

# Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

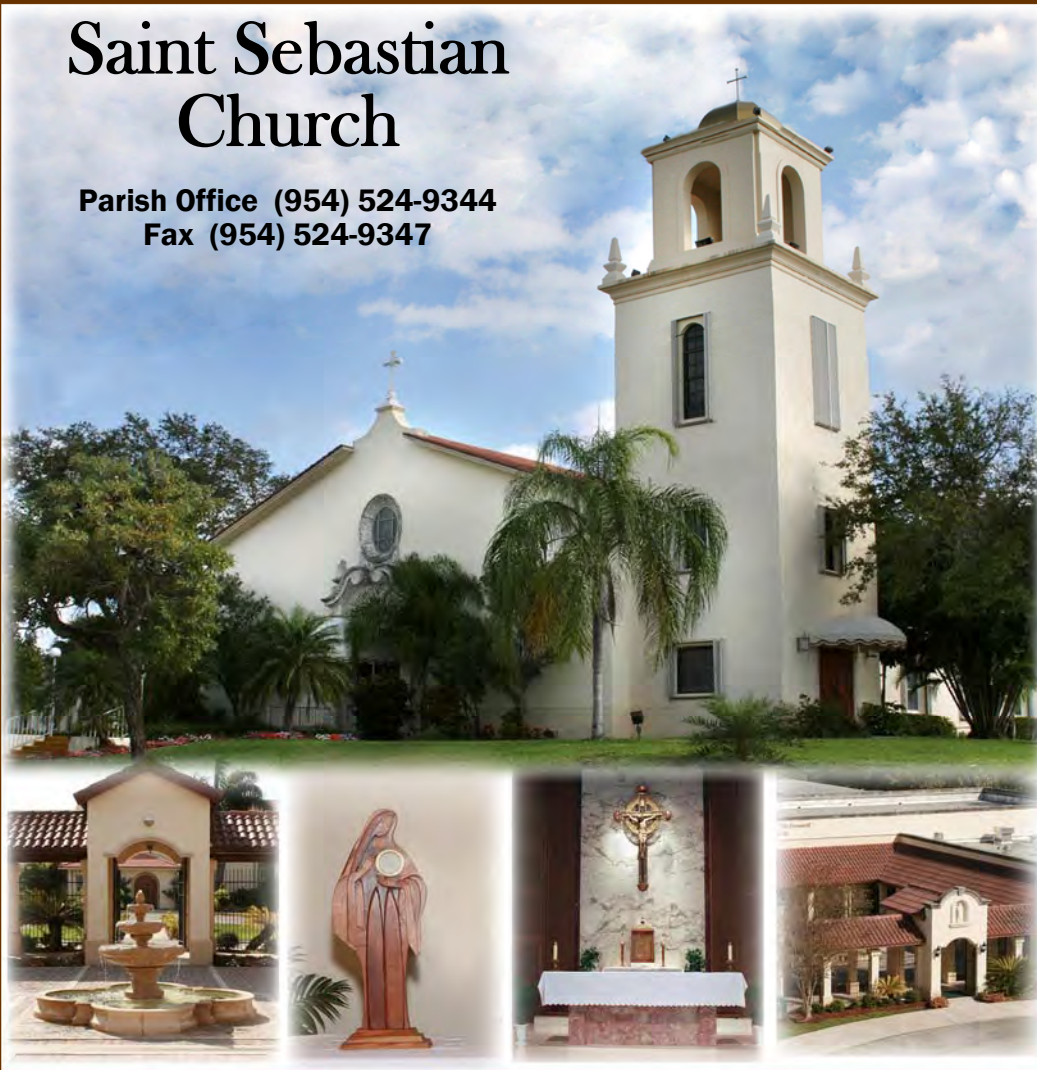
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## Saint Sebastian Church

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### MASSES

Saturday 5 pm  
(Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 8:30 & 11 am

Weekdays 8:30 am  
(Mon. through Fri.)

Holy Days  
(Schedule varies)

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### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

is arranged by appointment. Please call the office.

### 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 SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY** Please call the office at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date.

**PARISH REGISTRATION** We invite anyone wishing to register in our Parish to visit or call the Parish Office, or stop by the Welcome table when you come for Sunday Mass to complete a census card and learn more about our Parish Family.



## Mission Statement

We, the family of St. Sebastian Parish, are a stewardship parish, sharing God's Gifts. We are the hands and feet of Christ on Earth. In union with the Universal Roman Catholic Church, we endeavor to become a prayerful and unified community deeply committed to Jesus Christ, and loving service in His name. We hope to be a welcoming, caring and friendly Parish Family, wherein the gifts and talents of all - young and old - are recognized, nurtured and used to build the Kingdom of God in the world.

Dear Family,

I know today is not a liturgical feast day, but I wanted to jazz the masthead up a little in honor of what the notion of Independence Day means for people of faith.

For starters, our very independence as a nation is why we can gather to pray as we wish. The founding fathers knew God. They also knew there must be freedom to pursue Him. Unfortunately, it took a while for that notion of freedom to work its way through the fabric of our nationhood to erase the barren bondage of slavery.

As I reflect (and I warn you it is the middle of the night as I write and so reflection becomes a little less disciplined), I'm asking myself, independence from what?... independence FOR what???

The heartache of Surfside looms over us. As I watched the coverage, my mind brought back the memories of the town I knew as a kid right down from Haulover Beach where the family went. In those days, if I remember correctly, Jews were not allowed to live there. As I kid, I didn't realize what that meant. Arthur Godfrey had the Kenilworth,... what prejudice?

So... I want independence to honor people, to encourage and support them when the roof falls in - literally. I want the freedom to rejoice in seeing what people can do when they come together in the face of such tragedy. I want independence from the underlying cynicism that it won't be long before we fall back into old ways of being and doing and thinking.

