

Offertory 2019

Needed Weekly Offering

Feb. 3 rd	\$3,700.00	\$ 3587.25
Feb. 10 th	\$3,700.00	\$ 2467.16
Feb. 17 th	\$3,700.00	\$ 3353.16
Feb. 24 th	\$3,700.00	\$
TOTAL	\$14,800.00	\$

“Give to the Most High as he has given to you, for the Lord is one who always repays, and He will give back to you sevenfold.” (Sirach 35:10)

Please Remember the Following:

Stephanie Keeler(niece of Fr. Greiner); Sheila Nehls; Patricia Carroll; David & Carol Leonard;; Billie Lanier; Sammi Pedersen; Bob & Lola Godat; Fred Vandehey; Katie Jordon; Joanne Besio; Mike Mulvihill; JenniferChristy; Dee Wettstein; Paul Paquin; Glen Johnston; Ann Pedersen; Gloria Wilcox, Kate Erickson, Erin Lowrie,

Jim Lanning; Bernice Dubisar; Heather Messick; Family of Ralph and Mary Lee; Hernán Enrique Natalia Chávez; María, Sol Montel; Verónica Rodríguez; Luz Alejandra Bringas, Rodolfo Martin Arruabarrena; Susan Markie, Nettie Irene Downing, Harley & Clea Mayfield, Sam Lane, Shelly McAlary Bill Nicholson, Joanne Gleason, Betty Salgado, Rose Varghese, Leo Kuper, Sandy Shriver, Patrick Arnold, Virginia Martell, Kara Bachand, Carter Bailey, Charlene McMann, Marie Annette, Teri Burke, Nancy Meyers, Arelene Mura, Marisa Hazelton, Tuff Penhollow, Debbie Kern, Dennis Rose; Kim Rempel and for the special intentions of our parishioners and others.

Daily Readings Feb. 25th - Mar. 3rd

Mon. - *Sirach* 1:1 -10; *Mark* 9:14-29

Tues. - *Sirach* 2:1 -11; *Mark* 9:30-37

Wed. - *Sirach* 4:11 -19; *Mark* 9:38-40

Thurs. - *Sirach* 5:1 -8; *Mark* 9:41 -50

Frí. - *Sirach* 6:5 -17; *Mark* 10:1 -12

Sat. - *Sirach* 17:1 -15; *Mark* 10:13-16

Sun. - *1Sam* 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; *Psalms* 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; *1Co* 15:45-49; *Luke* 6:27-38

St. Joseph Catholic Church Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time February 24, 2019



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 - Saturday 8:00am

Wednesday and Friday 12:15pm

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Sacraments

Confessions: Wednesdays: 11:45am – 12:15pm, and Saturdays: 3:30 -4:30pm other times by appointment.

Contact Fr. Joseph for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Baptisms will be every 4th Saturday of the month: Spanish Baptisms at 12pm and English Baptisms at 5pm vigil mass. Parents of children to be baptized must be registered members of the parish 6 months prior to the baptism. A Baptismal preparation class is mandatory for both parents and godparents. For more information call the parish office.

Marriages: Couples need to make an appointment with Fr. Joseph six months before the proposed date. Marriage Preparation course is mandatory.

Rosary Schedule

Sun. Rosary: half hour before Mass
Every Sunday after the Rosary the
Prayer for Vocations (BishopCary)
will be said together.

Date: Feb. 10th – Lectors
Feb. 17th – K of C
Feb. 24th - Ushers
Mar. 3rd – Chior



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~



Mar. 2019 Weekly Minister Assignment

Saturday Mar. 2nd 5pm:

Acolyte – Tom Norton
Lectors – Matt Kutcher
Kathie Leonard
Euch. Min. – Sue Godat
Barb Dalton
Altar Serv. – Trevor Hockett

Sunday Mar. 3rd 9am:

Acolyte – Steve Schilling
Lectors – Holly LeFevre
Gary Thompson
Euch. Min. – Joan Vetter
Cathy Baxter
Altar Serv. – Blaine Viescas

Sunday Mar. 3rd 12pm:

Acolyte –
Lectors – Martha
Norma
Euch. Min. – Artemio
Eva
Altar Serv. –
*If you cannot be available please find a
substitute. *Altar Servers* call Rick Nolte
@ 541-954-2331

Day by Day, with the Lord

*May I seek to live this day quietly,
serenely leaning on Your mighty strength
trustfully, restfully meeting others in the
path peacefully, joyously waiting for
Your will's unfolding patiently,
obediently facing what tomorrow brings
confidently, courageously.*

