

Offertory 2018

	Needed	Weekly Offering
Mar. 4 th	\$3,700.00	\$4,055.00
Mar. 11 th	\$3,700.00	
Mar. 18 th	\$3,700.00	
Mar.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, Betty Salgado, Courtney Lynn Viescas, Howard Tocher, Rose Varghese, Leo Kuper, Elizabeth MacDonald Casey, Patricia Monohon, Sandy Shriver, Patrick Arnold, Jon and Peggy Eyer, Jeff and Colleen Collier for the special intentions of our parishioners and others.

Daily Readings March 12th – March 18th

Mon. – Isa.65:17-21; Joh.4:43-54

Tues. – Eze.47:1-9, 12; Joh.5:1-16

Wed. – Isa.49:8-15; Joh.5:17-30

Thurs. – Exo.32:7-14; Joh.5:31-47

Fri. – Wis.2:1a, 12-22; Joh.7:1-2, 10' 25-30

Sat. – Jer.11:18-20; Joh.7:40-53

Sun. – Jer.31:31-34; Heb.5:7-9; Joh.12:20-33

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.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

(120 S. Main St. Prineville, Oregon)

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 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: March 11th – Euch. Min.
March 18th – Knights of Columbus
March 25th – Choir

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 Mar. Wkly Min. Asgmt.

Saturday Mar 17th 5pm:

Acolyte – Tom MacDonald
Lectors – Kathie Leonard
Tawnya Layne
Euch. Min. – Evelyn Stirnaman
Mary Norton
Altar Serv. – Johanna Kiovisto
Tanner Joyce

Sunday Mar. 18th 9am:

Acolyte – Rick Nolte
Lectors – Holly LeFerve
Avery LeFerve
Euch. Min. – Bob Koivisto
Joan Holland
Altar Serv. – Isabel Sherman
Max LeFerve

Sunday Mar. 18th 12pm:

Acolyte – Rick Nolte
Lectors – Leticia Toledo
Francisco Quero
Euch. Min. – Alfredo Villagomez
Celia Tapia
Altar Serv. – Eddie Ruiz
Diocelina Sotelo

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

Stations of the Cross March 16th 6pm

Acolyte – Rick Nolte
Altar Servers – Blaine Viescas
Roman Stenbeck

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. **May 6, 2018**

Coffee Hour

Please join us for coffee and donuts **every 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sunday** after the 9:00 am Mass. **Volunteers Needed for Coffee Hour, to help call Kate Erickson at 541-678-8495**

Mass Intentions Mar.10th – Mar.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 Frank Smith (D) / The Parish

Sat. 5pm – Tom & Mary Norton (L) / Mary Norton

Sun. 9am – Arie & Marie Smit (D) / Fredrick & Lisa Smit

Sun. 12pm – For the People

Mon. 8am – Ed Robson (D) / Mary Gotshall

Tues. 8am – Don Kuper (L) / Jerome Kuper

Wed. 12:15pm – Tocher Family (L) / Gari-Lyn Tocher

Thurs. 8am – Patrick Arnold (L) / Kate Erickson

Fri. 12:15pm – Bille Lanier (L) / Sammie Pedersen

A CATHOLIC GUIDE TO End-of-LIFE DECISIONS

Directive and proxy forms are available in the parish office for \$2.50. the GUIDE gives an excellent overview of Catholic end of life teaching that will help you decide in advance on foreseeable treatment options as your life draws to a close.

Some very powerful words...

I asked God to take away my pride.

God said "No". It is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole.

God said "No". Her spirit is whole, her body was only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience.

God said "No". Patience is a by-product of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is earned.

I asked God to give me happiness.

God said "No". I give you blessings, happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain.

God said "No". Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow.

God said "No". You must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked for all things that I might enjoy life.

God said "No". I will give you life so that you may enjoy all things.

I ask God to help me LOVE others, as much as he loves me.

God said...

Ahhhh..... finally you have the idea!

"The Diocese of Baker is seeking a seasonal full time Assistant Facilities Manager to begin work April 3, 2018. The position in the future runs March 15th through November 15th annually, the pay starts at \$15/hour. Please contact Joe Hayes for job description at [\(541\) 410-3990.](tel:541-410-3990)"

Parish News

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

Stations of the Cross will be at 6pm every Friday during Lent.

Bible Study Wednesday nights at 6:00pm, at the parish school room 1. We are studying the Book of James.

Executive Meeting Tuesday, March 13th at 5:30pm, Fr. Joseph's Office. All members please attend.

Daughters of St. Joseph meeting Tuesday March 13th at 6pm in the Parish hall. All women of the parish are welcome to come.

Come One ~ Come All

Please come to help clean the Parish Hall Kitchen

Tuesday, March 13th at 9:00 a.m.

We need a clean kitchen before cooking and serving our annual ham dinner.

For the next weekend, we will sell tickets for the 2018 St. Patrick's Day 50-50 raffle. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The winning ticket, worth half the pot, will be drawn at the Ham Dinner on March 18. All proceeds will go to help fund the Church roof project. Ushers will sell tickets after all weekend Masses and at the Ham Dinner on the 18th. Tickets can also be purchased in the Parish Office, Monday through Thursday.

