

# Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

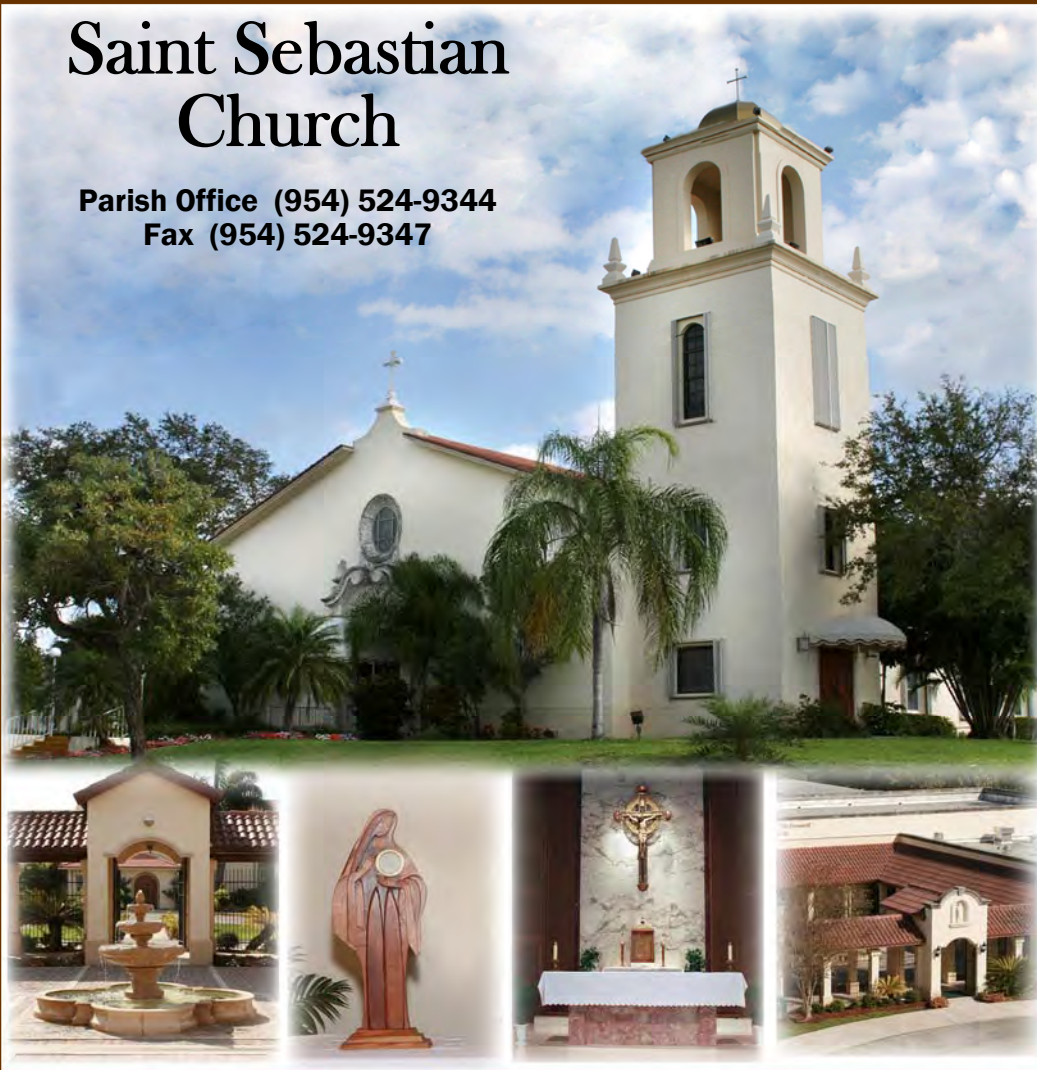
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## Saint Sebastian Church

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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)

### PARISH STAFF

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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,

**PS JUST HEARD. OUR BUILDING IS SOUND!!!**

That’s how I ended last week’s *Twitch*. I think maybe the folks in the condos might have heard my sigh of relief. As I was finishing the *Twitch* the engineer told us we were okay. All we need to do is put down a little mesh and concrete mixture to smooth out the cracks. That will happen soon.

As those extraordinary rescue workers continued their search on the rubble in Surfside, I couldn’t help but be a little distracted about cracks in buildings, especially *our* building.

Then I think about all those people caught in the collapse. I hope the work of recovering those “temples of the Holy Spirit” (cf. 1 Cor. 6:19) comes to an end with some sense of conclusion for relatives and friends of those who perished. Our bodies are sacred spaces that require careful tending and respect. At a funeral we incense the body as a sign of the respect that body is owed.

I’m sure the relatives and friends who have been keeping vigil know just how reverently the remains of their loved ones have been handled by the rescuers/recoverers.

