

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 30, 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: TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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CALLED TO HOLINESS

*"Who ever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it".
(Mt 16: 24-25)*

***Extracts from The Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation,
The Lay Members of Christ's Faithful People (Christifideles Laici).
Called to Holiness Article 16***

We come to a full sense of the dignity of the lay faithful if we consider *the prime and fundamental vocation* that the Father assigns to each of them in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit: the vocation to holiness, that is, the perfection of charity. Holiness is the greatest testimony of the dignity conferred on a disciple of Christ.

The Second Vatican Council has significantly spoken on the universal call to holiness. It is possible to say that this call to holiness is precisely the basic charge entrusted to all the sons and daughters of the Church by a Council which intended to bring a renewal of Christian life based on the gospel. This charge is not a simple moral exhortation, but an *undeniable requirement arising from the mystery of the Church: she is the choice vine*, whose branches live and grow with the same holy and life-giving energies that come from Christ; she is the Mystical Body, whose members share in the same life of holiness of the Head who is Christ; she is the Beloved Spouse of the Lord Jesus, who delivered himself up for her sanctification (cf. *Eph 5:25 ff.*). The Spirit that sanctified the human nature of Jesus in Mary's virginal womb (cf. *Lk 1:35*) is the same Spirit that is abiding and working in the Church to communicate to her the holiness of the Son of God made man.

It is ever more urgent that today all Christians take up again the way of gospel renewal, welcoming in a spirit of generosity the invitation expressed by the apostle Peter "to be holy in all conduct" (*1 Pt 1:15*). The 1985 Extraordinary Synod, twenty years after the Council, opportunely insisted on this urgency: "Since the Church in Christ is a mystery, she ought to be considered the sign and instrument of holiness... Men and women saints have always been the source and origin of renewal in the most difficult circumstances in the Church's history. Today we have the greatest need of saints whom we must assiduously beg God to raise up".

Everyone in the Church, precisely because they are members, receive and thereby share in the common vocation to holiness. In the fullness of this title and on equal par with all other members of the Church, the lay faithful are called to holiness: "All the faithful of Christ of whatever rank or status are called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of charity"^[43]. "All of Christ's followers are invited and bound to pursue holiness and the perfect fulfillment of their own state of life".

The call to holiness is *rooted in Baptism* and proposed anew in the other Sacraments, principally in the *Eucharist*. Since Christians are reclothed in Christ Jesus and refreshed by his Spirit, they are "holy". They therefore have the ability to manifest this holiness and the responsibility to bear witness to it in all that they do. The apostle Paul never tires of admonishing all Christians to live "as is fitting among saints" (*Eph 5:3*).

Life according to the Spirit, whose fruit is holiness (cf. *Rom 6:22; Gal 5:22*), stirs up every baptized person and requires each to *follow and imitate Jesus Christ*, in embracing the Beatitudes, in listening and meditating on the Word of God, in conscious and active participation in the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church, in personal prayer, in family or in community, in the hunger and thirst for justice, in the practice of the commandment of love in all circumstances of life and service to the brethren, especially the least, the poor and the suffering.

FR. ERNEST



JOKE OF THE WEEK : A journalist asked Saint John XXIII (Pope from 1958 – 1963) how many people work in the Vatican. The pope paused, thought for a bit and replied, "About half of them."

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Mass Intentions

Saturday

5:00 pm.

August 29

† Joan Fuccillo, by family
† Dr. Jairo Casas, by Gloria Gruebele
Birthday blessings for Atina Marquart,
by Anna Marie Pierotti

Sunday

8:30 am

August 30

† Richard Grable Sr.,
by Richard and Gredys Grable
† Matt Keyzers

11:00 am

Living & † Deceased Members of our Parish

6:00 pm

† Kevin Hogan by the Fuccillo Family

Monday

8:30 am

August 31

† Brad Leal, by Jennifer and Joseph Borba
† Donato Montanaro Jr., by his Father Donato

Tuesday

8:30 am

September 1

† Ellie Duvall, by Helen & Mary Louise
Toomey
† Liz Hastings, by Helen & Mary Louise
Toomey
Wellbeing of Loretta Polizano

Wednesday

8:30 am

September 2

† Msgr. James Fetscher
† Paul Rizzo, by Grace Middlemiss
Wellbeing of Georgiana, by Grace Middlemiss

Thursday

8:30 am

September 3 St. Gregory the Great

† Victor Ponce, by Fabiola Osorno

Friday

8:30 am

September 4

† Brad Leal, by Jennifer and Joseph Borba

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.

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, Johanna Donson and Linda Schaan.

Saints' Corner

-09/03: St. Gregory the Great,

Born around 540 AD in Rome to a wealthy and devout family. Served as the chief magistrate or prefect of Rome by age 30. Resigned his political office, turned his family home into a monastery, and lived as a Benedictine monk. First Monk Elected pope in 590 AD, making him the first monk to ascend to the papacy. He led Church reform by removing corrupt priests, used church funds to feed the poor, and helped victims of plague and famine.

-09/05: St. Theresa of Calcutta,

Saint Teresa of Calcutta, commonly known as Mother Teresa, was an Albanian-Indian Roman Catholic nun who founded the **Missionaries of Charity** and devoted her life to serving the poorest of the poor. Spent 17 years teaching at a girls' school in Calcutta (Kolkata). Experienced a profound spiritual revelation in 1946 while on a train to Darjeeling, compelling her to leave the convent and live among the poorest to serve Christ.

August 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. ABCD TWENTY-SECOND Sunday in Ordinary Time

Discipleship calls us to follow Christ with generous hearts. Through your support of the ABCD, the Archdiocese of Miami continues to proclaim the Gospel, strengthen our parishes, educate future generations, and care for our brothers and sisters in need. Thank you for partnering in this important mission. Make your gift today at www.isupportABCD.com.

Planned Giving :A planned gift is one of the most enduring ways to support the mission of the Church. Whether through your will, trust, retirement assets, or other estate plans, your generosity ensures that the ministries you love will continue serving God's people for years to come. Visit www.adomgift.org to learn how you can leave a lasting legacy. Visit www.adomgift.org to learn how you can leave a lasting legacy.

Stewardship: The Christian steward knows that gratitude is at the heart of stewardship. Indeed, gratitude lies at the heart of our spirituality; it's a primary door through which we enter into a relationship with our Creator. Having the freedom to deepen our relationship with the Lord offers us much for which to be grateful.

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." LUKE 14:13-14

Good stewards understand that true fulfillment is found not in holding on to our blessings, but in offering them generously for the glory of God and the service of others.

Next RCIA Session: will be held on **Tuesday, September 2nd at 6:00 PM** in the **Parish Hall**. Please remember to bring your **Bible** and your **Catechism of the Catholic Church**.

Job Opportunity: Part Time Parish Secretary, please contact Fr. Ernest

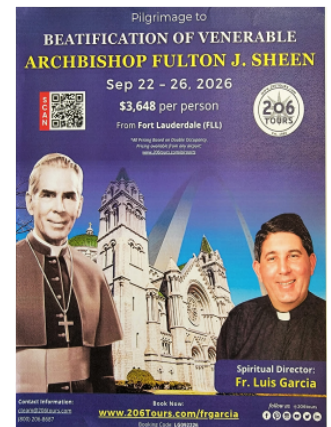
Parish News & Ministries

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: **September 12, and October 10**.



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

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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**.