

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

A woman was shopping for a new dress and found the most stunning creation she had ever seen in her life; but it was too expensive: \$850. She knew that she could not afford it, but she wanted to try the dress and see how she looked in it. So, she tried and found herself to be very beautiful in the dress. She thought if she does not buy this rare piece of dress now, someone else will buy it; so, she bought it. That evening when her husband came back from work, she told him all about the beautiful dress and how beautiful she looked in that dress etc. As always expected from husbands, he asked her, "how much did you pay for it?" When she told the cost of the dress, he actually had a fit. She explained, the temptation was more than she could handle. The husband told her, when you are tempted like that, you should tell the devil: "get behind me, Satan." She pleaded with her husband saying "that is what I did, and the devil told me, it looks fantastic from the back too."

Dear friends, we are starting a new season in our spiritual journey. At the beginning of our spiritual journey the Gospel presents to us the temptations faced by Jesus in the desert and thus reminds us to take the utmost care against all the temptations of this world that can affect three aspects of a human life; mind, body and soul and lose the grace of God in our lives.

In today's Gospel, we see the devil is trying to attack the three aspects of Jesus' life, one after another, according to the importance of each aspect. The first temptation of the devil to Jesus was aimed at His soul; "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." Jesus confronted this temptation with the power of the word of God, which is the food of the soul by saying "one does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." This is a temptation to fulfill our personal desires. Here, let us pray-Lord, not my will, but Thy will be done. Yes, let the word of God be our food for our spiritual journey.

The second temptation of the devil to Jesus was aimed at His body; "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from the parapet of the temple." Jesus confronted the second temptation by the power of the word of God again by saying "you shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." This is a temptation to look for only personal safety. Here, let us pray the teaching of St. Paul's first letter to Corinthians 6:19 "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own." Yes, let us stop mistreating our body by over consumption of food,

smoking, alcohol and many other drugs.

The third temptation of devil to Jesus was aimed at His mind; "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." Jesus confronted this temptation by the power of the word of God again by saying "Get away Satan, it is written: worship the Lord your God and serve Him only." This is a temptation to go after worldly powers and pleasures. Here, let us be reminded of the words of St. Paul again to Colossians 3:2 "Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."

By these three temptations, Jesus teaches us about the importance of safeguarding our mind body and soul by the power of the Word of God or to say, the best weapon against all the temptations in the world is the Word of God; again reminding us that if you are seeking the face of God in your life, we should have an undivided heart, mind and body. This is to say, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. (Mathew 22:37). As we remember and reflect more about the sacrifice of Jesus for each one of us, let us try to surrender our mind, body and soul to God and to His will. Amen.

Prayer List for members of our community:

Leo Guenther, Joe Bickett, Melanie Mayes, Jason Evans, Stella Ibrahims, Elaine West, Lisa Jackson, Howard Hillard, Brett McPherson, Stephanie Payne, Kathy Hudson, Evelyn Drury, Teresa Jones, Brittney Neal, Ethan Settle, Tom Schutte, Kim Staples, Katherine Roberts, Patricia Hardison, Tommy England, Dennis Millay, Todd Tichenor, Patricia Hayden, Jim Lebold, Jimmy Clayton, Candace Miller, Mary Jewell, Charlie May, David Abrams, Jackie Lee, Debbie Neal, James & Paula Tichenor, Tony Calvert, Mike Dant, Alice Durbin, Jim Logsdon Betty Bickett, John Muster, Pat Calhoun, Kyle Hicks, and Kathy Owen. Please call the office to have a name added to the prayer list. This list will be purged at the end of each month. Thanks

Financial Report - February 23, 2020

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$3,079.37 weekly

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| Regular Collection | \$ 3,535.00 + \$ 455.63 |
| Children's Collection | \$ 12.00 |
| Emergency Fund | \$ 350.00 |
| Dio. of Mandeville | \$ 546.00 |

Financial Report - February 23, 2020

St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,102.97 weekly

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| Regular Collection | \$ 1,506.00 +\$403.03 |
| HVAC (\$1,900.00 Needed) | \$ 725.00 |
| Children's Collection | \$ 3.00 |
| Dio. of Mandeville | \$ 245.00 |

St. Sebastian Counting of Collection March 8

Lisa Vaught & Lynne Scott

MASS SCHEDULE

March 1 - 8, 2020

Sunday - First Sunday of Lent

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Joe Hayden
- 10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
James Leon Howard

Monday - First Week of Lent

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Danny Edwards

Tuesday - First Week of Lent

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Justin Durbin

Wednesday - First Week of Lent

- 5:30pm - Mass & Prayer Service at St. Sebastian -Robert Vollman

Thursday - First Week of Lent

- 8:30am - Mass at St Sebastian
Alvin Bickett
- 5:30pm - Mass & Prayer Service at St. Charles -Louis & Nora Edge

Friday - First Friday of the Month

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Jake Coomes
- 5:00pm - 7.00pm - Fish Fry

Saturday - First Week of Lent

- 4:30pm Confession
- 5:30pm Mass at St. Sebastian
Judith Ann Howard Phelps

Sunday - Second Sunday of Lent

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Betty Sue Caraway
- 10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
MC & Barbara Roberts

Attention Please!

If you have taken a missalettes from the Church for your reading practice, please make sure to place them back. If you are using a smart phone, please download an app called **Laudate** for your reading practice and many other prayers. Thank You for your understanding.

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, Spec Private First Class Charlotte Marshall, Specialist 4 Chaz McKay, Sgt. Adam Dickey & Aly Franklin

RELIGIOUS ED SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 4th 6:00pm Mass
6:45pm Class

Parish Council Meeting

St. Sebastian Church will have Parish Council Meeting on March 9th at 6:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

23rd Annual Youth-2000

A Eucharistic centered retreat will be held at Brescia University Campus from March 6-8, 2020. Ages 13-33 are invited to participate. For more information, please call 270-683 1545. Parents of youth, please consider sending your kids to this grace filled Retreat. Thanks

Let us always meet each other with smile, for the smile is the beginning of love. **St. Teresa of Calcutta**

St. Charles - Happy Birthday

Mirasol Baggett - March 4
Ardell Neal - March 6

St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday

Susie Anderson - March 1
Alastair Cooper - March 1
James Durbin - March 1
Emily Lancaster - March 1
Dylan McMahon - March 7

St. Sebastian - Happy Anniversary



Sam & Bethany Hayden - March 6

Ministry Schedule - March 8

St. Sebastian

Eucharistic Ministers: Kimberly Cooper, Drew McCarty & Harriette Ellis
Lectors: Faye May & Neil Scott
Servers: Evie Searcy & Ava McCarty
Hospitality Ministers: Long Handle: James Dant & Tony Searcy
Gift Bearers: Greg & Melissa Wilson Family

St. Charles

Eucharist Ministers: Lee Edwards & Judy Fee
Lectors: George Rhodes & Marylyne Miller
Altar Servers: Bobby Baggett & Connor Logsdon
Hospitality Ministers: Mark Logsdon & Philip Logsdon
Gift Bearers: Rondy & Patty Humphrey Family

Whenever you are unable to fill your ministry, please find someone to replace you and/or contact the office so your name will not be printed in the bulletin. Thank you for your understanding.