



Be free from the darkness

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time | January 28, 2024

"The people were astonished at his teaching,"

My Dear Friends in Christ,

When I began to read the Gospel, the image of Jesus teaching in the synagogue stuck in my mind. This made me think about how blessed I am to continue listening to Jesus' words daily. In this passage, Matthew is telling us a compelling message. We heard people saying, "'What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee." Our God is among us! Do you feel his presence among us?

In this Gospel, Jesus healed a man, and this action helped to spread the Good News. Jesus' Good News is that "God is with us." God came to our earth to heal the sick and ill to demonstrate his love and its triumph over sin. We clearly heard, "Jesus taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes." If we listen only to this phrase, we can change all our lives. Jesus proclaimed these words for the people of his time and now for us. His mercy and love were revealed for that time and our time. Unfortunately, as broken people living in a broken world, we are getting accustomed to situations without hope, angry, desperate, and without the power to change these situations.

I told you that we could hear his voice, especially in the ordinary of our lives. Think about your goals, expectations, and desires for this year. We do not have to understand God's plan for us and our world. In fact, it would be unwise for any of us to claim to understand what God really wants of us or what it means to follow Jesus.

Today, we heard that Jesus went to the synagogues of his land and proclaimed compelling news. Jesus began his ministry in an ordinary place, with ordinary men. Jesus taught his disciples that this world could be changed. He said that his Kingdom was at hand! So today, Jesus is looking at you and me and asking us to work as He did and share His Good News even when we do not fully understand what he is asking us.

Jesus, in this Gospel, is calling ordinary men to spread the Good News, His Good News; God is with us. God came to our earth to heal the sick and infirm to demonstrate his love and its triumph over sin. Jesus calls to us, and like those first two disciples, we must follow. During the last year, I greatly emphasized our willingness to listen. Very few of us must tune out the seashore sounds to hear his voice.

I would like to conclude with this passage from the Catechism: "Everyone is called to enter the Kingdom. First announced to the children of Israel, this messianic Kingdom is intended to accept men of all nations. To enter it, one must first accept Jesus' word: The word of the Lord is compared to a seed sown in a field; those who hear it with faith and are numbered among the little flock of Christ have truly received the Kingdom. Then, by its own power, the seed sprouts and grows until the harvest." (CCC#543)

— Fr. Rubén Darío Muñoz Jiménez

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Mission Statement
"We are a welcoming spiritual home
that provides community and personal growth
through liturgy, evangelization, the Word of
God and a call to His service."

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SJSR Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM St Joseph

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:30 PM St Joseph
 Sunday 8:30 AM St Raphael
*Confessions may also be heard
 during Adoration or by appointment*

Sacrament of Marriage

Those seeking this sacrament are required to contact the pastor at least six months in advance as pre-marriage sessions are required.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents interested in having their children baptized need to contact the pastor for further information.



Mass & Ministry Schedule

St. Joseph of Onekama

Saturday, February 3, 4:00 PM

Lector **Volunteer Needed**
 Body of Christ **Volunteer Needed**
 Blood of Christ (2) **Volunteers Needed**
 Altar Server **Volunteer Needed**

Sunday, February 4, 11:00 AM

Lector Nan Kamaloski
 Body of Christ **Volunteer Needed**
 Blood of Christ (2) **Volunteers Needed**
 Altar Server **Volunteer Needed**

St. Raphael of Copemish

Saturday, February 3, 6:30 PM

Lector David Chmielewski
 Body of Christ Gerry Kastl
 Blood of Christ (2) Ann Fouchey, Jeanne Mokrzycki
 Altar Server Michael Schaub

Sunday, February 4, 9:00 AM

Lector Leslie Casselman
 Body of Christ Cathy Noggle
 Blood of Christ (2) Pat Mullen, Jeanne Mokrzycki
 Altar Server Kyle Noggle

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday, January 30th

10:00 AM Adoration St Raphael
 11:00 AM Mass St Raphael

Wednesday, January 31st

11:00 AM Mass St Raphael

Thursday, February 1st

10:00 AM Adoration St Joseph
 11:00 AM Mass | Eleanor Wall (SJ Ladies Guild) St Joseph

