

Offertory 2018

	Needed	Weekly Offering
Feb. 4 th	\$3,700.00	\$4,012.02
Feb. 11 th	\$3,700.00	
Feb. 18 th	\$3,700.00	
Feb.25 th	\$3,700.00	
Total	\$14,800.00	

Please Remember the Following:

Linda Arian; Dan Browning, Patricia Carroll; Savanna King; Rita Witchman; David & Carol Leonard; Billie Lanier; 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; 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, Howard Tocher, Rose Varghese, Leo Kuper, Rick Hughlett, Elizabeth MacDonald Casey, Patricia Monohon for the special intentions of our parishioners and others.

Daily Readings Feb. 12th – Feb. - 18th

Mon. – Jam.1:1-11; Mar.8:11-13

Tues. – Jam.1:12-18; Mar.8:14-21

Wed. – Joel 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.9:8-15; 1Pet.3:18-22; Mar.1:12-15

St. Joseph Catholic Church

(120 S. Main St. Prineville, Oregon)

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2018



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: Feb. 11th – Eucharistic Ministers
Feb. 18th – Knight of Columbus
Feb. 25th – Lectors

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

Prayers to St. Joseph

Oh St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers. Oh St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss his fine head for me, and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen

2018 Feb. Wkly Min. Asgmt.

Saturday Feb. 10th 5pm:

Acolyte – Tom Norton
Lectors – Barb Johnson
Matt Kutcher
Euch. Min. – Sue Godat
Mary Norton
Altar Serv. – Roman Stenbeck
Jesse Heath

Sunday Feb. 11th 9am:

Acolyte – Steve Schilling
Lectors – Doug Bristow
Izzy Sherman
Euch. Min. – Joan Vetter
Ralph Lee
Altar Servers – Sam LeFerve
Max LeFerve

Sunday Feb. 11th 12pm:

Acolyte – Rick Nolte
Lectors – Ruby Ruiz
Melissa Lopez
Euch. Min – Alfredo Villagomez
Juan Nunez
Altar Serv. – Uber Gonzalez
Julissa Hernandez

Wednesday Feb 14th 8am:

Acolyte – Tom Norton
Lectors – Diane Giovanini
Kathie Leonard

Wednesday Feb 14th 6pm:

Acolyte – Steve Schilling
Lectors – Holly LeFerve
Kat Rodosevich
Altar Servers – Elizabeth Koivisto
Johanna Koivisto

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

current and, in fact, most of us do. That is why we need Lent, a wake-up call, a reminder to halt, look and be liberated from the slavery of our basic instincts.

That is precisely what Jesus does tempted in the desert—a wrestling with his three natural instincts for *survival, possession and recognition*. That tug-of-war between the natural and the supernatural, the human spirit and the divine spirit is very dramatically and symbolically presented in the episode of the three temptations of Jesus.

These three temptations are common to each and every one of us—not just to Jesus. The temptations that Jesus faced at the commencement of His public life were not His last either. Concluding the description of the temptation of Jesus, the Evangelist Luke indicates, “When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from Him for a time” (4:13). Please take note of it, “for a time.” Luke does not say that the devil, accepting defeat, left Him alone “forever.” No, only for a time. Only “for a short time.” After this convincing triumph over Satan, Jesus could not “live happily ever after” as our fairy tales conclude! On His way, Jesus often had to bump into Satan who approached Him in various disguises.

Jesus is teaching us an important truth. Neither baptism nor confirmation, nor religious vows, nor ordination would ever

safeguard a person from temptations. Temptations will accompany us till our grave—till we breathe our last breath. There exist no living saints! As the late Nelson Mandela has said, “I’m not a saint, unless you think of a saint as a sinner who keeps on trying.” Our present Pope Francis also continuously reminds us that he is a sinner, as is everybody else.

All of us are frail, fragile human beings. Anybody who claims that he or she is a living saint is a liar, a crook, a fraud. There exist only “struggling saints and trying saints!” Jesus was struggling all through His life—till His last breath. During His public life, He could identify the cunning voice of the devil speaking through the mouth of His favorite disciple—Peter. Jesus did not think twice to scold him saying, “Get behind me, Satan!” Yes, Satan was setting his snare once again, which Jesus could immediately identify and respond to.

