

Offertory 2017

	Needed	Weekly Offering
Nov. 1st	\$3,500.00	\$ 997.00
Nov. 5th	\$3,500.00	\$4,072.20
Nov. 12th	\$3,500.00	\$3,740.55
Nov. 19th	\$3,500.00	\$3,679.00
Nov. 23rd	\$3,500.00	
Nov. 26th	\$3,500.00	
Total		

As stewards we are accountable to God for our time, talent and treasure. We return to the Lord, the giver of all our gifts, a truly grateful first share of our time, talent and treasure.

Como cristianos corresponsables, somos responsables ante Dios, por nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoro. Le regresamos al Señor, el dador de todos nuestros dones, la primera porción de nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoro con verdadero agradecimiento.

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; Hazel Engstrom; Ann Pedersen; Jan Sletager; Richard Moore; Jim Lanning; Cal and 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, Bev Carlton, Courtney Lynn Viescas, for the special intentions of our parishioners and others.

Daily Readings Nov 27th – Dec 3rd

Mon. – Dan.1:1-6, 8-20; Luk.21:1-4	Fri. – Dan.7:2-14; Luk.21:29-33
Tues. – Dan.2:31-45; Luk.21:5-11	Sat. – Dan.7:15-27; Luk.21:34-36
Wed. Dan5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Luk.21:12-19	Sun. – Isa.63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; 1Cor.1:3-9;
Thurs. Rom.10:9-18; Mat.4:18-22	Mar.13:33-37

St. Joseph Catholic Church

(120 S. Main St. Prineville, Oregon)

Christ the King

November 26, 2017



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 Nov. 26th – Lectors

Date Dec. 3rd – Choir

Date Dec. 10th - Ushers

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

Prayer for Priestly Vocations

Lord Jesus Christ, Living Bread come down from heaven, in Your Name we ask the Father to bless the Diocese of Baker with vocations to the priesthood. By the prompting of the Holy Spirit call forth from among us men who are able to sympathize with our weakness and deal gently with the wayward, men who will give us confidence to draw near to the font of Mercy and find grace in the time of need. Send us priests to bring comfort to the afflicted, pardon to the sinner, and peace to the dying; priests to hand You over to us in the Breaking of the Bread. High Priest, of the New and Eternal Covenant, we place our trust in You. To You be glory and praise forever. Amen

~Composed by Bishop Liam Cary~

2017 August Weekend Ministry Assignments

Saturday Dec. 2nd 5pm :

Acolyte – Tom Norton

Lectors – Mitch Viescas

Kirk Giovanini

Euch. Min. – Kathy Thompson

Evelyn Stirnamen

Altar Serv. – Tanner Joyce

Taylor Joyce

Sunday Dec. 3rd 9am:

Acolyte – Steve Schilling

Lectors – Ron Wortman

Holly LeFerve

Euch. Min. – Cathy Baxter

Joan Holland

Altar Servers – Elizabeth Koivisto

Jesse & James Heath

Sunday Dec. 3rd 12pm:

Lectors – Marilu Lopez

Melissa Lopez

Euch. Min – Pedro Gonzalez

Joel Hernandez

Altar Serv. – Julissa Hernandez

Eddie Ruiz

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



FR. Joseph's Corner...

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Part - 2

Scriptural Roots: The sacrament of Reconciliation has its scriptural roots.

The New Testament is full of instances where Jesus forgives sins of men and women for which he was accused by the Pharisees and Sadducees as blaspheming as it was understood that only God can forgive the sins of others.

The most memorable stories in the bible are: 1. The prodigal son 2. The woman caught in adultery (Jn 8:11), 3. The thief on the cross 4. Peter after his betrayal of Jesus.

Every encounter is very personal and intimate. Eg. The adulterous woman, publicly humiliated, condemned by people.....Jesus forgives....does not condemn

Jesus says, "The son of man has not come to call the virtuous but call the sinners to repentance" (Lk 19:10) He came to call the sinners and therefore he was accused of being glutton, drunkard, friend of tax collectors and sinners. Jesus accepts us once we acknowledge we are sinners.

Today more people seem to ask why to go to a priest for confession to tell our sins? Why not directly to God.

When we are sick we go to a doctor. He gives medicine. He is not the one who heals. You might have seen the caption, "We give medicine, and God heals". But someone has to give medicine. It has to be a human being. The

one who gives medicine is not God. God does the healing. The same way the priest at the confessional is only taking the place of a doctor. He is in the place of Christ. He absolves sins in the name of Jesus. He is very much in blood and flesh and therefore subject to sin. But it is Jesus who forgives. It is God who forgives.

