



## Helpful Hints for Men of St. Joseph Speakers

Below are suggestions on how to prepare to present the Sunday Gospel.

1. Find a quiet place where you will not be disturbed.
2. Pray, “Father, I am here to submit to your will. My words will be your words, my thoughts your thoughts. I am yours. Use me as you will.”
3. Read the Sunday Gospel a.
  - a. Open yourself up the Gospel message. To help you, consider the following questions:
    - i. Is there “one key message” in this Gospel reading that speaks to you?
    - ii. Does the reading have an application to your role as a father, husband, or grandfather?
    - iii. How is it relevant to the other areas of your life (work, friends, culture, etc)?
    - iv. How can the lesson of the Gospel be practically applied in our everyday lives?
    - v. How does the reading relate (if at all) to the mission of the Men of St. Joseph to “*put the family in the hands of The Father*”? Our mission means we should turn over our lives into the Heavenly Father’s hands, and in doing so become spiritual leaders. *Does the Gospel have any relation to this mission?*
  - b. If needed use resources to guide you through any questions you might have.
    - i. Catechism
    - ii. List of on-line resources (below)
4. Presenting the Gospel.
  - a. **Keep it personal.** Speak from the heart – we want to hear from YOU not just the words some theology professor wrote in a book. This is not a theology lecture.
  - b. **Keep it practical.** How can we use this Gospel to affect our everyday lives?
  - c. **Keep it short** – Under 5 minutes.
  - d. **Don’t read.** Obviously it’s fine to use notes to guide you, but avoid reading verbatim.
  - e. **Be passionate.** Remember if you sound like you care, your audience will care. If you sound like you are bored, your audience will be as well.
  - f. **Have fun.** You are not giving a eulogy. Enjoy the moment.



## On-line Resources

- <https://www.cccb.ca/liturgy-sacraments/resources-in-english/weekday-lectionary/> (Monthly and Daily Mass Readings and Holy Scripture from Canadian Council of Catholic Bishops)
- [www.catholic.com](http://www.catholic.com) (Excellent resource for all things Catholic)
- [www.salvationhistory.com/homily\\_helps](http://www.salvationhistory.com/homily_helps) (Scott Hahn with audio)
- [www.kofc.org/un/catechism/index.action](http://www.kofc.org/un/catechism/index.action) (On-line search engine for Catechism)
- [www.newadvent.org](http://www.newadvent.org) (website with Catholic encyclopedia and on-line Holy Bible)
- [www.menofstjoseph.com/faqs.php](http://www.menofstjoseph.com/faqs.php) (Men of St. Joseph resource page)
- <https://www.hprweb.com/author/deacon-peter-lovrick/> (Homiletic and Pastoral Review with Dcn Peter Lovrick)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cf2A6GbXHME> (Better Catholic Preaching)

## Other Resources

**Catholic Answers Apologist Line 1-619-387-7200 (Ask to speak to an apologist and get your answer!) They are very helpful, and very willing to assist**