

## Offertory 2017

	Needed	Weekly Offering
Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$3,500.00	\$4,385.00
Dec 8 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Day	\$ 822.00
Dec 9 <sup>th</sup>	OLG	\$ 227.75
Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>	\$3,500.00	\$3,594.00
Dec 17 <sup>th</sup>	\$3,500.00	\$2,947.61
Dec 24 <sup>th</sup>	\$3,500.00	
Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup>		
Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup>	\$3,500.00	
TOTAL		

“Remember: sparse sowing sparse reaping; sow bountifully, and you will reap bountifully.”  
(II Cor. 9:6)

“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; 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 25<sup>th</sup> – Dec 31<sup>st</sup>

**Mon.** – Isa.52:7-10; Heb.1:1-6; Joh.1:1-18  
**Tues.** – Act6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mat.10:17-22  
**Wed.** – 1Joh.1:1-4; Joh.20:1a, 2-8  
**Thurs.** – 1Joh.1:5-2:2; Mat.2:13-18  
**Fri.** – 1Joh.2:3-11; Luk.2:22-35  
**Sat.** – 1Joh.2:12-17; Luk.2:36-40  
**Sun.** – Gen.15:1-6, 21:1-3; Heb.11:8, 11-12, 17-19;  
 Luk.2:22-40

## St. Joseph Catholic Church

(120 S. Main St. Prineville, Oregon)

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 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**

**Rev. Fr. Joseph Kunnelaya T, Administrator**  
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**Pastor: [joe55kunnel@hotmail.com](mailto:joe55kunnel@hotmail.com)**

### 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. 24<sup>th</sup> – Euch. Min.

Date Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> Vigil – Lectors

Date Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day – Choir

Date Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> - Ushers

**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 Minister Assignments**

### **Saturday Dec. 30th 5pm:**

**Acolyte** – Tom Norton

**Lectors** – Kat Rodosevich  
Gary Thompson

**Euch. Min.** – Sue Godat

Kathy Thompson

**Altar Serv.** – Roman Stenbeck  
Sam & Max LeFerve

### **Sunday Dec. 31st 9am:**

**Acolyte** – Steve Schilling

**Lectors** – Mitch Viescas  
Tom McDonald

**Euch. Min.** – Bob Koivisto

Barbara M. Kurtz  
**Altar Servers** – Elizabeth &  
Johanna Koivisto

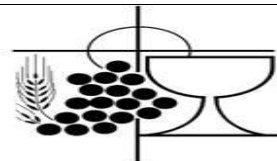
### **Sunday Dec. 31st 12pm:**

**Lectors** – Lorena Nunez  
Juana Villagomez

**Euch. Min** – Artemio Tapia

Eva Tapia  
**Altar Serv.** – Allen Sotelo  
Eddie Ruiz

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



## **FR. Joseph's Corner...**

### **What Love Is**

**"When** my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love."

Rebecca - age 8

**"When** someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You know that your name is safe in their mouth."

Billy - age 4

**"Love is** when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other."

Karl - age 5

**"Love is** when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries and don't make them give you any of theirs."

Chrissy - age 6

**"Love is** what makes you smile when you're tired."

Terri - age 4

**"Love is** when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK."

Danny - age 7

**"Love is** when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together and you talk more. My Mommy and Daddy are like that. They look gross when they kiss."

Emily - age 8

**"Love is** what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen."

Bobby - age 7

**"If you** want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate."

Nikka - age 6

**"Love is** when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it every day."

Noelle - age 7

**"Love is** like a little old woman and a little old man

who are still friends even after they know each other so well."

Tommy - age 6

**"During my** piano recital, I was on a stage and scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that.

Cindy - age 8

**"My mommy** loves me more than anybody.

You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night."

Clare - Age 6

**"Love is** when mommy gives daddy the best piece of chicken."

Elaine - age 6

**"Love is** when mommy sees daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford."

Chris - age 7

**"Love is** when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day."

Mary Ann - age 4

**"I know** my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones."

Lauren - age 4

**"I let my** big sister pick on me because my Mom says she only picks on me because she loves me. So I pick on my baby sister because I love her."

