

Offertory 2017

	Needed	Weekly Offering
Nov. 1st		\$ 997.00
Nov. 5th	\$3,500.00	\$4,072.20
Nov. 12th	\$3,500.00	\$3,740.55
Nov. 19th	\$3,500.00	\$3,679.00
Nov. 23rd		\$ 120.00
Nov.26th	\$3,500.00	\$2,613.46
Total	\$14,000.00	\$15,222.21

As stewards we are accountable to God for our time, talent and treasure. We return to the Lord, the giver of all our gifts, a truly grateful first share of our time, talent and treasure.

Como cristianos corresponsables, somos responsables ante Dios, por nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoro. Le regresamos al Señor, el dador de todos nuestros dones, la primera porción de nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoro con verdadero agradecimiento.

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, Bev Carlton, Courtney Lynn Viescas, for the special intentions of our parishioners and others.

Daily Readings Dec 4th – Dec 10th

Mon. – Isa.2:1-5; Mat.8:5-11

Tues. – Isa.11:1-10; Luk.10:21-24

Wed. – Isa.25:6-10a; Mat.15:29-37

Thurs. – Isa.26:1-6; Mat.7:21, 24-27

Fri. – Gen.3:9-15, 20; Eph.1:3-6, 11-12; Luk.1:26-38

Sat. – Isa.30:19-21, 23-26; Mat.9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sun. – Isa.40:1-5, 9-11; 2Pet.3:8-14; Mar.1:1-8

St. Joseph Catholic Church

(120 S. Main St. Prineville, Oregon)

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 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. 3rd – Choir

Date Dec. 10th – Ushers

Date Dec. 17th – Knights of Columbus

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 August Weekend Ministry Assignments

Friday Dec. 8th 8am:

Acolyte – Gary Thompson

Lectors – Kat Rodosevich
Kirk Giovanini

Euch. Min. – Nancy Redfern
Cathy Baxter

Altar Servers – Sam LeFerve
Max LeFerve

Friday Dec. 8th 6pm:

Acolyte – Rick Nolte

Lectors – Mitch Viescas
Ron Wortman

Euch. Min. – Evelyn Stirnaman
Barbara M. Kurtz

Altar Servers – Johanna Koivisto
Elizabeth Koivisto

Saturday Dec. 9th 5pm:

Acolyte – Tom MacDonald

Lectors – Barb Johnson
Kathie Leonard

Euch. Min. – Barbara Dalton
Mary Norton

Altar Serv. – Blaine Viescas
Roman Stenbeck

Sunday Dec. 10th 9am:

Acolyte – Rick Nolte

Lectors – Kat Rodosevich
Gary Thompson

Euch. Min. – Kathy Thompson
Amy Koivisto

Altar Servers – Johanna Koivisto
Sam & Max LeFerve

Sunday Dec. 10th 12pm:

Lectors – Juana Villagomez
Leticia Toledo

Euch. Min – Juan Nunez
Eva Tapia

Altar Serv. – Allen Sotelo
Uber Gonzalez

***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 – 3

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH IN THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

God's grace, mercy and forgiveness comes to us through Christ and his church. In all our prayer we pray and end the prayer saying 'this we ask through Christ Our Lord'.

He has bought us this grace with his blood. The church not only calls us to humble repentance but also intercedes for us and helps us toward ongoing conversion.

THREE PARTS OF SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

1. Contrition – feeling sorry for what you have done
2. Confession - The acknowledgement of your sins and saying it to the priest.
3. Penance – Penance for one's own good.

First of all we should feel the urge or need to go for confession once we commit a sin.

EXAMPLE: In the movie THE PASSION OF CHRIST after Peter denies Jesus three times he goes to Mary to confess his sins. On the part of Peter the more he loved Jesus the more he felt sorry for what he had done. The difference between Peter and Judas is that though both of them betrayed Jesus Peter looked towards God for love and mercy and Jesus responded making him the shepherd of

his flock. He was saved, but, Judas looked into himself with guilt and shame and he hanged himself. Perhaps he did not seek God's forgiveness and mercy and love.

So, we understand that sin is a reality and it does exist as St Paul says, "sin lives in me" (Rom 7:17). What is our attitude towards it? Today worst things are happening. We have lost the sense of sin by which we go away from the love of the Lord. Today not many go for confession including priests, religious and clergy. Have we lost the relevance of it? We need to examine. The one who seeks God's mercy and forgiveness God comes into him like Peter's experience and St Paul's experience. Those who neglect or seek salvation within themselves are like Judas who feel guilt and shame and live a life of tragedy.

