

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

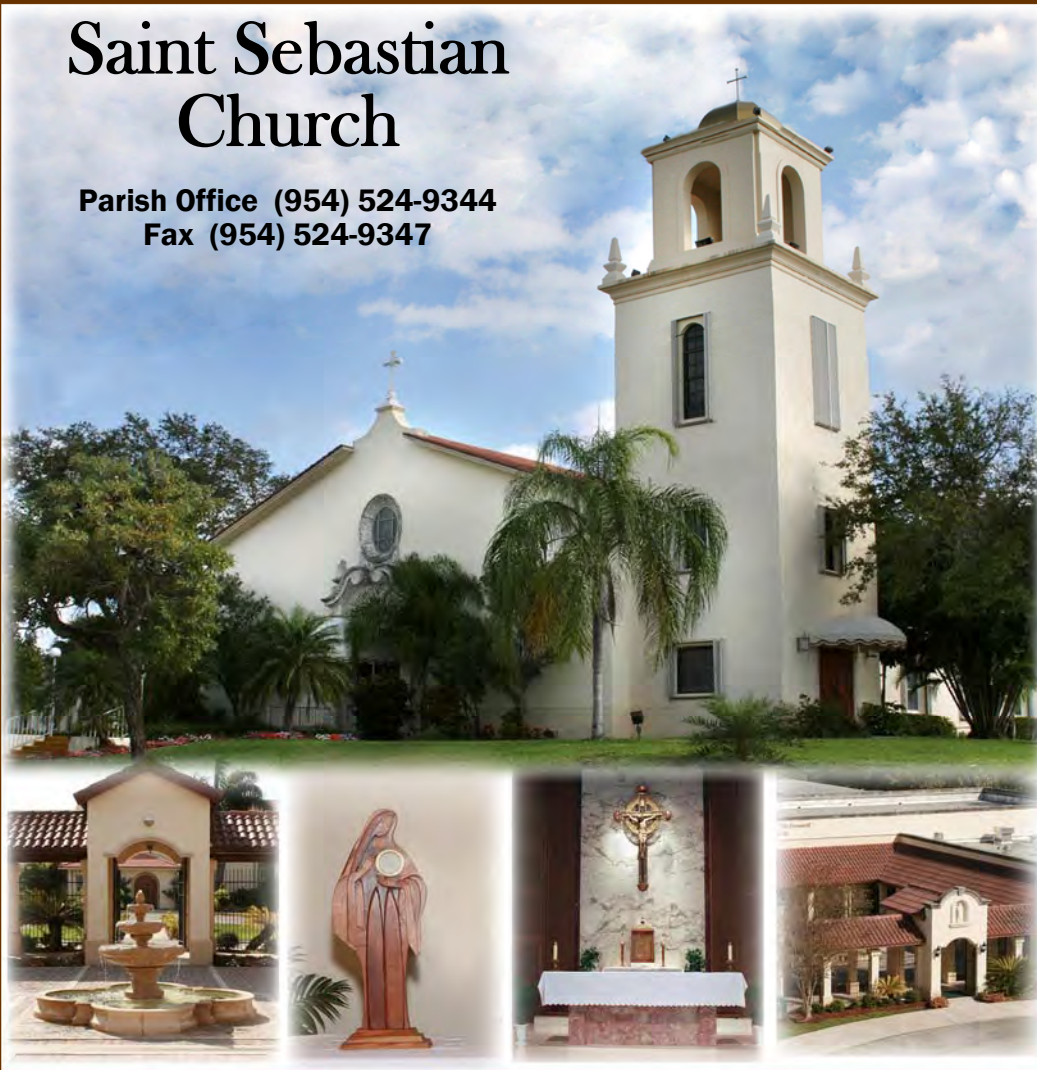
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Saint Sebastian Church

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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,

Happy Valentine's Day! 

It took me a minute to find that heart symbol because I'm working on my home computer. A little health hiccup brought me here. Thank God it was nothing more. Thanks also to Msgr. Mike Hip-pee, and Father Gary as usual, for celebrating Mass.

Maybe having a little more time to think brought me to this next item that troubled me, more than a little. Last Sunday, someone was asked to go the Parish Center because the main sanctuary was full. The gentlemen (?) was heard to say to his companion, "We're going home. Enough of this bull****." That's an odd way to refer to the celebration of the Eucharist. Hopefully, at least that is not what he meant.

I don't know who he was, and I don't ever want to know. But I felt (and feel) badly when I think of the people who work so hard to help accommodate everyone who comes. As you know we spent more than a few bucks to rig the hall for instant transmission and that same set-up also let us put the liturgy online for those who couldn't come. Peter, the organist *par excellence*, lets his fingers fly across screens as well as keyboards to use the various cameras for all the right angles.

Week after week, Annie has been checking each Sunday morning to make sure all the connections are on in the hall, and Patricio makes sure the seating is spaced.

The ushers have been so good about encouraging people to use the masks, supplying masks when people forgot to bring their own. Nearly everyone cooperates with the spatial arrangements, etc. etc. etc.

For many months until it was no longer necessary, volunteers wiped down the pews with disinfectants between Masses.

By age 80, you'd think I would have learned to walk away from stuff like the 'incident.' Somedays

I suspect the Lord is giving me longer life because there are still some things I have to learn. And maybe some of our great nonagenarians are here to teach me, not because they have something to learn, too.

So, taking advantage of a bad moment gives me a chance to thank the *vast majority* of you, to say nothing of the folk I just mentioned.


