



August 29, 2021 † Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

“All the evils come from within and they defile.”

Dear Friends in Christ,

I gave you three words last week. Do you remember the words? Last weekend, I gave you words to help you understand the word dogma, and I gave you the words, hard, choose, and accept.

This week, I am going to give you one word for each reading. The word for the first reading is commandment. In the letter of Saint James the word is gift! And the word for the Gospel is defile.

In the first reading, Moses tells the Israelites how to please the Lord and how to make a success of their life as a people once they are settled in the promised land. In one of our bible studies, I remember that the law was a crucial theme for God’s people. I read that “the choice presented to Israel is to love the Lord and keep his commandments, or to serve “other gods.” that choice will determine what kind of life they will make for themselves in the land.” We can see that Israelites knew the importance of the commandments in their lives. They knew that whichever choice they make as a people carries consequences, which the book of Deuteronomy terms “blessing” and “curse.” We can see that all of the commandments are tools to help these people to live a life with the help of God or not.

In the second reading, Saint James is telling us, “Dearest brothers and sisters: All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights...” The apostle James reminds us today that every perfect gift comes down to us from heaven, from the unchanging Father of lights. God and his gifts, and the certainty that the Father will supply us with the gifts we need, are the only certain things in the uncertainty of our existence. And the greatest gift from heaven to us is Jesus in the unmoving, unchanging fixed point at the center of life. Unlike mortal men; unlike the princes of the Church; unlike the lights of heaven which have no fixed position, and no unvarying light, Jesus-the light of the world-never dims or varies.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus addresses a different kind of people: a group of Pharisees and scribes who raise the question of defilement, the crowd that is perpetually present, and the disciples who, true to character in Mark’s Gospel, do not understand.

The main point of Jesus for these people is our very selves are defiled, made unholy, not by what we take in, but by the corrosion of the human heart. Jesus’ three different versions of this message build on one another, thus enabling a fuller understanding of what is at stake: we must prepare our hearts, and thereby ourselves, for the kingdom of God. This requires not worrying over what we “eat,” but how.

I would like to invite you to think about these three words, commandments, gifts, and defile. How do the practices in which we engage in or not form our hearts to live the kingdom of God?

— 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
 8:00 am - 3:30 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

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, September 4, 4:00 pm

Lector Pam Stokes
 Body of Christ Beth Klajda
 Altar Servers Rocco Anhalt
 Usher/Greeter Wanda & Joel Lyman

Sunday, September 5, 11:00 am

Lector Maria Somsel
 Body of Christ Nancy Watt
 Altar Servers Easton Kequom
 Usher/Greeter Joe Veverica & Tom Greve

St. Raphael

Saturday, September 4, 6:30 pm

Lector David Chmielewski
 Body of Christ Anne Fouchey
 Altar Servers Michael Fouchey
 Usher/Greeter **4 Volunteers Needed**

Sunday, September 5, 9:00 am

Lector Leslie Casselman
 Body of Christ Cathy Noggle
 Altar Servers Kyle Noggle
 User/Greeter **4 Volunteers Needed**

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, August 31st

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

Wednesday, September 1st

11:00 am Mass St. Raphael

Thursday, September 2nd

10:00 am Adoration followed by 11:00 am Mass St. Joseph

Friday, September 3rd

11:00 am Mass St. Joseph

Saturday, September 4th

4:00 pm †Phyllis Russell (Dan & Cindy Zatarga) St. Joseph
 6:30 pm Living and Deceased Parishioners St. Raphael

Sunday, September 5th

8:00 am TV Mass for the Homebound Fox 32 (Cable Channel 3)
 9:00 am Brothers & Sisters in Columbia (Pat Mullen) St. Raphael
 11:00 am Somsel Family Birthday 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
 2nd Lt. Connor Fitzpatrick, Army
 Olivia Fouchey, USAF
 Charles Fouchey V, Army, NG
 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
 Hunter Scoggins, Army
 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:

Florence Anderson
 June Bartlett
 Janice Berben
 Ann Bialik
 Dianna Bialik
 Ed Bielat
 Kyleigh Borah
 Ned Brown
 Anna Charlich
 Jayme LaFleur Daley
 Mark Dagnall
 Dennis Daldine
 Karen Daldine
 Martha Dirksen
 Blake Elmer
 Frank English
 Mary Evans
 Norma & Arnold Fraley
 Ken Franklin
 Michele Gillaspie

Don Gurn
 Pat Gurn
 William Hogarth
 Addy Hollifield
 Tammy Holmes
 Bruce Howell
 Dennis Humphrey
 Marlene Krause
 Stephen Kuczynski
 Joyce LaFleur
 Ryan LaHaie
 Joseph Lizon
 Marilyn & William Lotz
 George Macko
 John David Martuch
 Tammy May
 Julie Miller
 Kelly Miller
 Olivia Miller
 Lisa Milliron

Dale Moody
 Gino Nacco
 Nielsen Family
 James Oliver
 Becky Petersen
 Judy Pendencyraft
 Reed Family
 Rich Russell
 Nancy Satal
 Kelli Sattler
 Bob Saul
 Chad Schualer
 Paul Sedlar
 Richard Smith
 Mary Steen
 Jack Sysko
 Kay Thompson
 Donna Wallace
 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.

