

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

If we seriously examine the journey of the disciples, with Jesus, we can understand that the faith of the disciples in Jesus was just skin deep until Jesus' resurrection. In the last weekend's Gospel, we had seen that people went after Jesus, out of their thirst for the word of God ignoring their hunger and thirst, but the disciples were much worried about their hunger and thirst. The Gospel of today, again, reveals to us the failure of the disciples in Jesus, immediately after Jesus had done a great miracle amid His disciples and more than five thousand people. The Gospel of John 1:11 says to us "He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him." The tragedy of today's world is nothing but it is our failure to accept Him.

Even though, we are called to follow Jesus in this world, in reality we are following the disciples of Jesus in our lives. When are we going to follow Jesus sincerely become a Gospel to this world? Today, we have a world with so many disciples, but no Jesus Christ. Dear friends, this is not the type of world God created and entrusted with us. How can we mess up something that does not belong to us? Don't we feel ashamed of what we have done to this beautiful world? Yes, we need to repair this world, and so first we need to repair ourselves. The only engineer who can repair us effectively is Jesus Christ, but do we allow Him to check on us often to find out our problems? If we do not do a good service of our car/truck from time to time, the car/truck may be making unnecessary noise; just like many people making noise about so many things in this world without realizing the fact that they are part of the problems.

In today's Gospel, we see the disciples are making a big noise out of fear for their lives, which is due to their lack of faith in Jesus. Remember that, the eyes that witnessed a great miracle of multiplication of bread are blinded when they saw a little chaos in the sea and thus misunderstand Jesus as a ghost. There is no doubt, everyone present here is representing the disciples of Jesus in the Gospel. When good things are happening, we have no hesitations to praise and thank the Lord, but when our lives are shaken with some unfortunate happenings, we just cry like the disciples, "Lord save me" and raise questions to God and fail to experience the presence of God. Dear friends, let us not test God like Peter did during our bad times, rather let us taste God by strengthening our relationship with Him through our sincere prayers and the celebration of sacraments, because our Lord does not want anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)

No doubt, it is in our little faith we are tempted to fall

away from the love of God and get into trouble eventually and raise questions to God. In our blurred vision, we cannot see anything clearly, the same way, in our little faith we can't understand the will or plan of God. Peter, with little faith, tests Jesus "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." Peter walked on the water, but the very moment he lost the focus from Jesus, he began to drown. Yes, dear friends, when problems shake our lives, as children of God, we are not called to focus on problems, which will add more problems; rather, focus on Jesus who has overcome all the problems that we have faced and will be facing. So, today our task is to profess our faith in God always; in good time and bad that "Jesus, truly, you are the Son of God. **God Bless.**

Marriage Anniversary Celebration Mass Canceled

Due to COVID-19 precautions, the annual Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Celebration Mass is being canceled. (The Mass was originally scheduled Sunday, September 27th at Christ King.)

Washing of Purificators, Albs, and Altar Cloths

August - Kim Cooper
September- Judy Sallee
October - Earlene Abney
November - Cindy Durbin
December - Brianne McCarty

Family Retreats at Gasper River

Bring your family out just for the day or stay a night or two! There are many options available. You can book a lodge, bring your own meals or have Gasper provide meals, hike and explore, do activities, or just enjoy God's creation together. Call or email to get your seat reserve at **270-781-2466** OR **gasperriver@hotmail.com**

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

Financial Report - August 2, 2020

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,938.09 weekly
Regular Collection \$ 2,855.00 - 83.09
Emergency Fund \$ 420.00
Brescia \$ 25.00

Financial Report - August 2, 2020

St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,147.46 weekly
Regular Collection \$ 1,048.00 - 99.46
Emergency Fund \$ 90.00
Cemetery Fund \$ 5,319.88

Money Counting

Due to safety reasons we are suspending the duty of counting money. At this point in time Sarah Brown will be counting the collection. Thanks.

Mass Schedule
August 9 - 16

Sunday - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Lisa Young
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Jim Rhodes

Tuesday - Saint Claire, Virgin (Memorial)

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Philip Calvert

Thursday - Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time

-6:00pm - Mass at St. Charles
Stella Fogle

Saturday - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

-5:30pm - Mass at St. Sebastian
Robert Vollman

Sunday - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Martin Hamilton
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
John W. Miller Jr.

"People are made for happiness. Rightly, then, you thirst for happiness. Christ has the answer to this desire of yours. But he asks you to trust him."

-Blessed John Paul II

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, 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, Kathy Owen, James Lewis Dant, Gloria Farmer and Allie & Josh Kirk. *Please call the office to have a name added to the prayer list. This list will be puraed at the end of each month. Thanks*

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

Guidelines for Resuming Parish Gatherings
Outside the Liturgy

Effective immediately (July 1, 2020), parish gatherings outside the liturgy (parish picnics, faith formation gatherings, RCIA meetings, etc.) as well as non-parish sponsored events held by groups renting or using parish facilities or property.

- Limit the persons in attendance to no more than 50% of the maximum permitted occupancy capacity of the space.
- 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 held on parish property if closer than six feet to anyone not living within the same household. Those unable to wear a face mask at the event, whether it be due to age, 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.

St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday

Phillip Wilson - August 10
Jimmy Rice - August 13

St. Sebastian - Happy Anniversary



James & Alice Durbin - August 11
Donald & Cindy Durbin - August 16

Sophia Award Mass Update

The annual Sophia Award Mass will be canceled this year because of the concerns raised by the pandemic. We will honor the named individuals and convene the Mass again next year, honoring this year's nominees. Prayers for everyone trying to minister during these difficult times.

New Optional Memorial

Pope Francis inscribed a new optional Memorial of Saint Faustina Kowalska on October 5th each year. Information for liturgical texts can be found here: <http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/liturgical-calendar/saint-faustina-kowalska.cfm>. The Liturgical Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America are emended as follows:

October 2020
5, Monday, Weekday, green/white/white
[Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; USA: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest]
Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37 (461)

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.