

## Offertory 2018

	Needed	Weekly Offering
Mar. 4 <sup>th</sup>	\$3,700.00	\$4,055.00
Mar. 11 <sup>th</sup>	\$3,700.00	\$2,613.24
Mar. 18 <sup>th</sup>	\$3,700.00	
Mar. 25 <sup>th</sup>	\$3,700.00	
<b>Total</b>	\$14,800.00	

### **Please Remember the Following:**

Patricia Carroll; David & Carol Leonard; Billie Lanier; Sammi Pedersen; Bob & Lola Godat; Fred Vandehey; Gal Kessel; Katie Jordon; Joanne Besio; Mike Mulvihill; Jennifer Christy; Chuck & Dee Wettstein; Paul Paquin; 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 Natalia Chávez; María, Sol Montel; Verónica Rodríguez; Luz Alejandra Bringas, 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, Virginia Martell for the special intentions of our parishioners and others.

### **Daily Readings March 19<sup>th</sup> – March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Mon.** – 2Sam.7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Mat.1:16, 18-21, 24a

**Tues.** – Num.21:4-9; Joh.8:21-30

**Wed.** – Dan.3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Joh.8:31-42

**Thurs.** – Gen.17:3-9; Joh.8:51-59

**Fri.** – Jer.20:10-13; Joh.10:31-42

**Sat.** – Eze.37:21-28; Joh.11:45-56

**Sun.** – Isa.50:4-7; Phi.2:6-11; Mar.14:1-15:47

**Reverse Collection Note:** My brothers and sisters there are many people around us who are less fortunate than we are. Jesus wants us to remember them. Today is reversed collection for the poor among us. If you want to donate money, please ask for an envelope from the ushers to mail it to St. Vincent de Paul. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

## St. Joseph Catholic Church

(120 S. Main St. Prineville, Oregon)

### *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

*March 18, 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 18<sup>th</sup> – Knights of Columbus

March 25<sup>th</sup> – Choir

April 1<sup>st</sup> – Lectors

April 8<sup>th</sup> – Euch. Min.

April 15<sup>th</sup> – Knights of Col.

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

## Divine Mercy

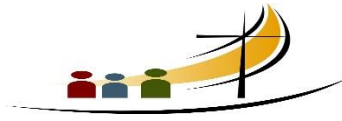
Jesus promised: "I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy." The vessel is this image signed, "**Jesus, I trust in You.**"

The prayer: The Divine Mercy Chaplet is said especially for the sick, dying and all sinners. On nine days it is said, along with the novena requests, on Good Friday until Divine Mercy Sunday as a special devotion.

Please join others this 2018 Easter Season in the praying throughout the nine days: March 30<sup>th</sup> through April 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **HAPPY FEAST DAY!!!**

**Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** is the feast day of St. Joseph. We wish Fr. Joseph and all the other Josephs in our parish a Happy Feast Day.



## **2018 Mar. Wkly Min. Asgmt.**

### **Saturday Mar 24<sup>th</sup> 5pm:**

**Acolyte** – Tom Norton

**Lectors** – Matt Kutcher  
Gary Thompson

**Euch. Min.** – Barb Dalton  
Sue Godat

**Altar Serv.** – Taylor Joyce  
Elizabeth Koivisto

### **Sunday Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> 9am:**

**Acolyte** – Steve Schilling

**Lectors** – Ron Wortman  
Mitch Viescas

**Euch. Min.** – Joan Vetter  
Cathy Baxter

**Altar Serv.** – Sam LeFerve  
Blaine Viescas

### **Sunday Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> 12pm:**

**Acolyte** – Rick Nolte

**Lectors** – Angela Renteria Toledo  
Pedro Gonzalez

**Euch. Min.** – Artemio Tapia  
Celia Nunez

**Altar Serv.** – Uber Gonzalez  
Julissa Hernandez

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

### **Stations of the Cross March 23<sup>rd</sup> 6pm**

Acolyte – Tom MacDonald

Altar Servers – Elizabeth Koivisto  
Johanna Koivisto

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

### **"YOU CAN KEEP THE FORK"**

The sound of Martha's voice on the other end of the telephone always brought a smile to Brother Jim's face. This time, however, there seemed to be an unusual tone to her words.

"Preacher, could you stop by this afternoon? I need to talk with you."

"Of course, I'll be there around three. Is that OK?"

It didn't take long for Jim to discover the reason for what he had only sensed in her voice before. Martha shared the news that her doctor had just discovered a previously undetected tumor.

"He says I probably have six months to live". Martha's words were naturally serious, yet there was a definite calm about her. "I'm so sorry to..." but before Jim could finish, Martha interrupted.

