or visit the Archdiocese's website at www.adomgift.org.



PLEASE JOIN US IN THANKING Cathy Spitzer Cantor of St. Sebastian

The St. Sebastian Council of Catholic Women is hosting a reception to thank Cathy Spitzer for her contributions as our cantor and to wish her well in her new journey as a student pursuing her doctorate. We invite everyone to show their appreciation for Cathy by attending the reception with a greeting card or a monetary gift. Please join us for a continental breakfast in the Parish Hall on Sunday, July 26th, between the 8:30am and 11:00am Masses, from 9:30am to 10:30am.

Parish News & Ministries

SANDWICH MINISTRY: Hello Everyone, **WE WILL NOT BE MAKING SANDWICHES DURING JULY.** Lois Pittler: 561-307-2128 Thank you all and have a blessed summer!

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

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

Pilgrimage to
**BEATIFICATION OF VENERABLE
ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN**
Sep 22 - 26, 2026
\$3,648 per person
From Fort Lauderdale (FL)
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Book Here:
www.206tours.com/lrgarcia
Building Code: 10001246

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

Welcome, Summer Visitors!

Wishing all our Parishioners a
blessed and safe travel season.



**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR DONATION**

You may use this
QR code to donate

**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.



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.