

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 11, 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:

I HAVE PREPARED MY BANQUET, COME TO THE FEAST

God invites us to his banquet. Do we say yes or do we have some excuses? Some people in the gospel had excuses not to go to the banquet.

In our times, we may have obstacles which Cardinal Sarah calls "idols." Please follow his meditation. (extract from his book "The Day is now far spent," page 252-254)

"In it, **the idol of money** dominates the others. A proverb says: "When money talks, even the devil listens!" Money runs the world. The worship of the golden calf is an obsession of the modern world.

Liberty is another idol. Western man no longer tolerates any constraint. He claims an absolute independence from all moral norms.

God cannot come to contradict any of his rights. From now on, life is entirely made up of rights. But idols are always liars.

Democracy is the third goddess. Alas, she is a bloody one. Nations, peoples, cultures, particularly in the Near East and in Africa, are massacred in the name of democracy. Its high priests, the Westerners, shed rivers of blood in order to impose the worship of her throughout the world.

In my view, men are controlled first by the powers of money.

In his book *Les Droits de l'homme dénaturé* (The rights of denatured man), the legal scholar Gregor Puppink writes:

Human rights? After World War II, they appeared as a universal promise of peace and justice. Today they have become an ideological battlefield, the terrain on which clashing civilizations confront each other. For the rights of man are the reflection of our concept of man in the first place. Now, the latter has changed a lot since the composition of the Universal Declaration in 1948. Whereas that postwar declaration was still inspired by *natural rights*, the affirmation of individualism has generated new anti-natural rights, such as the right to euthanasia or abortion, or to homosexuality, leading in turn to the emergence of transhuman *transnatural rights* that today guarantee the authority to transform and to redefine nature, such as the right to eugenics, the right to have a child or to change one's sex. At work at the heart of this transformation we note an evolution that testifies to a profound transformation of the concept of human dignity, which tends to be reduced to the individual will alone, regardless of the body, or to the mind, as opposed to the body, and which regards any negation of nature and conditioning as a form of liberation and progress. Furthermore, human rights discreetly accompany transhumanism, working to make representative democracy outmoded.

Modern man is unaware. He does not gauge all the consequences of his acts. He lives in artifice so as to disguise his crimes. He prefers illusion to reality. False idols have led the West to its collapse. In his *Sermon on Honor*, Bossuet thundered: "Almost no men nowadays are concerned about avoiding vices; the sole concern is to find specious names and reasonable pretexts.... The name and dignity of a 'great man' is supported more by wit and industriousness than by honesty and virtue; and in fact the world considers someone virtuous and regular enough when he has the skill to look after himself and the inventiveness to cover himself."

Only the courage to resist will be able to overcome all the deceptive seductions of a supposedly emancipated life! Love for God and for others and the patient, stubborn search for the good are more than ever the kinds of dissidence the world needs."

Fr. Ernest

Humor: Son to his father: Dad is very expensive to get married? Father: I do not know. I am still paying the price!

Please send us a joke, 'a clean joke'!



Mass Intentions

Saturday	October 10
5:00 pm.	† Joan Fuccillo, by Family † Haiden Lee Nicholes, by Amy Carroll and Frank † Gary and Judith Dufresne, by Donald Bourke
Sunday	October 11
8:30 am	† Luis Cresencio Boveda, by Sandy Sajdera Wellbeing of Laura Dusek, by Jack Fink Wellbeing of Luca Pierotti, by Anna Marie Pierotti
11:00 am	Living & † Deceased Members of our Parish 60 th Wedding Anniversary for Royce & Joyce
6:00 pm	†
Monday	October 12
8:30 am	Birthday Blessing for Bill Fuccillo, by Beth, Judy & Kathy † Brad Leal, by Jennifer and Joseph Borba
Tuesday	October 13
8:30 am	Wellbeing of Jennifer Hermes, by Lorraine Hermes
Wednesday	October 14
8:30 am	Wellbeing of Gianna Turek , by Anna Marie Pierotti
Thursday	October 15
8:30 am	†Arthur Cholakis, by Bible Buddies †Ossi Pierotti, by Anna Marie Pierotti
Friday	October 16
8:30 am	† Brad Leal, by Jennifer and Joseph Borba †Florence Sajdera, by Sajdera Family.

Saints' Corner

- 10/14 Saint Callistus** (+222 Martyr and Pope) organized the first official Christian cemetery in Rome and instituted Ember Day fasts. He incurred the ire of Tertulian and St. Hippolytus over lapsi controversy.
- 10/15 Saint Teresa of Jesus** + 1582 Spanish Mystic who, with St. John of the Cross, founded the reformed (Discalced) Carmelite friars and nuns, for which she had to endure great trials. She was the first woman declared "Doctor of the Church."
- 10/16- Saint Hedwig** +1243 was born in Bavaria. She was a duchess of Silesia and mother of seven. She was a peacemaker dedicated to the poor and prisoners. As a widow, she retired to a Cisterian convent.
- 10/16- St Margaret Mary Alacoque** +1690 At age 43 she was a French Vistandine mystic who promoted devotion to the Sacred heart of Jesus, a feast that helped free the church from the spirit of Jansenism. She also promoted first Friday devotion.



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.



First of all, I wish to thank you for your continued consistent support through your monthly food drives for our food distribution program at Blessed Sacrament Church. Each week we serve 200+ clients. We will be doing our Thanksgiving distribution on Friday, November 20. On that day, we would like to give an extra bag of Thanksgiving related items to each client. Please consider donating the following items during October and November: canned or boxed potatoes, sweet potatoes, pumpkin, cranberry sauce, gravy, etc. We prefer them to be one pound or less and no glass so we can put 5 or 6 different items in each bag. The food pantry will be closed the entire week of November 22 so please do not plan to bring any donations at that time. We will reopen on Monday, November 30.

Thank you in advance and may you be richly blessed by God for your participation in this ministry.

Pat Burke **LEASE REMEMBER**— in addition to food and hygiene items, the Pantry needs plastic grocery bags for food distribution. . **NO MORE EGG CARTONS**



POOR BOXES

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



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ABCD: Today's readings speak of God's abundant generosity and the invitation to share in His goodness. Isaiah describes a great feast prepared by the Lord, while the Gospel reminds us that God invites everyone to His banquet. Through ABCD, we help make that invitation tangible by supporting ministries that welcome, serve, educate, and accompany people throughout the Archdiocese of Miami. Your generosity helps ensure that no one is forgotten and that the love of Christ reaches those who need it most

Please visit www.isupportABCD.com or by calling our Development Office at 305-762-1043.

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 you 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.

ST. SEBASTIAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN is now accepting donations for the " Trinkets and Treasures" rummage sale. This is a good time to clean out nagging drawers, closets, and garages. To coordinate a drop-off, contact Sandi Mann at 954-235-4005. Thank you. Sandi Mann

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 help on Wednesday, October 21 at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall, Please remember to bring your Bible and your Catechism of the Catholic Church.

WEEKDAY MASS
8:30 AM
IN THE CHAPEL OF
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FOR BETTER PARTICIPATION IN THE MASS

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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.