

## Offertory 2017 Needed

	Wkly Offering	Needed	Difference	Balance to cover Monthly Exp. \$14,000.00
Feb 5 <sup>th</sup>	\$4,569.75	\$3,500.00	+ \$1,069.75	\$9,430.25
Feb. 12 <sup>th</sup>	\$2,791.81	\$3,500.00	(\$ 708.19)	\$6,638.44
Jan. 19 <sup>th</sup>	\$2,872.00	\$3,500.00	(\$ 628.00)	\$3,766.44
Jan. 26 <sup>th</sup>				
Total				

### Daily Readings Feb. 27th – Mar. 5th

Mon – Sir. 17:20-24; Mar. 10:17-27  
 Tues – Sir. 35:1-12; Mar. 10:28-31  
 Wed – Joe. 2:12-18; 2Cor.5:20-6:2; Mat. 6:1-6, 16-18  
 Thurs – Deu.30:15-20; Luk. 9:22-25  
 Fri – Isa. 58:1-9a; Mat. 9:14-15  
 Sat – Isa. 58:9b-14; Luk. 5:27-32  
 Sun. – Gen. 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Rom. 5:12-19; Mat. 4:1-11

### Please Remember the Following:

Lloy McDaniel; Linda Arian; Lorin; Jack Thompson; Ron & Tanya Deasly; Dan Browning; Patricia Carroll; Savanna King; Rita Witchman; David & Carol Leonard; Billie Lanier; Kate Erickson; Born Family; Dan Christ; Linda Christ; Sammi Pedersen; Bob & Lola Godat; Fred Vandehey; Gal Kessel; Debbie Enneberg Carmen Orsi; Katie Jordon; Mindy Hopfer; Joanne Besio; Mike Mulvihill; Jennifer Christy; Chuck & Dee Wettstein; Paul Paquin; Carlos Coit; Rosemary Boe; Jeff Born; Peggy Kasberger; Glen Johnston; Jessie Sharp; Hazel Engstrom; Ann Pedersen; Jan Sletager; Richard Moore; Hans Kaumanns; Jim Lanning; Cal and Bernice Dubisar; Dolores Myers; Heather Messick; Family of Ralph and Mary Lee; Jeanne Enos; Kim Rempel; Deborah Horrell; Hernan Enrique Caceres; Verconica Natalia Chavez; Maria Sol Montel; Veronica Rodriguez; Luz Alejandra Bringas; Carolina Silvia Brizuela Perez; Rodolfo Martin Arruabarrena; Gustavo Caceres, Susan Markie, Anne Pimentel Hehr; Nettie Irene Downing, Harley Mayfield, Julie Nolte, Ben Woodward, Clifford Schell for the special intentions of our parishioners and others.

## St. Joseph Catholic Church

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 Rev. Fr. Joseph Kunnelaya T, Administrator



**Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00 pm    Sunday Mass 9:00 am English**  
**12:00 Noon Spanish**

**Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**February 26, 2017**

Parish Office Administrative Assistant: Anne Greenwood  
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## Rosary Schedule

Sun. Rosary: half hour before Mass

Date: March 12, 2017

Led by: Eucharistic Ministers

Every committee is responsible for the rosary being said each Sat. & Sunday

## Sacraments

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 3:30- 4:30pm

Other times by appointment

Contact Fr. Joseph for the preparation of the Sacrament of Baptism or Marriage and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

## Mass Intentions Feb 25th – Mar 3rd

One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit ones soul.

