

Offertory 2017 Needed

	Wkly Offering	Needed	Difference	Balance to cover Monthly Exp. \$14,000.00
March 5 th	\$4,609.00	\$3,500.00	+ \$1,109.00	\$9,391.00
March 12 th	\$2,532.00	\$3,500.00	(\$ 968.00)	\$6,859.00
March 19 th	\$2754.00	\$3,500.00	(\$ 746.00)	\$4,105.00
March 26 th	\$2,629.55	\$3,500.00	(\$ 870.45)	\$1,475.45
Total	\$12,524.55			(\$1,475.45)

Daily Readings Apr. 3rd – April 9th

Mon – Dan. 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Joh. 8:1-11

Tues – Num. 21:4-9; Joh. 8:21-30

Wed – Dan. 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Joh. 8:31-42

Thurs – Gen. 17:3-9; Joh. 8:51-59

Fri – Jer.20:10-13; Joh. 10:31-42

Sat – Eze.37:21-28; Joh. 11:45-56

Sun. – Isa. 50:4-7; Phi. 2:6-11; Mat. 26:14-27

Please Remember the Following:

Linda Arian; Lorin; Jack Thompson; Dan Browning, Patricia Carroll; Savanna King; Rita Witchman; David & Carol Leonard; Billie Lanier; 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; Jeff Born; Peggy Kasberger; Glen Johnston; Jessie and Gilbert 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; Veronica 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, Sam Lane, Kyle Salgado, Fr. Fabian, Matty Cunningham, Ron Edgerly, Gerry Pimental 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**

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 2, 2017



Parish Office Administrative Assistant: Anne Greenwood
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Rosary Schedule

Sun. Rosary: half hour before Mass
Date: April 9th 2017
Led by: Divine Mercy
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 April 1st – April 7th

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 – Mrs Arnold (D) / Colleen Budde
Sat. 5pm –Theresa Felix (D) / Dee Wettstein
Sun. 9am – Armand Bilodeau (D)/
Paul Emile Bilodeau
Sun. 12pm – For the People
Mon. 8am – Matty Cunningham (L) / Tom and Mary Norton
Tues. 8am – Marissa Hazelton (L) /Kate Erickson
Wed. 12:15pm – Anne Porter (L)/ Tom and Nancy MacDonald
Thurs. 8am – NO MASS
Fri. – 12:15pm – NO MASS

2017 Feb. Weekend Ministry Assignments

Sat. April 8th 5pm:

Lectors – Brett Edgerly
Kathy Leonard

Euch. Min. – Kathy Thompson
Mary Norton

Altar Serv. – Ethan Edgerly
Roman Stenbeck

Sun. April 9th 9am:

Lectors – Kat Rodosevich
Gary Thompson

Euch. Min. – Nancy Redfern
Evelyn Stirnaman
Ralph Lee

Altar Serv. – Johanna Koivisto
Blaine Viescas

Sun. April 9th 12pm:

Lectors - Angela Renteria Toledo
Ruby Ruiz

Euch. Min. – Joel Hernandez
Celia Nunez

Altar Serv. - Diocelina Sotello
Julissa Hernandez

If you cannot be available please find a substitute.

Fr. Joseph's Corner...

A MAN WAS SLEEPING at night in his cabin when suddenly his room filled with light, and the Savior appeared. The Lord told the man he had work for him to do and showed him a large rock in front of his cabin. The Lord explained that the man was to push against the rock with all his might.

This the man did, day after day. For many years, he toiled from sunup to sundown, his shoulders set squarely against the cold, massive surface of the unmoving rock, pushing with all his might. Each night the man returned to his cabin sore and worn out, feeling that his whole day had been spent in vain.

Seeing that the man was showing signs of discouragement, Satan decided to enter the picture by placing thoughts into the man's mind such as: "You have been pushing against that rock for a long time, and it hasn't budged. Why kill yourself over this? You are never going to move it," thus giving the man the impression that the task was impossible and that he was a failure.

These thoughts discouraged and disheartened the man even more. "Why kill myself over this indeed?" he thought. "I'll just put in my time, giving just the minimum effort, and that will be good enough."

And that he planned to do, until one day he decided to make it a matter of prayer and take his troubled thoughts to the Lord.

"Lord," he said, "I have labored long and hard in your service, putting all my strength to

do that which you have asked. Yet, after all this time, I have not even budged that rock by half a millimeter. What is wrong? Why am I failing?"

