

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

As human beings, we all will be happy to welcome and wait for someone we love dearly; but do we have the same intensity of love to welcome and wait for our dear Jesus in our lives? By looking around the world and situations, there is no doubt that most of us are not eager to welcome Jesus into our lives, because we are not living up to the expectations of Jesus in this world.

There is an imaginary story of Jesus' second coming. Though it is an imaginary story the characters in this story are you and I. Jesus makes His solemn second coming and makes a tour to see this world around. As He was going around, He finds a person lying on the road side. Jesus went up to him and looked at his face and understood that he is fully drunk. He looked at him closely and finds, he is none other than the blind man whom He healed. With a sad face, Jesus walks away. After sometime, Jesus sees a man who is running after a prostitute woman. Jesus went after him and holds his hand. Jesus was surprised to see it was none other than the leper He had healed. Jesus puts down His head and sadly goes forward. After a short while, Jesus sees a person sitting on the roadside weeping and yelling. He went up to him and patted on him and asked his reason for his weeping. In a loud voice he cried out, "why am I living? What is the use of life? There is no meaning in life?" Jesus looked at him closely and was surprised to see, it was Lazarus whom He loved so much, and raised him from death. Jesus put down His head and walked away. How many times we have become a reason for Jesus' head to go down with shame is the question that we all should ask and reflect today.

Have you ever thought of God's intervention in our lives? Most of the time God steps in, in a situation where all our human efforts have failed to solve problems and lost hope. The very birth of Jesus happens in a very complicated atmosphere, where people were scared of the authorities and lost all their hope. However, the birth of Jesus was a great hope for the people and the hope of the people is clearly mentioned at the very beginning of Jesus' public ministry according to the Gospel of Luke 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to set the oppressed free. To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord". Yes, the entire life of Jesus brought hope to many lives.

As we come to the Gospel reading of today, we have the announcement of Jesus' second coming, and His second coming is preceded with very complicated

and terrifying situations like at His birth; "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken". The preceded events are not created by God Himself, but by each one of us. Remember, after creating this world and all its things, He found everything as Good. But, after He created us in His own image and likeness, He entrusted everything to us with a great hope and faith that we will take care of it, but we are failing miserably. Yes, God has faith & hope in each one of us, but do we have Faith and Hope in God?

Dear friends, by mentioning to us about the preceded events of Jesus' coming, it really means that without the difference of day and night there will be evil things happening. The function of the sun and moon are to give light during the day and night but they are not functioning. Remember, the role of the star in the Gospel was to show the way for the Magi to reach Jesus; but the Gospel says that the stars are going to fall down, and it means that the people who are supposed to be light to others and lead others to Christ are going to fail miserably and it is the situation of darkness or sin. In short we can say, the situation will be a total chaos. But, after all these happenings the Son of Man is coming, the Savior of the world; It is an end of an old world and beginning of a new world. Today, to receive the promised world of faith and hope, Jesus is inviting us all to be well prepared. Yes, this preparation calls us for a great transformation of heart and Are you ready for a change? **God Bless!**

"I have never gone out, to mingle with the world, without losing something of myself"
- St. Albert The Great

Faith Formation Teachers Needed

We need a teacher for first grade to relieve Bethany Hayden as she is soon to welcome a new little one. We are also in need of a few teachers subs. If you are interested, please contact Debra Hamilton.

Church Keys

If you have a key to St. Sebastian church, please contact Kimberly at the church office. Thank you!

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

Financial Report – November 7, 2021

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,883.56 weekly
Regular Collection \$ 2,164.00 - 719.56
Emergency Fund \$ 175.00

Financial Report – November 7, 2021

St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,058.22 weekly
Regular Collection \$ 1344.00 + 285.78
Emergency Fund \$ 65.00
Cemetery Fund \$ 40.00

**Mass Schedule
November 14 – November 21**

Sunday - Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Joe Hayden
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Martha Jane Westerfield

Monday – Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

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

Tuesday – Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

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

Wednesday- St. Elizabeth of Hungary (Memorial)

-6:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian
Joe Bickett
- 6:30pm - Faith Formation

Thursday – Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Tichenor-Leachman Families
-5:30pm - Mass at St. Charles
Robert Allen Head

Friday – Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Bill & Jacinta Garinger

Saturday – Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

-3:00pm - Confession
-4:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian
Brenda Payne

Sunday – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Pasty Durbin
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Teresa Logsdon

**Ministry Schedule
November 20, 2021**

St. Sebastian Lector: Jim Lebold

November 21, 2021

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Patricia Hayden
Lector: Josh Searcy & Laurine Sexton
Money Counters: Cathy Burden & Mike Dant

St. Charles Euch. Min: Darrell Bishop
Lector: George Rhodes & Christina Hudson
Money Counters: Lisa Vaught & Lynne Scott

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.

Thank You!

Sam and Bethany Hayden would like to thank the parish family for the generous gifts that were showered on them on Sunday, October 31st. They thank everyone for their prayers and well wishes for their new baby girl.

Permanent Diaconate

Applications are being accepted now for the next class of English permanent deacons through November 30th. You can find more information, plus applications, by visiting <https://owensborodiocese.org/permanent-diaconate/>.

St. Charles - Happy Birthday



Lee Edwards – November 18
Tonya Logsdon – November 18

St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday



Paula Tichenor – November 16
Aron Cage Durbin – November 19
Judith Ward – November 20
Justus Hayden – November 21
Mary Ann Ellis – November 22

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.