(L) =Living (D) = Death

Sat. 8am – Dean Erickson (D)/ Kate  
Kate Erickson

Sat. 5pm –Curt Godat (D) / Sue  
Godat

Sun. 9am – Armand Bilodeau (D)/  
Paul Emile Bilodeau

Sun. 12pm – Manny Arefieg (D) /  
Rema Arefieg

Mon. 8am – For the People

Tues. 8am- No Mass

Wed. 8am – Thomas Gary Payne (D) /  
Carol Payne

Thurs. 8am – Goodpaster Family (L) / Susan  
McDermott

Fri. – 12:15pm – Manny Arefieg (D) /  
Rema Arefieg

## 2017 Feb. Weekend Ministry

### Assignments

#### Sat. Mar 4th 5pm:

Lectors – Tawnya Layne  
Doug Bristow

Euch. Min. – Dee Wettstein  
Sue Godat

Altar Serv. – Kaylee Weygant  
Roman Stenbeck

#### Sun. Mar 5th 9am:

Lectors – Mitch Viescas  
Holly LeFevre

Euch. Min. - Cathy Baxter  
Amy Koivisto  
Nancy Redfern

Altar Serv. – Sam LeFevre  
Avery LeFevre

#### Sun. Mar 5th<sup>th</sup> 12pm:

Lectors – Martha Villagomez  
Leticia Toledo

Euch. Min. – Pedro Gonzalez  
Celia Nunez

Altar Serv. – Allen Sotelo  
Uber Gonzalez

If you cannot be available please find a substitute.

## Fr. Joseph's Corner...

### LENT – A Reflection

The primary purpose of Lent is spiritual preparation for the celebration recalling Jesus's death on Good Friday and his Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The Church tries to achieve this goal by leading her children to "repentance." It is a type of conversion—the reordering of our priorities and the changing of our values, ideals and ambitions—through fasting, prayer and mortification. Lenten observances are also intended to lead us to our annual solemn renewal of Baptismal vows on Holy Saturday. Through Baptism, we are called to live justly, to love God with all our being, to love our neighbor as ourselves, and to build the kingdom of God by our acts of charity. Life Messages (1) Let us make Lent a time of renewal of life by penance and prayer: Formerly, the six weeks of Lent meant a time of severe penance as a way of purifying ourselves from our sinful habits and getting ready to celebrate the Paschal mystery (the passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ), with a renewed commitment to follow Christ. Now, the Church leaves the Lenten practice of penance to the good will and generosity of individual Christians. However, Lent should be a time for personal reflection on where we stand as Christians in accepting the Gospel challenges in thought, word and deed. It is also a time to assess our relationships with our family, friends, working colleagues and

other people we come in contact with—especially those of our parish. We should examine whether we are able to give any positive contribution to other people's lives and to eradicate the abuses that are part of our society. (2) Let us convert Lent into a time for spiritual growth and Christian maturity by: (a) participating in the Mass each day or at least a few days in the week; (b) setting aside some part of our day for personal prayer; (c) reading some Scripture—alone or, better still, with others; (d) setting aside some money that we might spend on ourselves for meals, entertainment or clothes and giving it to an organization that takes care of the less fortunate in our society; (e) abstaining from smoking or alcohol; (f) receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Lent and participating in the "Stations of the Cross" on Fridays; (g) visiting the sick and those in nursing homes and doing some acts of charity, kindness and mercy every day during Lent. (3) Let us use Lent as a time to fight daily against the evil within us and around us: Repenting and fighting against temptations and evil is a lifetime's task. Jesus did not overcome Satan in the wilderness; he achieved that only in his death. Lent reminds us that we have to take up the fight each day against the evil within us and around us, and never give up. Jesus has given the assurance that the Holy Spirit is with us, empowering us so that final victory will be ours through Jesus Christ.

*-Prayerful wishes, Father Joseph*

## Rosary Schedule

March 5<sup>th</sup> - Ushers  
March 12<sup>th</sup> – Eucharistic Ministers  
March 19<sup>th</sup> – Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus Offer breakfast every first Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass. **March 5th 2017**

## Social Time

Please join us for coffee after the Sunday 9:00 am Mass Sunday Coffee Hour **Schedule**

March 12<sup>th</sup> – Carol Smith  
March 19<sup>th</sup> – Betty Viescas  
March 26<sup>th</sup> - Albina Stagnoli



## **Laughing Face**

A pastor always used the phrase, "It might be worse," when some calamity would come his way. One day a friend said to him, "I've something to tell you, and you won't be able to use your favorite phrase. I dreamt last night that I died and went to hell." "It might be worse," said the preacher. The friend came unglued: "man alive, how could it be worse?" to which the pastor replied: "it might be true."

## Forgiven: **The transforming Power of confession**

**FORGIVEN** explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. By looking at God's revelation of his mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite itself, FORGIVEN communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Forgiven is the latest addition to the Augustine Institute's library of sacramental preparation programs. As a FORMED subscriber, you can access the first four sessions of this powerful new series.

