

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 27, 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:

"BUT AFTERWARDS, HE CHANGED HIS MIND AND WENT"

This is a call to conversion. This weekend, we have in the Gospel the parable of the son who said he will not go to work in his father's vineyard but changed his mind and went, and so fulfilled the orders of his father. Unfortunately, the other son who said he would go never went. In another passage Jesus teaches us that it is useless to say 'Lord, Lord' while we do not put his word into practice, just like the son who said he will go to work but never went. This is all about conversion; a call to repentance and obey God's commandments.

In the Prophet Ezekiel, God answered to those who questioned how a sinner could be forgiven and live. God answered them: *"But if [the sinner] turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life (...) Ez 18:21"*. This constitutes the best proof of God's mercy and patience with us. God does not take pleasure in the death of the sinner but wants the sinner to be converted and live. Our God is a God of mercy and forgiveness.

"Yahweh is tenderness and pity, slow to anger and rich in faithful love; his indignation does not last for ever, nor his resentment remain for all time, he does not treat us as our sins deserve, nor repay us as befits our offenses" (Ps 103:8)

So, God is ready to forgive us if we turn to him and ask forgiveness for our sins. His call to conversion is permanent, as long as we have time. Last week, the passage from the Prophet Isaiah was proclaiming loudly: *'Seek the Lord while he may be found, call him while he is near' (Is 55:6)*. As human beings, we all need conversion: We need to convert from our sins, vices and bad habits, or if we are good people, we need conversion to do better and overcome weaknesses that hinder us from holiness. None of us can claim that he or she is so perfect that there is no more improvement to be made; we all need to be converted and to work more toward holiness. Many saints would always recognize their imperfections even though they were living in permanent penance and offering their very best to God and his kingdom. Thus, Saint Vincent de Paul when he was dying he urged his followers to do 'more, more'. Some of our shortcomings may be caused by ignorance and indifference. Some Catholics do things by routine rather than by conviction. For instance, it happens once in a while to have parents seek the baptism of their son or daughter, but they seldom go to church and have a vague idea of the commandments and the sacraments. In those cases, how are they going to transmit the faith to their child? Another example may be based on those who had pets. They would take good care of them, walk them, buy them food and toys, take to the vet and so forth, which is good. Let us hope that they are spending at least half of their pet budget to works of charity. In other words, if you spend so much on a pet, how much do you spend on things of the kingdom of God or on helping your neighbor in need? If you have so much time to walk your dog, can you have time to pray the Rosary or to stop by the Chapel and visit Jesus? If you can spend thousands of dollars on a game ticket, how much are you ready to spend for God who is the source of all those wonderful things you enjoy? Again, it good to remember that working in the vineyard of the Lord requires of us to use our time, treasures and talents for the kingdom of God. So, the call for conversion may be a call to check to see if we are coherent in the way we live our faith. And this is not complicated, just let us ask ourselves the following questions: How much of my time, treasure and talent do I dedicate to God? Where are my priorities? If my priorities are not about God's kingdom, then I need to change, I need conversion. If I said no to God because of my selfishness, it now time to turn around and try to love God with all my heart and love my neighbor as I love myself. How can I imitate Jesus who set aside his divinity in order to do his Father's will and thus humbled himself to become a man and accepted to die on the cross for us? 'Father, may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven'. (Mt 6:10).

Fr. Ernest

Mass Intentions

Saturday	September 26 St. Cosmas and Damian
5:00 pm.	† Joan Fuccillo, by Family † Virginia Potter, by Jarchow Family Wellbeing of the Osorno Family
Sunday	September 27
8:30 am	† Frank Lapps, by Andrea & Michael Badyna † Ramon Posada, by Sajdera Family
11:00 am	Living & † Deceased Members of our Parish
6:00 pm	† Arthur Cholakis, Parish Staff
Monday	September 28 St. Wenceslaus, St Lawrence Ruiz and Companions
8:30 am	† Brad Leal, by Jennifer and Joseph Borba Wellbeing of Ruth Lyons, by Donald Bourke
Tuesday	September 29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Rafael
8:30 am	† Sean Kervin, by mom Carolyn Kervin † Molly Yen, by Donald Bourke
Wednesday	September 30 St. Jerome
8:30 am	† Sister/Doctor Helen Burke, by Donald Bourke
Thursday	October 1 St. Therese of the Child Jesus
8:30 am	† Marlene Maria Fernandez, by Sajdera Family
Friday	October 2 The Holy Guardian Angels
8:30 am	† Brad Leal, by Jennifer and Joseph Borba

Saints' Corner

-09/26 Saint Cosmas and Damian Twin brothers and physicians, Little is known about them except that they suffered martyrdom (around 303). We do know that their witness to the faith was so strong that people turned to them for prayerful help and passed their story on to others

-09/28: St. Wenceslaus, St Lawrence Ruiz and Companions St. Wenceslaus was Duke of Bohemia, who after many trials in governing and evangelizing his people, suffered martyrdom at the hands of his brother.