"Don't be. The Lord has been good. I have lived a long life. I'm ready to go."

"I know," Jim whispered with a reassuring nod.

"But I do want to talk with you about my funeral. I have been thinking about it, and there are things that I know I want."

The two talked quietly for a long time. When it seemed that they had covered

just about everything, Aunt Martha paused, looked up at Jim with a twinkle in her eye, and then added, "One more thing, preacher. When they bury me, I want my old Bible in one hand and a fork in the other".

"A fork?" Jim was sure he had heard everything, but this caught him by surprise. "Why do you want to be buried with a fork?"

"I have been thinking about all of the church dinners and banquets that I attended through the years," she explained, "Sometimes, at the best ones, somebody would lean over my shoulder and whisper, 'You can keep your fork.'"

"And do you know what that meant? Dessert was coming! And not a cup of Jell-O or pudding or even a dish of ice cream. You don't need a fork for that. It meant the good stuff, like chocolate cake or cherry pie! When they told me I could keep my fork, I knew the best was yet to come!"

"That's exactly what I want people to talk about at my funeral. Sure, they can talk about all the good times we had together. That would be nice. But when they walk by my casket and look at my pretty blue dress, I want them to turn to one another and say, 'Why the fork?'"

"That's when I want you to tell them, that I kept my fork because 'the best is yet to come!'"

*~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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday** after the 9:00 am Mass. **Volunteers Needed for Coffee Hour, to help call Kate Erickson at 541-678-8495**

### Mass Intentions Mar.17<sup>th</sup> – Mar.23<sup>rd</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** - Cal Dubisar (D) / The Parish

**Sat. 5pm** – Don Kuper (L) / Jerome Kuper

**Sun. 9am** – Lu Streetman (D) / Streetman Family

**Sun. 12pm** – For the People

**Mon. 8am** – Margaret Ontko (D) / Ontko Family

**Tues. 8am** – Elaine McNamara (D) / Ed McNamara

**Wed. 12:15pm** – Lu Streetman (D) / Streetman Family

**Thurs. 8am** – No Mass

**Fri. 12:15pm** – No Mass

### 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.

### An Irish mother's funny letter to her son

Dear Son,

I'm writing this letter slow because I know you can't read fast. We don't live where we did when you left home. Your dad read in the newspaper that most accidents happen within 20 miles from your home, so we moved. I won't be able to send you the address because the last Irish family that lived here took the house numbers when they moved so that they wouldn't have to change their address. This place is really nice. It even has a washing machine. I'm not sure it works so well though: last week I put a load in and pulled the chain and haven't seen them since. The weather isn't bad here. It only rained twice last week; the first time for three days and the second time for four days. About that coat you wanted me to send you, your Uncle Stanley said it would be too heavy to send in the mail with the buttons on, so we cut them off and put them in the pockets. John locked his keys in the car yesterday. We were really worried because it took him two hours to get me and your father out. Your sister had a baby this morning; but I haven't found out what it is yet so I don't know if you are an aunt or an uncle..... Uncle Ted fell in a whiskey vat last week. Some men tried to pull him out, but he fought them off playfully and drowned. We had him cremated and he burned for three days. Three of your friends went off a bridge in a pick-up truck. Ralph was driving. He rolled down the window and swam to safety. Your other two friends were in back. They drowned because they couldn't get the tailgate down. There isn't much more news at this time. Nothing much has happened. Love, Mum. P.S. I was going to send you some money but the envelope was already sealed.

### Parish News

**St. Patrick's Day Ham Dinner Today, from 12pm – 5pm.** All members of our Parish, the Prineville and Central Oregon community are invited to co-celebrate this event. Adults \$9.00, children (ages 6-12) \$5.00, families \$27.00 parents and kids (under 12). See you there!!!

**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 today at the Ham Dinner All proceeds will go to help fund the Church roof project. Ushers will sell tickets after Masses and at the Ham Dinner on the 18th. Remember you can't win if you don't try!!

**There will be no Mass on Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup>.** Fr. Joseph will be in Baker City for the Chrism Mass. Will be back Friday evening.

**Stations of the Cross** will be at 6pm Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Lenten soup following sponsored by Eucharistic Ministers and Daughters of St. Joseph.

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

**Special Collection March 29<sup>th</sup> Holy Thursday,** for St. Vincent de Paul. Envelopes will be in the pews.

**On March 30<sup>th</sup> Good Friday we will be taking a special collection for the Christians of the Holy Land.** It is a time of opportunity and grace to support those Christians living in the Holy Land today, in the very land where Jesus suffered, died, and rose from the dead. Holy Land Christians are caught between competing factions that have cost them their jobs, home and family.

