

My dear friends in Jesus Christ,

Today we are entering into the 25th Sunday in ordinary time. Today, Jesus invites each one of us to be humble & simple like little children in our lives. We all know that, children were the most weakness of Jesus, that He loved them so much in His life. When Jesus cordially invites us to become like children, He does not mean that we should be childish, but child like with cute smile, innocence, simple and humble etc. Now the question is can we become like children after reaching at this age? The answer is YES. That is why Jesus says in Mathew 11:29 *"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves"*. The only way to grow to the attitude of a child is that to grow deep in Christ.

The former President of India, A.P. J. Abdul Kalam narrates a heart touching incident in his book namely the *Wings of Fire*. When he was the president, he was invited to inaugurate the school athletic meet of Mentally Challenged children. After the inauguration of the athletic meet, the first meet was 100 meter running. Children lined up for running. After the final call, all began to run and half of the way, one child lost the control and fell on the ground and started crying, all his friends went ahead of him but before reaching the finishing point other children who ran ahead of him heard the cry of their friend. It was a surprise to see all of them came back to their friend and carried him and all of them reached the finishing point at the same time. The whole stadium was in shock and the whole crowd started clapping hands for some time. It was a great surprise to see tears were rolling down from the eyes of every one present there for the programme. Even the president was moved by the supportive and loving act of those children. Yes, this is the specialty of children.

Yes, this is the reason Jesus loves children so much and He teaches us lot of things about the Kingdom of God through the example of Children. Yes, we need to learn more from children, for that we need to be meek and humble in heart like children & Jesus. In the above said incident those children were not worried about who will be the winner. But today, when we look at the world we find everyone is competing each other to become first and better than the other even risking the life of the other. This same attitude of competition was seen among the disciples too. When Jesus was revealing to His disciples the heavenly mystery of Passion, Death and Resurrection, the disciples were not bothered about Jesus and His worries, but their main worry was to find out who is the greatest among all of them. It is the same Passion, Death, & Resurrection of Jesus is being celebrated for our salvation here, on the altar of the Lord through the Mass and what is our attitude towards it. Jesus says, the attitude we shall adopt during the celebration of Holy Eucharist is nothing other than the attitude of Children.

Jesus says to us through the Gospel of Mathew 5:23-24 *"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift."* I think, this same attitude of disciples could be found in our own lives too. To say clearly sometimes we are giving utmost important to least things and leaving out important things. Be sure when we maintain an attitude of this type God is not happy with us and when God is not happy with us, we can never be happy in our lives too.

So my dear friends, let us reflect about our life here on earth in a sincere way and ask the Lord to give us the grace to discern good and avoid evil, do good and undo bad and say Yes to God and No world. Let us not miss the innocence that God has gifted to every one of us as very precious. **Amen. God Bless**

HAPPY NEWS! LET'S CELEBRATE!

Callie Hayden grew up in our church, and now that's she's about to become a married woman, we want to wish her, and her soon-to-be-husband, George Zhang, congratulations. While we can't attend the wedding in South Carolina, Callie's friends at St. Sebastian can certainly send the couple well wishes, lots of love, prayers for a happy life together . . . and gift cards! The couple is registered at Amazon and Crate & Barrel, but they also shop at Kroger and Walmart. You could also slip a check or some money in an envelope, if that suits you better. No matter which form of card you choose, just slip it into an envelope (with your greetings and name) and bring it to church on Sunday, October 3rd. A wedding shower table will be set up in the foyer for your sweet gift. Mark and Paula Hayden, proud parents of the little girl who used to play the organ and lead us in song, will take the gifts with them to Callie and George's wedding. Please keep the couple and their families in your prayers.

MORE GOOD NEWS!

Sam and Bethany Hayden will be welcoming a sweet baby girl to their family in November. St. Sebastian is so blessed to have babies coming into the church and for the families that bring them in! As is our church custom, a diaper shower will be held for Baby Girl Hayden on Sunday, October 31st. Please bring a package of diapers for Little Miss Hayden. Her big sisters, Lucy and Molly, can hardly wait to help their Mama (and Daddy!) with diaper duty. Please continue your prayers for a good, safe delivery.

Financial Report - September 5, 2021

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,883.56 weekly
Regular Collection \$ 1930 - 953.56
Emergency Fund \$ 165

Financial Report - September 5, 2021

St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,058.22 weekly
Regular Collection \$ 620 - 438.22
Emergency Fund \$ 0

Mass Schedule

September 19 - September 26

Sunday - Twenty- fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Tommy England
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Bill & Jacinta Garinger

Monday - Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs (Memorial) *No Mass*

Tuesday - Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist(Feast)

- 8:00am - Communion Service at St. Sebastian
No Mass

Wednesday-Twenty- fifth Week of Ordinary Time

No Mass

Thursday - Saints Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (Memorial)

- 8:00am - Communion Service at St. Sebastian
No Mass

Friday - Twenty- fifth Week in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Saturday- Twenty- fifth Week in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Sunday - Twenty-sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Thomas & Bernice Hobbs
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Tichenor-Leachman Families

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

Ministry Schedule

September 26, 2021

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Drew McCarty
Lector: Josh Searcy & Laurine Sexton

St. Charles Euch. Min: Jackie Lee
Lector: George Rhodes & Christina Hudson

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.

HOW ABOUT SOME MORE GOOD NEWS?

Nathan and Emily Floyd are expecting a baby boy in January, and no one is more thrilled than big-brother-to-finally-be Abel! Please help us shower Little Mister Floyd with diapers on Sunday, November 21st. It's great to celebrate with the Floyds, Burdens, and Abneys — and with their church family! A table will be set up in the foyer for your gifts. Please continue to pray for a good, safe delivery.

St. Sebastian - Anniversary



Tim & Linda Dempsey - September 21
James & Paula Tichenor - September 21

St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday



Ashby Rice - September 20
Tolbert Tichenor - September 23
Richard Devins - September 24
Henry Fritz - September 24

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.