

My dear friends in Jesus Christ,

Today we are in the 6th Sunday of the Ordinary time, and Jesus is inviting us to hold on to the spirit of the law of God than to the letter of the law of God.

Every country, system, organization and religion has their own laws and regulations to be followed. The very purpose of all rules and regulations are to maintain the well being and rights of every one who are part of it, so to say to respect and love everyone without any discrimination.

James was a good boy, who always wanted to respect his parents by being obedient to them to the best of his ability. Once his mother asked him to get a goat from the market. He bought a goat, put it on his shoulders and bent down with the weight of it, came home struggling and sweating. His mother said "How stupid you are! You should have tied a rope around its neck and dragged it along. The next time his mother asked him to get some meat from the butchers' market. James tied a rope, as his mother had instructed him and dragged the meat on the muddy road and brought home all the way from market. By seeing this mother lost her control and scolded little James and told him that he should have wrapped the meat in a paper and carried it on his head instead. The next time, the obedient James was asked to get some butter. As expected he carried it on his head and it melted in the scorching sun and fell on his body and there was nothing left to give to his mother.

Like James in the story, the scribes and Pharisees at the time of Jesus spent their lives being faithful to the every letter of the Law, the Torah, while ignoring its spirit. Because of this attitude, they had missed out the very core of the religion- To love God and Neighbors. Because of this reason, Jesus is challenging His disciples to go to the basics, the essentials and the more radical implications of the law. Jesus says- "I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the kingdom of heaven." Jesus did not come to abolish the law, neither did He come to affirm the status quo of the Torah, but rather He came to fulfill the law, not with the letters of the law but with the spirit of love of God and neighbor.

In the gospel we see, Jesus is quoting from Torah about "Do not Kill, Do not commit Adultery, Do not divorce, & do not bear false witness and explains the real meaning of it in view of human relationship. Jesus condemns not only the action and fruit of the action, but also the root of the action. So by explaining the spirit of the four commandments in detail, Jesus invites us to make our thoughts pure and holy. Often we think, only our bad actions are

considered as sin, but Jesus goes further and says that our bad thoughts are dangerous, and they come under the category of sin, and thoughts needs to be examined, because our evil thoughts are the roots of our evil actions. In the book of Genesis 6: 5-7, we read about the anger of God on evil thoughts. It reads "Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually, he regretted that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was grieved. So the Lord said: " I will wipe out from the earth the men whom I have created, and not only the men, but also the beasts and the creeping things and the birds of the air, for I am sorry that I made them".

Yes my dear friends, only when we go beyond the letter of the law to the spirit of the law, does it give life. Any law that does not serve and protect the life of oneself and the other is not from God but from the evil one. So the very purpose of true law is to live, to live is to love and to love is to die for Christ and dying for Christ is the fulfillment of Christian life. Yes, Jesus came, not to abolish the law but to fulfill the law. *May the Good Lord Bless you all.*

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 9, 2020

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

Regular Collection	\$ 3,219.00 + \$ 139.63
Children's Collection	\$ 10.00
Emergency Fund	\$ 425.00

Financial Report - February 9, 2020

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

Regular Collection	\$ 923.00 -\$179.97
HVAC (\$1,900.00 Needed)	\$ 225.00
Children's Collection	\$ 1.00

St. Sebastian Counting of Collection February 23

Cathy Burden & Lynne Scott

MASS SCHEDULE

February 16, 2020 - February 23, 2020

Sunday - The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Mike Holland
- 10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Catherine Demarest

Monday - Sixth Monday in Ordinary Time

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

Tuesday - Sixth Tuesday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Darrell Crabtree

Wednesday - Sixth Wednesday in Ordinary Time

- 6:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian
Rel Ed Students & Teachers

Thursday - Sixth Thursday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30am - Mass at St Sebastian
Dwight Beyke
- 5:30pm - Mass at St. Charles
Herman J Payne

Friday - Sixth Friday in Ordinary Time

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

Saturday - Feast Day of The Chair of St Peter

- the Apostle -
- 5:30pm - Mass at St Sebastian
Danny Edwards

Sunday - The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Justin Durbin
- 10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Charlie Wedding

CHURCH DIRECTORY PICTURES

February 22 & 23

Photos taken by Tom Carr Photography

Contact Becky Cheatham at (270) 314-8290 - leave voice mail. Groups & Committees will have pictures done after Mass on the 23rd. If you have chosen not to be pictured you will not receive a Directory. **Open Time Slots:** Sat, Feb 22 9:00am - 12:00pm & 5:40pm - 7:00pm. Sun, Feb 23 1:20 pm - 6:00 pm.

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, February 19th 6:00pm **Mass**
6:45pm **Class**

"The Measure of Love is to Love without Measure"

Safe Environment

Circle of Grace Presentation

February 24, 2020 9:30-2 PM (RSVPs needed for lunch): Mary McGuire from Circle of Grace, the training provider for all our children's Safe Environment, will share information about the program and provide teaching hints at the McRaith Catholic Center on February 24th, from 9:30 am till 2:00 pm (lower level; lunch included). **This training is designed for parish and school personnel teaching the children's Safe Environment training material. We want catechists and program teachers at each site to have the opportunity to be part of this gathering.** Feedback from this year's training evaluations has been shared with the presenter so she can customize her presentation for the needs of our diocese. Please RSVP to Janice Hendricks (Janice.hendricks@pastoral.org or 270-683-1545, ext. 338) for the lunch count.

St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday

- Katelyn Dame - February 18
- Andy Cobb - February 21
- Mike Hayden February 22

St. Charles - Happy Birthday

Connor Logsdon February 21

Ministry Schedule - February 23

St. Sebastian

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Hardison, Bob Guenther & Gerald Payne
Lector: Kathy Hudson & Maci Caraway
Servers: Juliet Cooper & Rachel Schutte
Hosp. Min: Long Handle: Aaron Durbin & Marc Searcy
Gift Bearers: Ralph & Judy Ward
Holy Family Statue: Cory & Candace Walker Family

St. Charles

Eucharist Ministers: Jackie Lee & Sherry Logsdon
Lectors: Lee Edwards & Philip Logsdon
Altar Servers: Anna Miller & Brayden Bishop
Hospitality Ministers: Derek Miller & Rondy Humphrey
Gift Bearers: Lee Edwards & Rita Gill
Holy Family Statue: Mitch & Linda Dotson

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.