**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.

### Holy Week Schedule

March 24<sup>th</sup> 5pm- Palm Sunday Vigil Mass  
March 25<sup>th</sup> 9am and 12pm – Palm Sunday Masses

March 29<sup>th</sup> 7pm - Holy Thursday

March 30<sup>th</sup> 3pm – Stations of the Cross

March 30<sup>th</sup> 6pm – Good Friday

(veneration of the cross)

March 31<sup>st</sup> 7pm – Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)

April 1<sup>st</sup> 9am and 12pm – Easter Sunday Masses

**Sunday, April 29, 2018,** we will celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph (May 1<sup>st</sup>), 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](mailto: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 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**"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:5414103990)."



# Fifth Sunday of

## Lent

March 18, 2018

**1<sup>st</sup> R.** – Jer.31:31-34

**Res. Ps** – 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

**2<sup>nd</sup> R** – Heb.5:7-9

**Gospel Accl** – Joh.12:26

**Gospel** – Joh.12:20-33

Lent's Fifth Sunday's readings present us with a challenge: Just as Jesus became the "Promised Messiah of Glory" and the "Conquering Son of Man" by offering his life for others, we, too, must possess Heaven by dying to self and spending our lives in self-giving, sacrificial service.

Today's readings focus on the upcoming death of Jesus, which is interpreted not only as a priestly sacrifice (Heb 5) but also as the moment of his "exaltation" and "glorification" (Jn 12). The first reading, taken from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah, explains how God will replace the Old Covenant of Judgment with a New Covenant of Forgiveness of sins. This New or Renewed Covenant prophesied by Jeremiah has been fulfilled, at least in part, through Jesus' life, death and Resurrection.

The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 51) is our cry for mercy from God as we ask Him to cleanse us from sin and guilt and create a "new heart" for us. In the second reading, St. Paul tells the Hebrews that it is by His suffering and death, in obedience to His Father's will, that Jesus established the New Covenant. Quoting the full text of Jeremiah 31:31-34, St Paul explains that the new and better covenant was inaugurated through the High Priest Jesus' offering of himself as the one perfect sacrifice for sins. We cannot appreciate adequately the "*Blood of the New and everlasting Covenant*" which we share in the Eucharist without recognizing the joys and sufferings, triumphs and setbacks that marked the history of God's Covenant relationship with His people.

Using metaphors of the "*sown wheat-grain*" and the "*spent life*" in today's Gospel, Jesus teaches the same lesson. The Gospel hints at Jesus' inner struggle in accepting the cup of suffering to inaugurate the New and everlasting Covenant. However, Jesus accepts the cross as his "*hour*," meaning the stepping-stone to his passion, death, Resurrection and exaltation. He further considers his "*hour*" as the way of glorifying his Heavenly Father and of being glorified by his Father. It is also the way by which he

draws all people into the saving action of God. Finally, the "lifting up" of Jesus is the assurance of our own exaltation and glorification, provided we accept our crosses.

Today's Gospel teaches us that new life and eternal life are possible only by the death of the self through suffering and service. Salt delivers its taste by dissolving in water; a candle gives light by burning its wick and melting its wax. The oyster produces a priceless pearl by a long and painful process. Loving parents sacrifice themselves so that their children can enjoy a better life than they themselves have had. Let us pray for this self-sacrificial spirit, especially during Lent.

**Only a life spent for others will be glorified here in this world and in Heaven.** We know that the world owes everything to people who have spent their time and talents for God and for their fellow human beings. Mother Teresa, for instance, gave up her comfortable teaching career and, with just 17 cents in her pocket, began her challenging life for the "poorest of the poor" in the crowded streets of Calcutta. Thus, she became, in the words of the Secretary General of the U.N., "the most powerful woman in the world." We see similar cases in the history of great saints, scientists and

benefactors of mankind in all walks of life.

**It is better to burn out than rust out.** This is one of the repeated pieces of advice Jesus gave us (Mark 8:35; Matthew 16:25; 10:39; Luke 9:24; 17:33). Bernard Shaw in his play, *Joan of Arc*, shows the saint as praying: "Lord I shall last a year; use me as you can." Many charitable foundations and research institutions are financed by generous millionaires who understood this great principle of life (e.g. The Rockefeller Foundation and the Bill Gates Foundation for AIDS Research), while so many others selfishly keep their God-given wealth and talents for themselves.

Let us learn to live this Lenten period "burning out," spending our time and talents for others around us by humble, selfless and self-giving service. "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can" (John Wesley).

