

SOLEMNITY OF

Mary, Mother of God

January 1, 2023 | Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God
"Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This is the short Christmas season that I remember! I love the Christmas season, and I hope this year you get to experience the love of God in your life and in your families. This is a New Year and an opportunity to grow in God's love.

Today our Church celebrates one of the most important solemnities of the Liturgical year. Although every year, we finish with the celebration of Jesus, King of the Universe. Now we unite our voices in a joyful celebration that God wanted to choose and destined the Virgin Mary to be the Mother of his Son. Mary is our mother, and Mother of the whole human race.

This is a beautiful celebration of our faith! We gave Mary the title of Mother of God; she believed and lived uniquely the "first" of the Beatitudes of faith. But, dear friends, let us not limit ourselves to admiring Mary in her destiny of glory as a person very remote from us. NO! We are called to look at all that the Lord in his love, and Mary, want to do for us, for our final destiny: to live through faith in perfect communion of love with him and live genuinely. We read in the scripture that Elizabeth joyfully proclaims: Mary is "blessed among women" and "blessed is the fruit of (her) womb," for she is the mother of the Lord. I think this is a truth that should fill us with deep joy.

This solemnity is very old in our Church. The council of Ephesus defined this belief solemnly in the year 431 AD. In CCC No. 487, we read: "What the Catholic faith believes about Mary is based on what it believes about Christ, and what it teaches about Mary illumines, in turn, its faith in Christ."

When we celebrate Mary, Mother of God, we are honoring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God incarnate, and our Lord, who is fully God and fully human.

Every Sunday, we proclaim in our Creed, "By the power of the Holy Spirit, she conceived Jesus Christ, the Son of God." This is why we call the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the Mother of God.

This is the last week of the season of Christmas. Although, we will finish this great season with the Baptism of our God this week. I invite you to do what the gospel tells us today that, like Mary, keep these things, reflecting on them in our hearts.

— Fr. Rubén Darío Muñoz Jiménez

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed are thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.*

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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

Mass Schedule

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

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:30 PM St. Joseph
 Sunday 8:30 AM St. Raphael
*May also be offered during Adoration
 or 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.

Mass & Ministry Schedule

St. Joseph of Onekama

Saturday, January 7, 4:00 PM

Lector Pam Stokes
 Body of Christ Cindy Zatarga
 *Blood of Christ (2) **Volunteers Needed**
 Altar Server **Volunteer Needed**

Sunday, January 8, 11:00 AM

Lector Tracy Cefaratti
 Body of Christ Dan Long
 *Blood of Christ (2) **Maria Somsel, +1 Volunteer**
 Altar Servers Landyn & Easton Kequom

St. Raphael of Copemish

Saturday, January 7, 6:30 PM

Lector Peaches Sanovic
 Body of Christ **Volunteer Needed**
 *Blood of Christ (2) **Volunteers Needed**
 Altar Servers Michael Schaub

Sunday, January 8, 9:00 AM

Lector David Clous
 Body of Christ Carlina Breitner
 *Blood of Christ (2) **Volunteers Needed**
 Altar Servers Cathy Noggle

***EMsHC Note:** Deacon will be one of the ministers of the
 cup when he is assisting at Mass.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday, January 3rd

10:00 AM Adoration St. Raphael
 11:00 AM Liturgy of the Word w/Communion..... St. Raphael

Wednesday, January 4th

11:00 AM Liturgy of the Word w/Communion..... St. Raphael

Thursday, January 5th

10:00 AM Adoration St. Joseph
 11:00 AM Liturgy of the Word w/Communion..... St. Joseph

Friday, January 6th | Epiphany

11:00 AM Liturgy of the Word w/Communion..... St. Joseph

Saturday, January 7th*

4:00 PM †Howard & Leona Fraley (Arnold & Norma Fraley) St. Joseph
 6:30 PM †Elmer Kolarik (Chris Sattler) St. Raphael

Sunday, January 8th*

8:00 AM TV Mass for the Homebound Fox 32 (Cable Channel 3)
 9:00 AM †Mark Breitner..... St. Raphael
 11:00 AM Special Intention (Don & Maria Somsel)..... St. Joseph
 *(Please welcome our celebrant from Divine Mercy Parish...possibly Fr. Basil.)