You share your problems with a counsellor or a psychiatrist who lengthens the sessions to earn more money. Confession is very different. The priest doesn't charge anything. The counsellor doesn't absolve sins but the priest does. You go healed in your internal self.

At the Mass when the priest says the prayer over bread and wine be believe that the bread and wine are changed into the body and blood of Jesus. In the same way when the priest forgives sins and absolves Jesus does it. He forgives.

Jn 20:23 Jesus tells Peter, "If you forgive sins they are forgiven, if you retain...." Jesus has given that power to forgive sins. So the priest comes as a tangible sign of God's presence. He is God's agent but very much in flesh and blood like any one of us. So, confession is much more than go to a counsellor or a psychiatrist. A counsellor doesn't forgive sins. God's grace comes with forgiveness. The blood of Jesus washes our sins. **(Continued.....next week)**

Prayerful Wishes, Fr. Joseph





The Knights of Columbus Offer breakfast every first Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass. **December 3, 2017**

Social Time

Please join us for coffee **every 3rd Sunday** after the 9:00 am Mass Sunday Coffee Hour
Schedule:

December 17th – Carol Smith

January 21st – Betty Viescas

Volunteers Needed for Coffee Hour, to help call the Office at 541-447-6475.

Mass Intentions Nov. 25th – Dec. 1st

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 – Hattie Penhollow (L) / Colleen Budde

Sat. 5pm – Roy Hutley (D) / Marie Smith

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

Sun. 12pm – Ladislao Robles (D) / Lorena Ortiz

Mon. 8am - Donald Joseph Strain (D) / Diana Strain

Tues. 8am -- Diana Strain Family (L)/ Diana Strain

Wed. 12:15pm – Neil Rosenbaum (D) / Becker Family

Thurs. 8am – Roy Hutley (D) / Gilbert & Jessie Sharp

Fri. 12:15pm- Sammie Pedersen (L) / Carol Smith



Simple Prayers - part 1

Lord, when my hopes have been dashed to pieces and my dreams shattered, keep me close to You, and let me feel the flow of your strength into my heart. Amen.

Heavenly Father, I want to be your follower. Take my hand and tune me into the needs of the suffering and hungry. When I serve them, I serve you also. Amen.

Our Father, I need to feel the joy of Your presence – Your gentle voice of assurance and the comfort of Your arms enfolding me. Be with me today and always. Amen.

Father, some friends are deeply troubled and although I’ve listened to their problems many times, soften my heart and grant me patience to listen again if they need me. Amen.

Deliver me from gossiping, Lord, and give me the moral strength to defend the person being gossiped about. Amen.

Dear Lord, help me to remember to be more understanding of my loved ones’ limitations. Keep me from asking more of them than they are equipped to give. Amen.

Father, when I have been unjustly accused or scolded, I feel so humiliated and unworthy. Help me to restore my self-esteem. Amen.

Parish News

Thursday December 6th at 6:30pm, the Sacrament of Reconciliation of Advent. We will have 4 priests and the Bishop for confessions. Spanish will be spoken by three of our priests. Please attend.

Fr. Joseph will now have confession time on Wednesdays 11:45am – 12:15pm and also Saturdays 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Tuesday, December 5th at 1pm at the Parish Hall, there will be a meeting for the St. Joseph’s Daughters. We will be discussing the organization of our bylaws and new committees.

We will be resuming Bible Study November 29th, 6:30 PM Room 1 in the Church Hall. This session we will be **PHILIPPINS, LIFE IN CHRIST** by Tim Gray. It is a study in Christian friendships, on how to become partners in the Gospel and how to share in the citizenship of heaven. Join us in this new adventure. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the Church. Call the parish office or Sue Godat @ 406-439-6582 for more information

Christmas Pageant
Please come to the St Joseph Christmas Pageant December 17 from 2-4 PM, put on by the children of our parish. The children will perform a live Nativity with music and refreshments to follow. Enjoy and support our youth.

Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Saturday December 9th. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate. Mananitas offered at 6am. Coffee/bread offered in the church basement following mananitas. Return for mass at 12pm, proceed after mass to the parish hall and

enjoy Mexican folk dances arranged by a group of women and children and more entertainment following. Volunteers are needed in various areas for this celebration: breakfast, coffee/ Mexican bread, plates, napkins, cake, music, games decorations and clean up or donations. If you are interested in helping please call Apolonio Villagomez at 541-420-8946 or Ruby Ruiz at 541-350-8833.

