

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

In the Gospel last weekend, the Canaanite woman taught us how a Christian or a Catholic should be in his/her faith. After having learned the lesson about faith, this weekend Jesus comes to test our faith in Him. What do you think, will you and I clear this test with a good score as Jesus expects from each one of us? Dear friends, the purpose of our life here in this world is to find the right answer to all the questions raised by Jesus in the Bible. Yes, the Holy Bible is full of questions and answers concerning our lives and each one of us are called to pick up the right answers and live them. Those who have wisdom get the right answer to the question and they are called by Jesus as "Blessed." To Peter, who said the right answer to the question, Jesus says, "Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonah."

After having walked with Jesus for a long time and witnessed His preaching, teaching, miracles, healings etc., Jesus makes an attempt to enter into their hearts to know their understanding of Him and His mission in this world. The first question of Jesus to His disciples is very impersonal, "who do people say that the Son of Man is?" It does not take much effort to explain about what others think about. Here, one person does not take a personal responsibility for the comment. The Gospel says, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." Here, Jesus is not much concerned about what others say, because you and I are judged by Jesus not based on what others say, but based on what you are, which is known to Jesus very well. The Book of Hebrews 4:13 says to us that, "Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight; everything is uncovered and exposed before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account."

Jesus takes one more step forward into our hearts with His second question which is very much personal and expects a responsible answer from each one of us. Who do you say that I am? This question can be answered only from a personal experience and am sure; this is the toughest question we all will have to face in one point of our lives. The success and failure of our Christian life is determined by the answer to this question from the bottom of our hearts. St. Peter gave the right answer to this question by saying "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." This answer of St. Peter is not from his personal experience with Jesus that is why Jesus very clearly says, "For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly father." Flesh and blood are part of this world and so Jesus says, "this worldly experience did not help you to find this answer, rather it is an answer inspired by the Heavenly Father". Yes, my dear friends, the 'answer' of St. Peter is the effect of true faith, which is a free gift from God. It is the same faith

the Canaanite woman professed in last weekend's Gospel, and this is the same faith every one of us are invited to profess in everyday of our lives from our hearts in good times and bad, in richness and in poor, in sickness and in health; "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." May you be blessed with a strong faith in Jesus Christ. **God Bless.**

Guidelines for Resuming Parish Gatherings Outside the Liturgy

Effective immediately (July 1, 2020), parish gatherings outside the liturgy (parish picnics, faith formation gatherings, RCIA meetings, etc.) as well as non-parish sponsored events held by groups renting or using parish facilities or property.

- Limit the persons in attendance to no more than 50% of the maximum permitted occupancy capacity of the space.
- Maintain physical distance of six feet minimum from those not living within the same household.
- Wear face covering over mouth and nose. Based on CDC recommendations, everyone over the age of two must wear a mask for the duration of any event held on parish property if closer than six feet to anyone not living within the same household. Those unable to wear a face mask at the event, whether it be due to age, health condition, or preference, are asked to stay healthy at home.
- Conduct temperature and health checks for each participant.
- Ensure proper, frequent cleaning and sanitation of the gathering space, including restrooms.
- Encourage those at high risk to stay Healthy at Home.
- Follow State of Kentucky **Healthy at Work Requirements for Restaurants and Bars** for any form of food service. A summary follows:
 - o Maximize outdoor seating
 - o Tables or booths should be placed six (6) feet apart.
 - o Only those living within the same household should sit together.
 - o No communal food, buffets or self-service for food or drinks.
 - o Use disposable napkins, tablecloths, utensils and condiments. Condiments must be single-use, disposable.

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

Financial Report - August 16, 2020

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,938.09 weekly

Regular Collection	\$ 1,857.00 - 1,081.09
Emergency Fund	\$ 90.00

Financial Report - August 16, 2020

St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,147.46 weekly

Regular Collection	\$ 999.00 - 148.46
Emergency Fund	\$ 0.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 4,994.88

Money Counting

Due to safety reasons we are suspending the duty of counting money. At this point in time Sarah Brown will be counting the collection. Thanks.

Mass Schedule August 23 - 30

Sunday - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Tuesday - Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Martin Hamilton

Thursday - Saint Monica (Memorial)

- 6:00pm - Mass at St. Charles
Stella Fogle

Saturday - The Passion of Saint John the Baptist (Memorial)

- 5:30pm - Mass at St. Sebastian
Danny Edwards

Sunday - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Alvin Bickett
- 10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Jim Rhodes

***"What we love we shall grow to resemble."
-Saint Bernard of Clairvaux***

Prayer List for members of our community:

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, Kathy Owen, James Lewis Dant, Gloria Farmer, Allie & Josh Kirk, and Lisa Vaught. *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*

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 & Corpsman Aly Franklin

Sophia Award Mass Update

The annual Sophia Award Mass will be canceled this year because of the concerns raised by the pandemic. We will honor the named individuals and convene the Mass again next year, honoring this year's nominees. Prayers for everyone trying to minister during these difficult times.

Marriage Anniversary Celebration Mass Canceled

Due to COVID-19 precautions, the annual Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Celebration Mass is being canceled. (The Mass was originally scheduled Sunday, September 27th at Christ King.)

Priesthood Sunday, September 27

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the U.S. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one.

St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday

- Ellie Alexander - August 26
- Tommy England - August 27
- Kevin Vaught - August 27
- Margie Cobb - August 28
- Abel Floyd - August 28
- Sam Hayden - August 29
- Mike Vollman - August 29

St. Charles - Happy Birthday

- Michelle Calhoun - August 23
- Geneva Bishop - August - 25
- Rita Gill - August 30

St. Charles - Happy Anniversary



- Derek & Candace Miller - August 28
- Mitchell & Linda Dotson - August 28

New Optional Memorial

Pope Francis inscribed a new optional Memorial of Saint Faustina Kowalska on October 5th each year. Information for liturgical texts can be found here: <http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/liturgical-calendar/saint-faustina-kowalska.cfm>. The Liturgical Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America are emended as follows:

October 2020
5, Monday, Weekday, green/white/white
[Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; USA: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest]
Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37 (461)

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.