# Offertory 2017

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| Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup>  | \$3,500.00 | \$ 3,553.05   |
| Oct. 8th              | \$3,500.00 | \$ 3,154.00   |
| Oct. 15th             | \$3,500.00 |               |
| Oct. 22 <sup>nd</sup> | \$3,500.00 |               |
| Oct. 29 <sup>th</sup> | \$3,500.00 |               |
| Total                 |            |               |

"Give to the Most High as he has given to you, for the Lord is one who always repays, and He will give back to you sevenfold." (Sirach 35:10)

Bishop's Annual Appeal Update - St. Joseph, Prineville

| 2017 Goal | Gifts<br>Received<br>to Date | Pledges<br>Received<br>to Date | Total<br>Received<br>to Date | % of<br>Goal | Total #<br>Donors<br>to Date | Total #<br>Parish<br>Families | % of<br>Participation |
|-----------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| \$14,132  | \$11,220                     | \$ 4,550                       | \$15,770                     | 100.00%      | 62                           | 450                           | 13.78%                |

#### **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; Jeanne Enos; Kim Remppel; 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, Anne Pimentel Hehr; Nettie Irene Downing, Harley Mayfield, Sam Lane, Ron Edgerly, Naomi Blankenship, Bill Nicholson, Richard Remppel, Bud Gilvinski, Joanne Gleason, Danilo Salgado, Betty Salgado, Joanne Rogers, Bev Carlton, Courtney Lynn Viescas, Frank Smith, Hans Kaumanns for the special intentions of our parishioners and others.

# St. Joseph Catholic Church Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 29, 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: 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 Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> – Choir Date Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> – Ushers Date Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> –Eucharistic Ministers **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 Nov. 4th 5pm:

Lectors – Gary Thompson Mitch Viescas

Euch. Min. – Kathy Thompson Mary Norton

Altar Serv. – Blaine Viescas Roman Stenbeck

#### Sunday Nov. 5th 9am:

Lectors – Ron Wortman Kat Rodosevich

Euch. Min. – Nancy Redfern Amy Koivisto Cathy Baxter

Altar Servers- Johanna Koivisto Avery LeFerve

#### Sunday Nov. 5th 12pm:

Lectors – Lorena Nunez Marilu Lopez

Euch. Min – Alfredo Villagomez Celia Nunez

Altar Serv. – Julissa Hernandez Eddie Ruiz

\*If you cannot be available please find a substitute.\*

# FR. Joseph's Corner...

#### **A Love Story**

One day, I woke early in the morning to watch the sunrise. Ah the beauty of God's creation is beyond description. As I watched, I praised God for His beautiful work. As I sat there, I felt the Lord's presence with me. He asked me, "Do you love me?" I answered, "Of course, God! You are my Lord and Saviour!" Then He asked, "If you were physically handicapped, would you still love me?" I was perplexed. I looked down upon my arms, legs and the rest of my body and wondered how many things I wouldn't be able to do, the things that I took for granted. And I answered, "It would be tough Lord, but I would still love You." Then the Lord said, "If you were blind, would you still love my creation?" How could I love something without being able to see it? Then I thought of all the blind people in the world and how many of them still loved God and His creation. So I answered, "It's hard to think of it, but I would still love you." Then the Lord asked me, "If you were deaf, would you still listen to my word?" How could I listen to anything being deaf? Then I understood. Listening to God's Word is not merely using our ears, but our hearts.

I answered, "It would be tough, but I would still listen to your word." The Lord then asked, "If you were mute, would you still praise My Name?" How could I praise without a voice? Then it occurred to me: God wants us to sing from our very heart and soul. It never matters what we sound like. And praising God is not always with a song, but when we are persecuted, we give God praise with our words of thanks. So I answered, "Though I could not physically sing, I would still praise Your Name." And the Lord asked, "Do you really love Me?" With courage and a strong conviction, I answered boldly, "Yes Lord! I love You because You are the one and true God!" I thought I had answered well, but God asked, "THEN WHY DO YOU SIN?" I answered, "Because I am only human. I am not perfect." "Then why in times of peace do you stray the furthest? Why only in times of trouble do you pray the earnest?" No answers. Only tears.

