

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Prior to the visit of Pope Francis to our country, there were so many heated discussions and debates on many issues of Faith, Morals & society on many TV channels. During that time Bishop Robert Barron, the auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles, had to face two famous debaters named Brian Mathews & Chris Mathews in NBC T. V channel. As the discussions were going on, Mr. Chris Mathews asked a very controversial question to Bishop Robert Barron, "The Catholic Church is a men authoritarian Church, why are women not given equal authority in the Church? Why can women not be priests or bishops?" The Bishop without any hesitation told Christ Mathews; "when you equalize or compare the authority of the Church with the authority of the world, you are tempted to think and ask questions like this, and it is the greatest mistake many people make today." He continued, "Today we all consider Pope Francis as the head of the Church, but he introduces himself as the servant of servants and so he asks for our prayers always and admits that he is a sinner. So, priesthood is not the highest authority in the church, but it is the sainthood which is the greatest authority in the church." Bishop continued to remind Chris Mathews that, "there are so many women saints who really inspired our popes with their holy life - like Catherine of Sienna, St. Theresa of Child Jesus, Mother Theresa etc. So ministerial positions like priesthood or seat of Bishop or Cardinal or Pope are not the priority in the Church, but rather it is the holiness which is the highest priority and authority in the Church."

Yes, to lead a holy life is not an easy task; the roads our saints have traveled are the most difficult ones of suffering and persecution. Are we ready to walk through those roads of saints who traveled? Today, as we reflect about the Gospel, Jesus also invites us to walk through the roads of suffering and persecution to be the greatest in the kingdom of God. In response to the request of sons of the Zebedee to sit at the right and left at the glory, Jesus enlightens them with three important messages with His three comments;

"Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" – The Cup and the Baptism that Jesus talks represents the cruel suffering and death of Jesus. Yes, a great sacrifice like Jesus demands from a disciple to be the greatest in the Kingdom of God.

"To sit at my right or left is not mine to give but it is for those whom it has been prepared." Jesus makes it clear that it is the sole authority of the Father in Heaven. By this Jesus also indicates that He is obedient to His Father in Heaven.

"Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all." Yes, this is what Bishop Robert Barron made it clear at the debate.

Thus the Gospel very explicitly says to us that, we should never underestimate the authority of the Kingdom of God with the authority of the world. As Christians, we are all called to be the greatest in the Kingdom of God. So let us be obedient to the will of God and strive hard to attain His holiness in our lives through our selfless service Faith, Hope and Love. Yes, "Son of Man came, not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." (Matt. 20:28) *Let us pray; Lord use me as an instrument for your kingdom in this world. God Bless.*

Memorare

Remember, **O most gracious Virgin Mary**, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we fly unto thee, O Virgin of Virgins my Mother; to thee do we come; before thee do we stand, sinful and sorrowful; O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer us. Amen

Bereavement Committee

A New head of the bereavement committee is needed as Judy Ward is retiring. Please call the church office if interested. Thank you.

Faith Formation

Dear Parents of Faith Formation Children, This is to remind you that faith is a free gift from God and as Christian Parents it is your duty and obligation to nurture the faith they have received through the Sacrament of Baptism. With that being said, I ask you please make sure to send your children for Faith Formation classes. Please remember, the future of our church is based on the quality of your faith and the faith of your children. God Bless.

Thanks to everyone for your generous contributions to Our Churches during this unfortunate time. God Bless & Be Safe.

Financial Report - October 10, 2021

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,883.56 weekly
Regular Collection \$ 1836 - 1047.56
Emergency Fund \$ 115

Financial Report - October 10, 2021

St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,058.22 weekly
Regular Collection \$ 1444 + 385.78
Emergency Fund \$ 25

**Mass Schedule
October 17 - October 24**

Sunday - Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Joe Hayden
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Bill Logsdon

Monday - Saint Luke, Evangelist (Feast)

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Alvin Bickett

Tuesday - Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs (Memorial)

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

Wednesday-Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time

-6:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian
Melinda Prunty
- 6:30pm - Faith Formation

Thursday - Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Lisa Young
-5:30pm - Mass at St. Charles
Bill Logsdon

Friday - Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Delila Mae Payne

Saturday- Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time

-5:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian
Bill & Jacinta Garinger

Sunday - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Merritt & Janice Hobbs
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Bill Logsdon

**Ministry Schedule
October 23, 2021**

St. Sebastian Lector: Paula Tichenor

October 24, 2021

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Marc Searcy
Lector: Lindsay Searcy & Kathy Hudson

St. Charles Euch. Min: Sherry Logsdon
Lector: Samantha Rhodes & Sarah 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.

St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday



Annette Dant - October 16
Debra Hamilton - October 16
Shawn Dame - October 17
Josephine Pinkston - October 17
Jimmy Clayton - October 18
Kevin Fritz - October 20
Susan Alexander - October 21
Cindy Searcy - October 22

St. Charles - Happy Birthday



Margie Logsdon - October 22

St. Sebastian - Happy Anniversary



Ross & Rachel Hudson - October 17

St. Charles - Happy Anniversary



Rene & Jacqueline Picard - October 18

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, Mary Jewell, Tom Schutte, Evelyn Drury, Bill Abney, Debbie Dunn, Ben Dunn, Tommy England, Louis Dant, Becky Cheatham, Lisa Vaught, Lance Green and Neil Hayden.