

Offertory 2017

| | Needed | Weekly Offering |
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| Dec 3 rd | \$3,500.00 | \$4,385.00 |
| Dec 8 th | | |
| Dec 10 th | \$3,500.00 | |
| Dec 17 th | \$3,500.00 | |
| Dec 24 th | \$3,500.00 | |
| Dec. 25 th | | |
| Dec. 31 st | \$3,500.00 | |
| TOTAL | | |

“Remember: sparse sowing sparse reaping; sow bountifully, and you will reap bountifully.”

“Ademas fijense: quien siembra con mezquindad, con mezquindad cosechara, y quien hace siembras generosas, generosas cosechas tendra. (2Corintios 9, 6)

Please Remember the Following:

Linda Arian; 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; Glen Johnston; Jessie & Gilbert Sharp; Hazel Engstrom; Ann Pedersen; Jan Sletager; Richard Moore; Jim Lanning; Cal and Bernice Dubisar; Heather Messick; Family of Ralph and Mary Lee; Deborah Horrell; Hernán Enrique Cáceres; Verónica Natalia Chávez; María, Sol Montel; Verónica Rodríguez; Luz Alejandra Bringas, Carolina Silvia Brizuela Pérez; Rodolfo Martin Arruabarrena; Susan Markie, Nettie Irene Downing, Harley Mayfield, Sam Lane, Ron Edgerly, Naomi Blankenship, Bill Nicholson, Bud Gilvinski, Joanne Gleason, Danilo Salgado, Betty Salgado, Courtney Lynn Viescas, for the special intentions of our parishioners and others.

Daily Readings Dec 11th – Dec 17th

Mon. – Isa.35:1-10; Luk.5:17-26 **Fri.** – Isa.48:17-19; Mat.11:16-19
Tues. – Rev.11:19a; 12:1-6a; Luk.1:39-47 **Sat.** – Sir.48:1-4, 9-11; Mat.17:9a, 1-13
Wed. – Isa.40:25-31; Mat.11:28-30 **Sun.** – Isa.61:1-2a, 10-11; 1The5:16-24; Joh.1:6-8, 19-28
Thurs. – Isa.41:13-20; Mat.11:11-15

St. Joseph Catholic Church

(120 S. Main St. Prineville, Oregon)

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017



Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday Mass 9:00 am English

12:00 Noon Spanish

Holy Days 8:00am and 6:00pm

Monday- Tuesday –Thursday 8:00am

Wednesday and Friday 12:15pm

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Sacraments

Sacrament of Penance: Wednesday: 11:45am – 12:15pm, and Saturday: 3:30-4:30pm * Other times by appointment* Contact Fr. Joseph for preparation of the Sacrament of Baptism or Marriage and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Rosary Schedule

Sun. Rosary: half hour before Mass
Every Sunday after the Rosary the Prayer for Vocations (by Bishop Cary) will be said together.
Date Dec. 10th – Ushers
Date Dec. 17th – Knights of Columbus
Date Dec. 24th – Euch. Min.
Date Dec. 24th Vigil – Lectors
Date Dec. 25th Christmas Day - Choir
Every committee is responsible for the rosary being said each Sat. & Sunday

Prayer for Priestly Vocations

Lord Jesus Christ, Living Bread come down from heaven, in Your Name we ask the Father to bless the Diocese of 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~

2017 December Weekend Ministry Assignments

Saturday Dec. 16th 5pm:

Acolyte – Tom Norton
Lectors – Tom MacDonald
Mitch Viescas
Euch. Min. – Kathy Thompson
Sue Godat
Altar Serv. – Tanner Joyce
Taylor Joyce

Sunday Dec. 17th 9am:

Acolyte – Steve Schilling
Lectors – Kirk Giovanini
Diane Giovanini
Euch. Min. – Joan Holland
Nancy Redfern
Altar Servers – Avery LeFerve
Jesse & James Heath

Sunday Dec. 17th 12pm:

Lectors – Angela Renteria Toledo
Martha Villagomez
Euch. Min – Joel Hernandez
Pedro Gonzalez
Altar Serv. – Julissa Hernandez
Eddie Ruiz

***If you cannot be available please find a substitute. *Altar Servers* call Rick Nolte* @ 541-954-2331**



FR. Joseph's Corner...

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Part - 4

Sin can be seen at two levels: Personal and social or structural

At personal level I develop jealousy, envy, anger, lust, prejudice, hatred, selfishness, greed, revenge, grudging....Sometimes we mistake our feelings for sin. For example-anger, envy or jealousy is ok. They are natural to human being. But, because of anger if I hit someone or if my anger results in decision making to harm someone then it is a sin. We need to be aware of ourselves and take control of our feelings.

