SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1, 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:

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"*After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb" Rev 7:9-10.*

It is a great joy to celebrate the feast of all saints. We recognize the multitude of saints, those we know and those unknown, all those who have been admitted in God's kingdom of heaven. In the East tradition, the feast was first honoring the martyrs, and later it included other saints. In year 835, Pope Gregory III changed it to 'All Saints' by dedicating a chapel to All Saints in the Vatican and also by transferring the feast to November 1st.

This feast is fascinating because it reminds us that God is calling the human race to holiness, which means to communion with him in heaven: All people of good will, all those who believe in Jesus his Son will be able to see God 'face to face' as it is written in Revelation 22:4.

It is natural for the human being to focus on happiness in this world: health and wealth, posterity, and prosperity. Basically, this was the belief we find in the OT. A man or woman of faith in God, and who obeyed his commands, would be assured of God's blessings and protection and thus enjoy honor and happiness in this world. This is illustrated in some legendary figures such as Abraham, Jacob, Joseph his son, Tobit, Susana, Esther, Job, and so forth. But to be sure the idea of a life after this world began to appear in the OT as we see in the Book of Wisdom, chap. 3, and in the Maccabees, which was nicknamed the book of the martyrs of Israel (2 Mac 6, 7 and 12: 38-45). But it is Jesus, the one who came from heaven (Jn 8: 42; 6:38-40), who taught us clearly that we should work for 'food of eternal life' (Jn 6: 27.54). He himself did not aim at some glory in this world but gave up his life so that he can have it eternally in his resurrection. He taught us about judgement after this life, that we will be rewarded in the other life if we bear witness to him, or according to what we would have done for the least of his brothers and sisters (Mt 25). *"What benefit is it to one to win the whole world and forfeit or lose his very self? For if anyone is ashamed of me and of my words, of him the Son of man will be ashamed when he comes in his own glory and in the glory of the Father and the holy angels."* (Lk 9:25 -26; Mt 10:33). So, the Gospel is about our salvation that Jesus came to teach us the way that leads to God and offer the one only sacrifice that allows us to be reconciled with God now and be united with him in eternal life. So now we know clearly that God calls us to eternal life.

Saint Paul captured that idea of being 'called to be holy' in an amazing way and in his Letters; he likes to address the Church or the Community of the faithful as the 'holy people' of God.

Eph 1:4 "*Thus he chose us in Christ before the world was made to be holy and faultless fore him in love…"*
Eph 2: 19 "*So you are no longer aliens or foreign visitors; you are fellow-citizens with the holy people of God and part of God's household…"*
2Tim 1:9 "… *God who has saved us and called us to be holy…"*
(Se also Col 1:22; 3:12; 1Co. 1:2; Rm 1:7); 1Th 4:3 "*God wills you all to be holy*").
Now that we know our vocation, our destiny and fulfillment, we have to keep in mind that Jesus 'is the way, the truth and life'. Even though the darkness of atheism and materialism is so widespread, it cannot obscure the light of the Gospel: "…*and light shines in darkness, and darkness could not overpower it" Jn 1:5*. In this way, All Saints celebration reminds us that we need to proclaim to all humankind this Good News. This world may feel so comfortable and offers us all kinds of good things to enjoy, but our true paradise is with God. We need to set our GPS in the right direction and help other people to set their sail toward true happiness which is found only in God. All Saints of God, Pray for us.

Fr. Ernest

Humor! Student: Can a teacher punish a student for what he has not done?
Teacher: Of Course not.
Student: I did not do my homework!



Mass Intentions

Saturday	**October 31**
5:00 pm.	**† Joan Fuccillo, by family**
	† Haiden Lee Nicholes, by Amy Carroll and Frank
	† Mimi McSweeney, by Margarita Monsalve
Sunday	**November 1 All Saints Day**
8:30 am	**†Joseph Mazza, by Nancy Sica**
	† John Wenta, by Nancy Sica
11:00 am	**Living & † Deceased Members of our Parish**
6:00 pm	**† Victor Ponce, by Fabiola Osorno**
	Wellbeing of Maria Badilla, by Fabiola
Monday	**November 2 All Souls' Novena**
8:30 am	**Wellbeing of Loretta Polizano, by Judy Fisher**
Tuesday	**November 3 All Souls' Novena**
8:30 am	**Wellbeing of Bill Fuccillo, by Johnny and Sandi**
Wednesday	**November 4 All Souls' Novena**
8:30 am	**† Martha Marcos Boveda, by Sajdera Family**
	Wellbeing of Bill Fuccillo, by Johnny and Sandi
Thursday	**November 5 All Souls' Novena**
8:30 am	**Wellbeing of Lawrence Biondi, by Anna Marie Pierotti**
Friday	**November 6 All Souls' Novena**
8:30 am	**† Catherine Strong, by Judy Fisher**

SAINTS' CORNER

11/3 Saint Martin de Porres, Religious
+1639; born in Lima, Peru of a Spanish father and a black slave mother; O.P. lay brother who humbly ministered to the poor and the sick, especially African slaves; devoted to the Holy Eucharist; a close friend of St. Rose of Lima; patron of social justice and of people of mixed races.

11/4 Saint Charles Borromeo: +3 November 1584 at age forty-six; cardinal and secretary of state at age twenty-two for his uncle, Pope Pius IV; implemented reforms of Trent in his diocese of Milan; founder of seminaries; considered a model pastor by many bishops, including St. Francis de Sales (24 Jan); held five provincial councils and eleven diocesan synods; patron of catechists and of catechumens.



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 , Maria Badilla and Mary Orfino.

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.

Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/StsebastianFL

PARISH EVENTS AND DATES

November 1: All Saints Day

ABCD: our generosity allows the Catholic community to continue the programs and services that touch the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Visit www.isupportabcd.org to make a gift now!
This weekend, as we remember our beloved departed and reflect on eternal life, we're also reminded of the legacy we leave behind. Planned Giving is a meaningful way to honor your faith and values by supporting the Church even beyond your lifetime. Your gift can sustain Catholic ministries, education, and outreach for generations. Learn how to create your legacy: www.adomgift.org.

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. Daily Mass is now being celebrated in the church. 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, November 4 and 18, 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

FOR BETTER PARTICIPATION IN THE MASS

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).

THANK YOU
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.