To this the Lord responded compassionately, "My friend, when I asked you to serve me and you accepted, I told you that your task was to push against the rock with all your strength, which you have done. Never once did I mention to you that I expected you to move it. Your task was to push. And now you come to me, with your strength spent, thinking that you have failed. But, is that really so? Look at yourself. Your arms are strong and muscled, your back sinewy and brown, your hands are callused from constant pressure, and your legs have become massive and hard. Through opposition you have grown much, and your abilities now surpass that which you used to have. Yet you haven't moved the rock. But your calling was to be obedient, and to push, and to exercise your faith and trust in My wisdom. This you have done."

Then the Lord said, "I, my friend, will move the rock."

At times when we hear a word from God, we tend to use our own intellect to decipher what He wants, when actually what God wants is just simple obedience and faith in Him.

By all means, exercise the faith that moves mountains; but, it is still God who moves the mountain.

~ Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph ~

Rosary Schedule

April 2nd – St Vincent De Paul
 April 9th – Divine Mercy
 April 16th – Knights of Columbus
 April 23rd - Lectors

Prayer for Priestly Vocations

Lord Jesus Christ, Living Bread come down from heaven, in Your Name we ask the Father to bless the Diocese for Baker with vocations to the priesthood. By the prompting of the Holy Spirit call forth from among us men who are able to sympathize with our weakness and deal gently with the wayward, men who will give us confidence to draw near to the font of Mercy and find grace in the time of need. Send us priests to bring comfort to the afflicted, pardon to the sinner, and peace to the dying; priests to hand You over to us in the Breaking of the Bread. High Priest, of the New and Eternal Covenant, we place our trust in You. To You be glory and praise forever. Amen
~Composed by Bishop Liam Cary~



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 The Knights of Columbus Offer breakfast every first Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass. **April 2, 2017**

Social Time

Please join us for coffee after the Sunday 9:00 am Mass Sunday Coffee Hour **Schedule:**
 April 9th – Carol Smith
 April 16th – Betty Viescas
 April 23rd – Albina Stagnoli
 April 30th – Sammi Pedersen and Karin Davis

Married Parishioners 50 yrs and older

Gilbert and Jessie Sharp	71 yrs
Richard and Carol Moore	66 yrs
Charles and Dolores Wettstein	65 yrs
Wallace and Rosemary Boe	62 yrs
Roy and Jean Hutley	62 yrs
Leo and Joan Collette	58 yrs
Robert and Lola Godat	58 yrs
Robert James and Kathie Leonard	58 yrs
Gerald and Deanna Pimental	56 yrs
James and Joanne Gleason	55 yrs
Larry and Theresa Leach	54 yrs
William and Frances Butrico	53 yrs
Gary and Sandy Shriver	53 yrs
Thomas and Georgia Fitzgerald	52 yrs
Delwin and Joan Holland	50 yrs

If you have been married 50 years or more please contact the parish office before Friday, April 10th, at 541-447-6475 and we will add your name.



Parish News

There will be no Mass on Thursday, April 6th and Friday April 7th. Fr. Joseph will be in Baker City for the Chrism Mass. Will be back Friday evening. The Parish Office will also be close April 6th and 7th.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast today after the 9am mass. Come join us for a delicious meal of pancakes, eggs, sausage, hash browns, and good company with friends and family!

Holy Week Schedule

April 8th 5pm- Palm Sunday Vigil Mass
 April 9th 9am and 12pm – Palm Sunday Masses
 April 13th 7pm Holy Thursday
 April 14th 3pm – Stations of the Cross
 April 14th 6pm – Good Friday (veneration of the cross)
 April 15th 7pm – Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)
 April 16th 9am and 12pm – Easter Sunday Masses

The Elevator is not working, we hope to have it in service by Holy Week.

We are happy to inform you we now have a website at stjosephsprineville.org

Stations of The Cross during Lent, starting March 3rd will be said after the 12:15pm mass, and 6pm in the evening.

Every Wednesday during Lent, we will have mass at 12:15pm, in order that more people can take part in the Mass during Lent.

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](http://CatholicReliefServices.org). . . in order to help those who do not have enough to eat. You will find the rice bowls in the vestibule of the church.

Sunday, April 30, 2017, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph (May 1st), 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. 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 before April 10th at 541-447-6475.

All interested in joining The Divine Mercy study group, please attend a meeting on Monday, April 10th after the 8am Mass. We will be in church to say the Divine Mercy Chaplet, then go to the Parish Hall. Betty Maska 541-977-2828

First Holy Communion May 7th 12pm mass. There will be a breakfast in your honor after the 9am mass. All are invited so please plan on attending. There will be a group photo at the breakfast before the 12pm Mass. Please plan to be at the breakfast so that we can get a full group photo so everyone be on time. We want no one left out so be prompt and ready for the photo and ceremony. The attire for the girls is all white, the attire for the boys is black slacks, white shirt and black tie. This is a proper First Holy Communion attire, it is mandatory.

