



November 15, 2020 † Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Dear Friends in Christ,

This is the last Sunday in Ordinary time! Next week, we will celebrate the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, king of the Universe. This liturgical year has been a blessing for me, and I hope for you too! God has shown his love and mercy during this challenging year in our parishes and understands that we all need to trust in him.

We have heard parables that show us how God's kingdom helps us understand the way to enter this kingdom during these months. Today's gospel gave us a perfect image of our participation in our salvation.

We heard in the gospel, "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one-- to each according to his ability. Then he went away." Our Church has to teach us that the meaning of the parable extends far beyond financial investments. God has given each person a wide variety of gifts, and he expects us to employ those gifts in his service. It is not acceptable merely to put those gifts on a closet shelf and ignore them.

My dream is to see in our parishes all the people using their talents and helping me to proclaim the Good News to many people. I love the gospel of the two fish and five loaves of bread. In our human eyes, this is nothing to feed 5 thousand people, but this young guy approached Jesus and offer what he has to fix the problem, and we know what happened. Jesus made a miracle feed more than 5 thousand people with nothing! The gifts we receive from God include skills, abilities, family connections, social positions, education, experiences, and more. This parable's point is that we are to use whatever we have been given for God's purposes.

We need to remember that what we have received from God is according to our ability, which is good! Whatever we have is a gift from our God, and he knows that we can produce a good thing with that.

In one of his homilies about this gospel, Pope Benedict says, "Today's parable stresses the inner disposition necessary to accept and develop this gift. Fear is the wrong attitude: the servant who is afraid of his master and fears his return hides the coin in the earth, and it does not produce any fruit. This happens, for example, to those who after receiving Baptism, communion and confirmation subsequently bury these gifts beneath a blanket of prejudice, beneath a false image of God that paralyzes faith and good works, thus betraying the Lord's expectations."

I would like to invite you to think this week about the talent God had given to you and how you are producing fruit with that talent. Let us ask God to help us to be "good and faithful servants" so that we may one day enter "into the joy of our Lord."

— 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
 Secretary/Bookkeeper..... Jaimey Ferguson
 Organist/Music Director..... Chris Sattler
 Maintenance.....Michael Nelson
 Faith Formation Tracy Daberkoe

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.

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday at Noon - 10 days prior to publication
 Send info to stjosephonekama@gmail.com,
 or drop off hard copy to the Parish Office.

Ministry Schedule

St. Joseph

Saturday, November 21, 4:30 pm

Lectors	John Baribeau
Body of Christ	Not needed at this time
Precious Blood	Not needed at this time
Altar Servers	Wanda Garcia
Usher/Greeter	Joel Lyman & Joe Veverica
COVID Cleaners	Volunteers Needed

Sunday, November 22, 11:00 am

Lector	Peaches Sanovic
Body of Christ	Not needed at this time
Precious Blood	Not needed at this time
Altar Servers	Veronica Sidor
Usher/Greeter	Jose Aguilar & Mike Kamaloski

St. Raphael

Saturday, November 21, 6:30 pm

Lector	Betsy Schaub
Body of Christ	Not needed at this time
Precious Blood	Not needed at this time
Altar Servers	Michael Schaub
Usher/Greeter	4 Volunteers Needed
COVID Cleaners	Volunteers Needed

Sunday, November 22, 9:00 am

Lector	Pat Mullen
Body of Christ	Not needed at this time
Precious Blood	Not needed at this time
Altar Servers	Emily Fouchey
User/Greeter	4 Volunteers Needed

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, November 17th

10:00 am Holy Hour followed by 11:00 am Mass St. Raphael

Wednesday, November 18th

11:00 am Mass St. Raphael

Thursday, November 19th

10:00 am Holy Hour followed by 11:00 am Mass St. Joseph

Friday, November 20th

11:00 am Mass St. Joseph

Saturday, November 21st

4:30 pm Living and Deceased Parishioners St. Joseph
 6:30 pm Living and Deceased Parishioners St. Raphael

Sunday, November 22nd

8:00 am TV Mass for the Homebound Fox 32 (Cable Channel 3)
 9:00 am †Henry Chandler Birthday Remembrance (Chandler) St. Raphael
 11:00 am †Ron Kosiboski 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
 June Bartlett
 David Bassey
 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
 Tony & Judy Lavecchia
 Marilyn & William Lotz
 George Macko
 John David Martuch
 Tammy May
 Julie Miller
 Kelly Miller
 Olivia Miller
 Dale Moody
 Gino Nacco
 Nielsen Family
 James Oliver

Judy Pendygraft
 Becky Petersen
 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.

Stewardship By the Book - Like the sensible bridesmaids in today's parable, good stewards make sure that they, and whatever gifts are theirs to share, are ready to serve when the Master calls.

Vocation View - We usually put a great amount of preparation into big events like weddings, anniversaries and parties of all kinds. We should prepare much more for the final banquet in the Kingdom of Heaven!

