

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

It is easy to become a Christian or a Catholic through the sacrament of Baptism, but to live as a Christian or as Catholic is not at all easy, because it demands more sacrifice from all of us. This is the reason Jesus says, "if anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me". Today, Jesus invites us to reflect about the 'Call' we have received as a Christian.

As we travel through the Gospel of today with Jesus, it is clear that, "It was not you who chose Jesus, but it was Jesus who chose you." (Jn.15:16). If we were to choose Jesus in our lives, most of us should have left Jesus when we faced difficulties in our life journey. Today, Jesus' journey is already accompanied by opposition from Samaritans. The Jews and Samaritans had been divided for centuries. Jewish pilgrims who passed through Samaritan territory were often treated badly and even assaulted. Despite knowing their bad relationship, Jesus makes a firm decision to pass through Samaritan territory to go to Jerusalem, and above all we see Jesus is sending messengers to Samaritans to prepare hospitality for Jesus in one of their villages. Jesus' offer of friendship was rejected, and the disciples James and John really wanted to punish them by bringing fire from heaven to destroy their territory. However, the response of Jesus was different, because Jesus came to this world, not as a messenger of war, but as a messenger of peace, and Jesus came, not to abolish, but to fulfill. Yes, dear friends, during our earthly journey, we too face similar kinds of situations of rejection in many ways, and how do we respond to those situations? By taking revenge against our enemy, we will never take our life and world to prosperity but to destruction only. Today, by taking revenge against our own enemies we have destroyed this world to a great extent, and now it is time for us to repair the destruction through tolerance and love.

During Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, we see someone is promising Jesus; "I will follow you wherever you go." The answer of Jesus to this man is the same answer to all of us; "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest His head." Yes, to walk with Jesus or to become an apostle of Jesus is a difficult task. Today, the Holy Mother Church and the world is need of Apostles not just followers of Jesus Christ. So, dear friends, please do not invite anyone to join the Catholic Church, by telling them only the good things about the Church, because our Church has good things and bad things, and consist of good people and bad people too. If anyone is ready to join the Church because he or she is attracted to the life of Jesus, please welcome them, but don't encourage

anyone if they are attracted by any priest or his mass or homily or any other persons or things in the Church. Remind them that our Jesus has gone through rejection, passion, death, and resurrection, not just miracles, healings, and wonders. Yes, following Jesus is a call to leave the good for the best.

To be a Christian demands a great sacrifice, sacrificing our own comfort, pleasures, worldly securities, and sacrificing even our family obligations. So, to say, our primary priority should be to obey God and honor Him more than anything in this world and that is the first commandment too. So, Jesus says to us; "Let the dead bury their dead." Dear friends it is high time to change the route of our lives. Reflect-whether have I made any silly excuses to miss my chance to experience Jesus through the Holy Eucharist? The tragedy of the Catholic Church is that so many are given the precious call to "Follow" Him through Baptism, but many have no time, many have silly excuses, like the people in the gospel. Those who make excuses to not to 'Follow' Jesus- Jesus has a clear answer- "You are not fit for the Kingdom of God." Dear friends, since we have the inerasable CROSS on our forehead we will not be accepted in Hell and if we are not faithful & holy, we will not be accepted in Heaven too. So, what is the place that we will have after our death? Do we wish to wander around?

During this Mass, let us ask the Lord for His love & tolerance in our lives, the Love & tolerance He showed even on the cross: "Lord, forgive them, for they do not know, what they are doing." **God Bless!**

Learning to Fish

This summer Scripture series, Learning to Fish, is presented by Fr. Ray Clark and co-facilitator Dcn. Brett Mills. It is free and open to anyone interested in learning about Scripture. It will run Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8 PM, June 14 through July 19, 2022. These will be held via Zoom, with all sessions recorded. You only need to purchase a copy of Stephen Binz book titled, *Introduction to the Bible: A Catholic Guide to Studying Scripture*. You are also encouraged to have a Catholic study Bible. Register by visiting <https://owensborodiocese.org/summer-formation-opportunity/>.

Thanks to everyone for your generous contributions to Our Churches. God Bless & Be Safe

Financial Report – June 19, 2022

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,883.56 weekly
Regular Collection \$ 2,905.00 + 21.44
Emergency Fund \$ 105.00

Financial Report – June 19, 2022

St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,058.22 weekly
Regular Collection \$ 1,685.00 + 626.78

Mass Schedule June 26 – July 3

Sunday – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Pasty Durbin Hardin
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles – *Mary Albin*

Monday – Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time

-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – *Louise Weise*

Tuesday – St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr (Memorial)

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

Wednesday- Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles (Solemnity)

-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian
Tichenor – Leachman Families

Thursday – Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time

-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – *Mary Vollman*
-5:30pm – Mass at St. Charles
Souls in Purgatory & The conversion of sinners.

Friday – Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time

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

Saturday – Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time

-3:00pm - Confession
-4:00pm – Mass at St. Sebastian
Bill & Jacinta Garinger

Sunday – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – *Joe Hayden*
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Randy Joe Marcum

Do You Know Someone?

If you know someone of your family or friends who wish to join the Catholic Church through RCIA Program. Please contact the church office.

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, Alice Weise, Callie Hayden, Tom Schutte, Evelyn Drury, Debbie Dunn, Ben Dunn, Tommy England, Louis Dant., Lance Green, Neil Hayden, Serena Cooper, Jeff Husk, Maurice Drury JR., Marcie Vanover, Cindy Miller, Betty Bickett, Gloria Tingle and Charles Mae.

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"Just as bread from the earth, when it receives the invocation of God, is no longer common bread but the Eucharist, made up of two elements, one earthly and one heavenly, so also our bodies, in receiving the Eucharist, are no longer corruptible, for they have the hope of resurrection."

- St. Irenaeus

Happy Birthday - St. Charles



Georgia Calhoun – June 28
Brynn Fee - June 30

Happy Anniversary - St. Sebastian



Joseph & Judy Christian – June 30

Ministry Schedule July 2, 2022

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Kimberly Cooper
Lectors: Michael Cooper

July 3, 2022

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Neil Scott
Harriette Ellis
Debra Hamilton
Lectors: Marc Searcy
Maci Caraway
Gift Bearers: Scott Caraway & Family
Hospitality Ministers: Neil Scott
John Pinkston

Money Counters: Josh Searcy &
Neil Scott

St. Charles Euch. Min: Jackie Lee
Sherry Logsdon
Lectors: Derek Miller
Geneva Bishop
Gift Bearers: David Albin & Family
Money Counters: Mark Logsdon
David Albin