Office Manager/Bookkeeper Job Opening

We are looking for a new Office Manager that serves both of our parishes. Applicant must be able to multi-task, stay organized, be efficient using Microsoft Office programs, Peachtree accounting software. Will train the right person. Benefits are included. A cheerful team player to support priest, staff and parishioners is required. All interested applicants must apply online at [Diocese of Gaylord | Job Opportunities](#).

St. Joseph & St. Raphael Bible Study

Both churches will be starting back up with Bible Study! St. Joseph will start on Friday, September 10th at 9:30 am in the parish hall and St. Raphael will start Wednesday, September 22nd at 9:00 am. The study is called, *"First Corinthians, the Church and the Christian Community,"* from Ascension Press. This is the description from Ascension: *"First Corinthians, the Church and the Christian Community,"* explores the key elements of the gospel message that Paul introduced to a new and growing Church. Presenter Tim Gray examines Paul's advice for living an authentic Christian life in a pagan culture as well as his teachings about the nature of grace, the Church as the body of Christ, and the most powerful gift of all-the Eucharist. All are welcome to join! Suggested donation for the book will be \$30.00 but please don't let that deter you from joining the study. For any questions at St. Joseph please contact Maureen Barry at 231.510.2243 or Cindy Zatarga at 231.499.7325. For St. Raphael please contact Carlina Breitner at 231.233.3759.

St. Raphael Flea Market

The Flea Market has a date! It will be held September 23rd, 24th, and 25th running from 9am to 4pm each day. You can start bringing in your treasures to Church from September 11th. There will be someone at Church on Tuesdays and Thursdays after the 11th to assist you in dropping things off. On Sunday, September 19th set up for the market will begin at 6pm and we could use all the help that we can get! Please join us if you are interested in helping. For any questions please contact Rose Clous at 231.885.1619. Thank you!

Knights of Columbus Fall Dinner

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their fall dinner on September 30th from 5pm -7pm at St. Raphael Church. More info to come! Hope to see you there!

Updates to Covid-19 Protocols for Liturgical Celebrations

- It is **recommended, by the CDC**, that all individuals, **regardless of vaccination status**, wear a mask in public indoor settings when the "Substantial" or "High" risk level is reached in the county in which they live or work.
- When using **hymnals in church** we invite you to sanitize your hands with provided sanitizer in each pew. Please make sure lids are closed after use.

Upcoming Community Events

Wednesday, September 1st

6:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting..... St. Joseph

Thursday, September 2nd

7:00 pm Tri-Saints Meeting St. Joseph

Celebrating Birthdays

09/01 Fr. John Porter
09/03 Donald Somsel
09/04 Robert Eipperle

Celebrating Anniversaries

09/02 M/M Richard Smith
09/03 M/M Robert Saul
09/05 M/M David Clous

Phyllis Russell

Funeral & Celebration of Life

As you may know on Saturday, July 10th Phyllis Russell went to her eternal home with peace and love. Her funeral will be held at St. Joseph Church on Saturday, September 4th at 11:00 am. There will be visitation one hour prior in the church entrance. Her family will then be hosting a celebration of life for Phyllis at the Russell's lake home at 12851 Hopkins Forest Drive in Bear lake, Michigan from 1:00-5:00 pm. Everybody is invited to attend! Phyllis' words to everybody were "I am too blessed to be stressed."

With Deepest Sympathy

In your kindness and prayers, please remember the soul of BJ Tooker; who passed away Tuesday, August 17th. May he now enjoy the great blessings of eternal life. May his family and friends experience God's consoling presence during this time of loss.



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	\$1,796.50
Loose Offertory	\$921.50
Vigil Lights	\$92.00
Book Rack	\$35.00
Total	\$2,845.00
Food Pantry	\$30.00
Building Fund	\$75.00

St. Raphael

Envelope Offertory	\$985.00
Loose Offertory	\$702.00
Vigil Lights	\$43.00
Stipend	\$20.00
Donations	\$1,180.00
Total	\$2,930.00