

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 9, 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

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"O YOU OF LITTLE FAITH, WHY DID YOU DOUBT?"

We, the baptized, need to stay strong in our faith, which is the light that guides us, and the strength that sustains us in all situations and dangers. Here, again, is a meditation of Cardinal Robert Sarah on "The Light of Faith." (Extract from The Day is Now Far Spent pgs. 27-28)

'The light of faith is unique, since it is capable of illuminating every aspect of human existence. A light this powerful cannot come from ourselves but from a more primordial source: in a word, it must come from God. Faith is born of an encounter with the living God who calls us and reveals his love, which precedes us and upon which we can lean for security and for building our lives. Transformed by this love, we gain fresh vision, new eyes to see; we realize that it contains a great promise of fulfilment, and that a vision of the future opens up before us. Faith, received from God as a supernatural gift, becomes a light for our way, guiding our journey through time... We come to see that faith does not dwell in shadow and gloom; it is a light for our darkness.'

A man deprived of the light of faith resembles an orphan, or, as we said earlier, he resembles someone who never knew either his father or his mother. It is sad and dehumanizing to have neither father nor mother. For the first Christians, the faith, being an encounter with the living God manifested in Christ Jesus, was a "mother" because it brought them to the light, it engendered in them the divine life, a new experience, a luminous vision of life for which one had to be ready to give public witness even to the shedding of one's blood, even to death.

But it is necessary to stress with sufficient insistence that faith is inseparably connected with conversion. It is a break with our life of sin, with the idols and all the "golden calves" of our own making so as to return to the living, true God through an encounter that throws us from our horse and turns us completely upside down. The encounter with God is terrifying and pacifying at the same time. To believe means to entrust oneself to God and to his merciful love, a love that always welcomes and forgives, sustains and orients life, and proves powerful in its ability to straighten out the distortions in our story. Faith consists of the willingness to let ourselves be transformed again and again by the call of this God, who constantly repeats these words to us: "Return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and tear your hearts and not your garments." Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful" (Joel 2:12-13)

Fr. Ernest

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. **Fr. Ernest**

Mass Intentions

Saturday
5:00 pm.

August 8

† Joan Fuccillo, by family
† Grace & Murray Toomey,
by Helen and Mary L. Toomey
† Haiden Lee Nicoles,
by Amy Carroll and Frank Krauser

Sunday
8:30 am

August 9

† Fernando Tarazona,
by Gredys and Richard Grable
† Marlene Maria Fernandez,
by Sajdera Family

11:00 am

† Living & Deceased Members of our Parish

6:00 pm

Monday
8:30 am

August 10

† Brad Leal by Jennifer and Joseph Borba
Happy Feast Day of Lawrence Biondi,
by Anna Marie Pierotti

Tuesday

August 11

† Elaine Riley by Karen & Gary Bellows
Wellbeing of Jamal Branch,
by Mary Trontz
Wellbeing of Matt Kinder by Mary Trontz

8:30 am

Wednesday
8:30 am

August 12

† Matt Keyzers, by Judy Fisher

Thursday
8:30 am

August 13

† Florence Sajdera, by Sajdera Family
Birthday Blessings for Peter Kidd,
by Anna Marie Pierotti

Friday
8:30 am

August 14

† Brad Leal, by Jennifer and Joseph Borba

Saints' Corner

-08/10: **St. Lawrence:** Deacon and martyr (+258) One of the companions of Pope Sixtus. He took care of the material needs of the Church in Rome; was tortured with fire under Valerian.

-08/11: **St. Clare of Assisi,** Virgin (+1253). She imitated St. Francis in following God and living in Poverty. Founder of the 'Poor Clares', Patroness of Assisi: she saved the city from invaders by placing the Blessed Sacrament on the window of the monastery, facing the enemy and they invaders run away.

08/12: **St. Jane Frances de Chantal,** Religious (+1641), married to the Baron of Chantal, mother of six children. Once a widow, she dedicated her life to prayer and the poor. Founded the Order of Visitation (to the Bld. Sacrament) under the guidance of St. Francis de Sales.

08/13: **St. Pontian,** Pope and **St. Hippolytus,** priest, both martyrs (+235), under emperor Maximus Thrax.

08/14: **St. Maximilian Kolbe** (+1941), Priest and Martyr, Franciscan devoted to the Bld. Virgin Mary, gave his life in exchange of that of a family man in Auschwitz concentration camp.

08/15: **The Assumption** into heaven of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Made a solemnity after Pope Pius XII defined (in 1950) the Dogma of her Assumption, body and soul, into heavenly glory.

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.



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.



July was a very challenging month for our food distribution program due to extreme heat and heavy summer storms. We were closed for the July 4th holiday (no truck deliveries), but were open 4 Fridays when we served 884 clients representing 2847 individuals. Our expenses for the month were \$15,382.64. This figure is significantly higher than usual because we gave Publix gift cards to all of our registered clients during the last week of June. This was in addition to rents, utilities, etc. for several people with serious emergency needs as well as our usual operational expenses. The incredible generosity (both financial and food) from so many individuals, parishes, and businesses as well as a dedicated team of volunteers allow us to continue to provide this ministry. We are very grateful for the spiritual and material support.

Each month we have a Mass said for past and present members and benefactors. The next one will be on Wednesday, August 19 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

August 9: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ABCD :Faith calls us to step beyond our comfort zones and trust in God's providence. Through the ABCD, your generosity supports ministries that accompany individuals and families with hope, compassion, and the love of Christ. Together, we continue building a vibrant Church that serves all. Support the ABCD today at www.isupportABCD.com.

Planned Giving :One of the greatest gifts you can leave your loved ones is the witness of your faith. By including the Archdiocese of Miami or one of its ministries in your estate plan, you create a legacy that reflects your Catholic values for generations to come. Visit www.adomgift.org for more information.

Stewardship: As His disciples, we are called to be living extensions of this divine sustenance, sharing our gifts so that others may experience the abundance of God's love.

Bethlehem ART will be at our Parish on August 29 & 30



We will host representatives of the Catholic Christian Community from Jerusalem and Bethlehem in the Holy Land who will be displaying handcrafted olive wood religious figurines and articles. Due to the political conflict and the reduction of tourism, the Catholic Community has come to depend more on the sale of these articles abroad to survive and to keep their faith and Christian presence in the holy land , The woodcarvings are beautiful and reflect faith and love for the Lord.

Please consider purchasing a gift that will be remembered and cherished for yourself or someone dear to you. The handcrafted olive w religious figurines and articles will be available for purchase **after all the weekend Masses.**

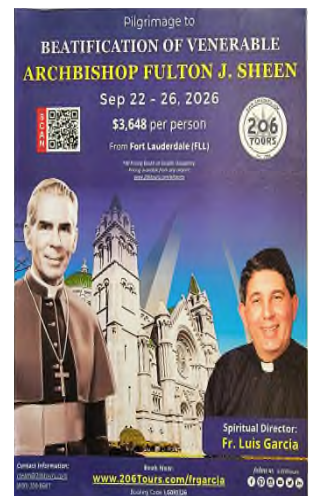
Parish News & Ministries

SANDWICH 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 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

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.



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

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).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION



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.**