

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 2, 2026

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



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

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JESUS NOURISHES THE CROWDS

When Jesus saw the crowds that were following him, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick. They were hungry and he gave them food. That is how God cares for humanity. Should we not care for one another in the same way?.

Cardinal Robert Sarah warns us against dangers of "Hatred, Ridicule, and Cynicism." Extracts from his book, *The Day is Now Far Spent* (page 214-217).

Nicolas Diat: how do you view the various twentieth- century forms of totalitarianism and their posthumous children?

Cardinal Robert Sarah: "The past century had the misfortune of experiencing the most horrible political regimes and ideological systems. We know how Communism and Nazism shattered the lives of millions of persons.

In my country, Guinea, we lived for a long time under the Marxist dictatorship of Sekou Toure. Our people experienced the loss of freedom, the extortions of the political police, hunger, and poverty.

Arbitrary arrests, deportation to torture camps, and summary trials were parts of everyday life. What rivers of tears and blood inundated Guinean families! Not one was spared by the dictatorship and the political and ideological violence.

Totalitarianism spread like wildfire over all the continents. The totalitarian regimes destroyed man, crushed the faith and cultural values. Trampled on human freedoms and dignity, whereas their ambition was to change man.

The Nazi regime, in particular, imagined that it would give rise to a flawless race, a master race. Its intention to exterminate the Jewish people, God's chosen people, left a brand mark on the entire history of humanity.

In the twenty-first century, totalitarianism has a more pernicious face. Its name is the idolatry of complete and absolute freedom, which is manifested on its most aggressive forms in gender ideology and transhumanism. Nazism, Fascism, and Communism have terrible successors. We are talking about new ideologies that deny human dignity and promote abortion and euthanasia, but also about Islamist fanaticism, which kills to establish a reign of terror. Some clues allow us to discern the same demonic origins of these movements. We see in them one and the same hatred of man, one and the same destructive pride.

Considering the current historical context, it is urgent for the church, through the voice of her leaders, to make known to everyone, definitively, the Creator's will concerning man, the family, marriage, the sacredness of and respect for the human person. How many persons of goodwill would join in with such a splendid act of courage by the Church!

The atheistic ideology of the twentieth century intended to detach man from God. the new ideologies now hope to mutilate and control his nature. Man dreamed up his own earthly paradise. It was a bitter failure. Now he wants to change his own human nature.

John Paul II fought with all his might in favor of the fall of Communism. The Church must now protect the weakest persons from the madness of transhumanism and from gender ideology, with which the capitalist and liberal forces seem to be perfectly satisfied.

Our era seems divided between ridicule and cynicism.

The opposite of ridicule is always found in the sacred. Indeed, ridicule aims to defile, to crush, and to humiliate; it frees itself from all respect. On the contrary, the sacred implies deference and silence. The deification of ridicule inevitably leads to barbarity. On this subject I agree with the analysis that Chantal Delsol provides in her book *La Haine du monde*:

Using sarcasm and destroying someone's reputation, self-esteem, and soul, so to speak, can prove to be more serious and cruel than using outright violence. For the scars of the soul often leave a deeper mark than the scars of the body. Similarly, trivializing a behavior that was formerly considered seriously wrong makes it possible to rearrange the hierarchy of values more surely than any physical threat.

I am convinced that the battle for civilization involves not using the weapons of evil. We must beware of ridicule. The good advances in silence. Christians and people of goodwill must not enter into a logic of struggle to own the media space. The true battle takes place in our hearts. A conscience that silently respects the Mystery of God and of man effectively thwarts the shouts of the ideologues in the media.

The Church is the only voice defending an authentic humanism. The Church is the last rampart, the only sure defense of man and of his dignity. "

Fr. Ernest

Mass Intentions

Saturday
5:00 pm.

August 1
† Joan Fuccillo, by Family
For the conversion of Harold Sentry Ryan,
by Rossanna Ryan
Wellbeing of Layos Family,
by Joseph and Jennifer Borba

Sunday
8:30 am

August 2
† John Koons, by Rosie Koons
† Marlene Maria Fernandez,
by Sajdera Family
† María Dolores Lopez, by Sajdera Family

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

August 3
† Brad Leal, by Joseph and Jennifer Borba
Wellbeing of Jean King,
by Grace Middlemiss

Tuesday
8:30 am

August 4
Wellbeing of Joan Borba,
by Joseph and Jennifer Borba

Wednesday
8:30 am

August 5
Wellbeing of Jennifer Borba,
by Family

Thursday
8:30 am

August 6
† Abdalla Hamawy, by Mona Hamawy
For Religious Vocations, by Francy

Friday
8:30 am

August 7
† Brad Leal, by Joseph and Jennifer Borba

REMEMBER THE SICK

Fr. Liam Quinn, Suzanne Plum, Jr., John Harris, Stephen Black, Alvaro Arevalo, Paul Ristow, , 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 Albello, 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

-08/01 **St. Alphonsus Liguori**: +1787, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. He was a lawyer by profession, and master of Moral Theology (practically the founder of modern moral theology). Founded the Redemptorists; patron of lawyers.

