

## Offertory 2018

	Needed	Weekly Offering
Jan 7 <sup>th</sup>	\$3,700.00	\$5,236.86
Jan 14 <sup>th</sup>	\$3,700.00	\$3,112.00
Jan 21 <sup>st</sup>	\$3,700.00	\$3,432.00
Jan 28 <sup>th</sup>	\$3,700.00	
<b>Total</b>		

### **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; 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 for the special intentions of our parishioners and others.

### **Daily Readings Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Mon.** – 2Sam.15:13-14, 16:5-13; Mar.5:1-20

**Tues.** – 2Sam.18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mar.5:21-43

**Wed.** – 2Sam.24:2, 9-17; Mar.6:1-6

**Thurs.** – 1Kin.2:1-4, 10-12; Mar.6:7-13

**Fri.** – Mal.3:1-4; Heb.2:14-18; Luk.2:22-40

**Sat.** – 1Kin.3:4-13; Mar.6:30-34

**Sun.** – Job7:1-4, 6-7; 1Cor.9:16-19, 22-23; Mar.1:29-39

## St. Joseph Catholic Church

(120 S. Main St. Prineville, Oregon)

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 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: Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> – Choir  
Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> – Ushers  
Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> – Eucharistic Ministers  
Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> – Knight of Columbus  
Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> – 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 February Weekend Minister Assignments**

### **Saturday Feb. 3rd 5pm:**

**Acolyte** – Tom MacDonald  
**Lectors** – Gary Thompson  
Diane Giovanini  
**Euch. Min.** – Kathy Thompson  
Barbara Dalton  
**Altar Serv.** – Blaine Viescas  
Trevor Hockett

### **Sunday Feb. 4th 9am:**

**Acolyte** – Rick Nolte  
**Lectors** – Holly LeFerve  
Avery LeFerve  
**Euch. Min.** – Robert Koivisto  
Nancy Redfern  
**Altar Servers** – Elizabeth Koivisto  
Tanner & Taylor Joyce

### **Sunday Feb. 4th 12pm:**

**Acolyte** – Rick Nolte  
**Lectors** – Martha Villagomez  
Leticia Toledo  
**Euch. Min** – Artemio Tapia  
Celia Nunez  
**Altar Serv.** – Eddie Ruiz  
Allen Sotelo

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

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

Every life has a purpose. Every life has meaning. We get many opportunities to become better persons if we keep our eyes, ears and hearts open. The following story invites us to reflect about the purpose of our lives on this earth, and I want to share it with you: A few years ago a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago. They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner. In their rush to catch the plane home and with tickets and briefcases, one of these salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table that held a display of apples for sale. Apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane in time for their nearly missed boarding—ALL BUT ONE! He paused, took a deep breath, got in touch with his feelings and experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned. He told his buddies to go on without him, asking one of them to call his wife and explain his taking a later flight. He returned to the terminal where the apples were all over the floor. He was glad he did because the 16-year-old girl was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly groping for her spilled produce as the crowd swirled about her—no one stopping, and no one caring about her plight. The salesman knelt on the floor with her and gathered up the apples. He put them back on the table and helped to organize her display. As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become battered and

bruised; these he set aside in another basket. When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl, "Here, please take this \$50 for the damage we did. Are you okay?" She nodded through her tears. He then continued, "I hope we didn't spoil your day too badly." As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered blind girl called out to him, "Mister? Are you Jesus?" He stopped in midstride and said, "No, I am nothing like Jesus. He is good, kind, caring, loving, and He would never have bumped into your display in the first place. "The girl gently nodded and said, "I only asked because I prayed for Jesus to help me gather the apples. He sent you to help me. Thank you for hearing Jesus, Mister. "Then slowly the man made his way to the gate to catch the later flight with that question burning and bouncing about in his soul: "Are you Jesus?" If we claim to know Him, we should live, walk and act as He would. That is our destiny—to be so much like Jesus that people cannot tell the difference, as we live in a world that is blind to His love, life and grace. Knowing Him is more than simply quoting scripture and going to church. It's actually living the Word as life unfolds day to day. We are the apple of His eye even though we, too, have been bruised by a fall. He stopped what He was doing and picked us up on a hill called Calvary. He paid in full for our damaged fruit—our sinful lives. We take things for granted. Let us be grateful to God for all the wonderful blessings He has given to our lives and share the blessings with others. Be a *blessing* for others because God has blessed you abundantly.

~ 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. 27<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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** – Bruce Greenwood (L) / Anne Greenwood