The readings this weekend are well timed. We hear about how important a good shepherd is to his flock. I was very touched by one commentator who said that a shepherd was so close to his flock, that the mere sound of his voice could have a calming effect on them. The shepherd removed their fear. That’s my kind of shepherd.

We have fears about all sorts of things. It’s not just building cracks. Frequently I find myself more than a little upset by the way our society seems to crack... crowds in a street, often fed by ignorance. I pray the Lord will help me keep focused on Him so that I don’t get caught up in this or that *frénésie-du-jour*. And just in case you might miss it, I am

trusting you understand that when I say I, I am talking about a very big “WE.”

What did Jeremiah say today? “I will appoint shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear and tremble...”

There are days when we find ourselves looking around and saying, “Where is that promised shepherd?” At the risk of making it seem too simple, the point is that Jesus is our shepherd above all others. When we can focus on Him, I believe He helps us listen with better discernment to the voices that govern our day-to-day lives. He helps us discern truth and wisdom. Often that is not easy. Nevertheless, if Jesus isn’t there to help, I’m not sure why we gather in prayer at all.

The latest edition of the *Miami Florida Catholic* carried coverage of the collapse of the Champlain Towers South and the ministry of the Church, especially that of Father Juan Sosa. A number of the people who died were members of his parish, St. Joseph’s. I hope I never have to see pictures like that again. Yet, when I come to a point where I want to say, “Stop showing me the heart-break I have seen over and over,” I realize how selfish that is and again I stop to pray for all those who are grieving and mourning. Imagine the pain of the family who lost a one-year-old child.

ALSO!!!... **COVID-19 is not over.** It is so important that we maintain the masks in Church as well as the spacing. With the new variants of the disease showing themselves, we know we are not done. **Do all you can to persuade people, especially the young people, TO GET VACCINATED!!! It is a blessing like the Salk vaccine and measles vaccine. It’s stupid not to accept the gift we have been given.**

In Jesus our Savior and Super Vaccinator,





**Mass Intentions**

- Saturday July 17**  
5:00 pm † James Bollman,  
req. by Joan & Bill Fuccillo  
† Molly Yen, req. by Don Bourke  
† Richard & Francis Yen,  
req. by Don Bourke
- Sunday July 18**  
8:30 am Intention of Barry Hogan,  
req. by Marcia Hogan  
11:00 am Living & Deceased of our Parish
- Monday July 19**  
8:30 am † Helen & Austin Carlin,  
req. by Helen & M.L. Toomey
- Tuesday July 20**  
8:30 am † Donato Tulino,  
req. by Lucy Marino & Family  
† Catherine Hennigan,  
req. by Grace Middlemiss
- Wednesday July 21**  
8:30 am † Souls in Purgatory,  
req. by Richard Schmelz Family
- Thursday July 22**  
8:30 am † Tom Thorton,  
req. by Frank Maguire
- Friday July 23**  
8:30 am † Billy Fuccillo,  
req. by Harvey & EHC & Staff
- Saturday July 24**  
5:00 pm † Deceased members of the Yen  
Family, req. by Don Bourke  
† Victims of Surfside Condo Collapse  
req. by Hero Family  
† Billy Fuccillo
- Sunday July 25**  
8:30 am † Theresa M. Gardner  
11:00 am Living & Deceased of our Parish

**REMEMBER THE SICK**

Nanchine McManus,  
Mary Lou Mann, Peggy  
Lynch, Denise Ber-  
geron, 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 Caval-  
laro, David Calhoun, Dolores Fink, Skip Randolph

**IN MEMORIUM**

**SCOTT R. ANSELMO**  
July 8, 2021

May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful  
departed, through the mercy of God,  
rest in peace. Amen.



During the month of June, Blessed Sacrament's St. Vincent de Paul served 560 clients who represent 1829 individuals. Our clients are now allowed to come every week (rather than being limited to every other week). Approximately half of them have been doing so. The St Vincent DePaul Society thanks you for your continuous generosity of non-perishable food for our weekly food program. If you (or anyone you know) is in need, please tell them that a drive thru grocery distribution takes place every Friday from 2-4 PM (entrance to the parking lot will be closed at 3:45) at Blessed Sacrament Church, 1701 E Oakland Park Blvd. First timers must provide proof of residency in Broward County

**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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**JUST A THOUGHT...**

May God bless each one of us with prayerful spirits and gentle hearts formed through prayer. God will use prayerful spirits and gentle hearts as instruments to bring about unity.

*From "Mustard Seeds" by Matthew Kelly*

**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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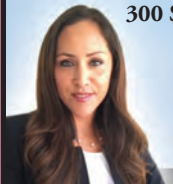
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