THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 25, 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.

EUCHARISTIC 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:

"YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD, YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF" Mt 22: 37-39

This weekend the Pharisees and Sadducees want to put Jesus to the test again, and one of them, a scholar of the law, asked him about the greatest commandment of the law. Jesus gave him the two-fold answer about the love of God and neighbor. We can distinguish the two commandments but we cannot separate them because they go together: One cannot love God correctly without loving one's neighbor and supposedly loving one's neighbor finds its model and strength in God's love.

The greatest and first commandment requests of us to 'love the Lord our God, with all our heart, soul and mind' (Dt 6:5). While as believers we naturally assume that we love God, we still have to check and see if we love God with all our heart and strength. The practice of our faith may follow some routine instead of corresponding to the commitment Jesus is talking about. For the record, let us ask ourselves if we love God with all our heart, soul, and mind: in that sense, what do we do for God and his kingdom? How much of our resources do we dedicate to God? How much of our time and talents?

How about loving our neighbor as we love ourselves? This law was made known to the people of Israel a long time ago. We find it in Leviticus 19:18. As the first reading of this Sunday explains, the neighbor includes the stranger or immigrant, the vulnerable like the orphan, the widow, and the poor. The law invited to treat them with mercy and compassion. But this law is not a universal law in all societies. Rather many pagan societies follow the 'Talion law' of 'an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth;' in general, the foreigner, the poor and the vulnerable are mistreated. After many years of 'civilization,' one may think that the 'love of neighbor' is automatically practiced. But it is not. Many countries do not care for foreigners. In recent times, some politicians think that love of foreigner and compassion toward the poor and the immigrants should be taken out of the Gospel, in other words, they find the Gospel unacceptable because of that; they think that to consider a foreigner as a neighbor is a weakness. So, if we want to know what that love of neighbor means, we need to look at Jesus not at politicians, we need to listen to his Holy Spirit and not to the billionaires.

In our little Bible Sharing group we are currently reading chapter 13 of St. John's Gospel where it is said that Jesus loved his own to the end. And after washing his disciples' feet he taught them that it was an example: they must wash one another's feet, which means serving one another as Jesus himself came to serve and give his life for our salvation (Mk 10:45). Jesus confirmed all this by giving them the new commandment: 'Love one another as I have loved you.' Jn 13:34 & Jn 15:12.

In the greatest commandment, we are to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. We are the measure of that love, -which is already a very high standard if we could love our neighbor as we love ourselves. In the New Commandment, Jesus raises the standard: We need to love in the same way he loves us. 'Love one another AS I have loved you.' The 'new' commandment brings that love to the highest perfection because we need to imitate God's Love. 'You, therefore, must be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect' (Mt 5:48).
Saint John in his letter left us also this advice: *"If any one says, "I love God", and hates his brother, he is a liar, for he who does not lover his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him, that he who loves God should love his brother also"* (1Jn 4:19-21).

Fr. Ernest

Humor!
Gossip= hearing something you like about someone you don't (Earl Wilson).
(Anyway, send us some holy rumor, sorry, I mean holy humor)



Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm.	**October 24** † Joan Fuccillo, by family † Haiden Lee Nicholes, by Amy Carroll and Frank † Marge Duffy, by Jack Fink †Juli Omahen, by Freddie Morales and Richard Bowes
Sunday 8:30 am	**October 25** † Luis Cresencio Boveda, by Sandy Sajdera Wellbeing of Wendy Erb, by Gredys and Richard Grable Wellbeing of the Mancini Family, by Gladys Mancini
11:00 am	Living & † Deceased Members of our Parish
6:00 pm	† Victor Ponce, by Fabiola Osorno Wellbeing of Maria Badilla, by Fabiola Osorno
Monday 8:30 am	**October 26** † Brad Leal Wellbeing of Gladys Mancini
Tuesday 8:30 am	**October 27** For the sick and dying, by Rosie Koons Wellbeing of Bill Fuccillo, by Johnny and Sandi
Wednesday 8:30 am	**October 28** † Eva Lewandowski, by Jarchow Wellbeing of Pearl and Kenneth Harris, by Keysers Family
Thursday 8:30 am	**October 29** † Mayra Bennett, by Grace Middlemiss Wellbeing of Deborah Castillano, by Grace Middlemiss
Friday 8:30 am	**October 30** † Brad Leal

SAINTS' CORNER

10/24 Saint Anthony Mary Claret +1870. He was from Catalonia, Spain and evangelized in Santiago de Cuba (Cuba). He was a very active and tireless missionary, travelling constantly and teaching in so many ways. He wrote many spiritual books in particular on devotion and catechism. He confirmed more than three hundred thousand people and solved marriage difficulties for more than thirty thousand couples.

10/29 Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles.

Saint Simon, also called 'the Canaanite' or the 'Zealot,' referring to the faction that wanted to liberate Israel from the Romans. Tradition reports they went to preach in Egypt, he went to Persia with Saint Jude where they were martyred.

Saint Jude or Judas Thaddaeus, was also one of the Apostles; in Acts 1:13 he is named as Judas, son of James; in John 14:22 he is also named 'Judas' but not the Iscariot who betrayed Jesus; In Matthew and Mark's Gospels he is also called Judas Thaddaeus (Mt 10:3, Mk3:18). He went to evangelize in Persia with Saint Simon, and that is why they are celebrated together. St. Jude could have been the author of "The Letter of Jude" in the New Testament. In recent times, Saint Jude has enjoyed a great popularity as the saint of 'impossible causes.



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.* ***If you are in a civil marriage, please contact us for convalidation or blessing of the marriage in the church.***

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, Sean Ennis, William Hirsch, Lawrence Biondi S.J., Angela Cowherd, Danielle Barisch, Deborah Castillo, Georgianna Eschen, Ruth McKelvie, Mona Terry, Douglas Ham, Taylor Ellis, Monica Albelo, Jul Lenihan, Marian Lenihan, Lilia Garcia, Rick Morris, Richard Stockinger, Edward Heyden, Loretta Polizano, Johanna Donson, Linda Schaan, Lewis Day and Maria Badilla.

Please note that names will be kept on the list for a month to allow us to update the list.

SAINT SEBASTIAN CHURCH DRIVE OUT HUNGER!

First of all, I wish to thank you for you 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

PLEASE 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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PARISH EVENTS AND DATES

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ABCD: Today's Gospel gives us the heart of Christian stewardship: love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and love our neighbor as ourselves. ABCD gives us the opportunity to live that commandment by supporting ministries that care for our neighbors in need throughout the Archdiocese of Miami. Through your generosity, the love of God becomes visible in acts of compassion, education, service, and outreach. Make a difference today! www.isupportABCD.com or speak directly with our Development Office by calling 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.

CHRISTMAS GALA DINNER
Use the QR code below for Tickets/Donations



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.

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

RCIA SESSION: Our next RCIA session will be help on Wednesday, October 28 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 THE

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FOR YOUR DONATION
QR code to donate

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.

Al-Anon A.F.G.

Are you concerned about someone else's drinking?
We can Help!

A. A.

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.