Anybody who continues the struggle to break free from the bondage of our basic instincts is a “saint.” It is in this sense that St. Paul addressed believers as saints. There are no “living saints” or “sleeping saints”—only “struggling and trying saints!” Lent is a wake-up call. Are we awake? Only we will know and nobody else. God Bless You!

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph



The Knights of Columbus Offer breakfast every first Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass. **March 4, 2018**

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 Feb 10th – Feb. 16th

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 – Cookie Benton & Family (L) / Gary & Cathy Thompson

Sat. 5pm – John & Kate Gillem (L) / Bob & Kathie Leonard

Sun. 9am – Tocher Family (L) / Garilyn Tocher

Sun. 12pm – Prospero Villagomez (D) & Fucundo Lopez (D) / Apolonio & Martha Villagomez

Mon. 8am – David Kurtz (D) / Gary & Cathy Thompson

Tues. 8am – Bob & Kathie Leonard (L) / Diana Strain

Wed. 8am – Elizabeth MacDonald Casey (L) / Anne Porter

Wed. 6pm – Patricia Monohon (L) / Anne Porter

Thurs. 8am – Charlie Kurtz & Family (L) / Gary & Kathie Thompson

Fri. 12:15pm – Frank Smith (D) / The Parish

FR. Joseph’s Corner...

Reflection on Lent

THE SEASON OF Lent is in fact a wake-up call—a reminder that “man does not live by bread alone.” There are still higher potentials and possibilities waiting for us human beings to realize. As a Hindu Holy man, Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa, once stated, “He is born in vain, who having attained the human birth, so difficult to get, does not attempt to realize God in this very life.”

Every now and then we need to be reminded of this truth because we live in a world that is still preoccupied and engrossed in an unrelenting struggle for survival and sustenance. One may be surprised and shocked to see that persons and nations, who have exploited others and already amassed more than enough wealth for their own survival and for their posterity, still continue to snatch from the begging bowls of the less fortunate to keep hoarding up wealth insatiably.

Conversely, there is nothing to be shocked or surprised about this phenomenon because they are simply following their natural or basic instincts, which can be split into three: the instincts of survival, possession and recognition. These are, of course, blind forces. Unless one consciously swims against this natural current, we will be flowing along this

Parish News

Executive Meeting - Tuesday, February 13th at 5:30pm in Fr. Joseph’s office. All new and old committee members please attend. Rick Nolte, Barbara Johnson, Nancy Redfern Gary Thompson, Stan Rodgers, Kate Erickson, Ruby Ruiz, Tom MacDonald, and Brett Edgerly.

Ash Wednesday, February 14th, masses will be at 8a.m. and 6.p.m.

There will be no Religious Ed. classes on Ash Wednesday, all students should attend mass on this day.

Stations of the Cross will be at 6pm every Friday during Lent, starting Friday Feb 16th.

FAST & ABSTINENCE: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members from age 14 onwards.

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.

Daughters of St. Joseph will sponsor a Lenten Soup Supper on Friday, February 23rd after Stations of the Cross, in the parish hall. Please contact Kate Erickson 541-678-8495, if your ministry would like to supply a Friday Lenten Soup Supper.

Bible Study will start February 21st at 6:30pm in the school Rm 1. We will be studying the Book of James. If you have any questions call Sue Godat at 406-439-6582

St. Joseph’s Daughters would like to invite you to a ladies night of food and fellowship. Thursday March 1- 5:30- 7:30 pm Crooked River Brewing for questions please contact Holly LeFevre at 1-208-550-2946 or Cheyenne Edgerly at 541-610-6464 ~Know Mary-Know Jesus~

On Sunday, March 18th, St. Joseph’s Parish celebrates a 70 plus year tradition with its Annual St. Patrick’s Day Ham Dinner. The Knights of Columbus and the Daughters of St. Joseph will coordinate the dinner. All members of our Parish, the Prineville and Central Oregon community are invited to co-celebrate the event.. To be a success we need volunteers and diners. Please come, invite friends and neighbors and enjoy St. Patty’s Day feast and celebration. For information, prepaid tickets and volunteers call Gary Thompson at 541-447-5001 or Kate Erickson 541-678-8495. Remember, many hands make light work. All proceeds go to the Parish.

