

Offertory 2018

	Needed	Weekly Offering
Mar. 4 th	\$3,700.00	\$4,055.00
Mar. 11 th	\$3,700.00	\$2,613.24
Mar. 18 th	\$3,700.00	\$3,796.00
Mar.25 th	\$3,700.00	
Total	\$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 26th – April 1st

Mon. – Isa.42:1-7; Joh.12:1-11

Tues. – Isa.49:1-6; Joh.13:1-33, 36-38

Wed. – Isa.50:4-9a; Mat.26:14-25

Thurs. – Isa.61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Luk4:16-21

Fri. – Isa.52:13-53:12; Heb.4:14-16; 5:7-9; Joh.18:1-19:42

Sat. – Gen.1:1-2:2; Gen.22:1-18; Mar.16:1-7

Sun. – Acts10:34a, 37-43; Col.3:1-4; Joh.20:1-9

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.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

(120 S. Main St. Prineville, Oregon)

Palm Sunday of Lent

March 25, 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.

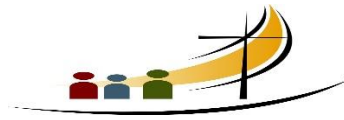
Date: March 25th – Choir

April 1st – Lectors

April 8th – Euch. Min.

April 15th – Knights of Col.

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



2018 March Weekly Minister Assignment

Saturday Mar 31st 5pm:

Acolyte – Rick Nolte, Steve Schilling

Lectors – Barb Johnson

Diane Giovanini

Euch. Min. – Kathy Thompson

Sue Godat

Altar Serv. – Blaine Viescas

Roman Stenbeck

Sunday April 1st 9am:

Acolyte – Rick Nolte

Lectors – Doug Bristow

Kathie Leonard

Euch. Min. – Robert Koivisto

Amy Koivisto

Altar Serv. – Elizabeth Koivisto

Blaine Viescas

Sunday April 1st 12pm:

Acolyte – Rick Nolte

Lectors – Martha Villagomez

Lorena Nunez

Euch. Min. – Celia Nunez

Juan Hernandez

Altar Serv. – Allen Sotelo

Diocelina Sotelo

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

FR. Joseph's Corner...

Have You Come to the Crossroads of Life?

One day a while back, a man, his heart heavy with grief, was walking in the woods. As he thought about his life this day, he knew many things were not right. He thought about those who had lied about him back when he had a job.

His thoughts turned to those who had stolen his things and cheated him. He remembered family that had passed on.

His mind turned to the illness he had that no one could cure. His very soul was filled with anger, resentment and frustration. Standing there this day, searching for answers he could not find, knowing all else had failed him, he knelt at the base of an old oak tree to seek the one he knew would always be there. And with tears in his eyes, he prayed: "Lord- You have done wonderful things for me in this life. You have told me to do many things for you, and I happily obeyed. Today, you have told me to forgive. I am sad, Lord, because I cannot. I don't know how. It is not fair Lord. I didn't deserve these wrongs that were done against me and I shouldn't have to forgive. As perfect as your way is Lord, this one thing I cannot do, for I don't know how to do this, the pain is so deep. Lord, I fear I may not hear you, but I pray that you teach me to do this one thing I cannot do - Teach me To Forgive."

As he knelt there in the quiet shade of that old oak tree, he felt something fall onto his shoulder. He opened his eyes. Out of the corner of one eye, he saw something red on his shirt. He could not turn to see what it was

because where the oak tree had been was a large square piece of wood in the ground. He raised his head and saw two feet held to the wood with a large spike through them. He raised his head more, and tears came to his eyes as he saw Jesus hanging on a cross. He saw spikes in His hands, a gash in His side, a torn and battered body, deep thorns sunk into His head. Finally he saw the suffering and pain on His precious face. As their eyes met, the man's tears turned to sobbing, and Jesus began to speak. Have you ever told a lie, he asked? The man answered - yes Lord.

Have you ever been given to much change and kept it?

The man answered yes Lord. And the man sobbed more and more. Have you ever taken something from work that wasn't yours, Jesus asked? And the man answered yes Lord.

Have you ever sworn, using my Father's name in vain?

