



V: Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

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December 20, 2020 † Fourth Sunday of Advent

"Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word. "

Dear Friends in Christ,

This is the last week of Advent! In four days, we are going to celebrate Christmas! Isn't it amazing? This year was very different, and here we are so close to enjoying the most wonderful time during the year! I don't know about you, but Advent and Christmas is my favorite time of the year! Everything in this time looks full of joy and hope.

Christmas is the time that we recognize that God loves us so much that for our sake, He decided to come and live among us. What do you think about this? I read in the Magnificat Advent Companion, "Jesus Christ, eternal God, and Son of the eternal Father desiring to consecrate the world by his most loving presence, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and when nine months had passed since his conception, was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judah, and was made man: The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh." This is the great Good News that gives us hope and joy.

Today, as we celebrate the Mystery of the Visitation and the Virgin Mary's important role in the plan of Salvation for the world. Mary said, Yes, to the plan of God. This, yes, change the destiny of humanity. What motivates her response to God? What is our response as disciples when God asks something difficult of us? Today's readings help us to reflect on our discipleship according to God's will.

As a teenager, Mary is quite an excellent example of discipleship. We can learn a lot about discipleship when we see Mary's response to God's request. Was Mary afraid? I think so! Mary's reaction is normal and healthy. She was human like all of us. Whenever we meet something new and strange, we get confused. God made us respond in that way to every situation that changes or disrupt our normal lives. Mary responded to this situation with faith. We react most of the time with fear that freezes us or makes us do stupid things.

Another aspect of Mary's discipleship is that she questions God. She asked, "How?" Questions cause us to grow and learn. Questions stretch our minds and hearts and increase our understanding. Questions and the exploration of their answers contribute to our faith, even if the questions themselves may ultimately go unanswered. Mary's question arose from faith, no doubt. What would your response to the angel be? Faith or unbelief? I am awed: "Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

May it be done to me according to your word." the question is, will I take the easy way that avoids difficulty and pain? This week, I invite you to enjoy with your family this great gift of God for us, "God is with us" Have a wonderful Christmas day that helps you to renew your trust in God's goodness.

— Fr. Rubén Darío Muñoz Jiménez

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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Pastoral Staff

Pastor Rev. Rubén D. Muñoz
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Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
 9:30 am - 5:00 pm St. Joseph

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Wednesday 11:00 am St. Raphael
 Thursday, Friday 11:00 am St. Joseph
 Saturday 4:30 pm St. Joseph
 Saturday 6:30 pm St. Raphael
 Sunday 9:00 am St. Raphael
 Sunday 11:00 am St. Joseph

Sacrament of Penance

By appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

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

Sacrament of Marriage

Those seeking this sacrament are required to contact the pastor at least six months in advance. Pre-marriage instructions are required.

Ministry Schedule

St. Joseph

Thursday, December 24, 3:00 pm & 4:30 pm

Lectors 3:00- Peaches Sanovic
 4:30- Mary Jerore
 Altar Servers 3:00- Landyn & Easton Kequom
 4:30- Shay & Kole Anhalt
 Usher/Greeter 3:00-Ted & Darlene Falk, Beth Klajda,
 Carol DuVall
 4:30- Joel Lyman, Wanda Garcia,
 Phil Sedlar, Phil & Cindy Kadzban

Friday, December 25, 11:00 am

Lectors Maria Somsel
 Altar Servers Cheryl Showalter & Veronica Sidor
 Usher/Greeter Mike Kamaloski, BJ Tooker, Pam,
 Wanda Garcia

Saturday, December 26, 4:30 pm

Lector John Baribeau
 Altar Servers Wanda Garcia
 Usher/Greeter Joe Veverica & Joel Lyman

Sunday, December 27, 11:00 am

Lector Nan Kamaloski
 Altar Servers Veronica Sidor
 Usher/Greeter Joe Veverica & Joel Lyman

St. Raphael

Thursday, December 24, 6:30 pm

Lector Betsy Schaub
 Altar Servers Michael Schaub
 Usher/Greeter **4 Volunteers Needed**