In our parish bulletin is a flyer with step by step instructions on how to register for FREE access to **formed.org and the program FORGIVEN**- please take one as you leave. **Our parish code is T7TCYT**. We also have postcards in the vestibule of the church for FORMED. This Lent, we have a wonderful opportunity to grow as a parish family and experience a lent to Remember. We want to invite you to participate in a program called FORGIVEN offered on formed.org. With beautiful film-making and teaching on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, FORGIVEN will move your heart and give you plenty to discuss as a family or bible study group. The program will be 4 weeks, with an episode to watch each week.

## Parish News

**Mass for Propero Villagomez** will be Monday February 27<sup>th</sup> at 12pm followed by graveside service by Fr. Reeves. Luncheon in the parish hall afterwards.

**There will be no mass**, Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.

### Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule March 1<sup>st</sup>

The Parish Mass Schedule is as follows:

8:00 a.m. and 6:00p.m.

**Fridays during Lent**, starting March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Stations of the Cross will be said after the 12:15pm mass, and 6pm in the evening.

**During Lent starting Wednesday March 8<sup>th</sup>**, Mass will be at 12:15pm, in order that more people can take part in the Mass during Lent.

**Fasting and abstinence** are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on the Friday of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically ill. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

**CRS Rice Bowl** is one way Catholics can enhance their Lenten fasting practice by giving up meals and donating the cost of those meals to [Catholic Relief Services](#) . . . in order to help those who do not have enough to eat. You will find the rice bowls in the vestibule of the church.

**Bible Studies** will resume March 8<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30pm. We will be studying the series of Forgiven by the Diocese. If you are interested

in signing up for our class, a sign-up sheet is in the vestibule of the church.

**On Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**, St. Joseph's Parish celebrates a 70 plus year tradition with its Annual St. Patrick's Day Ham Dinner. The Kinghts of Columbus will coordinate the dinner. All members of our Parish, the Prineville and Central Oregon community are invited to co-celebrate the event. The menu will continue to be Hickory Pit Smoked Ham, split pea soup, rolls, string beans, baked potatoes, and deserts. The deserts have traditionally been donated by Parishioners and brought to the Hall the morning of the dinner. Please help, but no crème pies or cheese cake. Also featured is Gertrude Reif's historic raisin sauce. To be a success we need volunteers and diners. Please come, invite friends and neighbors and enjoy St. Patti's Day feast and celebration. For information, prepaid tickets and volunteers call Gary Thompson at 541-447-5001. Remember, many hands make light work. All proceeds go to the Parish

**Sunday, April 30, 2017**, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph (May 1<sup>st</sup>), the head of the Holy Family and the patron saint of our Parish. On this day we will honor our parishioners who have shared **fifty or more years of marriage**. There will be a special mass and a party in the Parish Hall to celebrate. Look for details of the celebration in the Sunday Bulletin during February and March. Although we have the names of many of our couples who have been married for fifty years or more, we want to make sure to include everyone. If you will have been married for fifty years or by the year 2017, please let us know by calling Anne Greenwood in the Parish office at 541-447-6475 Mon- Thurs. 9am-5pm.



## *Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time*



1<sup>st</sup> R. Isa. 49:14-15  
Res. Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 8-9  
2<sup>nd</sup> R. 1Cor. 4:1-5  
Gospel Accl. Heb. 4:12  
Gospel Mat. 6:24-34

Today's readings give us an invitation to avoid unnecessary worries by putting our trust in the love and providence of a merciful God, and then living each day's life as it comes, doing His will and realizing His presence within us and others. Today's readings give us an invitation to avoid unnecessary worries by putting our trust in the love and providential care of a loving and merciful God, and by living each day's life as it comes, doing His will and realizing His presence within us, within others and in all events of our lives.

**Scripture lessons:** Today's first reading is one of the most touching expressions of God's love in the Bible. Through the Prophet Isaiah, the Lord God asks the rhetorical question: "*Can a mother forget her infant?*" and gives His solemn pledge "*I will never forget you!*" The Lord God reminds Israel that even the best of human love is only a shadow of God's eternal, life-giving love for His people. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 62) also invites us to

hope and rest in the strength and providence of a loving God.