The man, crying now, answered yes Lord.

As Jesus asked many more times, "Have you ever"? The man's crying became uncontrollable, for he could only answer yes Lord. Then Jesus turned His head from one side to the other, and the man felt something fall on his other shoulder. He looked and saw that it was the blood of Jesus. When he looked back up, his eyes met those of Jesus, and there was a look of love the man had never seen or known before.

Jesus said, I didn't deserve this either, but I forgive you. It may be hard to see how you're going to get through something, but when you look back in life, you realize how true this statement is.

Read slowly and let it sink in. This is simple, and important.

If God brings you to it - He will bring you through it.

~Prayerful Wishes, Fr. Joseph ~

Holy Week 2018 Min. Asgmt

Holy Thursday March 29th 7pm:

Acolyte – Tom Norton

Rick Nolte

Lectors – Kathie Leonard

Diane Giovanini

Euch. Min. – Mary Norton

Evelyn Stirnaman

Altar Serv. – Blaine Viescas

Roman Stenbeck

Good Friday March 30th 3pm:

Acolytes - Steve Schilling

Altar Servers – Elizabeth Koivisto

Johanna Koivisto

Good Friday March 30th 6pm:

Acolyte – Rick Nolte

Lectors – Gary Thompson

Kat Rodosevich



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 9am Mass.
Schedule: 3/25 Albina Stagnoli & Fulvia
4/08 Diane & Cassie Giovanini
4/15 **Volunteers Needed**
4/22 Sue Williams & Kate Erickson
4/29 **No Coffee Hour**
5/13 **Volunteers Needed**
5/20 Linvia Kaumanns
5/27 Betty & Victoria Maska
Volunteers Needed for Coffee Hour, to help call Kate Erickson at 541-678-8495

Mass Intentions Mar.24th – Mar.30th

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 - John & Georgina Warta (L) / The Parish
Sat. 5pm – Sally & Melanie Pentkowski (L) / Charles Pentkowski
Sun. 9am Tocher Family (L) / Gari-Lyn Tocher
Sun. 12pm – Martiniano Lopez (D) /
Mon. 8am – Clint T. Giovanini (L) / Charles & Diane Giovanini
Tues. 8am – Jeff & Colleen Collier, Jon & Peggy Eyer (L) / Tom & Mary Norton
Wed. 12:15pm – Marie Boyden (D) / Boyden Family
Thurs. 8am – For the Parish
Fri. 12:15pm – No Mass Good Friday

Married Parishioners 40-50 years

Ralph & Mary Lee	50yrs
Dennis & Jacque Rose	50yrs
Tom & Nancy MacDonald	50yrs
Gary & Kathy Thompson	49yrs
Clayton & Kathy Baxter	49yrs
Gal & Carolyn Kessel	49yrs
Sam & Bonnie Morris	48yrs
Tom & Mary Norton	46yrs
Mike & Susie Carroll	46yrs
Chuck & Diane Giovanini	46yrs
Gerald & Rose Honl	46yrs
Howard & Gari-Lyn Tocher	45yrs
Robert & Sheryl Denfield	45trs
Mike & Jacqueline McCabe	44yrs
Stan & Lynn Rodgers	42yrs
Ronald & Sandra Wortman	41yrs

If you have been married 40 -50 years please contact the parish office before Wednesday, April 11th, at 541-447-6475 and we will add your name. Celebration - Sunday, April 29th Mass at 10 am (bi-lingual)



Parish News

Holy Week Schedule

March 24th 5pm- Palm Sunday Vigil Mass
March 25th 9am and 12pm – Palm Sunday Masses
March 29th 7pm - Holy Thursday
March 30th 3pm – Stations of the Cross
March 30th 6pm – Good Friday (veneration of the cross)
March 31st 7pm – Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)
April 1st 9am and 12pm – Easter Sunday Masses

Fr. Joseph would like to say, **“Thank you,”** to Gary Thompson and the Knights of Columbus and Kate Erickson and the Daughters of St. Joseph, and all the many volunteers who worked tirelessly to make the Ham Dinner a great success!!

There will be no Bible Study Wednesday, April 28th because it will be Holly Week.