**Sat. 5pm** – David Kurtz (D) / Bob & Kathie Leonard

**Sun. 9am** – Howard Tocher (L) George & Sue Gerke

**Sun. 12pm** – Angelica, Marc Dominic Mannin (L) Asher Mannin (D) / Doug & Socorro Benton

**Mon. 8am** – Lois Gebro (D) / Bob & Kathie Leonard

**Tues. 8am** – Howard Tocher (L) / Bob & Kathie Leonard

**Wed. 12:15pm** – Bruce Greenwood (L) / Bob & Kathie Leonard

**Thurs. 8am** – Dolores Myers (D) / Karin Davis

**Fri. 12:15pm** – Manny Arefieg (D) / Laits Arefieg

### **A Child's Angel (Mummy)**

Once upon a time there was a child ready to be born. So one day he asked God: They tell me you are sending me to earth tomorrow, but how am I going to live there being so small and helpless? Among the many angels out there, I chose a special one just for you. She will be waiting for you and will take care of you. But tell me, here in heaven, I don't do anything else but sing and smile that's enough for me to be happy. Your angel will sing for you and will also smile for you every day, and you will feel your angel's love and that will make you happy. And how am I going to be able to understand when people talk to me, if I don't know the language that men talk? Your angel will tell you the most beautiful and sweet words you will ever hear, and with much patience and care, your angel will teach you how to speak. And what am I going to do when I want to talk to you? Your angel will place your hands together and will teach you how to pray. I've heard that on earth there are bad men. Who will protect me? Your angel will defend you even if it means risking her life. But I will always be sad because I will not see you anymore. Your angel will always talk to you about me and will teach you the way for you to come back to me, even though I will always be next to you. At the moment there was much peace in Heaven, but voices from earth could already be heard, and the child in a hurry asked softly: Oh God, if I am about to leave now, please tell me my angel's name. Your angel's name is of no importance, you will call your angel: Mommy.

### **Parish News**

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

#### **St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council:**

New officers elected for two year term, 2018-2019. **Rick Nolte- Chairperson; Barb Johnson – Vice Chairperson; Ruby Ruiz – Vice Chairperson; Nancy Redfern – Secretary.** While welcoming the new officer bearers, Fr. Joseph thanks Tom MacDonald who was the chairperson of Pastoral council and Executive Committee for four years, for working diligently and tirelessly for the betterment of the parish. Fr. Joseph also thanks Brett Edgerly for his contribution to the Pastoral Council and Executive Committee.

**Executive Meeting - Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>, masses will be at 8a.m. and 6pm.

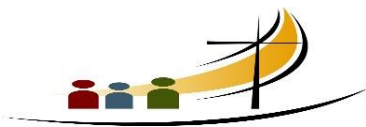
**Fasting and abstinence** are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on the Friday of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically ill. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense

should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting. **Stations of the Cross will be at 6pm every Friday during Lent.**

**Daughters of St. Joseph** will sponsor a Lenten Soup Supper on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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

**On Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>,** 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. The menu will continue to be Hickory Pit Smoked Ham, split pea soup, rolls, baked potatoes, and deserts. The deserts have traditionally been donated by Parishioners and brought to the Hall the morning of the dinner. Please help, but no crème pies or cheese cake. Also featured is Gertrude Reif's historic raisin sauce. 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.



## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1<sup>st</sup> R. – Deu.18:15-20

Res. Ps – 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9

2<sup>nd</sup> R – 1Cor.7:32-35

Gospel Accl – Mat.4:16

Gospel – Mar. 1:21-28

The philosopher Karl Marx once said that the aim of philosophy should be not just to explain the world but to change it. The same can be said about the gospel we preach and teach. The people of Capernaum received sacred instruction in their synagogue every Sabbath. One Sabbath they had a different teacher, Jesus. What Jesus taught them that day, as well as the way he presented and demonstrated his message, simply amazed them. Why? **“They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes”** (Mark 1:22). Jesus’ teaching contrasted sharply with that of the scribes. In one word, Jesus taught with authority, the scribes did not.

What does it mean to teach with authority? When we compare and

contrast the teaching of Jesus with that of the scribes we notice three distinguishing qualities: The teaching of Jesus is (a) from the heart and not just from the head, (b) focuses on the spirit and not on the letter of the law, and (c) inspires a positive change of heart in the hearers.

Jesus teaches from the heart. He teaches with absolute conviction in his message because he knows that his message is in accordance with the mind of God. As he says in the Gospel of John when trying to persuade his unbelieving audience, **“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony”** (John 3:11). His preaching is a personal testimony of his intimate relationship with God his Father. The scribes, on the other hand get their knowledge not from their personal communion with God but from their long and intricate study of commentaries on the Law. As a result, most of their teaching is from the head and not from the heart, as they try to recall the portions of the commentaries that apply to the situation at hand.

A second difference between the teaching of Jesus and that of the scribes lies in the content of the message. Whereas the scribes seek to apply the prescription of the Law to the letter, Jesus goes deeper to find out the spirit, the original intent of the law. Consequently Jesus is able to discover the positive value that the law seeks to protect whereas the scribes busy themselves with words and their minutest applications. Take, for example, the law of Sabbath observance. The scribes would busy themselves trying to determine precisely when the Sabbath begins and ends, and what constitutes work and what doesn’t. Jesus would rather seek the mind of God who gave the law to His people as an expression of His fatherly care and love. His conclusion: the Sabbath is a day we keep away from our work in order to serve God and do God’s work (John 5:17). On account of this positive accent of his message, people perceive the teaching of Jesus as liberating good news in contrast to that of the scribes which they perceive as a heavy burden.

The final difference between the teaching of Jesus and that of the scribes we shall consider is that Jesus’ teaching is always intended to

bring about a positive change of heart in the people, not just to make the people feel bad. Whereas the scribes teach whatever makes sense in terms of their understanding of the Law and Traditions, Jesus teaches that which made a positive difference. Presented with a man blind from birth the scribes seek to explain why he is blind -- whether it was he who sinned or his parents. Jesus, on the other hand is only interested in curing the blindness. For this reason Jesus performed healings and exorcisms together with his teaching, to show that his primary concern is to change the human situation not just to explain it.

What is our attitude to the word of God we hear? Do we allow it to challenge us and bring about a positive difference in our lives or is it simply to satisfy some intellectual curiosity? If it is the gospel of Jesus that we hear, then we cannot hear it week after week and remain the same.