Friday, December 25, 9:00 am

Lector Pat Mullen
 Altar Servers Kyle Noggle
 Usher/Greeter **4 Volunteers Needed**

Saturday, December 26, 6:30 pm

Lector Betsy Schaub
 Altar Servers Michael Schaub
 Usher/Greeter **4 Volunteers Needed**

Sunday, December 27, 9:00 am

Lector Pat Mullen
 Altar Servers Maria Sual
 Usher/Greeter **4 Volunteers Needed**

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 22nd

10:00 am Adoration followed by 11:00 Mass Edith Russell..... St. Raphael

Wednesday, December 23rd

11:00 am Mass St. Raphael

Thursday, December 24th

3:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass St. Joseph
 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass St. Joseph
 6:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass St. Raphael

Friday, December 25th

9:00 am Christmas Day Mass St. Raphael
 11:00 am Christmas Day Mass St. Joseph

Saturday, December 26th

4:30 pm †Walter & Charlotte Zimmerman (Doug & Chris Sattler) ..St. Joseph
 6:30 pm †Walter & Charlotte Zimmerman (Doug & Chris Sattler) St. Raphael

Sunday, December 27th

8:00 am TV Mass for the Homebound Fox 32 (Cable Channel 3)
 9:00 am †Jose Acosta Hernandez (Fernanda Acosta)..... St. Raphael
 11:00 am †Special Intention (Somsel Family)..... St. Joseph

Prayer Requests

Please pray for all service men and women who are serving our country.

Sgt. Gabe Caldwell, Army
 SSgt Hannah Janicki Davis, USAF
 SSgt Kyle R. Davis, USAF
 Mark J. Debano, Jr., OD LT, MSC,
 USN
 2 Lt. Daniel J. Debano, Engineer,
 MIARNG
 Sgt. Chris DeVoll, Army
 Spc. Renada DeVoll, Army
 Charles Draeger, USAF Special Unit,
 MIARNG
 2nd Lt. Connor Fitzpatrick, Army
 Olivia Fouchey, USAF
 Jay Long, Air Force

Mike Meyers, Air Force
 Adam O'Neill, Army
 Capt. Courtney Pierce, RN, Army
 Capt. Karina Pierce, Army
 Sgt. Benjamin Pingel, Navy
 Adam Schuessler, Army, USAF
 Austin Soller, Navy
 Sgt. Dylan Somsel, Army
 Trevor Tomkinson, Marine
 Capt. Kent Turner, Army
 Yeoman John Tucker, CG
 Yeoman Sarah Tucker, CG
 Daniel Tanner, Navy

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:

Chris Appicelli
 Florence Anderson
 June Bartlett
 David Bassej
 Janice Berben
 Ann Bialik
 Dianna Bialik
 Kyleigh Borah
 Ned Brown
 Anna Charlich
 Brian Chinavare
 Jack Chinavare
 Mark Dagnall
 Dennis Daldine
 Karen Daldine
 Martha Dirksen
 Blake Elmer
 Frank English
 Mary Evans
 Ken Franklen

Don Gurn
 Pat Gurn
 William Hogarth
 Addy Hollifield
 Tammy Holmes
 Bruce Howell
 Stephen Kuczynski
 Joyce LaFleur
 Ryan LaHaie
 Marilyn & William Lotz
 George Macko
 John David Martuch
 Tammy May
 Julie Miller
 Kelly Miller
 Olivia Miller
 Dale Moody
 Gino Nacco
 Nielsen Family
 James Oliver

Becky Petersen
 Judy Pendency
 Reed Family
 Nancy Satal
 Kelli Sattler
 Bob Saul
 Chad Schualer
 Chris Schulz
 Paul Sedlar
 Susie Silvey
 Richard Smith
 Sue Snyder
 Linda Stark
 Mary Steen
 Ronald Stokes
 Jack Sysko
 Kay Thompson
 Tom Wasco

Spiritual Guidance Resources

We would like to offer you some resources for daily prayer, live streaming of adoration, Mass, reflections, and more.