You have been *wonderful* about all the restrictions and inconveniences the COVID variants brought upon our heads,

You have heard me say, "Blessings on your heads and any other parts that need it." I'm not sure if I'm ready to put COVID in that category, but maybe in a few years we will laugh about things like this. "This too, shall pass."

So, that's my unexpected lead-in to Valentine's Day. When we were kids, we made Valentine's cards. I know Mom and some teachers got them, but the real trick was getting enough to spread around throughout the class. God forbid you'd be known for singling out any particular girl. Your classmates wouldn't give you peace.

Not long ago an old school mate sent me a picture of our seventh-grade class. She was kind enough to identify many of the kids.

Those were the days when 50 kids in a class was not unusual. God bless Mrs. Camastra. I may have mentioned before that she was such a good teacher that she got us to the point where she would *reward* us for a good day, by reading a section of *Evangeline* at the end of the day. That included the tough guys. Thinking about that, I went and reread Longfellow's lengthy poem. Now I wonder how Mrs. Camastra did it.

I hope you have some happy Valentine's memories as well. I didn't expect to find Longfellow in mine, but the Lord offers us great surprises when we let Him. Happy Surprise! 

In Jesus,

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	February 12 † Ed O’Gorman, req. by Family
Sunday 8:30 am	February 13 Living & Deceased of our Parish
11:00 am	† Michael Larsen, req. by Janice Larsen † Lisa & Richard Urban, req. by Nephew
Monday 8:30 am	February 14 Wellbeing of Ed & Jill Rebolz, req. by Marcia & Barry Hogan Wellbeing of Joan & Bill Fuccillo on their 69th Wedding Anniversary, req. by St. Sebastian Friends † Charlotte Newbury, req. by Judy Fisher
Tuesday 8:30 am	February 15 † Souls in Purgatory, req. by Richard Schmelz Family
Wednesday 8:30 am	February 16 Wellbeing of Briana Hennessey, req. by Grace Middlemiss
Thursday 8:30 am	February 17 Wellbeing of Barry Hogan, req. by Marcia Hogan
Friday 8:30 am	February 18 Wellbeing of Sarah Rave, req. by Rosary Group
Saturday 5:00 pm	February 19 † Ellie Loughran, req. by Joan & Bill Fuccillo † Marie & Alfred Caron, req. by Don Bourke
Sunday 8:30 am	February 20 Living & Deceased of our Parish
11:00 am	† Grace & Murray Toomey, req. by M.L & Helen Toomey

REMEMBER THE SICK

Nanchine McManus,
Mary Lou Mann, Suzanne Plum, Don

Loughran, Jr., Jim Cowgill, Jr., Peter Hanna, Sandy Rodrigues, Lee Rodriguez, John Masna, Margaret Reitz, John Harris, Stephen Black, Jo Neumann, John E. Hurley, Jonathan Hughes, Kathleen Gerium, Mary Alice Zittle, Michael Cavallaro, David Calhoun, Alvaro Arevalo, Michelle Toulouse, Margaret Farragher, Mary McGuire, Dr. Laura Evatt, Kari Albertson, Diane & Alexander Garville

FUNERAL FOR CHARLOTTE NEWBURY

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated for our longtime and active parishioner, Charlotte Newbury, on Thursday, February 17, at 10:00 am. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

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 will be sharing from the Letter to the Romans. Call Mary at 954.290.1194 or Carole at 954.529.6547 for info.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, February 26 - SSCCW Carnival Luncheon & Comedy Bingo at Coral Ridge Yacht Club. For info and reservations call or text Kaye @617 312 2935.

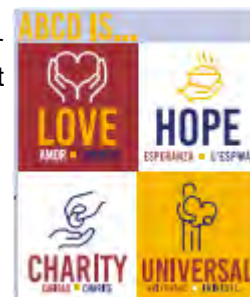
Weekend of February 26-27 - St. Vincent de Paul truck scheduled to be in our parking lot.



“He who is generous with his bread will be blessed, for he gives of his own bread to the poor.” (Proverbs 22:9) When we shop, let’s take one non-perishable food for ourselves and one for the families in Broward county who need our help and do likewise with hygiene items. See how quickly our church shopping carts fill up! To care is to share.

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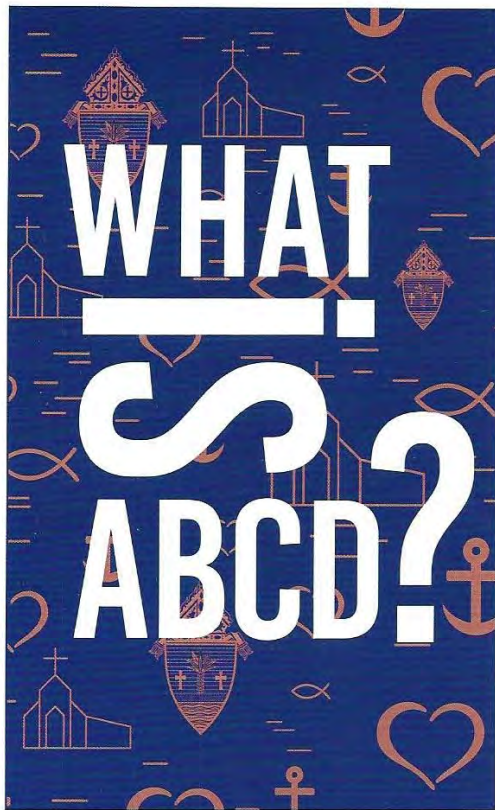
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THE OTHER SERENITY PRAYER

God, grant me the serenity to stop beating myself up
for not doing things perfectly,
The courage to forgive myself
because I’m working on doing better,
And the wisdom to know
that you already love me just the way I am.

-Author unknown



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