Fr. Joseph's Corner

The primary purpose of Lent is spiritual
preparation for the celebration recalling
Jesus's death on Good Friday and his
Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The Church
tries to achieve this goal by leading her
children to "repentance." It is a type of
conversion—the reordering of our priorities
and the changing of our values, ideals and
ambitions—through fasting, prayer and
mortification. Lenten observances are also
intended to lead us to our annual solemn
renewal of Baptismal vows on Holy Saturday.
Through Baptism, we are called to live justly,
to love God with all our being, to love our
neighbor as ourselves, and to build the
kingdom of God by our acts of charity. Life
Messages (1) Let us make Lent a time of
renewal of life by penance and
prayer: Formerly, the six weeks of Lent meant
a time of severe penance as a way of purifying
ourselves from our sinful habits and getting
ready to celebrate the Paschal mystery (the
passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus
Christ), with a renewed commitment to follow
Christ. Now, the Church leaves the Lenten
practice of penance to the good will and
generosity of individual Christians. However,
Lent should be a time for personal reflection
on where we stand as Christians in accepting
the Gospel challenges in thought, word and
deed. It is also a time to assess our
relationships with our family, friends, working
colleagues and

other people we come in contact with—
especially those of our parish. We should
examine whether we are able to give any

positive contribution to other people's lives
and to eradicate the abuses that are part of our
society.(2) Let us convert Lent into a time for
spiritual growth and Christian maturity by: (a)
participating in the Mass each day or at least a
few days in the week; (b) setting aside some
part of our day for personal prayer; (c) reading
some Scripture—alone or, better still, with
others; (d) setting aside some money that we
might spend on ourselves for meals,
entertainment or clothes and giving it to an
organization that takes care of the less
fortunate in our society; (e) abstaining from
smoking or alcohol; (f) receiving the
Sacrament of Reconciliation in Lent and
participating in the "Stations of the Cross" on
Fridays; (g) visiting the sick and those in
nursing homes and doing some acts of charity,
kindness and mercy every day during
Lent. (3) Let us use Lent as a time to fight
daily against the evil within us and around us:
Repenting and fighting against temptations
and evil is a lifetime's task. Jesus did not
overcome Satan in the wilderness; he achieved
that only in his death. Lent reminds us that we
have to take up the fight each day against the
evil within us and around us, and never give
up. Jesus has given the assurance that the Holy
Spirit is with us, empowering us so that final
victory will be ours through Jesus Christ.

... *Prayerful Wishes, Father Joseph*





The Knights of Columbus offer
Breakfast every first Sunday of the
month after 9am Mass **Mar. 3, 2019**

Coffee Hour

Please join us for coffee and donuts every
2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sunday after the 9am Mass.
Schedule:
Volunteers Needed for Coffee Hour, to
help call Kate Erickson at 541-678-8495

Mass Intention Schedule



Mass Intentions Feb 24th – Mar. 2nd
One must never forget the infinite graces
that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass
which benefit ones soul.
(L) =Living (D) = Death

Sun. 9am- Dean Erickson(RIP)/ Kate Erickson
Sun.12pm – Julia y Alfredo Ortiz (RIP)
Mon. 8am – No Mass
Tues. 8am – No Mass
Wed. 12:15pm– Laurence Mura (RIP)/ Kate
Erickson
Thurs 8am – Fr. Joseph (L)/ Bruce & Anne
Greenwood
Fri. 12:15pm – Lu Streetman(RIP)/ Streetman
Family
Sat. 8am – Keaton & Kinley Kurtz (L)/ Gari Lynn
Tocher
Sat. 5pm – For the People

Power of Prayer

When we feel all hope has gone, and we slip
into despair, a good friend may remind us,
there is the power of prayer. Life has no further
meaning; we have no wish to carry on,
distraught has taken over our loved ones, dead
and gone.

At the time we may feel angry, and say, Lord, it
is not fair. Then we get the inner feeling there
is the power of prayer. In the past we may not
realize what the power of prayer can do. Until
we face the crosses that saddens me and you.

Each and everyone of us have borne misery
and tears, the power of prayer is always there
to heal our hidden fears. A loved one may have
left us, for a reason we do not know. Only
prayer can help us, the progress can be slow.

It is said that prayer moves mountains; we
believe it very true. If that belief is strong
enough, peace will come to me and you. When
the trials of life catch upon us, and we find it
hard to bear, do not despair! Help is there! It is
the power of prayer.

The time may be delayed, but the answer is
sure to come, the feeling of an inner peace is
felt when day is done, with our troubles all
behind us; all the hurts we could not bear, all
our peace of mind returned- through the power
of prayer.



Parish News

Ham Dinner

On Sunday, March 17th, St. Joseph's Parish
celebrates a 74 plus year tradition with its
annual St. Patrick's Day Ham Dinner. All
members of our parish, the Prineville and
Central Oregon community are invited to co-
celebrate the event. The menu will continue
to be Hickory Pit Smoked Ham, split pea soup,
rolls, string beans, baked potatoes, and desert.
The deserts have traditionally been donated
by parishioners and brought to the hall the
morning of the dinner. Please help with the
preference to pies and cakes... To be a success
we need volunteers and diners. Please come,
invite friends and neighbors and enjoy a St.
Patty's Day feast and celebration. Remember,
many hands make light work. All proceeds go
to the parish.

We need volunteers to set up on Saturday
March 16 at 9:00 am. Which will include
setting up tables, putting in place the place
settings, decorating, and setting up the side
tables. On Friday March 15th after Stations of
the Cross and soup supper we will wash the
potatoes.

