

**Dear friends in Jesus Christ,**

Often we say-*“Forget the past, Live in the Present and Hope for the Future”*, but when it comes to the reality of human life, there is no doubt that we often worry about the past, present and future. At the same time, a true believer in Jesus is called to *“Forget the past, Live the Present and Hope for the Future”* because this is what the whole Gospel is teaching us through the life of Jesus. Look at the story of the woman caught in adultery, the Prodigal son, Zacchaeus etc. Jesus never asks them about their past life but grants them a new life. Again Jesus never did any background check on any of His disciples, but called them to-*“follow me, and I will make you fishers of men”*. It is the same that the sacrament of Penance is doing for each one of us, giving us an opportunity to renew our lives.

When it comes to the Present, we see Jesus never gives the option to anyone for tomorrow, but rather, by reminding about the things that are going to happen in the future, Jesus warns everyone to make changes at the present time itself. So we can say, the Gospel is the book which commands us, how one should live in the present. When it comes to the Future- *“I am really afraid, I do not know what is going to happen”* is an expression we use when we are amid problems and difficulties. It expresses our worry and uncertainty about the future. However, today’s reading exhorts us to await the Lord’s coming in glory with hope and confidence.

It is natural to think about the future, but why is it that we worry about it so much? The Lord has said to us many times *“Do not be worried, I am with you always”*. In Mathew 6:27 Jesus asks each one of us *“Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?”* Yes, we hear and read all these things very often but still we are worried, and the Gospel of today enhances our worry by presenting its descriptions of signs in heaven and other terrifying events, prior to the second coming of Jesus. Yes, with the arrival of the second coming of Jesus, He is going to do two things in this world; condemn the world and save the world. If today, we are worried about the future and the second coming of Jesus, it is a clear sign that we are not living the present life faithfully and so we are worried about the condemnation. Yes, in the same way, if we are living our life faithfully, there is no room for worry in our lives. So it is a time for us to review our lives and renew our lives in Jesus Christ.

To review and renew our lives, Jesus Himself tells us the method; *“Stay awake and Pray”*. It does not mean that we should be awake during the night and pray, but rather, we should live our life faithfully and meaningfully according to the will of God. Yes, only

those who are able to live faithfully can experience the saving power of God and so, Jesus is giving us one more chance to be saved. By making use of this day and time, let us try hard to live our life without worries and so be with Jesus. **Amen.**

**22nd Annual Holiday Hope Memorial Service**

The holiday memorial service will recognize all families that the Muster Family has cared for during this past year. The service will be held at 6:00pm Sunday, December 5th at the Calhoun Baptist Church.

**Book Club at St. Charles Church**

Starting December 9th there will be a monthly Book Club Meeting every second Thursday of the month at 10:30am. Sister Ann from Mount St. Joseph will be leading a study on “Jesus A Pilgrimage” by James Martin, SJ. Please join us for a unique and original glimpse into the life of Jesus not available elsewhere.

**Your Doorbell is Ringing !**

As we begin Advent we are called to “wait” in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within a short distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell. Our food pantry is very low and we are in need of non perishable food items. Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul collection at our parish breakfast and your gift of food will help the poor celebrate the grace of God’s love this Christmas.

**Parish Council Nomination**

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

**Can You Help Pope Francis?**

The Synod of Bishops is being held in Rome in 2023. The word "synod" means "journeying together". The primary questions Pope Francis is asking all his children to reflect upon in this period of intensive listening is " How are we journeying together as a Church?" In other words, how do we experience the companionship of others and how do we accompany others along the way? In what ways can we do better?

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

**Financial Report – November 21, 2021**

<b>St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,883.56 weekly</b>	
Regular Collection	\$ 5948.71 + 3065.15
Emergency Fund	\$ 125.00
Special Collection	\$ 95.00

**Financial Report – November 21, 2021**

<b>St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,058.22 weekly</b>	
Regular Collection	\$ 979.00 - 79.22
Special Collection	\$ 95.00

**Mass Schedule**  
**November 28– December 5**

**Sunday – First Sunday of Advent**

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

**Monday – First Week of Advent**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Mary Vollman*

**Tuesday – St. Andrew, Apostle (Feast)**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*VJ Steele III*

**Wednesday- First Week of Advent**

-6:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Bill & Jacinta Garinger*  
-6:30pm – Faith Formation

**Thursday – First Week of Advent**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Lisa Young*  
-5:30pm – Mass at St. Charles  
*Mary Joe Higdon*

**Friday – St. Francis Xavier, Priest (Memorial)**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Joe Bickett*

**Saturday – First Week of Advent**

-4:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Robert Vollman*

**Sunday – Second Sunday of Advent**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Joe Hayden*  
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles  
*Oma & Louis Wedding*

**Ministry Schedule**  
**December 4, 2021**

St. Sebastian Lector: Paula Tichenor

**December 5, 2021**

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Harriette Ellis  
Lector: Neil Scott & Marie Caraway

Money Counters: Patricia Hayden & Judy Sallee

St. Charles Euch. Min: Jackie Lee  
Lector: Lee Edwards & Marylyne Miller

Money Counters: Derek Miller & David Albin

**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.

**Immaculate Conception-Holy Day of Obligation**

December 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**St. Sebastian - Happy Anniversary**

Mark & Paula Hayden - December 3  
Sidney & Jordan Hayden – December 3

**St. Charles - Happy Birthday**

Kevin Fee – December 1  
Hallie Hudson – December 2  
Michael Lee – December 4  
Matthew Garrett Miller – December 4

**St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday**

Brandy Rice – November 29  
Michael Ross Hudson – November 30  
James Tichenor – November 30  
Rachel Schutte – December 1  
Charles Cheatham – December 2  
Elizabeth Searcy – December 4  
Molly Hayden – December 5

**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.