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## THE TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S HAND

### The Enigma of Your Significance

Two thousand years ago, as Our Divine Master reached out His hand and touched the blind, the deaf, the lame and even the dead, restoring them and making them whole. Many who were there and saw these miracles with their own eyes failed to understand and appreciate what He had done.

Are we recognizing and thanking Him for the miracles that He has worked and is working in our lives? Let us pay close attention to the Scriptures, Catechism and our presentation. May God bless us with His Wisdom and His Work and the wherewithal to complete the mission. Amen



### **Psalm 139:1-5, 10, 13, 15-16**

*God Formed Each One of Us Uniquely.*

LORD, you have probed me, you know me:  
You know when I sit and stand; you understand my thoughts from afar.

You sift through my travels and my rest; with all my ways, you are familiar.  
Even before a word is on my tongue, LORD, you know it all.

Behind and before you encircle me and rest your hand upon me.  
Even there your hand guides me; your right hand holds me fast.

You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb.

When I was being made in secret, fashioned in the depths of the earth.  
Your eyes saw me unformed; in your book, all are written down; my days were shaped,  
before one came to be.

### **Matthew 11:2-5**

*A Messenger from John the Baptist.*

When John heard in prison of the works of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to him with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?"

Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.

**Dear God,  
Today I woke up.  
I am healthy.  
I am alive.  
Thank You.**

The Word of the Lord

## Catechism

*God Made Each Man With a Special Plan ...and Love.*

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God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life.

**When we pray for others,  
GOD listens to you and  
blesses them. So when you  
are safe and happy,  
Remember that someone is  
praying for you.**

For this reason, at every time and in every place, God draws close to man. He calls man to seek him, to know him, to love him with all his strength. He calls together all men, scattered and divided by sin, into the unity of his family, the Church.

To accomplish this, when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son as Redeemer and Savior. In his Son and through him, he invites men to become, in the Holy Spirit, his adopted children and thus heirs of his blessed life.

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Incorporated into Christ by Baptism, Christians are "dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus" and so participate in the life of the Risen Lord. Following Christ and united with him, Christians can strive to be "imitators of God as beloved children, and walk in love" by conforming their thoughts, words and actions to the "mind... which is yours in Christ Jesus," and by following his example.



### **THE TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S HAND**

The following poem was written by Myra Brooks Welch as a submittal to her church publication in 1921. It became very popular and widely circulated. It was only years later that the author was identified. In 1936 it was included in an anthology of 600 poems entitled "The Best Loved Poems of the American People. Over the years, it has been set to music, appeared in numerous books and Christian magazines and even entered into the Congressional Record.

The poem itself is an allegory – a literary device whereby fictional characters & events are used as symbolic representations of actual people & events...used to teach Spiritual Truths. This is the same style that Jesus used in His telling of parables.



'Twas battered and scarred,  
And the auctioneer thought it  
hardly worth his while  
To waste his time on the old violin,  
but he held it up with a smile.

"What am I bid, good people", he cried,  
"Who starts the bidding for me?"  
"One dollar, one dollar, Do I hear two?"  
"Two dollars, who makes it three?"  
"Three dollars once, three dollars twice, going for three,"

But, No,  
From the room far back a gray bearded man  
Came forward and picked up the bow,  
Then wiping the dust from the old violin  
And tightening up the strings,  
He played a melody, pure and sweet  
As sweet as the angel sings.



The music ceased and the auctioneer  
With a voice that was quiet and low,  
Said "What now am I bid for this old violin?"  
As he held it aloft with its' bow.

"One thousand, one thousand, Do I hear two?"  
"Two thousand, Who makes it three?"  
"Three thousand once, three thousand twice,  
Going and gone", said he.

The audience cheered,  
But some of them cried,  
"We just don't understand."  
"What changed its' worth?"  
Swift came the reply.  
"The Touch of the Masters Hand."

And many a man with life out of tune  
All battered with bourbon and gin  
Is auctioned cheap to a thoughtless crowd  
Much like that old violin



A mess of pottage, a glass of wine,  
A game and he travels on.  
He is going once, he is going twice,  
He is going and almost gone.

But the Master comes,  
And the foolish crowd never can quite understand,  
The worth of a soul and the change that is wrought  
By the Touch of the Masters' Hand.

### Questions to Focus on:

1 What message did you learn from this video?

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2 In what way(s) have you or someone that you know experienced the saving touch of the Master's hand?

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3 It has been said that God wants us to let Him do His work through us. How can this be done? Have you ever heard a gentle Knocking on the door of your heart?

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**I am a spiritual being. After this body is dead, my spirit will soar. I refuse to let what will rot, rule the eternal. I choose self-control. I will be drunk only by joy. I will be impassioned only by my faith. I will be influenced only by God. I will be taught only by Christ. I choose self-control.**

*Max Lucado*

### Men's Group Calendar

<b>10/25/2014</b>	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
<b>11/8/2014</b>	<b>Men's Group</b>	<b>7 AM Mass</b>
<b>11/22/2014</b>	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
<b>12/13/2014</b>	<b>Men's Group</b>	<b>7 AM Mass</b>
<b>12/27/2014</b>	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library

Mens Annual Conference is March 21, 2015.

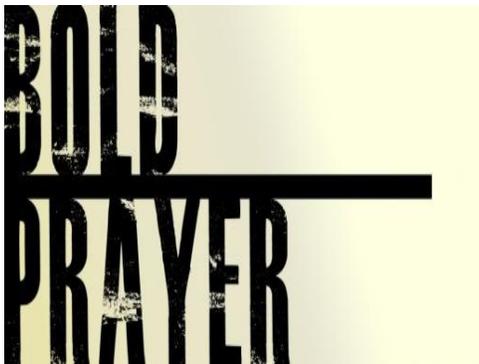
It will be held at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School.



A Man who never quits is Never Defeated.  
We are ordinary men who labor for Christ.

If you've been ignoring God, or running from Him,  
Why not try a different approach? Take time to sit still and listen for the  
sound of a Gentle Knocking on the Door of your Heart. That's the touch of  
the Master's hand. If you haven't done so already, why don't you open that  
door and let Him into your hearts?

May God Bless You.  
St. Hilary Men's Group



**Lord, God and Savior, by your love you draw me to  
yourself, forgive me, and fill me with every good  
thing, not withholding even the gift of your most  
beloved son.**

**Send forth your Holy Spirit to guide me in your  
path. Make me worthy of your love, and teach me  
how to forgive as you forgave.  
Amen**