Todos son bienvenidos a La Celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe que se celebra el sábado 9 de diciembre. Las Mañanitas serán a las 6 de la mañana. También se ofrecerá Café y pan en el sótano de la iglesia siguiendo las mañanitas. La misa será a las 12:00pm, después de la misa son todos bienvenidos al salón de la Iglesia para disfrutar de danzas folclóricas mexicanas organizadas por un grupo de mujeres y niños y más entretenimiento posterior. Se necesitan voluntarios en distintas áreas de esta celebración: desayuno, café/ pan mexicano, platos, servilletas, torta, música, juegos, decoraciones y limpiar o donaciones. Sí está interesado en ayudar, por favor llámele a Apolonio Villagómez al 541-420-8946 o Ruby Ruiz al 541-350-8833.

Knights of Columbus Christmas Cards for sale after the 9am Mass. November through December 24th in the Parish Hall.

Bulletin announcements need to be in the office by Tuesday each week prior to each week’s bulletin.



Christ the King



1st R. – Eze.34:11-12, 15-17

Res. Ps – 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6

2nd R – 1Cor.15:20-26, 28

Gospel Accl – Mar.11:9, 10

Gospel – Mat.25:31-46

Christ the King

It was Pope Pius XI who brought the Feast of Christ the King into the liturgy in 1925 to bring Christ, his rule and Christian values back into lives of Christians, into society and into politics. The Feast was also a reminder to the totalitarian governments of Mussolini, Hitler and Stalin that Jesus Christ is the only Sovereign King. Although Emperors and Kings now exist mostly in history books, we still honor Christ as the King of the Universe by enthroning him in our hearts and allowing him to take control of our lives. This feast challenges us to see Christ the King in everyone, especially those whom our society considers the least important, and to treat each person with love, mercy and compassion as Jesus did.

Scripture lessons

summarized: The first reading presents God as a Shepherd reminding us of Christ's claim that he is the true shepherd. In the second reading, St. Paul introduces Christ as the all-powerful ruler who raises the dead and to whom every other power and authority must eventually give way. Today's Gospel presents Christ the King coming in Heavenly glory to judge us, based on how we have shared our love and blessings with others through genuine acts of charity in our lives. Matthew adds a new dimension to the risen Jesus' presence in the Christian community in the parable of the Last Judgment. Jesus is present to us now, not only as our good shepherd leading, feeding and healing his sheep, but also as dwelling in those for whom we care. In the parable of the separation of sheep from goats in the Last Judgment, every person to whom we give ourselves, "whether hungry, thirsty or a stranger, naked, sick or in prison," is revealed to us as having been the risen Jesus. Our reward or punishment depends on how we have treated this risen Jesus in the needy.

We need to surrender our lives to

Christ's rule: Since Christ, our King, lives in our hearts with the Holy Spirit and His Heavenly Father and fills our souls with His grace, we need to learn to live in His Holy Presence, doing His will by sharing His forgiving love with others around us. We need to be constantly aware of His Presence in the Bible, in the Sacraments and in the worshipping community.

We need to fight against the enemies of Christ's Kingdom: Terrorism has affected the entire world, including Christ's kingdom on earth. These terrorists are people who slaughter the unborn; engage in a frontal attack on the modern family through provocative television shows, movies, music and pornography; eradicate any recognition of God from public display and public schools; they include those priests and the religious who abuse children. Hence, Jesus, the King, needs convinced apostles prepared and ready to fight against these enemies, first by prayer, then by accepting willingly the sufferings that come our way and offering them to God with Jesus, our King, in reparation for our sins and the sins of the world, and finally by living lives of loving humble service, using our gifts generously for all. The battlefield is the home, the school, the place of employment, the neighborhood, and the parish. These provide new and exciting challenges, new opportunities for us to do, ourselves, what is right and to live out the Truth of Jesus Christ our King, neither compromising with sin nor passing judgment on the motives or guilt of any of our brothers and sisters, but loving and praying for all of us. To ensure that Jesus is always the King of our hearts, we need to make a great commitment to Him and to back that commitment with the necessary sacrifices, conviction, hard work and daily, serious prayer.

We need to use what authority we have been given to pass on Jesus' message. This feast is an invitation to all those who have power or authority in the government, public offices, educational institutions and in the family to use it for Jesus. Are we using our God-given authority so as to serve others with love and compassion as Jesus did? Are we using it to build a more just society rather than to boost our own egos? Are parents using their God-given authority to train their children in Christian ideals and committed Christian living?

Conclusion: The Solemnity of Christ the King is not just the conclusion of the Church year. It is also a summary of our lives as Christians. On this great Feast, let us resolve to give Christ the central place in our lives and to obey His commandment of love by sharing our blessings with all his needy children. Let us conclude the Church year by asking the Lord to help us serve the King of Kings as He presents Himself in those reaching out to us. *"To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His Blood and made us a Kingdom, priests for His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen"* (Revelation 1:5b-6).



