

Offertory 2018

	Needed	Weekly Offering
Feb. 4 th	\$3,700.00	\$4,012.02
Feb. 11 th	\$3,700.00	\$3,871.93
Feb. 18 th	\$3,700.00	\$2,711.15
Feb. 25 th	\$3,700.00	\$3,074.47
Total	\$14,800.00	\$13,669.57

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 for the special intentions of our parishioners and others.

Daily Readings March 5th – March 11th

Mon. – 2Kin.5:1-15b; Luk.4:24-30

Tues. – Dan.3:25, 34-43; Mat.18:21-35

Wed. – Deu.4:1, 5-9; Mat.5:17-19

Thurs. – Jer.7:23-28; Luk.11:14-23

Fri. – Hos.14:2-10; Mar.12:28-34

Sat. – Hos.6:1-6; Luk.18:9-14

Sun. – 2CHR.36:14-16, 19-23; Eph.2:4-10; Joh.3:14-21

St. Joseph Catholic Church

(120 S. Main St. Prineville, Oregon)

Third Sunday of Lent

March 4, 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 4th – Ushers

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 10th 5pm:

Acolyte – Tom Norton

Lectors – Barb Johnson
Tom MacDonald

Euch. Min. – Sue Godat
Kathy Thompson

Altar Serv. – Roman Stenbeck
Taylor Joyce

Sunday Mar. 11th 9am:

Acolyte – Steve Schilling

Lectors – Kirk Giovanini
Kat Rodosevich

Euch. Min. – Amy Koivisto
Cathy Baxter

Altar Serv. – Josh Sherman
James Heath

Sunday Mar. 11th 12pm:

Acolyte – Rick Nolte

Lectors – Juana Villagomez
Martha Villagomez

Euch. Min. – Onecimo Ambriz
Eva Tapia

Altar Serv. – Allen Sotelo
Uber Gonzalez

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

Stations of the Cross March 9th 6pm

Acolyte – Steve Schilling

Altar Servers – Elizabeth Koivisto
Johanna Koivisto

FR. Joseph's Corner...

Are You Busy?

(Read this even if you're BUSY)

Satan called a worldwide convention of demons. In his opening address he said, "We can't keep Christians from going to church. We can't keep them from reading their Bibles and knowing the truth. We can't even keep them from forming an intimate relationship with their savior. Once they gain that connection with Jesus, our power over them is broken." "So let them go to their churches; let them have their covered dish dinners, but steal their time, so they don't have time to develop a relationship with Jesus Christ."

"This is what I want you to do," said the devil: "Distract them from gaining hold of their Savior and maintaining that vital connection throughout their day!"

"How shall we do this?" his demons shouted. "Keep them busy in the nonessentials of life and invent innumerable schemes to occupy their minds," he answered. "Tempt them to spend, spend, and borrow, borrow, borrow." "Persuade the wives to go to work for long hours and the husbands to work 6 – 7 days each week, 10 – 12 hours a day, so they can afford their empty lifestyles."

"Keep them from spending time with their children." "As their families fragment, soon, their homes will offer no escape from the pressures of work!"

"Over-stimulate their minds so that they cannot hear that still, small voice. Entice them to play the radio or cassette player whenever they drive. To keep the TV, VCR, CD's and their PC's going constantly in their home and see to it that every store and restaurant in the world plays non-biblical music constantly. This will jam their minds and break that union with Christ."

"Fill the coffee tables with magazines and newspapers. Pound their minds with the news 24 hours a day. Invade their driving moments with billboards. Flood their mailboxes with junk mail, mail order catalogs, sweepstakes, and every kind of newsletter and promotional offering free products, services and false hopes."

"Give them Santa Claus to distract them from teaching their children the real meaning of Christmas. Give them an Easter bunny so they won't talk about his resurrection and power over sin and death."

"Even in their recreation, let them be excessive. Have them return from their recreation exhausted. Keep them too busy to go out in nature and reflect on God's creation. Send them to amusement parks, sporting events, plays, concerts, and movies instead. Keep them busy, busy, busy!"

"And when they meet for spiritual fellowship, involve them in gossip and small talk so that they leave with troubled consciences." "Crowd their lives with so many good causes they have no time to seek power from Jesus. Soon they will be working in their own strength, sacrificing their health and family for the good of the cause. It will work! It will work!"

It was quite a plan! The demons went eagerly to their assignments causing Christians everywhere to get busier and more rushed, going here and there. Having little time for their God or their families. Having no time to tell others about the power of Jesus to change lives. I guess the question is, has the devil been successful at his scheme? You be the judge! Does "busy" mean: B-eing U-nder S-atan's Y-oke?

Please pass this on, if you aren't too BUSY!

--- Author unknown

~ Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph ~



The Knights of Columbus Offer breakfast every first Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass. **March 4, 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. 3rd – Mar. 9th

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 – Marie Boyden (D) / Jim Boyden

Sat. 5pm – Charlie Miller (D) / Bob & Kathie Leonard

Sun. 9am – Bill Schwab (D) / Kate Erickson

Sun. 12pm – For the People

Mon. 8am – Ed Slevin (D) / Chuck & Dee Wettstein

Tues. 8am – Naomi Nolte (L) / Rick Notle

Wed. 12:15pm – Margaret Ontko (D) / Ontko Family

Thurs. 8am – Marilyn Haughey (L) / The Parish

Fri. 12:15pm – Sean O’Toole (D) / A Friend

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.

