

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

There is a group of monks called "sleepless" founded by a monk called Alexander. Alexander divided 300 monks into six groups. The main service of these six groups was to worship and praise the Lord in the Church indefinitely day and night taking the turns. So, they were called sleepless monks. Even today, in different parts of the world we have people and groups praying day and night. May be because of their sacrifice we continue to experience our God's mercy and love. The season of advent is inviting all of us to be watchful and alert, to welcome the reason for our season because no one knows when the Lord is coming.

*"Be watchful! Be alert!"* An attitude every person desiring to enter into the Kingdom of God should keep in his or her life. *"Be watchful! Be alert!"* An attitude everyone is highly recommended to keep in his or her life especially during this unfortunate situation of the world against Corona Virus. Yes, both phases of our life remind us that one should approach the life carefully. As a person living in this world, there is no doubt, most of us are careful in most of the times. But, as a believer in Jesus, how many of us are careful about our spiritual life, a life leading to Jesus and His kingdom?

As we begin the season of Advent today, our primary concern is not about our physical body and its well-being, rather the spiritual body of our life and its well-being. From today, we are highly recommended to take an extra care for our spiritual body that the seed of Jesus may grow fully in our lives and bear fruit on 25<sup>th</sup> of December. *"Be watchful! Be alert!"* so that the life of Jesus growing in our hearts may not get aborted by our carelessness.

The season of advent begins with a warning; *"Be watchful! Be alert!"* Because the child that is expected to grow in our hearts is not an ordinary child, but a special child who can make our lives a special one. Yes, if you take Jesus seriously, He will also take you seriously. So, have an attitude of being watchful and alert in everything we think, speak and act. A couple of weeks before I had explained to you about the attitude of being *"watchful and be alert."* It is not a state of doing nothing rather it is a state of being faithful and responsible to God, others and oneself. Yes, let us be watchful and careful the same way a woman is going through her pregnancy period; trying to do everything possible at the same time being thoughtful about the baby growing in the womb. In the same way let us continue to do our responsibilities in this world as a good Christian, at the same time we shall not hurt the child Jesus growing in our hearts, rather be thoughtful of the baby Jesus always.

Let us ask the Eucharistic Lord to help us with the needed grace to be watchful and alert so that we may prepare our hearts daily for a healthy baby Jesus to grow in our hearts. **May God Bless.**

**Guidelines for Resuming Parish Gatherings Outside the Liturgy**

- Limit the persons in attendance to no more than 25.
- 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 or meeting held on parish property. 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 participant.
- Ensure proper, frequent cleaning and sanitation of the gathering space, including restrooms.
- Encourage those at high risk to stay Healthy at Home.
- Maintain a record of all persons attending the event/meeting and their contact information.
- Follow State of Kentucky Healthy at Work Requirements for Restaurants and Bars for any form of food service. A summary follows:
  - o No indoor food or beverage consumption.
  - o Carryout and delivery encouraged.
  - o Outside tables or booths should be placed six (6) feet apart.
  - o Only those living within the same household should sit together.
  - o Use disposable napkins, tablecloths, utensils and condiments. Condiments must be single-use, disposable packages.
  - o If non-disposable linens (such as cloth napkins, tablecloths, wiping cloths) are used, they must be laundered between uses.
  - o Ensure that gloves are worn by employees/volunteers who clean or handle high-touch areas of the gathering space.
  - o Encourage volunteers and attendees to frequently wash their hands and/or use hand sanitizer, provided by the event organizer.
  - o Use appropriate disinfectants to clean frequently touched surfaces and shared equipment.
  - o Use signage to alert attendees of required occupancy limits, six feet of physical distance and the facial covering requirements.
  - o Parishes should add a rider to rental contracts specifying that the renter is bound to abide by all government and diocesan restrictions that are in place at the time of the event.

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

**Financial Report - November 22, 2020**

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

Regular Collection	\$ 1,879.00 - 1,059.09
Emergency Fund	\$ 105.00
Human Development	\$ 20.00

**Financial Report - November 22, 2020**

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

Regular Collection	\$ 1,000.00 - 147.46
Human Development	\$ 50.00

**Mass Schedule**  
**November 29 - December 6**

**Sunday - First Sunday of Advent**

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Merrit & Janice Hobbs*
- 10:30am - Mass at St. Charles  
*Randy Joe Marcum*

**Monday - Saint Andrew, Apostle (Feast)**

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Dena Montgomery*

**Tuesday - Advent Weekday**

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Tonja Couch*

**Wednesday - Advent Weekday**

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Ruth Reed*
- 5:30pm - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Stella Fogle*

**Thursday - Saint Francis Xavier, Priest (Memorial)**

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Danny Edwards*

**Friday - Advent Weekday**

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Lisa Young*

**Saturday - Advent Weekday**

- 5:30pm - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Alvin Bickett*

**Sunday - Second Sunday of Advent**

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Dr. Robert Kraus Family*
- 10:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Randy Joe Marcum*

**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, 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, Lisa Vaught, Louis Dant, Jacinta Tichenor, Sonny Renfrow, & Laurine Sexton

**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

**St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday**

- Brandy Rice - November 29
- Ross Hudson - November 30
- James Tichenor - November 30
- Rachel Schutte - December 1
- Charles Cheatham - December 2
- Elizabeth Searcy - December 4
- Molly Hayden - December 5
- Patricia Hayden - December 6

**St. Charles - Happy Birthday**

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

**St. Sebastian - Happy Anniversary**



- Mark & Paula Hayden - December 3
- Sid & Jordan Hayden - December 3

**Counseling**

Is stress causing problems in your marriage? You are not alone. Please call Catholic Charities at 270-683-1545 and mention CAP. We will direct you to a licensed counselor. You may also visit [owensborodiocese.org/counseling](http://owensborodiocese.org/counseling).

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary- December 8<sup>th</sup>**

Unlike previous years, due to the present situation this year the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is not a holiday of obligation. However, we will be having the Holy Mass at both parishes. St. Charles Church will have vigil mass on December 7<sup>th</sup>, Monday at 5.30 PM and St. Sebastian Church will have Mass on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 8.30 AM.

***"It is a beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope."***

**- Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI)**

**"Praying with Mary Through Advent" online Dec. 5**

Join us as we contemplate Mary's pregnancy with Jesus and our own spiritual journeys – honoring both through the stages of struggle and celebration. This online retreat will take place on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m., offered by the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, Maple Mount. The class will be led by Rebekah Wagner of Owensboro, a chaplain and spiritual director who has a passion for companioning others who seek to live an integrated life. The fee for this online Zoom class is \$25. To register, call [270-229-0206](tel:270-229-0206) or email [retreatcenter@maplemount.org](mailto:retreatcenter@maplemount.org) or register online at <https://ursulinesmsj.org/registration-form-sponsored-programs/>