Family Perspective-by Bud Ozar - As the man in today's gospel entrusted his servants with his money, so God has "entrusted" our family to us. Like the good servants we are expected, not to play it safe, but to selflessly and totally invest ourselves in each other.

Protecting our Children - Diocese Promise to protect; pledge to heal - In an effort to protect all children and to promote healing, the Diocese of Gaylord encourages victims of child abuse or neglect to report the matter. In fact, many professionals are required by Michigan State law to report suspected abuse or neglect of a child or minor. Individuals should contact their local office of the Department of Human Services. If an allegation involves sexual misconduct of a minor by clergy or any employee of the Diocese of Gaylord, even if it is in the past, individuals may also contact Larry LaCross at (989) 705-9010.

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 helping us to continue offering public Masses.

Upcoming Community Events

Wednesday, November 18th

9:00 am Bible Study St. Raphael

Thursday, November 19th

6:30 pm Ultreya St. Joseph

Friday, November 20th

10:00 am Food Pantry..... St. Joseph

Celebrating Birthdays

11/16 BJ Tooker
 11/17 Scott Redman
 11/18 Shari Smith
 11/19 Alexander Barto
 11/21 Kenyon Franklin, Joseph Heitjan Jr.

Thanksgiving Mass for both churches will be held on Thursday, November 26th at St. Joseph Church at 9:00 am.

St. Joseph Ladies Guild News

The Ladies Guild are in need of birthday and anniversary cards. If you have any laying around and would like to donate them there will be a basket in the front entrance where you can drop them off. Thank you in advance.

The St. Joseph Ladies' Guild is saving Family Fare receipts that may be put in the same box in the entry. When you go to Family Fare, all you have to do is sign-up for their reward card. The Ladies are also collecting cancelled postage stamps.



Stewardship of Treasure May Our Lord bless us through our generosity.

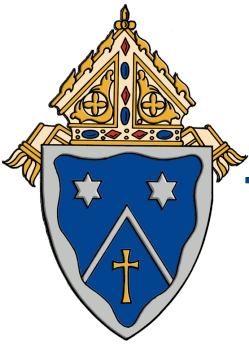
Thank you so very much to those who have been able to continue with their financial support of our parishes during this very difficult time. It is greatly appreciated.

St. Joseph

Envelope Offertory	\$2,001.00
Loose Offertory	\$515.51
Stipend	\$20.00
Donation	\$0
Total	\$2,536.51
Building Envelopes	\$0
Food Pantry	\$305.00

St. Raphael

Envelope Offertory	\$1,914.36
Loose Offertory	\$805.00
Fuel	\$20.00
Vigil Lights.	\$21.00
Donation	\$0
Total	\$2,760.36
Building Envelopes	\$0



Extending the Dispensation
“Sperabamus ... we used to hope ...”
November 9, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

In early March, and again in August, the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation was granted in the Diocese of Gaylord in view of the pandemic that engulfed our state, country and world. The latter extension expires November 22, 2020. We had hoped that by that time, things would return to normal and all could safely return to our celebrations of the Eucharist.

Sadly, that hope is not being realized, and we continue to find ourselves not in a diminishment of cases, but in an increase here in Michigan and our own area. People continue to be at risk. Some are fearful, and many for good reason. While most of our churches have observed the required protocols for safety, such as wearing masks, not all have done so, placing others at risk. If safe distancing is maintained in the diocese, many of our churches would be unable to accommodate all.

Considering these and other factors, **I am extending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation for the people in the Diocese of Gaylord until further notice.** I do so that anyone who needs to stay at home to protect the common good, themselves and others can do so in good conscience. In the meantime, we will continue to monitor the situation and make a determination when we can safely return to our “normal” patterns of worship. A day we all look forward to.

The granting of this dispensation is not meant to be a reason to absent oneself from Mass. Without a dispensation, many would be excused from this obligation because of age, health or other family situations or issues. Conscience will always need to be our guide. If you are able to do so, I invite you to come back to the parish celebrations. Whether we are able to attend or not, we all have a serious obligation to “Keep holy the sabbath day.” If you are not able to attend Mass, I ask that you set aside time for prayer, not only everyday but especially on Sunday. While not a substitute for Mass attendance, the various “virtual Masses” can be useful in focusing our prayer and our union with all our brothers and sisters. The recitation of the rosary, other devotions, visits to the Blessed Sacrament at the church or chapel, and Scripture or other reading can all be helpful.

As we continue through these difficult and challenging times, let us always be mindful the Lord is walking with us and speaks to tell us, “Do not be afraid.” Let us also commend ourselves and our local church to the love and care of Mary, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the patroness of our diocese.

Sperabamus ... we used to hope ... and now we do, because God has come and made His dwelling with us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Walter A. Hurley
Apostolic Administrator