

St. Joseph Catholic Church

(120 S. Main St. Prineville, Oregon)

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 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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Daily Readings Jan. 22th – Jan. 28th

Mon. – 2Sam.5:1-7, 10; Mar.3:22-30

Tues. – 2Sam.6:12b-15, 17-19; Mar.3:31-35

Wed. – 2Sam.7:4-17; Mar.4:1-20

Thurs. – Acts 22:3-16; Mar.16:15-18

Fri. – 2Tim.1:1-8; Mar.4:26-34

Sat. – 2Sam.12:1-7a, 10-17; Mar.4:35-41

Sun. – Due.18:15-20; 1Cor.7:32-35; Mar.1:21-28



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 Si

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: Jan. 21st – Knights of Columbus

Jan. 28th – Choir

Feb. 4th - 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~

2018 January Weekend Minister Assignments

Saturday Jan 27th 5pm:

Acolyte – Tom Norton

Lectors – Tom MacDonald

Mitch Viescas

Euch. Min. – Kathy Thompson

Mary Norton

Altar Serv. – Roman Stenbeck

Sam & Max LeFerve

Sunday Jan. 28th 9am:

Acolyte – Steve Schilling

Lectors – Kirk Giovanini

Kat Rodosevich

Euch. Min. – Barbara M Kurtz

Amy Koivisto

Altar Servers – Elizabeth Koivisto

Johanna Koivisto

Sunday Jan. 28th 12pm:

Acolyte – Rick Nolte

Lectors – Juana Villagomez

Marilu Lopez

Euch. Min – Eva Tapia

Joel Hernandez

Altar Serv. – Uber Gonzalez

Julissa Hernandez

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

FR. Joseph's Corner...

“The Empty Chair Prayer”

Today, I would like to share with you a story from my collections that will help us in our prayer life.

A man's daughter had asked the parish priest to come to pray with her father. When the priest arrived, he found the man lying in bed with his head propped up on two pillows.

An empty chair sat beside the bed, and so the priest assumed that the old fellow had been informed of his visit. He said to him, “I guess you were expecting me.”

“No. Who are you?” asked the old man.

“I'm the new priest at your church,” the priest answered. “When I saw the empty chair, I figured you knew I was going to show up.”

“Oh, yeah, the chair,” said the bedridden man. “Would you mind closing the door?” he asked.

Puzzled, the priest shut the door.

“I have never told anyone this—not even my daughter,” said the man. “But all of my life I have never known how to pray. At church I used to hear the priest talk about prayer, but it went right over my head.

“I abandoned any attempt at prayer,” the old man continued, “until one day about four years ago my best friend said to me, ‘Joe, prayer is just a simple matter of having a

conversation with Jesus. Here is what I suggest: Sit down in a chair, place an empty chair in front of you, and in faith see Jesus in the chair. It's not spooky because He promised, *I'll be with you always*. Then just speak to Him and listen in the same way you're doing with me right now.’

“So, I tried it, and I've liked it so much that I do it a couple of hours every day. I'm careful, though. If my daughter saw me talking to an empty chair, she'd either have a nervous breakdown, or send me off to the funny farm.”

The priest was deeply moved by the story, and he encouraged the old guy to continue on the journey. Then he prayed with him, anointed him with oil, and returned to the church.

Two nights later, the daughter called to tell the priest that her daddy had died that afternoon.

“Did he die in peace?” he asked.

“Yes, when I left the house about two o'clock, he called me over to his bedside, told me he loved me, and kissed me on the cheek. When I got back from the store an hour later, I found him dead. But there was something strange about his death. Apparently, just before Daddy died, he leaned over and rested his head on the chair beside the bed. What do you make of that?” she asked.

The priest wiped a tear from his eye and said, “I wish we all could go that way.”

~ Prayerful Wishes, Fr. Joseph~



The Knights of Columbus Offer breakfast every first Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass. **February 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 Jan. 20th – Jan 26th

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 – No Mass

Sat. 5pm – Michael, Katie, Charlie Bachand (L) / Charles & Susan McDermott

Sun. 9am – Naomi Blankenship (L) / The Parish

Sun. 12pm - Ericelda Vargas Ortiz (D) / Miranda Vargas Ortiz

Mon. 8am – Lu Streetman (D) / Streetman Family

Tues. 8am – James J. Mura (D) / Kate Erickson

Wed. 12:15pm - Bessie Adkins (D) / Diana Strain

Thurs. 8am – Leo Kuper (L) / The Parish

Fri. 12:15pm – Fr. Joseph (L) / Anne Greenwood

WHITE RIBBON TIED AROUND THE TREE

This is a story about a runaway boy named David, who is writing a letter to his mother at home. He expresses the hope that his old fashioned father will forgive him and accept him again as a son.

The boy writes: In a few days I will be passing our property. If Dad will take me back, ask him to tie a white cloth on the apple tree in the field next to our house.

Days later David is seated on a train which is rapidly approaching his house. Soon the tree will be visible around the next bent. But David can't bring himself to look at it. He is afraid the white cloth won't be there. Turning to the man sitting next to him, he says nervously, "Mister, will you do me a favour? Around the bend on the right you will see a tree. Tell me if there is a white cloth tied to it."

As the train rumbles past the tree, David stares straight ahead. Then in a quaking voice he asks the man, "Mister is a white cloth tied to one of the branches of the tree?" The man answers in a surprised voice. "Why son, there is a white cloth tied to practically every branch."

Though this is a real story, this has got a similarity to the Parable of the Prodigal Son in Lk. 15. What we miss in this story is the climax, the meeting of David with his father. But we can presume that the reconciliation, the meeting, would be a joyful one.

