

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 4, 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:

The Blessed Virgin as the Model of the Church in Divine Worship

We invite each one of us to pray the rosary and grow more in our relationship with the Blessed Virgin Mary our mother and mother of the Church. She is our model. This following extract from Paul VI Marialis Cultus indicates how she is the model of the Church. Articles 16, 17, 18, 19

In accordance with some of the guidelines of the Council's teaching on Mary and the Church, we now wish to examine more closely a particular aspect of the relationship between Mary and the liturgy—namely, Mary as a model of the spiritual attitude with which the Church celebrates and lives the divine mysteries. That the Blessed virgin is an exemplar in this field derives from the fact that she is recognized as a most excellent exemplar of the Church in the order of faith, charity and perfect union with Christ,⁽⁴³⁾ that is, of that interior disposition with which the Church, the beloved spouse, closely associated with her Lord, invokes Christ and through Him worships the eternal Father.

Mary is the attentive Virgin, who receives the word of God with faith, that faith which in her case was the gateway and path to divine motherhood, for, as Saint Augustine realized, "Blessed Mary by believing conceived Him (Jesus) whom believing she brought forth."⁽⁴⁵⁾ In fact, when she received from the angel the answer to her doubt (cf. Lk. 1:34-37), "full of faith, and conceiving Christ in her mind before conceiving Him in her womb, she said, 'I am the handmaid of the Lord, let what you have said be done to me' (Lk. 1:38)."⁽⁴⁶⁾ It was faith that was for her the cause of blessedness and certainty in the fulfillment of his promise: "Blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled" (Lk. 1:45). Similarly, it was faith with which she, who played a part in the Incarnation and was a unique witness to it, thinking back on the events of the infancy of Christ, meditated upon these events in her heart (cf. Lk. 2:19,51). The Church also acts in this way, especially in the liturgy, when with faith she listens, accepts, proclaims and venerates the word of God, distributes it to the faithful as the bread of life and in the light of that word examines the signs of the times and interprets and lives the events of history.

Mary is also the Virgin in prayer. She appears as such in the visit to the mother of the precursor, when she pours out her soul in expressions glorifying God, and expressions of humility, faith, and hope. This prayer is the Magnificat (cf. Lk. 1:46-55), Mary's prayer par excellence, the song of the messianic times in which there mingles the joy of the ancient and the new Israel. As St. Irenaeus seems to suggest, it is in Mary's canticle that there was heard once more the rejoicing of Abraham who foresaw the Messiah (cf. Jn. 8:56) and there rang out in prophetic anticipation the voice of the Church: "In her exultation Mary prophetically declared in the name of the Church: 'My soul proclaims the glory of the Lord....'" And in fact Mary's hymn has spread far and wide and has become the prayer of the whole Church in all ages.

At Cana, Mary appears once more as the Virgin in prayer: when she tactfully told her Son of a temporal need she also obtained an effect of grace, namely, that Jesus, in working the first of His "signs," confirmed His disciples' faith in Him (cf. Jn. 2:1-12). Likewise, the last description of Mary's life presents her as praying. The apostles "joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers" (Acts 1:14). We have here the prayerful presence of Mary in the early Church and in the Church throughout all ages, for, having been assumed into heaven, she has not abandoned her mission of intercession and salvation.⁽⁵⁰⁾ The title Virgin in prayer also fits the Church, which day by day presents to the Father the needs of her children, "praises the Lord unceasingly and intercedes for the salvation of the world."

Mary is also the Virgin-Mother—she who "believing and obeying...brought forth on earth the Father's Son. This she did, not knowing man but overshadowed by the Holy Spirit." This was a miraculous motherhood, set up by God as the type and exemplar of the fruitfulness of the Virgin-Church, which "becomes herself a mother.... For by her preaching and by baptism she brings forth to a new and immortal life children who are conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of God."⁽⁵³⁾ The ancient Fathers rightly taught that the Church prolongs in the sacrament of Baptism the virginal motherhood of Mary. Among such references we like to recall that of our illustrious predecessor, Saint Leo the Great, who in a Christmas homily says: "The origin which (Christ took in the womb of the Virgin He has given to the baptismal font: He has given to water what He had given to His Mother—the power of the Most High and the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit (cf. Lk. 1:35), which was responsible for Mary's bringing forth the Savior, has the same effect, so that water may regenerate the believer."

Fr. Ernest

Mass Intentions

Saturday	October 3
5:00 pm.	† Joan Fuccillo, by Family † Evelyn & Vincent Weber, by Steve and Nancy Weber Wellbeing of Guerin & Gorman Families by James & Rosemary
Sunday	October 4
8:30 am	† Luis Cresencio Boveda, by Sandy Sajdera † Lauren Holladay, by Susie O'leary † Mary McGuire by Jack Fink
11:00 am	Living & † Deceased Members of our Parish
6:00 pm	† Arthur Cholakis, Parish Staff
Monday	October 5
8:30 am	† Brad Leal, by Jennifer and Joseph Borba Wellbeing of Anita Kidd, by Anna Marie Pierotti
Tuesday	October 6
8:30 am	† Grace and Murray Toomey, by Helen and Mary L Toomey
Wednesday	October 7
8:30 am	† Msgr James Fetscher
Thursday	October 8
8:30 am	† Mary McGuire
Friday	October 9
8:30 am	† Brad Leal, by Jennifer and Joseph Borba † Sophia Hart, by Michael Hart



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 Albello, Jul Lenihan, Marian Lenihan, Patrick Hayes, Lilia Garcia, Rick Morris, Richard Stockinger, Edward Heyden, Loretta Polizano, Johanna Donson and Linda Schaan.

Saints' Corner

-10/5 Saint Faustina Kowalska- Maria Faustyna Kowalska of the Blessed Sacrament, OLM was a Polish Catholic religious sister and mystic. Faustyna, popularly spelled Faustina in English, had apparitions of Jesus Christ which inspired the Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy, therefore she is sometimes called the "secretary" of Divine Mercy.

-10/6 Saint Bruno - Venerated as Saint Bruno, was the founder of the Carthusians. He personally founded the order's first two communities. He was a celebrated teacher at Reims and a close advisor of his former pupil, Pope Urban II. His feast day is 6 October.

-10/7- Our Lady of the Rosary- Pope St. Pius V established the feast—originally called Our Lady of Victory—to thank God for the Christian naval fleet's triumph at the [Battle of Lepanto](#) on October 7, 1571. This is where the outnumbered Christian forces of the Holy League prayed the Rosary before the battle, attributing their unlikely victory over the Ottoman Empire to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pope Gregory XIII later renamed the celebration to the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary to honor the weapon of prayer that secured the win



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 unusually 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

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.

POOR BOXES



Located at each entry door. Help support the work of St. Vincent de Paul.

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ABCD

Today's readings remind us that God has entrusted His vineyard to us and calls us to bear good fruit. Through ABCD, we have the opportunity to be faithful stewards of the gifts God has placed in our care. Your generosity supports ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Miami that serve the poor, strengthen families, educate children, form future priests, and proclaim the Gospel.

When we share what God has entrusted to us, we help His Church continue to bear fruit and bring His love to others.

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.



Coffee and Donuts

Please join us in the Parish Hall after the 8:30am Mass every Sunday!

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: Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, October 18 after the 8:30AM and 11 AM Masses.

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
IN THE CHAPEL OF
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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.