The Cross

**Whatever your cross,
whatever your pain,
there will always be sunshine,
after the rain....**

**Perhaps you may stumble,
perhaps even fall,
But God's always ready,
To answer your call ...**

**He knows every heartache,
sees every tear,
A word from His lips,
can calm every fear ...**

**Your sorrows may linger,
throughout the night,
But suddenly vanish,
in dawn's early light ...**

**The Savior is waiting,
somewhere above,
To give you His grace,
and send you His love ..**

**Whatever your cross,
whatever your pain,
"God always sends rainbows
after the rain ..."**

"**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)."

Parish News

Knights of Columbus Breakfast today, after the 9a.m. Mass. Come and join us for a delicious meal of eggs, sausage, hash browns and pancakes, coffee and orange juice and good company with friends and family!!

Stations of the Cross will be at 6pm every Friday during Lent. Next Lenten Soup will be March 9th sponsored by the Lectors.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation for Lent, is on Tuesday, March 6th at 6:30pm. We will have 3 priests and the Bishop for confessions. Spanish will be spoken by two of our priests. Please attend

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.

For the next four weekends, 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 18). 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

Third Sunday of Lent

1st R. – Exo.20:1-17

Res. Ps – 19:8, 9, 10, 11

2nd R – 1Cor.1:22-25

Gospel Accl – Joh. 3:16

Gospel – Joh.2:13-25

The central theme of today's readings is the challenge to keep our Covenant agreement with Jesus Christ, just as the Israelites tried to keep the agreements of the Old Testament Covenant with Yahweh by promising to obey the Ten Commandments. We become people of the *New Covenant* by loving others as Jesus did, by keeping our parish Church holy and fully dedicated to Divine worship and by keeping our hearts cleansed, just, holy and pure temples of the Holy Spirit. Today's first reading teaches us that the Ten Commandments are the basis of our religious and spiritual life, just as they formed a rule of life for the Israelites because of their Covenant with Yahweh at Mount Sinai. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 19) depicts the Mosaic Law's life-enhancing attributes: it refreshes the soul and rejoices the heart; it is pure and true, more precious than gold. The second reading reminds us that we must preach the Divine "folly" of the crucified Christ and the spirit of the cross, especially during the

Lenten season. The message of the cross is God's wisdom and power and, "foolish" as it may seem, that message is greater than the Law, greater than the Temple, greater than worldly wisdom or human strength. Today's Gospel gives the dramatic account of Jesus' cleansing the Temple of its merchants and money-changers, followed by a prediction of his death and Resurrection.

We need to avoid a calculating mentality in Divine worship: Our relationship with God must be that of a child to his parent, one of mutual love, respect and a desire for the family's good, with no thought of personal loss or gain. Hence, fulfilling our Sunday obligation only out of fear of mortal sin and consequent eternal punishment (a loss), is a non-Christian approach. In the same way, obeying the commandments and doing acts of charity merely as prerequisites for Heavenly reward (a gain), are acts driven by a profit motive, of which Jesus would not approve. Hence, let us ask these questions during this third week of Lent: Can leading worship become simply a business for the clergy for which they are paid? Do the laity sometimes think that they are "paying" the minister to do the worship for them -- thinking, "we pay them to do this for us"? Do we think of God as a vending machine into which we put our sacrifices and good deeds to get back His blessings? Do we use our acts of obedience to the Ten Commandments as bargaining chips with God? The theologian Karl Rahner put it this way: "The number one

cause of atheism is Christians. Those who proclaim God with their mouths and deny Him with their lifestyles are what an unbelieving world finds simply unbelievable."

We need to remember that we are the temples of the Holy Spirit: St. Paul reminds us that we are God's temples because the Spirit of God dwells in us. Hence, we have no right to desecrate God's temple by impurity and injustice. We are expected to cleanse our hearts of pride, hatred, jealousy and all evil thoughts, desires and plans. Reminiscent of what Jesus did in cleansing the Temple, we, as 21st century disciples, must, with His grace, cleanse ourselves of attitudes and behaviors that prevent us from seeing and responding to hurt wherever we find it. Let us welcome Jesus into our hearts and lives during Lent by repentance and the renewal of our lives. We will drive out the wild animals that do not belong to the holy temple of our body by making a whip of cords out of our fasting, penance and almsgiving during Lent, and by going to Confession to receive God's loving forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

We need to love our parish Church and use it: Our Church is the place where we come together as a community to love and praise God. It is the holy place where we gather strength to support one another in the task of living the Gospel. It is the place where we come privately to enter into intimate conversation with God. In this building many prodigal sons and daughters

have met the merciful Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and have been welcomed back to our community. In this building, tears have been shed by those in pain and grief. Let's look around our Church this morning and treasure it. When we pass our Church, we might take the time to make a brief visit. Let us make our Church even more of a holy place by adding our prayers and songs to parish worship and offering our time and talents in the various ministries.

Do we deserve the presence of Jesus with his whip in our contemporary world? a) Cases of reported child abuse have risen from under one million cases annually to nearly three million. b) Cohabitation statistics are up six-fold. Contrary to popular belief, "trial marriage" -- living together followed by marriage -- is a statistical predictor of later divorce. c) The divorce rate has doubled, and happiness in surviving marriages has slightly declined. d) In 1960, five percent of babies were born to unwed parents. Today, more than 27 percent of all children are raised by single parents. In 1960, one out of 10 children lived with only one parent, whereas today, three of 10 is the average.