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of health screenings will be in our community on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Hall. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include: Carotid Artery, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Peripheral Arterial Disease, a Heart Rhythm Screening and a Osteoporosis Risk Assessment for men and women. Register online TODAY at www.lifelinescreening.com/advantageclub or call 1-888-653-6441. Pamphlets in the vestibule of the church for more information

Fifth Sunday of Lent



1st R. Eze. 37:12-14
Res. Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
2nd R. Rom. 8:8-11
Gospel Accl. Joh. 11:25a, 26
Gospel Joh. 11:1-45

Of all the miracles Jesus did, the raising of Lazarus ranks as the most astonishing to the people of his time. Traditional Jewish belief had it that the soul of a dead person somehow remains with the body for three days. After three days the soul departs finally from the body never to return, and that is when corruption sets in. When Martha objects to the opening of the tomb and says, “**Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days**” (John 11:39), she is expressing the common view that this is now a hopeless situation. Is that why Jesus delayed coming to the funeral, to let the situation become “impossible” before acting on it? G.K. Chesterton once said, “Hope means hoping when things are hopeless, or it is no virtue at all.” In traditional Jewish mentality bringing back to life a person who is already four days dead and decaying is as unthinkable as the prophet Ezekiel’s vision in which the grey, dry

bones of the dead are miraculously restored to life.

For the early Christians the story of the raising of Lazarus was more than a pointer to the resurrection of Jesus. Jesus rose on the third day; his body never saw corruption. For them this miracle is a challenge to never give up hope even in the hopeless situations in which they found themselves as individuals, as a church or as a nation. It is never too late for God to revive and revitalise a person, a church or a nation. But first we must learn to cooperate with God.

How can we cooperate with God so as to experience God’s resurrection power in our lives and in our world? Well, everyone knows the answer already: faith. But that is not the point that John makes in this story. In fact there is no one in the story, not even Mary or Martha, who believed that Jesus could bring Lazarus back to life after four days dead. No one expected him to do it, so expectant faith is not the emphasis here. Rather the emphasis in the story on how we cooperate with a miracle-working God is placed on practical obedience and doing God’s will.

To effect the miracle, Jesus issues three commands and all of them are obeyed to the letter. That is how the miracle happens. First, “**Jesus said, ‘Roll away the stone.’ ... So they rolled away the stone**” (verses 39-41). Did the people understand why they should do this heavy work of rolling away the tombstone to expose a stinking

corpse? You bet they didn’t. But it was their faith in Jesus expressing itself not through intellectual agreement with Jesus but through practical agreement with him, through obedience. Why didn’t Jesus command the stone to roll away all by itself, without bothering the people? We don’t quite know. All we know is that divine power seems always to be activated by human cooperation and stifled by non-cooperation. As C.S. Lewis said, “God seems to do nothing of Himself which He can possibly delegate to His creatures.” God will not do by a miracle what we can do by obedience.

The second command Jesus gives is directed to the dead man: “**‘Lazarus, come out!’ and the dead man came out**” (verses 43-44). We do not know the details of what transpired in the tomb. All we know is that Jesus’ word of command is followed by immediate obedience. Lazarus gropes his way out of the dark tomb even with his hands and feet tied up in bandages, and his face all wrapped up. Even a man rotting away in the tomb can still do something to help himself.

The third command again is addressed to the people, “**Unbind him, and let him go**” (verse 44). Even though Lazarus could stumble himself out of the tomb, there was no way he could unbind himself. He needs the community to do that for him. By unbinding Lazarus and setting him free from the death bands the community is accepting Lazarus back as one of them.

Many Christian individuals and communities today have fallen victim to the death of sin. Many are already in the tomb of hopelessness and decay, in the bondage of sinful habits and attitudes. Nothing short of a miracle can bring us back to life in Christ. Jesus is ready for the miracle. He himself said, “**I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly**” (John 10:10). Are we ready to cooperate with him for the miracle. Are we ready to roll away the stone that stands between us and the light of Christ’s face? Are we ready to take the first step to come out of the place of death? Are we ready to unbind (i.e. forgive) one another and let them go free? These are the various ways we cooperate with God in the miracle of bringing renewing and reviving us as individuals, as a church, and a nation.

