

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Everyone knows that the Constitution is the supreme law of the country and everyone living in this country is expected to abide by it otherwise be punished. As Christians, the supreme law of Christianity is the God given Ten commandments, but how many of us sincerely abide by it is the answer to most of the problems in our lives and in this world. If we truly examine, we will find how weak we are in loving God and our neighbor. We fail to live the supreme law of the kingdom of God, because we don't really care for the author of these Ten Commandments, and our carelessness is very well reflected in the present situation of this world.

No plant can grow and become a tree without its roots being rooted in the ground. In the same way no Christian can grow as a Christ without deepening his or her faith in Jesus Christ. Today, we are celebrating the solemnity of the Kingship of Jesus. This celebration reminds us to accept Jesus as the king of our lives. This celebration of the Kingship of Jesus marks the end of liturgical year B and begins the liturgical year C by preparing to welcome the king of Kings through the season of Advent.

In today's Gospel we see Pilate questions the very identity of Jesus; "Are you the king of the Jews?" What a pathetic situation is this; part of God's creation is questioning the creator, God Himself? Dear friends, this is the tragedy of today's world too. How many times we have questioned the identity of Jesus in our lives? Remember, every time we commit sin and give priority to worldly things more than Godly things, we question our God Himself like the Pilate- Are you the king of life? Be sure, we raise questions when we are not sure. So, reflect, how many times we have questioned our Jesus through our lives. We raise questions to Jesus, because we are not conscious of our own true identity; "we are created in the image and likeness of God."

Those who have forgotten their true identity, to them Jesus reminds again through the Gospel; "My kingdom does not belong to this world." Yes, when each one of us are ready to accept this truth, there won't be any problem in accepting the Kingship of Jesus. But, in reality the so called 'Christians' have failed to accept the truth proclaimed by Jesus and that is the tragedy of our Christianity in today's world.

The Kingship of Jesus is not at all similar to the kingship and its way of ruling that we have in this world, and that is the reason Jesus says; "My Kingdom does not belong to this world." Mother Theresa, the Princess of Calcutta was an ordinary woman, but she ruled many people. Once Mother Theresa was going to people one after another to

raise funds for her poor and needy under her care. Once she entered a Hindu rich man's shop and begged him for some money to help the poor by extending her right hand. The rich man looked at her sharply and spat on her hand and shouted at her. Mother looked at him with pity and closed her palm and showed the left hand and told, yes, it is for me and give me something for my poor ones. The rich man was surprised at her reaction and this incident converted the rich man to be a different person that he became one of the biggest benefactors of Mother Theresa in helping the poor. Yes, my dear friends, it is this attitude of forgiveness, love, humility, and acceptance that helped Mother Theresa to win the hearts of many people all over the world. This is the same kind of attitude; the celebration of the Kingship of Jesus is expecting from all of us. So, during this mass let us ask the Eucharistic Lord to bless us with His sacrificial love, unity, kindness etc in our lives too. Amen

Immaculate Conception-Holy Day of Obligation

December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Fr. John Thomas, Vicar of the Cathedral will be presiding over the Holy Mass at 6pm, followed by a spiritual talk. Everyone from both Parishes is encouraged to attend. Thank you.

Parish Council Meeting - St. Sebastian

Parish Council will be meeting on December 6th at 6pm. Please make every effort to attend. Thank you.

St. Sebastian Parish Breakfast

Starting the first Sunday of December we will have our parish breakfast at St. Sebastian after the 8:30 mass. No donut breakfasts are scheduled at this time.

St. Sebastian Christmas Celebration

St. Sebastian Church will have a potluck on the 5th of December at 5pm. Everyone is encouraged to bring your favorite dish to share.

St. Charles 2nd Sunday Brunch

St. Charles will be starting brunch on December 12th. This will also be the Christmas potluck. Please bring your favorite dish for all to enjoy. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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

Financial Report – November 14, 2021

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,883.56 weekly	
Regular Collection	\$2,908.00 + 24.44
Emergency Fund	\$ 525.00
Special Collections	\$ 85.00

Financial Report – November 14, 2021

St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,058.22 weekly	
Regular Collection	\$ 1,939.00 + 880.78

Mass Schedule
November 21– November 28

Sunday – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Pasty Durbin
- 10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Teresa Logsdon

Monday – St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr (Memorial)

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Joshua James Calhoun

Tuesday – Thirty- Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

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

Wednesday- St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions (Memorial)

- 5:30pm - Thanksgiving Day Mass at St. Charles - Vigil
Martha Jane Westerfield

Thursday – Thirty- Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

- 8:30am - Thanksgiving Day Mass at St. Sebastian
Thomas & Bernice Hobbs
- No Mass at St. Charles

Friday – Thirty- Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

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

Saturday – Thirty- Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

- 3:00pm - Confession
- 4:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian
Bill & Jacinta Garinger

Sunday – First Sunday of Advent

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Guy & Virginia Anderson
- 10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Porter Rogers

Ministry Schedule
November 27, 2021

St. Sebastian Lector: Michael Cooper

November 28, 2021

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Sid Hayden
Lector: Mark Searcy & Macie Caraway

Money Counters: Laurie Scott & Gates Tichenor

St. Charles Euch. Min: Sherry Logsdon
Lector: Matthew Miller & Marsha Logsdon

Money Counters: Jacob Miller & Mark Logsdon

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.

Parish Council Nomination

If you have not yet nominated your candidates for Parish Council, please contact Fr. Jegin to do so.

Thanksgiving Day Masses

St. Charles - November 24th 5:30pm - Vigil
(No Thursday mass at St. Charles on the 25th)
St. Sebastian - November 25th 8:30am


Permanent Diaconate

Applications are being accepted now for the next class of English permanent deacons through November 30th. You can find more information, plus applications, by visiting <https://owensborodiocese.org/permanent-diaconate/>.

St. Charles - Happy Birthday


William Chappell – November 24

St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday


Mary Ann Ellis – November 22
James Ralph Ward – November 26
Grayson Watkins – November 28

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, Debbie Dunn, Ben Dunn, Tommy England, Louis Dant, Becky Cheatham, Lisa Vaught, Lance Green and Neil Hayden.