Today people say lies, loot others, kill others, disregard others.....there is so much greed, hatred, pride, fundamentalism, injustice, raping, abducting, marginalization, caste feeling, bribery, corruption, torture....you can go on naming the vice of this world. All these have become part and parcel of life. They are not seen as sins anymore. The conscience of the people are dead. The power of sin is such that it paralyses our character and if we give into it, it can even change our destiny. **(Continued.....next week) Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph**



The Knights of Columbus Offer breakfast every first Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass. **December 3, 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.2nd – Dec. 8th

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 – Neil Rosenbaum (D) / Becker Family

Sat. 5pm – Diane Schoenstein Intentions / Diane Schoenstein

Sun. 9am – Anne Mitchell MacDonald (D) / Tom & Nancy MacDonald

Sun. 12pm – Jayden & Bricia Toledo, Guadalupe Villagomez, Apolinar Toldeo / Gildardo Toledo

Mon. 8am – James Sturart MacDonald (D) /Tom & Nancy MacDonald

Tues. 8am – Jeff & Colleen Collier (L) / Mary Norton

Wed. 12:15pm – Neil Rosenbaum (D) / Becker Family

Thurs. 8am – Helen Husar (D) / Diane Schoenstein

Fri. 8am – Olga Novak (D) /Diane Schoenstein

Fri. 6pm -



Advent –a new beginning

The presence of the Advent Candles emphasizes the positive over the negative. St. Paul in a reading we share during Mass today encourages us out- right to cast off deeds of darkness, and put on the armor of light. This light is accentuated by candles, which in our liturgy are very prominent. From the Paschal candle, to the candles on the altar, those carried by altar-servers, those votive ones lit by parishioners as a form of prayer, candles emphasize light over darkness. And remember that it's better to light one candle than to curse the darkness. And also you don't have to blow someone's candle out to make yours look brighter. The custom of the Advent candles goes back to the Scandinavian countries that have very long winters, with very little sunshine. So farmers bring in their farm carts, and some of them started to decorate them with bows and greens, and eventually candles. The church took the idea and developed the Advent Wreath with 4 candles with a particular theme for each Sunday: **Watch, Stay Awake**, on the first Sunday, **Prepare the way of the Lord** next week, **Rejoice** on the third Sunday, using the rose-colored vestments, and **Behold** for the Sunday before Christmas. Some churches even add a white one for Christmas and the theme **Celebrate**. This year, let's make it a point to really try hard to **MAKE ROOM FOR JESUS** in our hearts. To make room for Him, we have to get rid of all the stuff that's been taking his place. This requires a little bit of an inventory of our hearts and lives. So may we look at enemies and see the possibility of friendship..., May we look at fevered buying and see hope for simple generosity..., May we look at family tensions and see opportunities for reconciliation..., May we look at pessimism towards the future and see positive optimism..., May we look at stumbling blocks and see instead stepping stones..., May we look at alleys and valleys of darkness and see instead Highways and byways of bright possibilities..., May we look at tragedy and misfortune and see the hope of change , growth, and a new beginning..., May we look at discouragement and see a determined and courageous approach to a hopeful future...

Parish News

Thursday December 6th at 6:30pm, the Sacrament of Reconciliation of Advent.

We will have 4 priests and the Bishop for confessions. Spanish will be spoken by three of our priests. Please attend.

Tuesday, December 5th at 1pm at the Parish Hall, there will be a meeting for the St. Joseph's Daughters. We will be discussing the organization of our bylaws and new committees.

We are planning to have a Christmas gathering of all our volunteers, who gave their time in many different ways, and to all the different committee members to show our appreciation for all that they are doing for our parish. All volunteers are cordially invited to **"A Christmas Potluck Luncheon" on Sunday December 10th at 1pm.** Please bring your favorite dish and 1 gift the value of \$5, or as you prefer. Extra gifts are appreciated. RSVP the Parish Office 541-447-6475.

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. Enjoy and support our youth.

There will be no 8am Mass December 9th.

Celebration of Our Lady of

Guadalupe, Saturday December 9th. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate. Mananitas offered at 6am. Coffee/bread offered in the church basement following mananitas. Return for mass at 12pm, proceed after mass to the parish hall and enjoy Mexican folk dances arranged by a

group of women and children and more entertainment following. Volunteers are needed in various areas for this celebration: breakfast, coffee/ Mexican bread, plates, napkins, cake, music, games decorations and clean up or donations. If you are interested in helping please call Apolonio Villagomez at 541-420-8946 or Ruby Ruiz at 541-350-8833.

Todos son bienvenidos a La Celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe que se celebra el sábado 9 de diciembre. Las Mañanitas serán a las 6 de la mañana. También se ofrecerá Café y pan en el sótano de la iglesia siguiendo las mañanitas. La misa será a las 12:00pm, después de la misa son todos bienvenidos al salón de la Iglesia para disfrutar de danzas folclóricas mexicanas organizadas por un grupo de mujeres y niños y más entretenimiento posterior. Se necesitan voluntarios en distintas áreas de esta celebración: desayuno, café/ pan mexicano, platos, servilletas, torta, música, juegos, decoraciones y limpiar o donaciones. Sí está interesado en ayudar, por favor llámele a Apolonio Villagómez al 541-420-8946 o Ruby Ruiz al 541-350-8833.

