



Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand

Matthew 4:17

January 22, 2023 | 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
"When Jesus heard that John had been arrested,"

My Dear Friends in Christ,

When I began to read the Gospel, the image of John's arrest stuck in my mind. This happened to him because of his convictions! This made me think about how blessed I am to live in a free country. We can speak about what we believe! In this passage, Matthew is telling us a compelling message. We heard Jesus say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Our God is calling us to repentance! Did you attend this call today? In the next verse, Matthew teaches that Jesus and his disciples went through Galilee and preached a very challenging message to their people.

In this Gospel, Jesus calls ordinary men 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. Jesus calls to us, and like those first two disciples, we have no choice but to follow. During the last year, I emphasized a lot about the kingdom of God! I preached for 7 weeks about this topic.

Today in our Gospel, we clearly heard, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." 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 proclaimed 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 everything about 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 really means to follow Jesus. We are not asked to understand any more than these two young fishermen were. We need only to listen.

Today we heard that Jesus went to the synagogues of his land and proclaimed very powerful 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 like He did and share his Good News even when we do not fully understand what he is asking us.

— Fr. Rubén Darío Muñoz Jiménez

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**St. Joseph of Onekama
Catholic Church**

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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."

**St. Raphael of Copemish
Catholic Church**

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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 as pre-marriage sessions are required.

Mass & Ministry Schedule

St. Joseph of Onekama

Saturday, January 28, 4:00 PM

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

Sunday, January 29, 11:00 AM

Lector Maria Somsel
 Body of Christ Dan Long
 *Blood of Christ (2) Tom & Kris Greve
 Altar Server **Volunteer Needed**

St. Raphael of Copemish

Saturday, January 28, 6:30 PM

Lector **Volunteer Needed**
 Body of Christ Carlina Breitner
 *Blood of Christ (2) **Volunteers Needed**
 Altar Server Michael Schaub

Sunday, January 29, 9:00 AM

Lector Carlina Breitner
 Body of Christ Flo Smith
 *Blood of Christ (2) **Volunteers Needed**
 Altar Server Maria Saul, Rose Clous

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

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday, January 24th

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

Wednesday, January 25th

11:00 AM Mass St. Raphael

Thursday, January 26th

10:00 AM Adoration St. Joseph
 11:00 AM †Ross Stone (Rudy & MaryAnn Gross) St. Joseph

Friday, January 27th

11:00 AM Mass St. Joseph

Saturday, January 28th

4:00 PM Living & Deceased Parishioners St. Joseph
 6:30 PM Bishops & Priests (Fernanda Acosta) St. Raphael

Sunday, January 29th

8:00 AM TV Mass for the Homebound Fox 32 (Cable Channel 3)
 9:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners St. Raphael
 11:00 AM †Gerald Schubert (Greg & Karen Miller) St. Joseph

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

The watchword today is immediately. Peter and Andrew, James and John all respond immediately to the call of Christ. May I be as open as God's call and as ready to use my talents in His service as those first disciples were!

Vocation View

Jesus said: Come after me and I will make you fishers of men. Today he could say: I will make you mechanics of souls; doctors of wounded hearts; counselors of broken families; clowns in a joyless society. But regardless, come.

Stewardship Reflections

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." Matthew 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

When Jesus called his disciples, they came "immediately." Parents wish their children would respond as quickly, but they don't. Children grow slowly into responsibility. It is a process like walking, not done "immediately", but in small steps. Parenting demands patient encouragement.

Upcoming Events

Monday, January 23rd

1 PM Stained Glass Ministry..... St Joseph

Tuesday, January 24th

11 AM Dominican Assc Study Grp..... St Raphael

6 PM Faith Formation..... St Joseph

6 PM RCIA St Raphael

Wednesday, January 25th

9 AM Bible Study|Ephesians St Raphael

2 PM "Gather Us In" Support Grp..... St Raphael

Friday, January 27th

9 AM Bible Study|Ephesians St Joseph

10 AM Food Pantry..... St Joseph

1 PM Stained Glass Ministry..... St Joseph

Celebrating Birthdays

01/24 Joseph Chick

01/25 Kathleen Fink, Mary Ann Gross

01/26 Janet Scott

01/28 Sharon Appicelli, Cheryl Showalter, and Mary Jo Vondra

SJ Community Food Pantry

Join a wonderful group of community volunteers on **Friday, January 27, from 9:30AM - 11:30AM**, in the St. Joseph Fellowship Hall, as we distribute food and smiles to the less fortunate. All are welcome to volunteer as there are many areas needing helping hands. Donations of fresh, non-perishable goods are always appreciated. Thank you for your consideration and support!

myParish App

Have you ever noticed some people in church are on their phones? They're not texting, they're praying! Both of our parishes, St. Joseph of Onekama and St. Raphael of Copemish **share** myParish app available for iPhone and Android smart phones. You can download the app for free by scanning the QR Code with your smartphone, or by texting the message APP to the number 55321. Select St. Joseph Catholic Church (49675) after opening. This app provides daily Mass readings, our parishes' event calendars, Catholic news and prayers, important messages from our parish office, convenient prayer and Confession reminders, mass times, our bulletins and more. You can even favorite multiple parishes! Call the office if you have any questions or need help with installing this convenient app.



IF YOU CAN'T FEED
A HUNDRED PEOPLE,
THEN FEED
JUST ONE.

-MOTHER TERESA

2022 Giving Statements

If you would like your 2022 contribution statement, please contact the Parish Office and one can be either emailed or mailed to you. Reminder, CSA giving statements will be sent directly from the Diocese of Gaylord.

"Gather Us In" New Ministry

All God's people have a need to share with others. Their grief (or loss of any kind), thankfulness, dealing with the changing world around us...Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 says it all. There is a time for everything and it may be helpful to gather and talk about whatever is on your mind. We all may feel alone in a situation and when we gather, we find others have been there too. This is God's way of helping our neighbor, our brother or sister in Christ, to help comfort, heal, and yes, be excited about good news. "Gather Us In" is not formal, no books, no programs, no Bible study, no cost, not led by a professional. We will talk straight from the heart, mind, and soul of whatever we need to, in confidence. A chance to get to know each other better and know there is support in our church family in good and bad times. Let's help each other in joy, sorrow, and confusion. Bring a friend! Gatherings will be held on the last **Wednesday** of each month (starting on **January 25th**) at St. Raphael of Copemish, at **2:00 PM**.

— Peace this New Year, Sandra Mrosko, 231.477.5667

Bible Study | Ephesians

It's not too late! St. Joseph and St. Raphael have started a new Bible Study on *Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance*. St. Raphael meets each Wednesday, at 9:00AM, and St. Joseph of Onekama meets on Fridays, at 9:00AM, in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

Stewardship of Treasure

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

It is truly appreciated!

St. Joseph of Onekama

Envelope Offertory\$2120
Loose Offertory.....\$737
Mass Stipends.....\$30
Vigil Candles.....\$13
Building Fund\$197
Total\$3097
Food Pantry.....\$205

St. Raphael of Copemish

Envelope Offertory\$620
Loose Offertory.....\$446
Vigil Candles.....\$23
Building Fund\$10
Total\$1099
Donations.....\$1500