

# The Junior Observer

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A New Testament Story

## Jesus Says to Watch for His Return

### Q&A

What question did the apostles ask Jesus? Which virgins ran out of oil?

Read more about it in Matthew 24 and 25

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One day, as Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the apostles came to speak to Him in private.

“Tell us, when will this happen, and what sign will there be of your coming, and of the end of the age?” they wanted to know.

Jesus described the signs of His coming, such as false prophets arising and the reports of wars. He also pointed out that only one person knows the exact time of His return.

“But of that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone,” Jesus said. “So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

Jesus told His friends several parables so they would understand the importance of watching and being prepared for His return.

One of the parables was about 10 virgins.

“The kingdom of heaven will be like 10 virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom,” Jesus said.

Five of the virgins were wise and five were foolish.



### Bible Trivia

Where will the Son of Man sit to judge the nations? (Hint: Matthew 25:31)

Answer: Upon his glorious throne.

The five wise virgins brought extra oil with them, but the five foolish ones did not, Jesus explained.

Since the bridegroom was delayed, the women became drowsy and fell asleep as they were waiting for him.

At midnight, they woke up to people shouting, “Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!”

The virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish virgins’ lamps were going out, so they asked the wise ones to share their oil.

“No,” the wise virgins replied, “for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants

and buy some for yourselves.”

The bridegroom came while the foolish virgins were away buying oil, and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked.

When the foolish virgins finally arrived, they found the door locked and said, “Lord, Lord, open the door for us!”

But he said in reply, “Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.”

“Therefore,” Jesus said, “stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

## Four Art Contest Winners Chosen

DIOCESE—Four winners of the St. Joseph the Father Art Contest were chosen by a vote of those working at the Diocesan Administration Center.

The contest, announced in *The Observer* June 4, called artists from preschool through high school to represent fatherhood as St. Joseph lived it. Entries could be hand-drawn or printed and colored with any art medium.

The winners are

- Samuel Mauch, 15;
- Tonee Scaletta, 9;
- Erin Taylor, 8; and
- Clare Kindelin, 7.

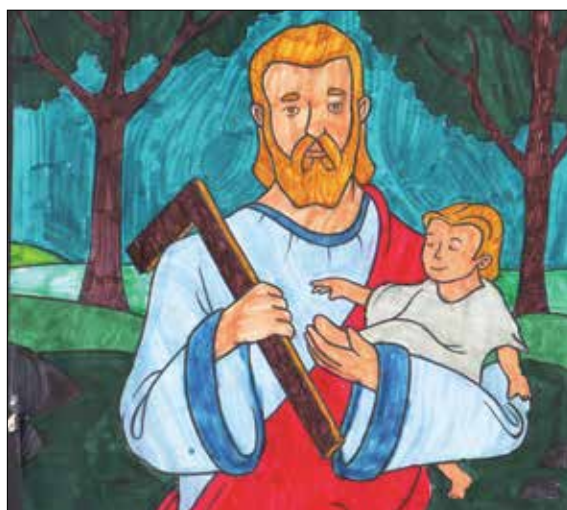
There were eight entries, each reflecting Pope Fran-

cis’ description of St. Joseph in *Patris Corde*, which declared 2021 the Year of St. Joseph.

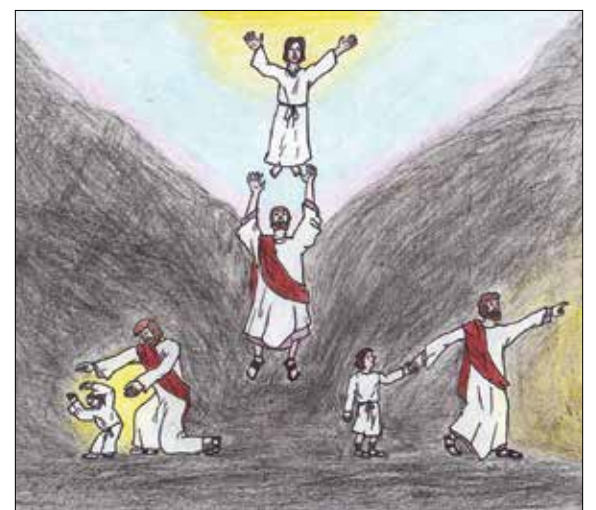
The pope wrote that St. Joseph made “his life a sacrificial service to the mystery of the incarnation and its redemptive purpose.”

Pope Francis also called Joseph a father who was “tender and loving,” “obedient,” “accepting,” “creatively courageous,” as well as “working” and “in the shadows.”

Contest winners will receive gift cards for new art supplies, which will help them continue to use the artistic gifts that God gave them.



Tonee Scaletta, Elgin



Samuel Mauch, Sterling



Erin Taylor, Rockford



Clare Kindelin, Batavia