Prayer Requests

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

Pvt. 1st Class, Andre Brown, Army	Capt. Matthew Logan, Firefighter EMT
Sgt. Gabe Caldwell, Army	Jay Long, Air Force
SSgt Hannah Janicki Davis, USAF	Mike Meyers, Air Force
SSgt Kyle R. Davis, USAF	Adam O'Neill, Army
Mark J. Debano, Jr., OD LT, MSC, USN	Capt. Courtney Pierce, RN, Army
2 Lt. Daniel J. Debano, Engineer, MIARNG	Capt. Karina Pierce, Army
Sgt. Chris DeVoll, Army	Sgt. Benjamin Pingel, Navy
Spc. Renada DeVoll, Army	Adam Schuessler, Army, USAF
2nd Lt. Connor Fitzpatrick, Army	Hunter Scoggins, Army
Caleb Fouchey, Marine	Austin Soller, Navy
Olivia Fouchey, USAF	Sgt. Dylan Somsel, Army
Charles Fouchey V, Army, NG	Daniel Tanner, Navy
Aaron Logan, US Border Patrol	Trevor Tomkinson, Marine
Lt. Col. Christi Logan, USAF	Capt. Kent Turner, Army
	Yeoman John Tucker, CG
	Yeoman Sarah Tucker, CG

**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:**

June Bartlett	Don Gurn	Dale Moody
Gary Bentley	Pat Gurn	Nielsen Family
Dennis & Janice Berben	Sarah Harris	James Oliver
Colette Bernard	William Hogarth	Becky Petersen
Rev George Bernard CSC	Addy Hollifield	Judy Pendencygraft
James Bernard	Tammy Holmes	Reed Family
Kyleigh Borah	Dennis Humphrey	Rich Russell
Carlina Breitner	Nancy Kuczynski	Peaches Sanovic
Ned Brown	Stephen Kuczynski	Kelli Sattler
Sharon Burkl	Joyce LaFleur	Bob Saul
Anna Charlich	Ryan LaHaie	Peyton Scheda
Jayne LaFleur Daley	Tami Laurent	Chad Schualer
Mark Dagnall	Nancy LaVeque & Family	Maria Somsel
Dennis Daldine	Joseph Lizon	Larry St. Onge
Karen Daldine	Marilyn Lotz	Mary Steen
Martha Dirksen	George Macko	Jane Sweet
Christine Eckhout	John David Martuch	Jack Sysko
Blake Elmer	Mary Ellen Martuch	Kay Thompson
Mary Evans	Tammy May	Eleanor Wall
Erik Florit	Julie Miller	Donna Wallace
Norma & Arnold Fraley	Kelly Miller	Tom Wasco
Ken Franklin	Olivia Miller	Gordon & Frieda Wilson
Michele Gillaspie	Lisa Milliron	

Stewardship by the Book

Today's second reading reminds us that through Christ we have been delivered from the law and become sons and daughters of God. New Year's Day provides a perfect opportunity to ask ourselves the question: Does my life reflect my gratitude for all that my loving Father has given me?

Vocation View

Mary, the Mother of the Priest, Jesus, is especially Mother to all priests. Pray to Mary to ask her guidance in your life.

Stewardship Reflections

"Wives, be subordinate to your husbands...Husbands, love your wives...Children, obey your parents in everything...Fathers, do not provoke your children..."
Colossians 3:18-21

Pope Francis said that families, through their life of prayer and love, become "schools of true human growth." Being credible witnesses of Christian love, especially that of family members, exerts the most positive influence on our children. We are all children of God, let us pray and love each other as God, Our Father, does for us.

Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel says Joseph "made his home in Nazareth." A "home" is built on the foundation of love, commitment and a shared history and is decorated with forgiveness, acceptance, rituals, discipline and mutual support. The Holy Family challenges us today: Don't live 'anyplace', live at HOME!

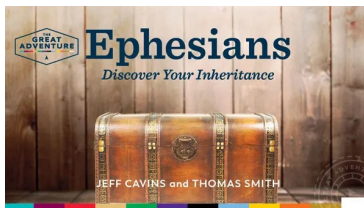


Pew Cushion Campaign

Parishioners of St. Joseph of Onekama received an early Christmas gift as a section of the church pews cushions were installed last Wednesday prior to the Christmas weekend. If you would like to donate specifically to this campaign, please notate "Pew Cushions" in the memo of your check payable to St. Joseph of Onekama. Thank you to those who have already contributed making a major difference in the seating of our parish.

Bible Study Returning Mid-January!

St. Joseph and St. Raphael will both begin a new Bible Study on *Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance*, in January 2023. St. Raphael will begin on Wednesday, January 18, at 9:00AM, and St. Joseph of Onekama will start on Friday, January 20th, at 9:00AM, in the Fellowship Hall.



Ascension Press describes this study as follows: Your Inheritance as a Child of God — Ephesians was one of the most widely circulated of St. Paul's writings because of its powerful, practical instructions for disciples of Christ. In fact, its six short chapters contain some of the most discussed passages in the New Testament. *Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance* examines many important themes that are still relevant in today's Christian culture and society — the nature of marriage, the purpose and role of the Church, the preeminence of grace in God's plan, and the reality of spiritual warfare.

Presenter Jeff Cavins explores what Paul's letter to the Ephesians tells us about the nature of the Church — as a body, a household, a mystery, a communion, a bride, and an army. *Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance* shows the treasures that await us as adopted sons and daughters in the family of God.

All are welcome, whether this is your first Bible Study or your tenth! If you are interested in joining the Bible Study, please let Nan (in the Church office) know, or call either Maureen Barry (231-510-2243), or Cindy Zatarga (231-499-7325) for the study at St. Joseph, or Carlina Breitner (231-233-3759) to join the study at St. Raphael. The suggested donation for the study materials is \$30, but please don't let that deter you from joining the study.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, January 3rd

6:00 PM RCIA..... St. Raphael

Thursday, January 5th

7:00 PM Tri-Saints KC Mtg..... St. Joseph

Friday, January 6th

1:00 PM Stained Glass Ministry St. Joseph

May God bless, keep and guide you the rest of your lives. Congratulations to newlyweds, Nicholas and Michelena Bradford!
12.31.22

Celebrating Anniversaries ♥

- 01/01 M/M Ken Bauer
- 01/07 M/M Robert Yates

Celebrating Birthdays 🎂

- 01/03 Rocco Anhalt
- 01/04 Marilyn Jean Dvorski, Norma Fraley
- 01/06 Lucas Bell

With Deepest Sympathy †

It is with our deepest sympathy that we announce the passing of parishioner, Richard "Dick" Jasinski of St. Joseph of Onekama, on December 25th. Please keep his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. Amen.

*Dear Youth Group,
The family of Jack and Therese Gaylord including Jeff and David, would like to thank the All Saints Catholic Community Youth Group for delivery of a beautiful wreath in memory of Therese, who passed last December. This gift was greatly appreciated.
Thank you,
Jack Gaylord, Dave Gaylord, & Jeff Gaylord*

Handicap Parking Area Notice

The back handicap parking lot at St. Joseph of Onekama WILL NOT BE PLOWED due to the danger of ice falling off of the roof. The parking lot will re-open in the Spring. Please park in the main parking lot. This is for your safety.

2022 Giving Statements

If you would like a 2022 contribution statement, please contact the Parish Office and one can be either emailed or mailed to you.

Stewardship of Treasure

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

It is greatly appreciated!

Tithing totals were not available at time of printing.