Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

French Philosopher, Gabriel Marcel speaks about two concepts like Problem and Mystery. According to him, the problem can be solved, whereas a mystery cannot be solved. In the problem I am not necessarily involved, but in mystery, I am involved. The problem is something that can be experienced, expressed, and understood, whereas Mystery can be experienced, but cannot be expressed and understood fully. The only attitude that we can have towards mystery is nothing other than to believe, because it is beyond all human understanding.

Today we celebrate one of the greatest mysteries of our Christian faith, the Holy Trinity. This celebration reminds us that the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are working together. They are never separated, though; each one of them is a distinct divine person. This celebration of Holy Trinity gives us the message of Unity, Love and Peace, within the celebration of greatest love of Jesus for all of us, the Eucharist.

Once, St. Augustine was walking on the sea shore, thinking about how to understand the mystery of the Trinity. There he saw a child carrying water in a small pot and pouring it in a nearby pool. *"What are you doing?"* asked the saint to the child. *"I want to pour out the whole water of the sea into my pool"*, told the child. Laughing at the child, the saint exclaimed: *"you will never succeed in that"*. Then the child stood up and said: *"I do exactly as you do: Do you think that with your small brain, you will be able to discover the mystery of Trinity?"*

Dear friends, it is normal to raise the question- how can we speak of One God with three persons? Many have tried to understand the reality called God, Trinity etc, but they reached nowhere. So, the reality of Trinity is Faith Oriented rather than Brain Oriented. We have great and the greatest scientists in the world, who are able to give a definition for any reality under the sky, but they never succeeded in defining God, Trinity etc., and this is the uniqueness of our God.

As we reflect about the Holy Trinity, we should understand that they are three persons in One reality and their basis of unity is Love. Though they are different persons, they are united and cannot be separated. So, the Holy Trinity is the perfect symbol of UNITY in the world. Though they remain in Unity, they have their own functions to do; Father in His great love-creates, Son in His great love for His Father and each one of us redeems or protects and the Holy Spirit who gives us new life and sanctify us, however their mission is the salvation of the world. Today, as Christians, we need to be united with this Trinitarian God and only then we can be saved, and be part of the salvation history, which is the mission of each one of us too: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Dear friends, Jesus is not sending us alone with His mission, rather He promises His valuable presence with us that; "I am with you always, until the end of the age." Yes our mission is extended until the end of the age.

To understand this great mystery of Trinity a little bit more, the easiest way is to look into our small family. Though there are more than one person with different functions and characters, how do we stay together? It is because there is love and unity among the members of the family; otherwise we know it is broken without love, unity and peace. Hence, today's celebration has much to teach us about unity in our relationships, friendships, marriages, families, communities. It also reminds us that in spite of our different talents, gifts, social, and economic levels, we can live and work together for our salvation and our salvation of the world. Finally, the celebration of the Holy Trinity reminds us that if we remain united, our different personalities would become our strength, rather than our weakness or the cause of our division. For their love and unity, let us praise the Most Holy Trinity: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Need Your Prayers

As the people of India are really suffering for various needs caused by Covid-19, I request your valuable prayers for India and its people. Please pray for the government officials that they may be serious about people's lives. Thanks to our great country (USA) for the support. - Fr. Jegin.

"Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal." - Saint Thomas Moore

Fundraising Chair Person is Needed - St. Sebastian St. Sebastian Church is looking for a volunteer who can lead a fundraising committee. If you're interested please contact Fr. Jegin or any of the Parish Council members.

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

<u>Financial Report - May 23, 2021</u>				
St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,938.09 weekly				
Regular Collection	\$ 2,008.00 - 930.09			
Emergency Fund	\$ 277.00			

Financial Report - May 23, 2021				
St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,147.46 v			weekly	
Regular Collection	\$	974.00 -	173.46	
Communications	\$	10.00		
Cemetery	\$	4,014.88		

Mass Schedule

May 30 - June 6 Sunday - The Most Holy Trinity -7:00am - Mass at St. Sebastian Ben Dunn -8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian Jacinta Tichenor Garinger -10:30am - Mass at St. Charles Joe Schwarzer

Monday - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast) *Memorial Day -8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian Alvin Bickett

Tuesday - Saint Justin, Martyr (Memorial) -NO MASS

Wednesday - Ninth Week in Ordinary Time -NO MASS

Thursday - Saint Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs (Memorial) -NO MASS

Friday - Ninth Week in Ordinary Time -NO MASS

Saturday - Saint Boniface, Bishop & Martyr (Memorial)

-5:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian Robert Vollman

Sunday - The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ -8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian *Merrit & Janice Hobbs* -10:30am - Mass at St. Charles *Teresa Logsdon*

<u>St. Sebastian - Happy Anniversary</u>

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Mike & Vickie Vollman - June 2

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, Jacinta Tichenor Peters, Tommy England, Louis Dant, Becky Cheatham, Lisa Vaught, and Lance Green

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

<u>Guidelines for Resuming Parish Gatherings</u> <u>Outside the Liturgy</u>

- The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation remains in place.
- Effective immediately, the Diocese is adopting the Governor's new protocol regarding masking outdoors. Parishes and Schools MAY choose to NOT require a mask during OUTDOOR activities if the group size is less than 1,000. This applies to the Liturgy, picnics, playgrounds, sporting events, youth groups or any other outdoor activities.
- Nothing has changed for indoor gatherings. We have no way of knowing when protocols for inside activities will change, but we are reviewing the CDC and State's directives on a daily basis. Things are changing rapidly, but there are still some instances where transmissions and quarantines are occurring. So please continue to exercise caution and follow the guidelines for indoor gatherings until we receive further notification from the State. Please remember that here is always an assumed risk, even if they are considered low risk.
- Three-foot distance should be maintained between households.
- Children aged two and under are not required to wear a mask. It is imperative that everyone over the age of two be masked properly. Those unable to wear a face mask at the event, whether it be due to age (the CDC does not recommend those under the age of two to wear a mask), health condition, or preference, are asked to stay healthy at home. Conduct temperature and health checks for each participate.
- Choirs may resume but must be masked and placed three feet apart.

The Lazarus Retreat

The Lazarus Retreat is open to 9th-12th graders and will be held Friday, June 4 – Sunday, June 6, 2021 at Blessed Mother Catholic Church in Owensboro, KY. The goal and theme of the retreat is an intentional invitation to our young people to life in Jesus Christ. For questions contact the office of Youth Ministry (270) 683-1545

Announcement

There is no longer a 7:00am Mass on Sunday at St. Sebastian. Thank you.

Youth 2000

We are pleased to announce there will be a Youth 2000 Retreat this year for our Diocese. The retreat will take place on July 17th & 18th at Brescia University. Please mark your calendars!

St. Charles - Happy Anniversary

Kyle & Jill Chappell - May 31 Philip & Mary Lynne Logsdon - June 1

St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday

Theresa Lancaster - June 3 Serena Cooper - June 5 Michaela Dame - June 6