Please check our parish websites frequently as new information will be posted as it becomes available.

Ascension Press - <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/spiritual-guidance>

EWTN - <https://www.ewtn.com/> (Available for TV viewing in most areas)

Diocese of Gaylord - [Remote Viewing | Listening of Mass](#)

Online Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration - <https://virtualadoration.home.blog/>

Download **myParish App** on your mobile devices (Apple and Android) for additional resources. Both St. Joseph and St. Raphael Parishes are combined under St. Joseph Catholic Church in Onekama.

2021 Envelopes

2021 Parish support envelopes are available now for collection inside of church. If you do not have envelopes and would like to receive them, please call the office at 231-889-4254. If you need a **2020 contribution statement**, please call the office and one will be mailed to you. (Those who take the standard deduction aren't able to use donations to the church for tax purposes.) Thank you to everyone for supporting our parish!

Stewardship By the Book - In the first reading God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes" - "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." - that the promise finds fulfillment.

Vocation View - Every person who has ever born a child, and every person who has freely vowed away this honor, helps to bring Jesus Christ into this world again. Can you say: "Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord."

Family Perspective-by Bud Ozar - QUESTION: What do you call a family which began with an unmarried pregnant teen and had a twelve-year-old son who ran away from home and was eventually executed as a criminal? ANSWER: HOLY! Two lessons in today's gospel: (1) No matter what is happening in your family, "The Lord is with you." (2) "Do not be afraid" for "nothing is impossible with God."

Ushers, Greeters, and COVID Team Ministers

The ministers for each Mass at both churches and a brief explanation of any changes to that ministry are as follows:

Sacristans, Gift Bearers, Cantors, and Eucharistic Ministers are not needed at this time.

Altar Server (1) – Light candles, carry Cross, tray, ring bells

Lector (1) – Lector will read both readings and intercessions. The Lector will not walk in the procession with the priest. Lector is to remove their mask while reading from ambo.

Ushers/Greeters (4-5) – Ushers **MUST** wear gloves and masks while actively serving. Duties include opening doors, taking temperatures, seating assistance, providing guidance during communion and dismissing the congregation at the end of Mass. This is an essential ministry!

COVID-19 Ministry Team (4-6 on **Saturday only**) – Team members **MUST** wear gloves and masks that will be provided. They are responsible to spray down all touched surfaces after Mass.

If after reading through the above expectations for each ministry, and you feel the Holy Spirit nudging you to volunteer, please contact the church office, or call Chris Sattler at 231.620.9075.

A grateful and heartfelt "thank you" to our volunteers

Upcoming Community Events

No Scheduled Events at This Time

Celebrating Birthdays

12/21 Tracy Daberkoe, Nathan Redman
12/22 Robert Courneya, Hope Showalter
12/23 Michael Scott,
12/24 David Chmielewski
12/25 Maureen Barry, Janice Haase, Val Long, Robert Porter

Celebrating Anniversaries

12/21 M/M Jerry Gillaspie
12/27 Dr/M Eduardo Barlan



Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve Mass:

St. Joseph at 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm

St. Raphael at 6:30 pm

Christmas Day Mass:

St. Raphael at 9:00 am

St. Joseph at 11:00 am

St. Raphael Giving Tree

Thank you to everyone who donated and contributed to this year's Giving Tree especially during this tough time. Your generosity is appreciated!

Jeanette Nuckolls will be turning 100 years young on January 25th. Don't forget to help us wish her a happy birthday by dropping of a card in the vestibule. There is a designated box along with some spare cards in which you may write your special wishes. Let's all come together to make sure we get Jeanette 100 cards and well wishes on this wonderful milestone!

Please Plan Ahead!

The parish office will be closed Thursday, December 24th through Friday, January 1st, 2021.

Stewardship of Treasure

May Our Lord bless us through our generosity.

Tithing totals not available at time of printing.