Bishop Cary will be celebrating the 9am and 12pm masses Sunday, March 18th and joining us with our **Annual St. Patrick's Day Ham Dinner**. All members of our Parish, the Prineville and Central Oregon community are invited to co-celebrate this 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. Adults \$9.00, children (ages 6-12) \$5.00, families \$27.00 parents and kids (under 12). For information, prepaid tickets, and volunteers call Gary Thompson at 541-447-5001 or Kate Erickson 541-678-8495.

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 email: stjosephparish@bendbroadband.com** or calling Anne Greenwood in the Parish office at 541-447-6475. **We need the information of those parishioners who have shared forty to fifty years of marriage before April 11th.**

Join us for the next "Saturday Night Live – Catholic Style" at St Thomas in Redmond on April 14th! The dinner will have a Western theme & you are welcome to wear your favorite cowboy boots & hat if you'd like! Following the dinner, you'll get to hear from our guest speaker. Dr Ray Guarendi (Gur-en-dee) who is a psychologist, marriage and family specialist, father of 10, national speaker, author, radio and TV host. Dr Ray's talk titled "Parenting, Then and Now" Free Childcare is available if you call the St. Thomas parish office **at least 2 weeks** in advance. Out of towners can call the St Thomas parish office for "Will Call" tickets no later than April 10th



Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 11, 2018

1st R. – 2Chr.36:14-16, 19-23

Res. Ps – 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

2nd R – Eph.2:4-10

Gospel Accl – Joh. 3:16

Gospel – Joh.3:14-21

The Fourth Sunday of [Lent](#) is called *Lætare* (Rejoice) Sunday, from the first words of today's liturgy. As on *Gaudete* Sunday in Advent, rose-colored vestments may replace violet and flowers may grace the altar, symbolizing the Church's joy in anticipation of the Resurrection of Our Lord. The central theme of today's readings is that our salvation is the free gift of a merciful God, given to us sinners through Jesus, His Son. The readings stress God's mercy and compassion and remind us of the great love, kindness and grace extended to us in Christ.

In the [first reading](#), taken from the Second Book of Chronicles, we learn the compassion and patience of God. God allowed Cyrus the Great, a pagan conqueror, to become the instrument of His mercy and salvation to His chosen people who were in exile in Babylon.

In the [second reading](#), Paul tells us that God is so rich in mercy that He has granted us eternal salvation and eternal life as a free gift through Christ Jesus.

[Today's Gospel](#) has a parallel theme, but on a much higher level. Jesus, the Son of God, became the agent of God's salvation, not just for one sinful nation but for the sinfulness of the whole world. Through John 3:16, the Gospel teaches us that God expressed His love, mercy and compassion for us by giving His only Son for our salvation. Nicodemus, the wealthy Pharisee and member of the Sanhedrin, meets Jesus by night and begins a long religious discussion. Jesus explains to him that he must believe Jesus' words because he is the Son of God. He further explains to Nicodemus God's plan of salvation by referring to the story of Moses and the bronze serpent (Nm 21:1-9). Just as God saved the victims of serpent bite through the bronze serpent, He is going to save mankind from its sins by permitting the crucifixion and death of His Son Jesus because the love of God for mankind is that great.

We need to love the cross, the symbol of God's forgiving and merciful love: The crucifix – the symbol of the "lifted up" Jesus - holds a central place in our Churches because it is a forceful reminder not only of God's love and mercy, but also of the price of our salvation. Hence, no Christian home

should be without this symbol of God's love. The crucifix invites us to respond with more than compassion; it inspires us to remove the suffering of other people's misery. It encourages us not only to feel deep sorrow for another's suffering, but also to try our best to remove that suffering. Hence, let us love the cross, wear its image and carry our own daily cross with joy.

We need to reciprocate God's love by loving others. God's love is unconditional, universal, forgiving and merciful. Let us try, with His help, to make an earnest attempt to include these qualities as we share our love with others during Lent.

Our rebirth by water and the Spirit must be an ongoing process. As Christians, we are meant to lead a life of repentance and on-going conversion, bringing us to a renewal of life with the help of the Holy Spirit living within us. The renewal of the Spirit comes when we work with Him to be liberated from the bondage of evil habits by using the Divine strength we receive through prayer, Bible reading and frequenting the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist.

Let us be bearers of Jesus' light and carry it to other people. When we allow the Light of God's forgiveness to shine in our lives, it brightens up every corner, forgives every sin, restores our relationship with God and renews our

lives. Whoever follows Jesus will not walk in darkness. We will experience the joy and peace of sins forgiven, of new attitudes and of new relationships with family and friends. Jesus' Light of truth, justice, holiness and charity shining in our lives ought to bring blessing to others. We are to let this Light of Christ shine through us into the lives of the people around us. The Light we give to others can dispel the darkness of their lives and bring them to a completely new outlook. Let us not underestimate what the Light of Christ can do through us. As Jesus said: "*You are the light of the world.... your light must shine before people so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in Heaven*" (Matthew 5:14, 16).

