

**Dear friends in Jesus Christ,**

The book of Revelation 10:10 says, "So I took the small scroll from the angel's hand and ate it, and it was sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it, my stomach turned bitter." These words clearly explain about the nature of the Word of God. This is exactly the same we see in the attitude of the people in today's Gospel. How do we taste the word of God in our lives? Do we find it difficult to digest it in our lives? If we Christians claim that it is difficult to digest and follow Jesus and His words in our lives, do you think that we are worthy to be called as Christians? Jesus came to save the people of Israel (Jews), but they did not accept Him.

It is wonderful to hear the Word of God, but how many of us have the courage to live accordingly? The Gospel states that "all people spoke highly of him and were amazed at His preaching," but, the saddest thing is that they were not willing to accept them. They find it difficult to digest the core of His teaching, and so they take offense at Him and drive Him out. Looking into our own lives, we know that we have been listening, reading, and reflecting about the word of God for many years; however, the Gospel of today, challenges each one of us to determine our experience with the word of God-how sincere we are in following them?

If we are not ready to give our hearts for the word of God to get rooted who else will? When Jesus realized that His own hometown people are prejudice about His preaching, He says, "No prophet is accepted in his own hometown." This comment of Jesus is applicable to each Christian in this world who fails to accept the Word of God and lives accordingly. Yes, often His own people rejected Him. If we examine the public life of Jesus we can see, the Jewish people (Israel) often took offense at Him, where as other religious people accepted Him and believed in Him. Look at the story of the ten lepers (Lk.17), only the Samaritan came back and thanked Jesus, the Jews never came back to thank Jesus. In Luke's Gospel (7) we see, Jesus appreciates the faith of the Centurion by saying "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such great faith." In the Gospel of Matthew (15), we see Jesus appreciates the faith of the Canaanite woman by saying "Oh, woman, your faith is great; let it be done for you as you desire." Look at the life of the disciples; they all left Jesus after His death. Yes, then and now, the real enemies of Jesus are not from outside, but from inside, the so called dear and near ones. If so, are you a friend or an enemy of Jesus? If we claim to be the friend of Jesus, how can we take offense at Jesus by not following Him and His words in our lives?

They did not only take offense at Him, but they also questioned His identity by asking: "Is not this the son

son of Joseph? Dear friends, Jesus created His own identity by walking differently and by doing His Father's will perfectly, but people were not happy with His identity. Today, we are all here in this Church just because of the identity Jesus has given us through His Passion, Death and Resurrection. Today, as a Christian or as a Catholic our role here in this world is to create an identity for Jesus in this world through our worthy way of life. The special identity we are called to achieve is to be an apostle of Jesus Christ, or to be a Saint, and this is what Jesus is calling us to; "Be perfect, as your Heavenly Father is perfect."

Every Sunday we profess our faith and try to proclaim that we believe in Jesus, but in action our expression of faith is not seen. Precisely because of the same reason Jesus condemns each one of us by saying "to what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others. We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn." (Matthew 11:16-17). Dear friends, let us examine our thoughts, words and actions and see, whether we are with Jesus or against Jesus? **God Bless!**

**Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp**

Gasper River is now accepting registrations for summer camp! Gasper is also hiring for kitchen staff. Please visit <http://www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org/>.

**Counseling Needed?**

Is the pandemic stressing you out? You are not alone. Please call Catholic Charities at 270-683-1545 and mention CAP. We will direct you to a licensed counselor. You may also visit [owensborodiocese.org/counseling](http://owensborodiocese.org/counseling).

**Contribution Statements**

Your 2021 contribution statements are ready. They are located at the back of church. Please pick up at your convenience. Thank you.

**Cursillos in Christianity.**

The upcoming Cursillo Weekends in English are: Men: March 3-6, 2022; Women: March 10-13, 2022. Retreat Weekends are being held at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat Center. Cost of the Weekend is \$180.

**Financial Report – January 23, 2021**

**St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,883.56 weekly**

Regular Collection	\$ 2,555.00 – 328.56
Emergency Fund	\$ 145.00
Special Collections	\$ 0.00

**Financial Report – January 23, 2021**

**St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,058.22 weekly**

Regular Collection	\$ 1,580.00 + 521.78
Emergency Fund	\$ 0.00
Special Collections	\$ 50.00

**Mass Schedule**  
**January 30 – February 6**

**Sunday – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Brenda Payne*  
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles  
*Tichenor - Leachman Families*

**Monday – St. John Bosco, Priest (Memorial)**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Joe Bickett*

**Tuesday – Fourth Week in Ordinary Time**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - *Lisa Young*

**Wednesday- The Presentation of the Lord (Feast)**

-6:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Bill & Irene Tichenor*  
-6:30pm – *Faith Formation*

**Thursday – Fourth Week in Ordinary Time**

-8:30am – **No Mass** at St. Sebastian  
-5:30pm – **No Mass** at St. Charles  
-5:30pm - Mass will be at St. Sebastian  
*Bill & Jacinta Garinger*

**Friday – Fourth Week in Ordinary Time**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Robert Vollman*

**Saturday – St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr (Memorial)**

-3:00pm - Confession  
-4:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Lee & Connie Roberts*

**Sunday – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Alvin Bickett*  
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles  
*Bill & Jacinta Garinger*

**Ministry Schedule**  
**February 5, 2022**

St. Sebastian Lector: Paula Tichenor

**February 6, 2022**

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Harriette Ellis  
Lectors: Cathy Burden & Paula Hayden

Money Counters: Patricia Hayden & Susie Alexander

St. Charles Euch. Min: Lee Edwards  
Lectors: Matthew Miller & Sarah Miller

Money Counters: Mark Logsdon & Jacob Miller

**CDC Recommendations for Covid-19 Pandemic**

- All Vaccinated and Unvaccinated over the age of two are strongly recommended to wear a facemask properly.
- If you are feeling ill or concerned about exposure to the virus, be encouraged to remain home.
- Gathering spaces to be cleaned and sanitized regularly.
- Continue with proper hand washing and/or sanitizing.
- No social gatherings or meetings are permitted in the church buildings.
- Eucharistic Ministers should be masked and sanitize their hands after receiving the Eucharist.
- Please continue to be diligent.

**Congratulations Fr. Jegin**

Both churches will join together in celebrating Fr. Jegin becoming a United States Citizen. He will be sworn in the morning of Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. 5:30 mass will be held at St. Sebastian instead of St. Charles. A potluck meal will follow after the mass.

**Condolences**

We offer heartfelt condolences to Rachel Hudson on the passing of her uncle, Billy Murphy. Please keep their family in your prayers.

**Happy Anniversary – St. Sebastian**



Kevin & Lisa Vaught – February 2

**St. Charles - Happy Birthday**



John Logsdon – February 3  
Marl Logsdon – February 3

**St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday**



Jo Ann Hayden - January 29  
Kameron Vaught - January 30  
Kellie Watkins – January 30  
Neil Scott – February 4

**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, Todd Tichenor, Kimberly Stiles, Louis & Alice Weise, Callie Hayden, Tom Schutte, Evelyn Drury, Bill Abney, Debbie Dunn, Ben Dunn, Tommy England, Louis Dant, Becky Cheatham, Lisa Vaught, Lance Green, Neil Hayden, Serena Cooper and Jeff Husk.