-08/02 **Saint Eusebius of Vercelli**, (+371) Bishop. Defender of the faith against Arianism.

St. Peter Julian Eymard (+1868), joined the Marists, fostering the Adoration of the Holy Eucharist; he founded the Order of the Priests of the Blessed Sacrament.

-08/04: **St. John Marie Vianney** +1859. Pastor of Ars in France. Lived of mortification and prayer, preaching and confessing long hours in Ars. Patron of Priests.

-08/05: **Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major**, as the first major Church dedicated to Mary, Mother of God, following the conclusions of the Council of Ephesus in 431.

-08/06 **The Transfiguration of the Lord**, feast. Jesus manifested his divine glory in anticipation to his resurrection.

-08/07: **St. Sixtus II**, Pope (+257) and companions, martyrs. **St. Cajetan** +1547, Priest, reformer of prayer life.

08/08: **St. Dominic de Guzman** (+1221), devoted preacher, founder of the Dominicans, promoter of the Rosary prayer

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



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, "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.



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PARISH EVENTS AND DATES
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ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI NEWS

August 2: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ABCD : The ABCD unites us as one Catholic family throughout the Archdiocese of Miami. Your generosity strengthens ministries that form future priests, educate our youth, care for those in need, and bring the hope of Christ to our community. Every gift, no matter the amount, makes a lasting difference. Thank you for supporting the mission of the Church. Learn more or make your gift today at www.isupportABCD.com.

Planned Giving: A planned gift is a meaningful way to express your faith and provide lasting support for the ministries that have enriched your life. Through a bequest in your will, trust, or retirement plan, you can help ensure that the Church continues serving future generations. To learn more about creating your Catholic legacy, visit www.adomgift.org.

Stewardship: Every moment is a gift from God. How do we use the hours He has given us? Consider volunteering in our parish ministries, spending time in prayer and worship, or simply being present to those who need our care and attention.

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." LUKE 12:15

Parish News & Ministries

RCIA and FAITH FORMATION

Registrations will open in August, and Classes are scheduled to begin on **August 19** with an introductory meeting at 6pm in the Parish Hall.

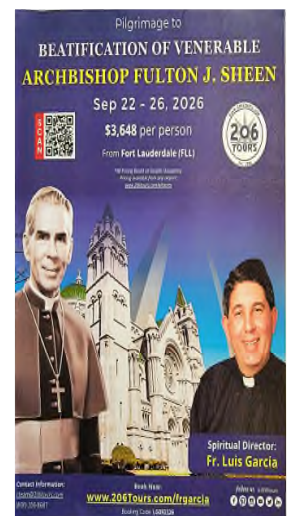
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SANDWHICH MINISTRY: *Hello Everyone, **OUR NEXT MINISTRY GATHERING WILL BE ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH, 2026*** Lois Pittler: 561-307-2128 *Thank you all and have a blessed summer!*

BIBLE SHARING Every Thursday in the Parish Hall from **9:15 to 10:30** 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

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,**

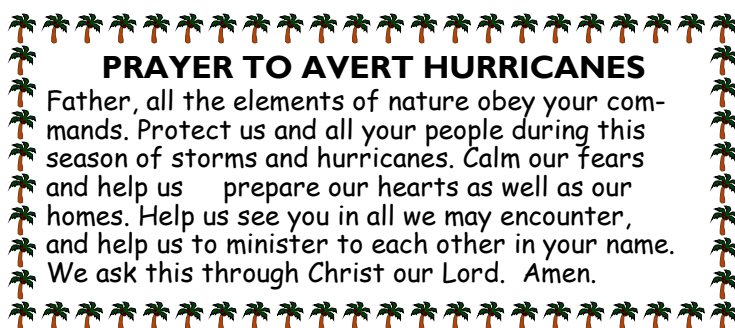


**WEEKDAY MASS 8:30 AM
IN THE CHAPEL OF THE
DIVINE HEALER**

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR DONATION**

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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.



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.