Bethany - age 4

**"When you** love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you."

Karen - age 7

**"You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot.**

**People forget."**

*Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph*



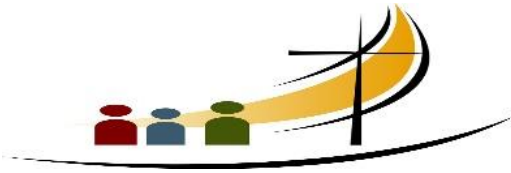
The Knights of Columbus Offer breakfast every first Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass. **January 7, 2017**

**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.23rd- Dec. 29th**

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** – Carol Smith (L) – Irene Pedersen  
**Sat. 5pm**- Barbara Dalton (L) / Irene Pedersen  
**Sun. 9am** – Neil Rosenbaum (D) / Becker Family  
**Sun. 12pm** – Maria De Jesus Lopez (D) & Procopio Sanchez (D) / Celia Nunez  
**Mon. 8am** – Lu Street man (D) / Streetman Family  
**Tues. 8am** – No Mass  
**Wed. 12:15pm** – Alice Paquin (D) / Cliff & Patty Scheel  
**Thurs. 8am** – Gary Wimberly (D) / Bob & Kathie Leonard  
**Fri. 12:15pm** – Dee Wettstein (L) / Irene Pedersen



**Simple Prayers – Part 1**

Lord, when my hopes have been dashed to pieces and my dreams shattered, keep me close to You, and let me feel the flow of your strength into my heart. Amen.

Heavenly Father, I want to be your follower. Take my hand and tune me into the needs of the suffering and hungry. When I serve them, I serve you also. Amen.

Our Father, I need to feel the joy of Your presence – Your gentle voice of assurance and the comfort of Your arms enfolding me. Be with me today and always. Amen.

Father, some friends are deeply troubled and although I’ve listened to their problems many times, soften my heart and grant me patience to listen again if they need me. Amen.

Deliver me from gossiping, Lord, and give me the moral strength to defend the person being gossiped about. Amen.

Dear Lord, help me to remember to be more understanding of my loved ones’ limitations. Keep me from asking more of them than they are equipped to give. Amen.

Father, when I have been unjustly accused or scolded, I feel so humiliated and unworthy. Help me to restore my self-esteem. Amen.

**Parish News**

We now have a new organization called the “**Daughters of St. Joseph,**” it is a Catholic Women’s group created to promote and support spiritually, fellowship, service and outreach to the women, children and families of St. Joseph Church. Our President is Kate Erickson and the Secretary is Sue Erickson. Our next meeting will be held in the parish hall on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. These are the following committees we have, please think and pray about where your talent lies and select a committee or committees that you know would utilize those talents.

*Spirituality – Social – Members Outreach – Liturgical needs – Children’s Outreach – Evangelism – Community Volunteers*  
 Any questions, please contact Kate Erickson at 541-678-8495 or Sue Gerke at 541-480-7725. Thank you!

**Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm is the Christmas Vigil Mass, it is a Family Mass.**

**Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am is our Christmas Day Mass and this is a bilingual mass.**

**It has been decided to have Mass Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> at 8am.**

**There will be no Religious Education classes** Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. We will resume classes January 3, 2018

**Bible Study Classes:** There will be not bible study Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>. We will resume class

Wednesday January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm at the Parish School Room 1.

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

**The Parish Office** will be closed Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**Executive Meeting** - Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in Fr. Joseph’s office. All committee members please attend.

**Pastoral Council Meeting** – Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30pm in the parish hall conference room.

**There will be no Coffee Hour** for December 24<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>. Coffee Hour will resume Sunday, January 14 by the Daughters of St. Joseph.



# Christmas Message 2017

## *from Fr. Joseph*

The most consoling and encouraging message of Christmas is the angelic message, “Do not be afraid.” This is a phrase that occurs 88 times in the Bible -- and is mostly spoken by God to His people. This phrase is repeated so often that this short phrase has been called a distillation of the whole Bible. The Lord said it to Abraham before cutting a covenant with him: “Don’t be afraid.” Angel Gabriel said it to Daniel when he was frightened by a terrifying vision: “Don’t be afraid.” The angel said it to Zechariah, future father of John the Baptist. Angel Gabriel said it to Mary, who was troubled at the news she received. An angel said it to shepherds startled by the Christmas glory that shone round them. Jesus repeatedly said it to his disciples, culminating in his resurrected appearance when he came to his grieving, fearful friends and spoke the words, “Don’t be afraid.” Mary Magdalene heard this same command when she was in the garden searching for Jesus in the empty tomb. So, on this Christmas day, perhaps this command is the very one God would give to us today: “Don’t be afraid.”