Sunday, April 29, 2018, 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 **forty to fifty 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 March and April. If you will have been married for forty - fifty years by the year 2018, please let us know by calling Anne Greenwood in the Parish office at 541-447-6475 Mon- Thurs. 9am-5pm.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st R. – Lev.13:1-2, 44-46

Res. Ps – 32:1-2, 5, 11

2nd R – 1Cor.10:31-11:1

Gospel Accl – Luk.7:16

Gospel – Mar. 1:40-45

Every time I hear this Gospel, I wonder how awful it must have been for someone who had leprosy, especially in the time of Jesus, when they didn't have any type of cure for it. As you know, lepers were shunned and ignored by everybody, even their own friends and loved ones.

To be shunned and ignored by someone we love has to be one of life's greatest heartaches. Most of us have experienced being ignored, but it's usually only for a short while. How horrible it must be to be shunned permanently-a real tragedy. And, that's how it was for the leper who asked Jesus to cure him.

Try to remember that leprosy, even today, is not a 'pretty' disease. So, notice how Jesus reacts to this outcast. Jesus doesn't react with revulsion, afraid that He'll be contaminated. Jesus has pity on this man. Although everyone else shuns him, Jesus doesn't. Although everyone

thinks that that this man's situation is hopeless, Jesus doesn't. Although everybody flees from this ugly man in horror, Jesus doesn't. Instead, Jesus does the unthinkable. Jesus reaches out and actually touches the man and this leper is cured. His life is changed dramatically for the better in one single moment. He is restored to society and can now live a normal life.

This simple story has good news for us who are alive today. It says that Jesus is a true friend of the outcast-that Jesus won't reject anybody who comes to Him. Now, as then, Jesus' touch gives us hope where we don't see any hope. Jesus restores people to fellowship with one another and to God. And, how great is that?!

The Good News of our Gospel today is that our situations are not hopeless. Always remember that God loves us just the way we are and not the way we think we ought to be. He doesn't love us because we are 'good', because we're not good. God doesn't love us because of what we can 'do' for Him because we can't do anything to earn His love. God loves us because He is good and He wants to share His love and goodness with us. And, this love is absolutely unconditional-not the kind of love that says, "I will love you if..." or "I will love you when..."

For this love of God to bear fruit in our lives, however, we need to do what

the leper did. He recognized the hopelessness of his situation and came to Jesus for help. And, so must we. He didn't need any reminder of his hopelessness. Everyone around him-the people who shunned him-reminded him of his situation every minute of every day.

Unfortunately, there are far too many people today who have a great difficulty recognizing the things in their lives that cry out for Jesus' healing touch-for His forgiveness. These people have been in denial or have worn a mask for so long that they can no longer see their 'real' selves any more. These people are completely satisfied with their lives. They think that their attitudes and ideas are always the correct ones. Their achievements are always the best. In their own minds, their character is impeccable. So, the Good News in today's Gospel is not good news for these people. They have their act together and have no need for Jesus and His healing power.

If we are willing to humble ourselves and come to Jesus-as did the leper-if we will tell Him how desperately we need Him, then we, too, will experience His healing touch. All we have to do is come because Jesus is there just waiting for us.

And, if we think about it, all of us have a different kind of leprosy, don't we? Our leprosy might be gossip-

ruining people's reputations instead of building them up. It might be that we are hard-hearted or mean or a liar or unforgiving. Maybe we've become a sourpuss with an "I don't care attitude" toward life. These kinds of things can eat away at us just as viciously as leprosy eats away at our body.

So, the real question is "Do I want to be cured"? And, if we do want to be cured, all we have to do is go to Jesus and ask Him to cure us. Sometimes these are two of the hardest things that we'll ever have to do in life because it is very hard to humble ourselves. It is humbling. Take off your mask of denial and do it. You'll never be sorry.

Jesus can and will change your life for the better. He'll heal you of whatever ails you whether it is physical or spiritual. All you have to do is admit your needs and come. His compassion and love for us will do the rest. The Lord heals the broken-hearted regardless of whatever type of leprosy we have. Come. Come and be healed.