The Lord continued: "Why only sing at fellowships and retreats? Why seek Me only in times of worship? Why ask things so selfishly? Why ask so unfaithfully?" The tears continued to roll down my cheeks. "Why are you ashamed of Me? Why are you not spreading the good news? Why in times of persecution, you cry to others when I offer My shoulder to cry on? Why make excuses when I give you opportunities to serve in My Name?" I tried to answer, but there was no answer to give. "You are blessed with life. I made you not to throw this gift away. I have blessed you with talents to serve Me, but you continue to turn away. I have revealed My Word to you, but you do not gain in knowledge. I have spoken to you but your ears were closed. I have shown My blessings to you, but your eyes were turned away. I have sent you servants, but you sat idly by as they were pushed away. I have heard your prayers and I have answered them all. "DO YOU TRULY LOVE ME?" I could not answer. How could I? I was embarrassed beyond belief. I had no excuse. What could I say to this? When my heart had cried out and the tears had flowed, I said, "Please forgive me Lord. I am unworthy to be Your child." The Lord answered, "That is My Grace, My child." I asked, "Then why do you continue to forgive me? Why do You love me so?"

The Lord answered, "Because you are my creation. You are my child. I will never abandon you. When you cry, I will have compassion and cry with you. When you shout with joy, I will laugh with you. When you are down, I will encourage you. When you fall, I will raise you up. When you are tired, I will carry you. I will be with you till the end of your days, and I will love you forever." Never had I cried so hard before. How could I have been so cold? How could I have hurt God as I had done? I asked God, "How much do You love me?" The Lord stretched out his arms, and I saw His nail-pierced hands. I bowed down at the feet of Christ, my Savior. And for the first time, I truly prayed.

Prayerful Wishes, Fr.Joseph



The Knights of Columbus Offer breakfast every first Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass. **November 5, 2017** 

#### **Social Time**

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

November 19<sup>th</sup> – Betty Viescas December 17<sup>th</sup> – Carol Smith

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

#### Mass Intentions Oct.28th– Nov. 4th

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 – Donald Strain (D) / Kate Erickson

Sat. 5pm – Neil Rosenbaum (D) / Stanley & Julia Schwabauer

Sun. 9am – Fred Aragon (D) /Gloria Wilcox

Sun 12pm – For the People

Mon. 8am – Neil Rosenbaum (D) / Joyce Hinman

Tues. 8am - Rachel Scheel (D) / Cliff & Patty Scheel

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

Thurs. 8am – – Lu Streetman (D) / Streetman Family

Fri. – 12:15pm – Michael Bachand (L) / Charles & Susan McDermott





#### **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 ... "



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We will be handing out envelopes for All Souls Day November 2<sup>nd</sup> after all our weekend masses. You are most welcome to offer for your own mass intentions or whatever contribution will be used for different masses. The ushers will be handing out the envelopes after mass, please make sure you get one.

#### All Saints Day November 1st,

Holy day of obligation masses will be at 8am and 6pm.

All Souls Day November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mass will be at 8am.

#### St. Joseph Annual Holiday Festival

Saturday, November 11, 2017 9am-3pm Lunch will be served from 11am-2pm Please donate handmade items. Crafts, handiwork, baked items, candies, etc., etc. Everyone's help is greatly appreciated. Call Nancy Redfern with questions and ideas. 541-508-9872

#### WELCOME TO ALL LADIES!

The first gathering of St. Joseph's Daughter's is scheduled to happen at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, November 15th in the basement of St. Joseph's Church. Let's get together to share friendship, ideas and refreshment. Please mark this date and time on your calendar and come join together for a great beginning!

Winter is around the corner. The Parish needs volunteers to remove snow from the sidewalks, stairs and areas around the Church, Rectory and Parish Hall. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule for volunteers. Please sign up for a week you will be available. Then pray for sunshine. Thank You!!

#### Volunteers for 2018

We are looking for volunteers for the following areas of the church and parish.