In the 17th century (1633-1637) St. Lawrence Ruiz and his companions shed their blood for Christ in Nagasaki, Japan.

-09/29: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Rafael Three archangels specifically named in the Bible. They serve as God's chief messengers, protectors, and healers.

-09/30: Saint Jerome -Saint Jerome is best known for translating the Bible into Latin, creating the Latin Vulgate, which served as the Catholic Church's official Bible for centuries.

10/01: St Therese of the Child Jesus

"The Little Flower," she was only 24 years old when she died. Yet she is a Doctor of the Church, sharing the designation with only four other women in Church history

-10/02: The Holy Guardian Angels: They are the angels God assigns to each person to protect, guide, and intercede for them throughout their life. The Church honors them on October 2, thanking God for their *constant care and spiritual companionship*.



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, 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, Rick Morris, Richard Stockinger, Edward Heyden, Loretta Polizano, Johanna Donson and Linda Schaan.



During the month of August, we served 855 clients which represents 2864 individuals. The heat and rain of the summer months are still a challenge, but our dedicated volunteers continue to cheerfully serve those who come to us. In addition to our operational costs we had an usually large number of requests for rents and utility bills (costs continue to rise in so many areas), so our expenses for the month were \$16,085.53.

All of this is possible due to the tremendous generosity of many individuals and parishes who answer the call: "whatsoever you do to the least of My brethren, that you do unto me." On behalf of all who are served, we thank you and pray for you. Each month we have a Mass celebrated for past and present members and benefactors of our St. Vincent De Paul chapter. The next one will be on Wednesday, September 23 at 8:00 AM at Blessed Sacrament Church. Please join us in prayer or in spirit at that time.

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.

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ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI NEWS. Twenty-Sixth SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ABCD: In today's second reading, St. Paul encourages us to place others before ourselves, following the humble example of Christ. ABCD is an opportunity to live that call by supporting ministries that serve the vulnerable, strengthen Catholic education, accompany families, and form future priests throughout our archdiocese. Together, our generosity becomes a powerful witness of Christ's love. Support the mission today by visiting www.isupportABCD.com **Planned Giving:** Humility invites us to think beyond ourselves. Planned Giving provides an opportunity to make a lasting difference by ensuring that the Church's mission continues well into the future. Whether through a bequest, charitable trust, retirement account, or life insurance beneficiary designation, your planned gift becomes a lasting expression of gratitude to God and a legacy of faith for generations to come. For additional information, contact Katie Blanco Bourdeau at 305-762-1053, email kblcbourdeau@theadom.org, or visit www.adomgift.org. **Stewardship:** Stewardship calls us to imitate the humility of Christ. Rather than focusing on what we can gain, we are invited to ask how we can serve. Rather than focusing on what we can gain, we are invited to ask how we can serve. "Humbly regard others as more important than yourselves." PHILIPPIANS 2:3

SAVE THE DATE St. Sebastian Christmas Gala December 4, 2026 located at Coral Ridge Yacht Club, LIVE BAND! Extensive Silent Auction including jewelry, Sports and Entertainment Memorabilia and Travel, Door Prizes Galore. Sponsorship Opportunities Available. You won't want to miss this! More details to follow.

Parish News & Ministries

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 DONATE layette items in the Bassinet until November 1, LIFE CHAIN Sunday, October 4, 2-3pm (carpool to St David), ROSARY RALLY Saturday, October 10, 12noon at mosaic, and please VOTE Pro-Life.

MEN'S CLUB: St. Sebastian Men's Club will hold its first meeting of the Church year on Sunday, September 27, in the Parish Hall beginning at 9:45 AM. All current members and men who are interested in joining are encouraged to attend, as we will be setting the activities calendar for the year. The meeting will conclude by 10:45 AM for those who plan to attend the 11:00 AM Mass. Coffee and donuts will be served.

SSCCW: The St. Sebastian Council of Catholic Women invites all women to join us at our first meeting on Saturday October 3rd following Mass at 8:30 in the Parish Hall. Join us for Faith, friendship and fellowship, service and fun. For more information please contact Sandi Mann 954-235-4005.

RCIA SESSION: Our next RCIA session will be held on Wednesday, October 7 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

WEEKDAY MASS
8:30 AM
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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).

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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.