Friday, February 2nd

11:00 AM Mass St Joseph

Saturday, February 3rd

4:00 PM Mass | †Francis & Gertrude Kadzban (Phil & Cyndi) St Joseph
 6:30 PM Mass | Jeanne Mokrzycki St Raphael

Sunday, February 4th

8:00 AM TV Mass for the Homebound Fox 32 (Cable Channel 3)
 9:00 AM Mass | Living & Deceased Parishioners St Raphael
 11:00 AM Mass | †Deceased Members of SJ Ladies Guild St Joseph

Please help us keep our military and prayer list up to date by contacting the parish office to add/remove any people. Thank you, and God bless you!

Prayer Requests

Please pray for all service personnel and first responders who are and have served our country including:

SPC Andre Brown, Army	David Mokrzycki II, Marine
SGT Gabe Caldwell, Army	Adam O'Neill, Army
Mark J. Debano, Jr., OD LT, MSC, USN	CAPT Courtney Pierce, RN, Army
2LT Daniel J. Debano, Engr, MIARNG	CAPT Karina Pierce, Army
2LT Connor Fitzpatrick, Army	SGT Benjamin Pingel, Navy
Caleb Fouchey, Marine	Adam Schuessler, Army, USAF
Olivia Fouchey, USAF	Hunter Scoggins, Army
Charles Fouchey V, Army, NG	Austin Soller, Navy
Jared Kinnie, Navy Seal	SGT Dylan Somsel, Army
Aaron Logan, US Border Patrol	Daniel Tanner, Navy
LT COL Christi Logan, USAF	Trevor Tomkinson, Marine
CAPT Matthew Logan, Firefighter EMT	CAPT Kent Turner, Army
Jay Long, Air Force	Yeoman John Tucker, CG
Mike Meyers, Air Force	Yeoman Sarah Tucker, CG
SSG Melaney Miller, Army, NG, Band	

Please remember in your prayers all the homebound, those who are in the Medical Care, adult foster care homes, and those who are ill including:

Carole Appicelli	Michele Gillaspie	Judy Pendencygraft
June Bartlett	Don Gurn	Ray Pendencygraft
Gary Bentley	Pat Gurn	Bradley Reccer
Dennis & Janice Berben	William Hogarth	Reed Family
Colette Bernard	Addy Hollifield	Rich Russell
Rev George Bernard CSC	Tammy Holmes	Peaches Sanovic
James Bernard	Dennis Humphrey	Kelli Sattler
Kyleigh Borah	Colette Kamaloski	Bob Saul
Ned Brown	Nancy Kuczynski	Chad Schualer
Sharon Burkl	Stephen Kuczynski	Maria Somsel
Anna Charlich	Ryan LaHaie	Larry St. Onge
Joseph Chick	Tami Laurent	Mary Steen
Kevin Chinavare	Nancy LaVeque & Family	Don Stone
Marcy Chmielewski	Ethan Mackin	Kathryn Stowers
Nicole Clement	George Macko	Jack Sysko
David Clous	John David Martuch	William Tarker
Mark Dagnall	Mary Ellen Martuch	Kay Thompson
Karen Daldine	Tammy May	Cody Travers
Martha Dirksen	Shirley McNeil	Eleanor Wall
Christine Eckhout	Julie Miller	Donna Wallace
Blake Elmer	Kelly Miller	Colleen Walters
Mary Evans	Olivia Miller	Tom Wasco
Erik Florit	Lisa Milliron	John Watsell
Arnold & Norma Fraley	Dale Moody	Dawn Weber
Ken Franklin	Nielsen Family	Gordon & Frieda Wilson
Abrielle Funches	Becky Petersen	



You are the God who told Moses,
 "you cannot see My face.
 For man shall not see Me and live."
 Yet, You came as a baby boy
 and now I have just seen, touched and received You
 in the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist.
 My Jesus, there will never be enough minutes to live for You
 or enough eternities to thank You!
 Please open my heart so that I may receive
 the epiphany of WHO You are and how You love me fully.

Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel reminds us "unclean spirits" still haunt our families. These "spirits" thrive inside our grudges, punishing silence, impatience and abruptness. Today Jesus offers you the "authority" to cast out these spirits from your life and your family.

Vocations Views

If you do respond to a religious vocation, do not be afraid that you will not know what to say. The Lord promised that He would put His words into your mouth. But you must be open to His speaking to and through you.

Communal 1st Saturday Devotion to our Blessed Virgin, Mary

The next Devotion of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be held on Saturday, **February 3rd**. We are encouraged to join this communal devotion beginning at 3:30PM, at St. Joseph of Onekama, and at 6:00 PM, at St. Raphael of Copemish. During this time, a devout recitation of the Rosary will be said, and confessions will be heard.

The promise made by Our Lady to Sr. Lucia included:

"Behold, my daughter, my Heart encircled with thorns, with which ungrateful men pierce It at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. Give me consolation, you, at least; and make known on my behalf that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all who on the First Saturday of five consecutive months confess their sins, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, with the purpose of making reparation to my Immaculate Heart."

"Galatians: Set Free to Live" Bible Study

The most important question a Christian can ask is, "What must we do to be saved?" St. Paul's letter to the Galatians provides the answer and reveals the merciful love God the Father has for his children. Galatians: Set Free to Live speaks of the extraordinary gift of salvation Jesus has won for us and explains how we can unite ourselves to Christ's redeeming sacrifice through faith and love.

Presenter Jeff Cavins explains how Christ fulfilled the Law and set us free to live in the Spirit. Learn what "justification" means and how faith and works are an integral part of it. Discover how we become heirs to the promises and blessings of Christ through faith.

All are welcome to join! This 8-week study will be held on Fridays at 9AM, at St. Joseph of Onekama, and Wednesdays at 9 AM, at St. Raphael of Copemish. Suggested donation for the bible study materials and online access is \$35, but please don't let that deter you from joining us. Please contact the parish office to reserve your materials for this bible study.

Euchre and Game Night

Euchre and Game Night has a change for the month of February! Please plan to join in the fun and games on **Thursday, February 22nd**, beginning at 5PM, in the parish hall at St. Raphael of Copemish. All are welcome! Please feel free to bring a dish or dessert to share. Got a question? Contact Gaby Crandall at 734.578.2958.

2023 Giving Statements

If you would like a 2023 contribution statement of your parish donations, please contact the Parish Office and one can be either emailed or mailed to you.

Please note: The Diocese of Gaylord will be sending out all CSA contribution statements, along with any other special collections recorded by the Diocese.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, January 30th

- 1:00 PM Stained Glass Ministry St Joseph
- 6:00 PM Faith Formation|Youth St Joseph

Wednesday, January 31st

- 9:00 AM Bible Study|Galatians St Raphael

Thursday, February 1st

- 1:00 PM Stained Glass Ministry St Joseph

Friday, February 2nd

- 9:00 AM Bible Study|Galatians St Joseph
- 10:00 AM Food Pantry St Joseph

Saturday, February 3rd

- 3:30 PM 1st Saturday Devotion St Joseph
- 6:00 PM 1st Saturday Devotion St Raphael

Celebrating Birthdays

- 01/31 Nancy Kuczynski
- 02/01 Jeffery Barnett, Marlene Keeler
- 02/04 Lynn Bradford
- 02/05 Robert Saul



Stewardship of Treasure

Thank you so very much for your giving of time, talent and treasure to our parishes.

St. Joseph of Onekama

January 21, 2024

Envelope Offertory	\$1657
Loose Offertory	\$484
Mass Stipends	\$110
Vigil Candles	\$7
Building	\$330
Bible Study	\$140
Total	\$2728
Food Pantry	\$171

St. Raphael of Copemish

January 21, 2024

Envelope Offertory	\$1370
Loose Offertory	\$346
Vigil Candles	\$4
Building	\$50
Total	\$1770
Donation	\$1000