**Altar Flowers** – call Karen Davis 541-416-1112

**Offertory Counters** – call Nancy Redfern 541-541-508-9872

**Church and Hall Cleaners** – call the Office 541-447-6475

St. Thomas Catholic Church in Redmond is having their Saturday Night Live Oktoberfest, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$12, to purchase tickets, CALL St Thomas for WILL CALL Tickets or come by their Parish Office before October 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### Daily Readings Oct 30th – Nov 5th

Mon – Rom.8:12-17; Luk.13:10-17

Tues - Rom.8:18-25; Luk.13:18-21

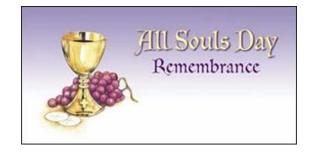
Wed – Rev.7:2-4, 9-14; 1Joh.3:1-3; Mat.5:1-12a

Thurs – Wis.3:1-9; Rom.5:5-11; Joh.6:37-40

Fri – Rom.9:1-5; Luk.14:1-6

Sat – Rom.11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Luk.14: 1, 7-11

Sun – Mal.1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; 1The2:7b-9, 13; Mat.23:1-12



# Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



1st R. – Exo.22:20-26 Res. Ps – 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 2nd R – 1The.1:5c-10 Gospel Accl – Joh.14:23 Gospel – Mat. 22:34-40

There is an immortal poem written by Englishman Leigh Hunt about a man called Abou Ben Adhem. Abou Ben Adhem woke from his sleep one night and saw in his room an angel writing in a book of gold the names of those who love God. "And is mine one?" inquired Abou. "Nay, not so," replied the angel. "I pray thee, then, said Abou, "Write me as one who loves his fellow men." The following night the angel came again and displayed the names of those who love God and Abou Ben Adhem's name topped the list. This poem makes the point that true love of God and true love of our fellow

human beings are like two sides of the same coin. One cannot exist apart from the other. That is what we find in today's gospel. Jesus is asked about the greatest commandment in the law. The book answer, of course is love of God. But Jesus does not stop there. He goes on to give a more practical answer. He gives the other side of the coin as well, which is love of neighbour. True love of God and true love of neighbour are practically one and the same thing. As Jesus said:

> "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the and first greatest commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as vourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets" (Matthew 22:37-40).

Jesus is here reacting against a onedimensional understanding of love. For Jesus, true love must express itself in three dimensions. These three dimensions are (a) love of God, (b) love of neighbour, and (c) love of oneself. The first two are positively commanded; the last one is not commanded but presumed to be the basis of all loving. The commandment to love your neighbour as yourself presumes that you love yourself.

Even though Jesus' answer touched on all three dimensions of love, what is the emphasis, the point Jesus is trying to make? When you ask a question that demands straightforward answer and the person answers your question and goes on to add another thing that you did not actually ask for, it is most likely that the person is trying to get your attention on the second element of the answer. We saw it last week when Jesus was asked about paving taxes to Caesar. Jesus answered, "Give back to Caesar's what is Caesar's," and then went on to add "and to God what is God's." Here the emphasis of Jesus is not on Caesar's rights, which apparently obvious, but on God's rights, which they were ignoring. In the same way, the emphasis on today's question about the greatest commandment is not on the obvious love of God but on the love of neighbour, which thev were trampling upon.

Remember that the persecution of Jesus and his followers was championed by well-meaning religious people motivated by what they believed to be zeal and love for God. The same people asking about the first commandment are the ones trying to entrap and kill Jesus. They are so conscious about love of God. Why then are they so insensitive when it comes to love of neighbour? Saul who later became St Paul is a good example of this kind of skewed religiosity. Jesus prophesied that "an hour is coming when those who kill you will think that by doing so they are offering worship to God" (John 16:2).

The error of the Pharisees is still here with us. There are still many Christians who try to separate love of fellow human beings from love of God. Their commitment to faith does not include commitment to human rights and to justice and peace issues. We will do well to heed the message of Jesus in today's gospel: that true love of God and true love of neighbour are two sides of the same coin. Any attempt to separate them is a falsification of the message of Christ."Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen" (1 John 4:20).