Since it is found all over the Bible as words spoken by God, we can trust them. All of us have fears: fears for the safety of our families, fears of our own health and life, fears about possible accidents, illnesses, violent home intrusion, fears about our jobs. We are afraid of snakes and poisonous creatures, deep water and fire hazards. We are afraid of the health of a loved one that seems to be slipping away. We are all afraid to lose what we do have.

We are still afraid that what we do have, may not be enough in the end. On a global level, are afraid of terrorist attacks, nuclear warfare, religious persecution, global warming and so many other natural disasters. Christmas reminds us that if we fear God with reverential fear prompted by love, we don’t have to fear anything else in the world. We don’t have to fear people & things that can only hurt us in this life. No one, can take away who we are in Christ. No one, can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus!

**Why we should not be afraid?** The essence of Christmas message is that we need not be afraid because of three main reasons. 1) We have a divine Savior to save us from our sins and grant us eternal life with Him. 2) We have an Immanuel God who lives with us and within us as our source of strength and guidance. 3) We have a love-sharing God who wanted to share His love with us by becoming one of us and sharing our fears, temptations, pains and suffering.

**1) We should not be afraid because we have Savior God.** Jesus, the Incarnation of God as man, came to save us from the bondage of sin. **It is because of God’s immense love for us.** *“God so loved the world that he sent His only Son so that ever one who believes in Him may not die, but have eternal life.”* We celebrate that Incarnation today as *good news* because we have a Divine Savior. As our Savior, Jesus atoned for our sins and liberated us from slavery to sin by his suffering, death and resurrection. Every Christmas reminds us that we still need this Savior to be reborn in our hearts and to live there, for we need him every day to

free us from our evil habits, addictions, baseless fears and unjust, impure and uncharitable tendencies. Hence, Christmas challenges us to accept Jesus our Lord God and personal Savior and to surrender our sinful lives to him, allowing him to rule our lives.

**2) We should not be afraid because we have an Immanuel God living with us and within us.** Christmas is the feast of the Emmanuel because God in the New Testament is God-with-us, *Emmanuel*, who continues to live with us in all the events of our lives as announced by the Archangel Gabriel to Mary. The Creator of this vast and wondrous universe entered our history on this night and became human for us. What this means, of course, is that God does not intend to destroy us but to redeem and restore us to be the people he created us to be. The Christmas story tells us that there is a way out of our sinfulness and hopelessness, because God is with us. We are not alone. There is a mighty God within us to strengthen us in our weaknesses and temptations. As Emmanuel, Jesus lives in the Sacraments (especially in the Holy Eucharist), in the Holy Bible, in the praying community and in each believer, with the Holy Spirit Who is transforming us daily into the "Temples of the Holy Spirit." Hence, each Christmas reminds us that we are bearers of God with the missionary duty of conveying Jesus to others around us by loving others as Jesus did, through sacrificial, humble and committed service. Sharing with others Jesus, the Emmanuel living within us, is the best Christmas gift we can give to, or receive from, others.

**3) We should not be afraid because we have a God who wanted to share His love with us by becoming one of us and sharing our fears, temptations pains, and suffering.** Jesus, as our Savior, brought the “good news” that our God is a loving, forgiving, merciful, saving and rewarding God and not a judging, cruel and punishing God. Jesus demonstrated by his life and teaching how God, our heavenly Father, loves us, forgives us, provides for us and rewards us. All his miracles were signs of this Divine Love. Jesus’ final demonstration of God’s love for us was his death on the cross to atone for our sins and to make us children of God. It means that God accepts each of us just as we are. Each Christmas reminds us that sharing love with others is our Christian duty, and every time we do that, Jesus is reborn in our lives. Let us face this question, *“What does it profit me if Jesus is born in thousands of cribs all over the world and He is not born in my heart?”* (Alexander Pope). Hence, let us free ourselves from all our fears by allowing Jesus to be reborn in our hearts and lives, not only during Christmas, but every day, so that he may radiate the light of his presence from within us as sharing and selfless love, expressed in compassionate words and deeds, unconditional forgiveness, the spirit of humble service and overflowing generosity.