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

On March 30th 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](http://CatholicReliefServices.com). . . in order to help those who do not have enough to eat. You will find the rice bowls in the vestibule of the church. **Please bring in your bowls either to the office or Sunday Offering basket before May 1st.**

Sunday, April 29, 2018, 10am bi-lingual mass 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.**





March 25, 2018

1st R. – Isa.50:4-7

Res. Ps – 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

2nd R – Phi.2:6-11

Gospel Accl – Phi.2:8-9

Gospel – Mar.14:1-15:47

The Church celebrates today as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. It is on Palm Sunday that we enter Holy Week, and welcome Jesus into our lives, asking him to allow us a share in his suffering, death and Resurrection. This is also the time we remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. That is why the Holy Week liturgy presents us with the actual events of the dying and rising of Jesus. The liturgy also enables us to experience vicariously, here and now, what Jesus went through then. In other words, we commemorate and relive during this week our own dying to sin and selfishness and rising in Jesus, which result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption.

Just as Jesus did, we, too, must lay down our lives freely by actively participating in the Holy Week

liturgies. In doing so, we are allowing Jesus to forgive us our sins, to heal the wounds in us caused by our sins and the sins of others and to transform us more completely into the image and likeness of God. Thus, we shall be able to live more fully the Divine life we received at Baptism. Proper participation in the Holy Week liturgy will also deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. But let us remember that Holy Week can become "holy" for us only if we actively and consciously take part in the liturgies of this week. This is also the week when we should lighten the burden of Christ's passion as daily experienced by the hungry, the poor, the sick, the homeless, the lonely and the outcast through our corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The Palm/Passion Sunday liturgy combines contrasting moments, one of glory, the other of suffering: the welcome of Jesus into Jerusalem and the drama of his unjust trial and suffering, culminating in his crucifixion and death.

The first part of today's Gospel describes the royal reception which Jesus received from his admirers. They paraded with him for a distance of two miles: from the Mount of Olives to the city of Jerusalem. Two-and-a-half million people were normally present to celebrate the Jewish feast of the Passover. **In the second part of today's Gospel**, we listen to the Passion of Christ according to

Mark. We are challenged to examine our own lives in the light of some of the characters in the story like Peter who denied Jesus, Judas who betrayed Jesus, Pilate who acted against his conscience, Herod who ridiculed Jesus, and the leaders of the people who preserved their position by getting rid of Jesus.

There is a Jewish saying, "Heaven rejoices over a repentant sinner and sheds tears over a non-repentant, hardhearted one." Are we ready to imitate the prodigal son and return to God, our loving Father through the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this last week of Lent and participate fully in the joy of Christ's Resurrection?

God expects me to produce fruits of holiness, purity, justice, humility, obedience, charity, and forgiveness. Am I a barren fig tree? Or do I continue to produce bitter fruits of impurity, injustice, pride, hatred, jealousy and selfishness?

Jesus cannot tolerate the desecration of the temple of the Holy Spirit in me by my addiction to uncharitable, unjust and impure thoughts words and deeds; neither does He approve of my calculation of loss and gain in my relationship with God.

Am I ready to surrender my life to Him during this Holy Week and welcome Him into all areas of my life as my Lord

and Savior, singing "Hosanna"? Today, we receive palm branches at the Divine Liturgy. Let us take them to our homes and put them some place where we can always see them. Let the palms remind us that Christ is the King of our families that Christ is the King of our hearts and that Christ is the only true answer to our quest for happiness and meaning in our lives. And if we do proclaim Christ as our King, let us try to make time for Him in our daily life; let us be reminded that He is the One with whom we will be spending eternity

As we "carry Jesus" to the world, we can expect to receive the same welcome that Jesus received on Palm Sunday, but we must also expect to meet the same opposition, crosses and trials later. Like the donkey, we are called upon to carry Christ to a world that does not know Him. Let us always remember that a Christian without Christ is a contradiction in terms. Such a one betrays the Christian message. Hence, let us become transparent Christians during this Holy Week, enabling others to see in us Jesus' universal love, unconditional forgiveness and sacrificial service.



