

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

Blessed Mother Theresa was born in Macedonia to Albanian parents. When she became 18 years old, she joined the religious order called The Sisters of Our Lady of Loretta. As a part of her religious training, she came to India and completed her training and made her final vows in the year of 1937. After this, she took her first appointment as the head of a secondary girl's school in the province called Calcutta. Her constant presence in India and interaction with the poor and dying people deeply affected her. In the same year, she attended a religious retreat and after that she decided to leave her convent to live and help the poorest of the poor. The rest of her life is just a miracle.

In today's gospel Jesus expresses His unfulfilled desire to each one of us that; I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! Dear friends, as Christians it is our duty to fulfill this desire of Jesus in this world. In order that, we should believe the fact that, there is a spark of fire in each one of us, and we need to make this spark of fire into a flame of fire through our Christian living. So, to say, we should allow the spirit of the Lord to take control over us, rather than the spirit of the world.

The initial life of Mother Theresa with the poorest of the poor was not that easy at all. She had a lot of hardships and problems to handle from this world, but she never turned back from her decision to be with the poor, and never allowed the spark of fire in her heart to go out. Completely trusting in the promises of the Lord, she fought against all the difficult situations, and at the end we see she became a big fire, where no power of the world can consume her, at the same time she consumes the whole world with the fire of love in her heart. Today Jesus is talking about this flame of fire to be filled on this earth, and this fire must generate from each one of us. Every sacrament and sacramental celebration should help us to spread this fire of grace in this world and only then do we become the true messengers of Christ, until then the gospel states that the heart of Jesus will be in great anguish. Dear friends, let us make a strong resolution that, because of me Jesus shall not be in anguish. At the same time there is an unasked question from Jesus- Can you be an instrument to spread this fire of grace in this world?

At first, the gospel passage makes us disturbed and unsettled, because often we teach and hear that, Jesus is loving, caring, compassionate, merciful etc., but today Jesus comes to us with the breaking news that *"Do not think that I have come to establish peace on the earth, but rather division"*. Yes, Jesus talks about His second coming and situations prior to

to that. Yes, it was the same atmosphere Jesus had to face since from His birth to death here in this world- always some people supported Him, and others opposed Him. It is the division of good and evil too.

Yes, dear friends, Jesus is making His entry every now and then, through different people, situations etc., looking for the faithful ones to support Him. So here is the final question to be asked by each one of us- when Jesus makes His glorious second coming will I be there to support Him with a flame of fire to show His way? Let us pray earnestly, that day by day the spark of fire will be a flame of fire in our lives. **Amen.**

"If we could comprehend all the good things contained within Holy Communion, nothing more would be wanting to content the heart of man."

-St. John Vianney



Retrouvaille Marriage Weekend

Is your marriage struggling and you're not sure what to do or where to start? Retrouvaille can help. This program is for couples with marital problems that want marriage help. The Owensboro, KY and Nashville, TN Retrouvaille will be having a weekend September 2-4, 2022. Register today for the September 2-4, 2022, to bring some hope into your marriage at <https://tinyurl.com/y65hu7n5> If you prefer to speak with someone call Laurel at (615) 838-6724 or Deacon Tony Carmona (270) 498-1731. <https://retrouvaille.org/>

Thanks to everyone for your generous contributions to our churches.

Financial Report – August 7, 2022

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$3,067.00 weekly

Regular Collection	\$ 3,585.00 + 518.00
Emergency Fund	\$ 470.00
Special Collection	\$ 301.00

Financial Report – August 7, 2022

St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,249.00 weekly

Regular Collection	\$ 1,335.00 + 86.00
Emergency Fund	\$ 25.00
Special Collection	\$ 50.00

Mass Schedule

Aug. 14 – Aug. 21

Sunday – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - *Louis Weise*

-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles – *Mary Albin*

Monday – No Mass

Tuesday – No Mass

Wednesday- No Mass

Thursday – Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time

-8:00am – Communion Service at St. Sebastian

Friday- No Mass

Saturday – No Mass

Sunday – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian

Leon & Mary Jane Gibbons

-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles – *Joe Marcum*

Escape to the Mount with Quilt Bingo

On Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022, we will play Quilt Bingo where players have the chance to win quilts! A variety of beautiful quilts will be available. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. and bingo is from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Tickets for Quilt Bingo are \$25 per person, which includes lunch. Bingo cards can be purchased for \$1 a game for a small quilt prize, or \$2 per game for a large quilt prize. Seating is limited, so sign up in advance by emailing carol.braden-clarke@maplemount.org. Following bingo, the Mount raffle drawing will take place at 4 p.m. Raffle tickets will be available during Quilt Bingo. Tickets can be purchased for \$5 for your chance to win \$10,000, \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,000, \$750, \$500 and \$250, or a handmade quilt. All proceeds support the mission and ministries of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, Maple Mount, Ky.

Please Pray for our Military

MMN1 Andrew Logsdon, SSgt. James (J.P.) Dye, John Randall Zaremba, Major Jack Kaina, Major Bradley Summers, Lance Corporal Marine Joseph Ryan Hunter, Lt. Col. Michael Rezebek. A.B. Phillip Wilson, Specialist 4 Chaz McKay, Sgt. Adam Dickey, and Corpsman Aly Franklin.

Prayer List for Members of our Community

Melanie Mayes, Jason Evans, Lisa Jackson, Ethan Settle, Jimmy Clayton, Pat Calhoun, Sonny Renfrow, Kimberly Nowak, Kimberly Stiles, Alice Weise, Callie Hayden, Tom Schutte, Evelyn Drury, Debbie Dunn, Ben Dunn, Tommy England, Louis Dant., Lance Green, Serena Cooper, Jeff Husk, Maurice Drury JR., Marcie Vanover, Cindy Miller, Betty Bickett, Gloria Tingle, Charles Mae, Tony Searcy and Jerry Abney



Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian



Jimmy Rice – Aug. 13

Lynne Scott – Aug. 17

Happy Anniversary - St. Sebastian



Donald & Cindy Durbin – Aug. 16

Happy Birthday - St. Charles



Brook Devine – Aug. 13

Ministry Schedule

August 21, 2022

St. Sebastian

Euch. Min: Harriette Ellis

Debra Hamilton

Sid Hayden

Lectors: Gail Clayton

Drew McCarty

Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Clayton

Hospitality Ministers: Neil Scott

John Pinkston

Money Counters: Josh Searcy

Neil Scott

St. Charles

Euch. Min: Lee Edwards

Darrell Bishop

Lectors: Derek Miller

Geneva Bishop

Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Staples

Money Counters: Rondy Humphrey

Derek Miler