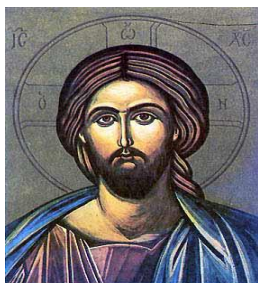
The offertory envelopes for 2018 are ready in the vestibule for pick up. Please take yours.

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

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

Fr. Joseph will now have confession time on Wednesdays 11:45am – 12:15pm and also Saturdays 3:30pm – 4:30pm

First Sunday of Advent



1st R. – Isa.63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

Res. Ps – 80:2-3, 15-16 18-19

2nd R – 1Cor.1:3-9

Gospel Accl – Mar.11:9, 10

Gospel – Mar.13:33-37

The central theme of today's readings is Jesus' warning to us to be alert, watchful and prepared because Christ's **Second Coming**, coinciding with the end of the world, can occur at any time. People, in general, used to have a paranoid fear about the end of the world. They expected it in A.D. 204, 999 and 2000. The title of a best-seller published in 1988 was *101 Reasons Why Christ Returns in 1988*. A very popular film released in 1999 about Christ's *Second Coming* was *Omega Code*, and another film released in 2005 was *Left Behind*. Excessive fear of the tribulations accompanying the end of the world led the followers of a religious cult led by Jim Jones (in 1978), and followers of another cult

called *Heaven's Gate* (in 1997), to commit mass suicide.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah prays for God's active presence so that the Jewish community, returned from Babylonian exile, may remain faithful to their God. In the second reading, St. Paul prays for the reconversion of Christians in Corinth who have misused their gifts and charisms and remain ill-prepared for Christ's Second Coming.

But Jesus, in today's Gospel, gives us the assurance that we need not be afraid of the end of the world, Christ's Second Coming and the Last Judgment if we remain alert and prepared. The Church invites us on this first Sunday of Advent to prepare for Christ's Second Coming, first by properly celebrating during this Christmas season the fond memory of Christ's first coming 2000 years ago, second, by experiencing Christ's daily advent or coming in the Eucharistic celebrations, in the Holy Bible and in the worshipping community, and third, by preparing for Jesus' Second Coming which, for us, will happen at the moment of our deaths or at the end of the World.

In today's Gospel, using the short parable of the servants and gate-keeper of an absentee master who could return at any time, Jesus instructs his followers to be alert and watchful while doing their Christian duties with sincerity. The gate-keeper and the household servants are expected to be ever-vigilant because their master is sure to return. The time of his return is

uncertain, but the reward or punishment is sure and certain.

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of a speech found in Mark 13, in which Jesus foretells his Second Coming (Parousia), at the end of time or at the end of the world. Ten years after Paul's death, Mark reminded his community in Rome of Jesus' words, "*Be constantly on the watch! Stay awake! You do not know when the appointed time will come.*" The evangelist knew that if an expected event didn't happen as quickly as expected, people would stop doing the things they ought to do. Hence, Mark reminded them of Jesus' parable about the gate-keeper in the house of a traveling master. Since the master was traveling, his servant must be constantly alert, "at dusk, at midnight, when the cock crows, or at early dawn." There was always a fear that the master would come home "suddenly and catch you asleep." In such situations one must constantly, "be on guard!" When Paul and Mark spoke about the things to come, it was only to remind their readers that their present behavior wasn't measuring up to what Christ's second coming demanded.

An Advent project for remaining alert and watchful in the spirit of today's Gospel. Every morning when we get up, let us pray, "Lord, show me someone today with whom I may share your love, mercy and forgiveness." Mother Teresa of Calcutta once said, "Whatever you do in

your family, for your children, for your husband, for your wife, you do for Jesus." Every night when we go to bed, let us ask ourselves, "Where have I found Christ today?" The answer will be God's Advent gift to us that day. By being alert and watchful we will receive an extra gift: Christ himself. Let us remember the saying of St. Thomas Aquinas: "Without God, I can't. Without me, He won't."

We need to be wakeful and watchful: We are so future-oriented that we often forget the present entirely. We spend too much time trying to protect ourselves against future misfortunes. We save for a rainy day, to get married, to buy a home, to send the children to college, to retire in comfort and to protect ourselves against future misfortunes. But we need to be more spiritually wakeful and prepare for our eternal life because we can die any day, and that is the end of the world for us. Let this Advent season be the time of such a preparation for us.