At social level and structural level we see a great many sins.... injustice, exploitation of the poor, casteism, communalism, fundamentalism, globalization and its negative impact etc. Though we can't do much about it we should not collaborate with such unjust social structure.

CONCLUSION: Just as a way of conclusion I would like to say

You don't wear a shirt for six months together without washing...right. We clean up our clothes, our house and throw the dirt periodically. If you accumulate the garbage in the house it starts stinking. It might even become a poison to corrupt our

health. In the same way we need throw the garbage of sins from oneself and cleanse oneself from all these dirt. And we ask the Lord to clean us.

Our God is always ready to receive us. He does not love sin but he loves the sinners. Remember that the saints have a past and the sinners have a future. God is standing with open arms to receive us however sinful we are. With this attitude we approach the sacrament of reconciliation.

FOR MEDITATION:

1. Jn 8:11 To the adulterous woman, 'Neither do I condemn you...go but sin no more'.
2. Lk 19:10 The son of man has not come to call the virtuous but sinners
3. Lk 15 The prodigal son. The son's decision to part, sin, repent...The father's love.

Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph





The Knights of Columbus Offer breakfast every first Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass. **January 7, 2017**

Social Time

Please join us for coffee **every Sunday** after the 9:00 am Mass Sunday Coffee Hour **Volunteers Needed for Coffee Hour, to help call the Office at 541-447-6475.**

Mass Intentions Dec.9th – Dec. 15th

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

(L) =Living (D) = Death

Sat. 12pm – For the People

Sat. 5pm Harold & Edna Godat (D) / Sue Godat

Sun. 9am – Sarah Elizabeth MacDonald (D) / Tom & Nancy MacDonald

Sun. 12pm – Fernando Hernandez / Max Hernandez

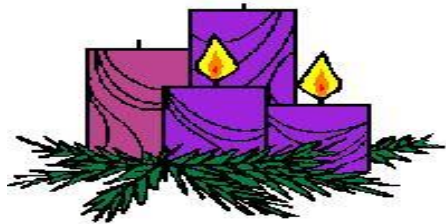
Mon. 8am – Ben Woodward (L) / Richard & Carol Moore

Tues. 8am – Bud Redfern (D) / Nancy Redfern

Wed. 12:15pm – Sam Morris Intentions

Thurs. 8am – Neil Rosenbaum (D) / Becker Family

Fri. 12:15pm – James Michael Irwin & Family (L) / Barbara M Kurtz



Here are, with no particular order, some of life’s precious instructions, which we often take for granted. Reflect on them and I hope you can put to work some of them, and hopefully, in the long run, all of them:

Watch a sunrise, at least once a year – Strive for excellence, not perfection - Sing in the shower – Treat everyone you meet like you want to be treated – Learn three clean jokes – Never waste an opportunity to tell someone that you love them – Complement three people every day – Keep it simple – Think big thoughts, but relish small pleasures – Become the most positive and enthusiastic person you ever know – Leave everything a little better than you found it – say ‘Thank you’ a lot – Avoid negative people – Remember other people’s birthdays – Always carry jumper cables in your car or truck – Look people in the eye - Be the first to say ‘Hello’ – Return all the things you borrow – Make new friends but keep the old ones – Keep secrets – Always accept an outstretched hand – Stop blaming others, but take full responsibility of your actions – Be there when people need you – Always visit a friend who is in the hospital – Don’t expect life to be always fair – Never underestimate the power of love – Make sure you listen to Christmas carols during December – Say ‘Please’ often – Be always ready to forgive and forget – Hug your best friend for no apparent reason – Always keep your promises – Count your blessings – Smile often – Rekindle old friendships – Read the Bible every day – Be always kind to people – Say ‘Sorry’ if you hurt someone – Respect the elderly – Don’t be afraid to say ‘I made a mistake.’

Parish News

An Offertory Food Basket, will begin for every weekend Mass, to be brought up during the offertory with the Bread & Wine. There will be a sign-up sheet for volunteers to bring any food for the food basket and we will give the food to St. Vincent de Paul.

Christmas Pageant

Please come to the St Joseph Christmas Pageant December 17 from 2-4 PM, put on by the children of our parish. The children will perform a live Nativity with music and refreshments to follow. Please feel free to bring cookies, donations accepted and appreciated. Enjoy and support our youth. If you have any questions call Barb Dalton 541-416-1026.

The RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION

December 9th and 10th, you will find envelopes in the bulletin and the pews. The need to generously support this fund is self-evident. The Priests, generally speaking, have never been a well-paid category so that it is not rare to find the retired individuals among them, after having spent themselves in the service of the people, lacking funds to enjoy the well-deserved rest and comforts of old age. As for the Religious, formerly the retired individuals among them used to be supported with what was saved from the earnings of the active members. But now, since the ratio of the active members to the retired ones has reduced drastically, the Religious Congregations find it extremely difficult to find enough funds to meet the needs of the latter. The purpose of the RETIREMENT FUND is precisely to make good this deficiency.