I hear Lincoln's wish that "the mystic chords of memory...(will) again be touched... by the better angels of our nature."

Surely, those angels are floating around Surfside now, and we pray in thanksgiving for the incredible rescuers, now for what they are doing, and in days to come as they will heal from what they are experiencing first-hand.

We also pray for the families of those who have waited in fading hope for a miracle of a discovery. They too, will especially need our prayer for healing.

As we have been journeying with Mark as we hear the gospels these weeks, Jesus has been traveling in pagan territory, working healing miracles and today we hear He finally arrives in his home, only to find that because "prophets have no honor in their own country," He could not work many miracles there. Mark says, "He was amazed at their lack of faith."

"He was amazed..." That phrase really amazes *me*. Somehow, as much as I realize that He was a man like us in all things but sin, still, Jesus was *amazed*? I guess I still have a long way to go in understanding His true humanity.

As I have been doctoring, I've had time to think and ponder. Every time I jerked with a little twinge of pain - not many after I escaped the hospital - I found myself thinking about what Jesus really went through in every human way. I'd come back to the idea that my little problem was nothing. Yet, and this is important, in each moment it was MY pain, not someone else's, and it was precisely in MY pain that Jesus chose to come and be present. His pain set the stage for His coming to me. I don't know if that makes sense to you, but it sure was overwhelming for me.

### RADICAL GEAR SHIFT

I know I mentioned that I wanted to throw myself a birthday party. In fact, Mark and Noreen from Waxy's said they would feed us. Given the current situation with COVID, I think I was a bit premature to hope we could do it on August 7, the weekend of my 80<sup>th</sup>. So... let's think about 80 ¼ or 80 ½. I promise, I will still buy. It'll be the best birthday present I could have. Looking forward to seeing you face to face this weekend, I'm yours

In Jesus,





Mass Intentions

- Saturday**      **July 3**  
5:00 pm      † James Bollman,  
                     req. by Joan & Bill Fuccillo  
                     † Marie & Albert Bourke &  
                     † David Horney,  
                     req. by Donald Bourke
  
- Sunday**        **July 4**  
8:30 am      † Charles & Marie Maher,  
                     req. by Family  
                     † John Nelson, req. by Family  
                     Intention of Brenda Ferzacca,  
                     req. by Albert & Lila Ferzacca
  
- 11:00 am      Living & Deceased of our Parish
  
- Monday**       **July 5**  
8:30 am      † Helen & Austin Carlin,  
                     req. by Helen & M.L. Toomey
  
- Tuesday**      **July 6**  
8:30 am      † Souls in Purgatory,  
                     req. by Richard Schmelz Family  
                     Intention of Andrea & Pablo  
                     Sanchez - 30th Anniversary
  
- Wednesday**   **July 7**  
8:30 am      † Christ Fannin, req. by Mimi Bauer
  
- Thursday**     **July 8**  
8:30 am      † Michael Hurst, req. by Elli
  
- Friday**        **July 9**  
8:30 am      † Bob & Marilyn Romano
  
- Saturday**      **July 10**  
5:00 pm      Living & Deceased of our Parish
  
- Sunday**        **July 11**  
8:30 am      † Grace & Murray Toomey,  
                     req. by M.L. & Helen Toomey  
                     Intention of Marcia Hogan,  
                     req. by Barry Hogan
  
- 11:00 am      † Edmond & Julia O'Dea,  
                     req. by Patrick O'Dea

**REMEMBER THE SICK**

Nanchine McManus,  
Mary Lou Mann, Peggy Lynch, Denise Bergeron, Suzanne Plum,  
Don Loughran, Jr., Hayden O'Connor, Jim Cowgill, Jr., John Graff, Elizabeth Shotmeyer, Peter Hanna, Sandy Rodriguez, Lee Rodriguez, Noah Austin, Tommy Greene, Agatha Taglienti, John Masna, Margaret Reitz, John Harris, Charlotte Newbury, Stephen Black, Jo Neumann, John E. Hurley, Sophia Schwab, Jonathan Hughes, Kathleen Gerium, Mary Alice Zittle, Michael Cavallaro, David Calhoun, Dolores Fink, Skip Randolph

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In the spirit of our country's birthday, let us give gifts of non-perishable food and hygiene items to the needy in our city. Please fill the grocery carts at the church doors with these items. Happy 4th to all! To care is to share.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK**

There will be a special collection next weekend for the Black and Indian Missions. This collection exists to help diocesan communities to build up the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaska Native people of God. Please plan to use the specially designated envelopes - either in your boxed set, or in the pews - for your gift to this appeal and place it, along with your donation in support of our parish, in the basket which is passed only once.

**A STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT**

*"So, he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith."* (Mark 6:5-6) In today's Gospel, Jesus does not perform any large miracles in his hometown because of their lack of faith. As Christian stewards, is our faith strong enough to bring about even small miracles in our lives?

**DIAL-IN FOR BIBLE SHARING**

Participate in our teleconferencing Scripture sharing: Call in starts at 9:05 and sharing begins at 9:15 each Thursday morning. Dial 848-777-1212. When prompted put in 1431434 #. We are in the Gospel of John. Call Mary 954.290.1194 or Carole 954.529.6547 for info. Please join us!

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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.

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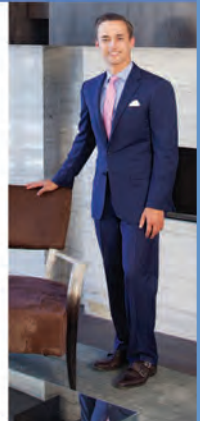
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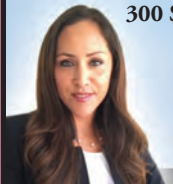
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