MARRIED COUPLES

Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,
whose hope is the LORD. Trust the Lord to
strengthen and enrich your marriage. The next
Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are
April 12-14, in Powell Butte, Oregon and May
24-26, at Our Lady of Peace Retreat House in
Beaverton, Oregon. For more information call
503-853-2758 or apply on-line at
www.rediscoverthepark.org. Additional
dates and locations are listed on-line.

Attention Parishioners:

There will be no mass on February 25th or
February 26th

Parish Feast Day: Sunday, April 29, 2019,
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
completed 25 to 40 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 twenty five –
forty years by the year 2019, please let us
know by email:

stjosephparish@bendbroadband.com or
calling Alejandra in the Parish office at
541-447-6475. We need the information
of those parishioners who have shared
twenty five to forty years of marriage
before April 10th.

The family of Naomi Cecilia Blankenship
has requested that In Lieu of Flowers
donations be made to St. Vincent De Paul.
This was one of her great loves of
volunteer work. She volunteered for many
years there and was looking forward to its
doors reopening April 1st. Donations can
be made to:
St. Vincent de Paul
P.O Box 545
1201 N E Elm St.
Prineville, OR 97754

Seventh Sunday Ordinary

Time

February 24, 2019

The readings today are linked together by one main theme: the power of Christian love, when exercised in unconditional forgiveness by the believing community of forgiven sinners. The readings also instruct us about our right and wrong choices. The right choices lead us to God, and the wrong ones break our relationship with Him and with one another.

Scripture lessons, summarized: The first reading shows us how David made the right choice, respecting God's anointed king by forgiving his offenses, while Saul continued to make the wrong choices, perpetuating his misery with his revenge. In the Responsorial Psalm, Ps 103, the Psalmist reminds us of the mercy of God and His compassion which we should practice. In the second reading, St. Paul tells us how the "First Adam" made a wrong choice of disobedience, bringing death into the world, whereas Jesus, the "Second Adam," made the correct choice of fulfilling his Father's saving plan.

[Today's Gospel \(Luke 6:27-38\)](#) gives us Jesus' revolutionary moral teaching about correct choices in our human relationships, placing special emphasis on the golden rule, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." This golden rule is amplified by a string of particular

commands: "Love your enemies...Do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you and pray for those who maltreat you." For Jesus, love is a fundamental attitude that seeks another's good. Jesus orders us to love our enemies and to be merciful as God our Father is merciful. Jesus challenges us to do for others what God has done for us. "Be compassionate, as your Father is compassionate." He concludes by instructing us to stop judging and start forgiving.

Invitation to grace-filled behavior: What makes Christianity distinct from any other religion is the quality known as **grace**, i.e., God's own life working in us, so that we are able to treat others, not as they deserve but with love, kindness and mercy. God is good to the unjust as well as to the just. Hence our love for others, even those who are ungrateful and selfish towards us, must be marked by the same kindness and mercy which God has shown to us. When we pray for those who do us wrong, we break the power of hate in ourselves and in others and release the power of love. How can we possibly love those who cause us harm? God gives the necessary power and grace to those who believe and accept the gift of the Holy Spirit. His love conquers our hurts, fears, prejudices and grief. Only the cross of Jesus Christ can free us from the tyranny of malice, hatred, revenge, and resentment, and give us the courage to return good for evil.

Accept the challenges of day-to-day life. Jesus challenges our willingness to endure

unjust suffering for his sake and the sake of his Gospel. For example, we must often endure the suffering that comes when a co-worker calls us "a religious fanatic" because we believe in the Ten Commandments; the pain that comes when family members refuse to associate with us because we take our Faith seriously and refuse to compromise our beliefs; the suffering that comes to a practicing Christian youth who is ostracized by his friends because he won't do drugs or engage in promiscuous sexual activity. These are examples of the "little martyrdoms" that Jesus challenges us to embrace every day in his name! (CCC 2264)

Pray for the strength to forgive. At every Mass we pray the "Our Father," asking God to forgive us as we forgive others. Our challenge is to overcome our natural inclination to hate. To meet that challenge we need to ask God for the strength to forgive each other. Each of us needs to ask: do I have anyone in my life I call an enemy? Is there anyone who actually hates me? Are there people who would really curse me? Is there anyone in my life who mistreats me—a boss, a teacher, a parent, a co-worker, a family member, a former spouse? These things hurt us, and they are often difficult to forgive. However, we must forgive, because only forgiveness truly heals us. If we remember how God has forgiven us, it will help us forgive others. For those who have hurt us, Jesus tells us our response

should be love: "Forgive and you will be forgiven." Let us start forgiving right now by curbing the sharp tongue of criticism, suppressing the revenge instinct and tolerating the irritating behavior of a neighbor.

Let us try to live our lives in accordance with "the Golden Rule." Let us examine our conscience. Is generosity central to our lives, or do we often choose selfishness instead? Are we willing to trust in God's providence, or do we place our Faith in ourselves? Do we really accept and embrace our responsibility for one another and for the world we live in, or do we see all things in terms of our own wants and needs? Do we allow emotions such as hatred and jealousy guide our spiritual lives, or do we try to be more like our Lord?