In the second reading, St. Paul instructs the Corinthians that instead of worrying about who baptized them and judging him or other preachers, they are to bear witness to Christ and his Gospel by their lives. In the first part of today's Gospel, Jesus emphasizes the impossibility of serving two opposed masters, namely God and riches. Man's ultimate goal and Master is God and not material possessions. Material possessions help us reach our ultimate goal, God, only when we share them with the needy. Hence, Jesus calls us to a detachment from material goods and a life of simplicity and dependence on God. Then Jesus exhorts his disciples to avoid unnecessary worries. Worry is a pagan or an irreligious attitude of those who don't believe in a loving and providing God. In nature, other creatures, like birds, work hard for their daily food, but they don't worry about tomorrows. Worry is useless because we cannot increase even an inch of height by days of worrying. Worry is also injurious to the health causing physical and mental problems and illnesses. Jesus' arguments against unnecessary worries: Poor people worry that they have no money and rich people worry that they don't have enough money. Sick people worry about their premature death, and healthy people worry about getting sick. Some people worry about their past blunders, and others worry about their future. Everyone one, it seems, worries about something all the time. Only trust and faith in God can take us beyond the immediacy of worries and an inordinate focus on ourselves. The tragedy of most of our lives is that we worry so much about tomorrow that

we never claim the resources God has for our living today.

Hence, Jesus gives us some reasons why we should not worry. 1) Worry is a pagan or an irreligious attitude of those who don't believe in a loving and providing God. Worry is the ultimate act of rebellion against the rule of God in a believer's life. How? Worry says that God is dead; and if He is alive, then He is incapable of doing anything about my situation! It is a deficiency of faith that causes us to worry over health or food, past or future. 2) Only humans worry: In nature, other creatures, like birds, work hard for their daily food, but they don't worry about tomorrows. 3) Worry is useless because we cannot increase even an inch of height by days of worrying. 4) Worry is injurious to the health because it causes physical and mental problems and illnesses. One recent study has discovered that almost two out of three persons who present themselves at a hospital emergency room have worry and anxiety issues at the foundation of their complaint. Over 100 diseases have been directly attributed to worry! Worry will not only take away your physical energy, it will also rob the soul of its stamina as well. 5) Worry robs us of Faith and confidence in God's help, and it saps our energy for doing good. 6) Worry takes all the joy from life and wears out our mind and body. Doctors agree that emotional stress can bring actual changes in the organs, glands, and tissues of the body. It's not so much "what I'm eating" as "what's eating me" that's getting me down. Hence, Jesus exhorts us to do our daily tasks serenely and not to worry uselessly about what happened yesterday or what may happen tomorrow.

Here, Jesus is not advocating a shiftless, reckless, thoughtless attitude to life. Rather, He is forbidding a care-worn, worried fear, which takes the joy out of life. But He wants us to make good use of our human resourcefulness and to plan our lives in a responsible manner. Jesus also teaches that we should strive *first* for the kingdom of God in our life, for God to rule our life, *and then* all these things shall be given us. Jesus is not teaching us to be careless, but to center our care in the right place—on the kingdom of God. What is important is to live well today, doing God's will, realizing His presence with us, within us and within every one we meet.

We need to avoid worry: a) By trusting in the providing care of a loving God. b) By acquiring the art of living one day at a time in God's presence. c) By seeking God's kingdom and doing His will every day, living a righteous life and serving others as best as we can. We need to live one day at a time: Here are the three simple steps. First, we start the day with God by offering Him the day's work for His glory, thus transforming all our work into prayers. Then we ask for a 24-hour full-activation of the Holy Spirit, so that we may do good for others and avoid evil. In the second step, we live realizing God's presence in every one we meet and renewing our awareness of God's presence by saying some small prayers. Taking the third step, we end each day with God. Before we go to sleep, we say, "Thank you, Lord, for walking through this day with me. I have wounded my soul today by my sins. Please pardon me. With your grace, I shall be more faithful tomorrow. Good night, Lord. Into your hands, I give my soul and my sleep."