Sometime in our life, like David, we too run away from the love of our heavenly father, seeking our own freedom, our comfort and selfish needs. We make wrong choices which we think will make us happy and free. Sometimes, like David, we think, the guidance and the teachings we receive from our parents, teachers and our Church is old fashioned and they restrict us and make us slaves.

Parish News

The Daughters of St. Joseph invite you for coffee and dounuts today after the 9:00 am Mass, in the parish hall.

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

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.

Parish Registration

If your address is not completed in the register please pick a new revised form and submit it to the ushers. We have the registration form in the vestibule in English and Spanish. If you are coming for the first time or visiting us, you are welcome. We are happy to have you in our midst.

Need for Mass Intentions

A Mass Intention is a special way to remember a friend or loved one after death or to honor someone on a special occasion. (Mother's Day, Father's Day, anniversaries, birthdays, special intentions, health, death anniversaries.) The Mass will be said by our Parish Priest or visiting Priests. To schedule a Mass Intention, come by the Parish Office.

Our 2018 Calendars came, they are in the vestibule of the church we have both English and Spanish. Thank you for your patience.

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

Memorial Life Chain Sunday, January 21st, 2:30 – 3:30pm in front of the court house and city hall.

To pray for the 58 million babies aborted since 1973

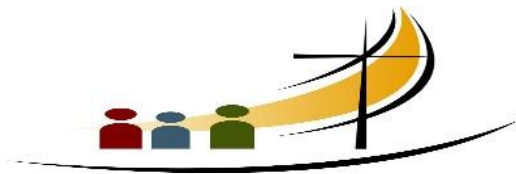
To pray for the healing of those who had abortions

To pray for an end to abortion (and euthanasia)

To pray for our political officials that they will choose to make laws that defend the most vulnerable in our society. For all that witness our life chain that their eyes and hearts will accept the truth to

be a witness to the Gospel of Life!!!

Refreshments immediately following in the parish hall at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on 1st St.



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1st R. – Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Res. Ps – 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

2nd R – 1Cor.7:29-31

Gospel Accl – Mar. 1:15

Gospel – Mar. 1:14-20

Introduction: God's call to discipleship, with the response of repentance, conversion and renewal of life expected from us, is the main theme of today's readings. No matter to what life, work or ministry God calls us, He first calls us to conversion, to reform, to repentance -- to continually becoming new people. Those who are constantly being reformed by the Spirit will be able to follow, as true disciples, wherever God leads. All three readings today underline the absolute necessity of such repentance and ready response to God's call.

The first reading tells us how the prophet Jonah's response when God called him and told him to go to Nineveh was to take ship immediately for the furthest point he could get to in the opposite direction from Nineveh! Why? We don't know. Perhaps he was scared. Or perhaps it was because he hated the Gentile people of Nineveh and thought that

they were not worthy of God's gracious mercy. In any case, Jonah ran away. God had to halt Jonah in his flight and give him three days' "down time" in the belly of that great fish before the prophet was ready to accept the Lord God's "second chance" and go to preach repentance to the people of Nineveh. Far from being hostile, however, the people and the King of Nineveh, promptly responded to God's word as preached by His prophet, repenting in sackcloth with a fast -- just on the chance that the Lord God "might" spare them.

In the second reading, Paul urged the community in Corinth, and us, to lose no time accepting the message of the Gospel because Jesus' second coming could occur at any time.

Today's Gospel describes how Jesus entered Galilee and began preaching. Like John, Jesus also called for repentance. But Jesus added the Good News that the Kingdom of God was at hand. It still is, for where Jesus is, there is the Kingdom of God. Then Jesus called on his listeners to believe in the Gospel or the Good News of God's love, mercy and salvation. When Jesus invited Simon and Andrew and James and John to join him and help in his preaching and healing ministry, they promptly accepted his call, for discipleship is the only complete response a believer can make to that proclamation and invitation. The two greatest aspects of discipleship in Mark

are being with Jesus and sharing in his mission. Disciples are invited to be with Jesus on a great spiritual journey and to share in Jesus' mission of proclaiming God's Kingdom in word and deed. In describing the call of Jesus' first disciples, today's Gospel also emphasizes how we, sinners, are to respond to Him with total commitment, abandoning our accustomed attitudes and styles of life to follow Him in thought, word and deed.

Let us appreciate our call to be Christ's disciples: Every one of us is called by God, both individually and collectively. The mission of preaching, teaching and healing which Jesus began in Galilee is now the responsibility of the Church. Our own unique vocation and our relationship with the risen Lord are the same as that of the universal Church. Be we religious, priests, married or single people, we are all called, and in this call we become what God wants us to be. The call, of course, begins with our Baptism and the other Sacraments of Initiation. It is strengthened throughout the years with the Eucharist and Reconciliation, healed and consoled by Anointing and made manifest in Matrimony, or Holy Orders. God is relentless in calling us back to Himself, even when we stray away from Him.

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Let us be thankful to God for His Divine grace of calling us to be members of the true Church. Let us make personal efforts to see the Light of Christ and to grow in holiness, learning the truths that are revealed through the Church and receiving its Sacraments. Let us be shining lights in the world as Christ was and make a personal effort to bring others to the truth and the light, so that they may rejoice with us in the mystical Body of Christ, the invisible Kingdom of God. Let us remember that it is our vocation in life as Christians to transmit Christ's Light through our living, radiating Jesus' unconditional love, mercy, forgiveness and humble service to all in our society.