It is up to the faithful in whose service the Priests and the Religious spend themselves, to make sure that the latter do not lack the funds that are needed to make it possible for them to spend their last days on this earth in relative ease and comfort. So do contribute generously to the Fund in token of your love and concern for them. God bless and reward you abundantly!

The offertory envelopes for 2018 are ready in the vestibule for pick up. Please take yours.

Knights of Columbus Christmas Cards for sale after the 9am Mass. November through December 24th in the Parish Hall.

Knights of Columbus Meeting Tuesday, December 19th at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

Sunday December 24th at 6pm is the Christmas Vigil Mass, it is a Family Mass.

Monday, December 25th at 10am is our Christmas Day Mass and this is a bilingual mass.

Bulletin announcements need to be in the office by Tuesday each week prior to each week’s bulletin.



Second Sunday of Advent



1st R. – Isa.40:1-5, 9-11

Res. Ps – 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

2nd R – 2Pet.3:8-14

Gospel Accl – Luk.3:4. 6

Gospel – Mar.1:1-8

Homecoming is the central theme of the Scripture readings for the Second Sunday of Advent. All three readings focus on the absolute necessity of our getting ready for Christ's "Homecoming" into our hearts and lives by true repentance, reparation, prayer and the renewal of our lives.

They also remind us that the past coming of Jesus 2000 years ago, the present daily coming of Jesus into our lives through the Eucharistic celebration, through the Scriptures and through the praying community, and his future coming (the Second Coming) are actually the fulfillment of God's saving plan

The first reading, taken from the prophet Isaiah, tells us about the Babylonian exiles

coming home to their native country, Judah, and their holy city, Jerusalem. Isaiah assures his people that the Lord will lead them in a grand procession to their homeland and take care of them as a shepherd cares for his sheep. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 85) describes how shalom or perfect peace is coming home with the Lord's coming. The second reading, taken from the second letter of Peter, invites us to get ready to go home to Heaven with Jesus at his second coming. Peter tells those who doubt the Second Coming of Jesus that God's way of counting time is different from ours and that God has His own reasons for delaying Christ's second coming.

The Gospel tells us through John the Baptist how we should prepare to receive Jesus our Savior's "coming home" into our lives during the Advent season by repentance and the renewal of life. John preached that the appropriate behavior for those preparing "the way of the Lord" was to be baptized "as they confessed their sins." He wanted the Jews to prepare their lives for the Messiah by filling in the valleys of prejudice, leveling the mountains of pride and straightening out their crooked paths of injustice and immorality. John recommended a baptism of repentance in the river Jordan to the Jews who were familiar with ritual and symbolic washings. The most amazing thing about John's baptism was that, as a Jew, he was asking fellow-Jews to submit to the baptism of repentance which only a Gentile was obliged to undergo.

We need to make use of Advent as a season of reflection and preparation. We are invited by the Church to prepare for Christmas. Christmas is the time for reflection and personal renewal in preparation for the coming of Jesus into our lives. Through the section of his letter which we read today, St. Peter reminds us, on the one hand, of God's great desire to come into our lives and, on the other, of our need to be prepared for that event when it happens. We want God's help and comfort, but we are not always prepared to change our ways to enhance genuine conversion. For God to come to us, we also need to go to Him. We need to let every day become Christmas and the "Day of the Lord" for each one of us.

We need to accept Jesus instead of ignoring him during this Christmas season? It was their stubborn pride and self-centeredness, which blinded the eyes of the Jews and kept them from recognizing Jesus as their long-awaited Messiah. The same stubborn pride, the same exaggerated sense of our own dignity, blinds the intellects of many of us today who not only fail to accept Christ and his good tidings, but also prevent others from accepting him. The mad rush for earthly possessions and pleasures, the casting-off of all the reasonable restraints and restrictions which are so necessary for the survival of human society, the rejection of all things spiritual in man's make-up, the general incitement of the animal instincts in man – all these are signs of the rejection of Christ. Let us accept Jesus as our personal Savior and Lord during this Christmas season and

remain, or become, true Christians in our daily conduct. Let us use these days of preparation for Christmas to ready ourselves for Christ's daily coming and Second Coming, remembering that the Second Coming will occur for each one of us on the day of our death, or on the Day of the Lord, whichever comes first.

We need to become preachers of the Good News: John's preaching reminds us also of our important task of announcing Christ to others through our lives at home and in the community. When we show real love, kindness, mercy and a spirit of forgiveness, we are announcing the truth that Christ is with us. Thus, our lives become a kind of Bible which others can read. John the Baptist invites us to turn this Advent season into a real spiritual homecoming by making the necessary preparations for the arrival of the Savior and his entrance into our lives.

