

Offertory 2017

	Needed	Wkly Offering
Sept 3rd	\$3,500.00	\$3,042.00
Sept 10th	\$3,500.00	\$2,837.00
Sept 17 th	\$3,500.00	\$3,038.50
Sept 24th	\$3,500.00	
Total		

“Bring the tithes into the treasure...Put me to the proof, says the Lord of Hosts, and see if I do not open windows in the sky and pour a blessing on you as long as there is need.”
(Malachi 3:10)

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

2017 Goal	Gifts Received to Date	Pledges Received to Date	Total Received to Date	% of Goal	Total # Donors to Date	Total # Parish Families	% of 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; Peggy Kasberger; 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 Rempel; 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 Rempel, Emily Rosenbaum, Joanne Gleason, Roy Hutley, Danilo Salgado, Betty Salgado, Joanne Rogers for the special intentions of our parishioners and others.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24, 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 Sept. 24th - Ushers

Date Oct. 1st – Eucharistic Ministers

Date Oct. 8th – St. Vincent de Paul

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 for 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 Sept. 30th 5pm:

Lectors – Mitch Viescas
Kirk Giovanini

Euch. Min. – Kathy Thompson
Mary Norton

Altar Serv. – Blaine Viescas
Shane Viescas

Sunday October 1st 9am:

Lectors – Ron Wortman
Holly LeFerve

Euch. Min. – Cathy Baxter
Nancy Redfern
Amy Koivisto

Altar Servers – Sam LeFerve
Avery & Max LeFerve

Sunday October 1st 12pm:

Lectors – Juana Villagomez
Melissa Lopez

Euch. Min – Joel Hernandez
Celia Nunez

Altar Serv. – Julissa Hernandez
Diocelina Sotelo

If you cannot be available please find a substitute.

FR. Joseph's Corner...

57 Cents—A True Story

A SOBBING LITTLE girl stood near a small church from which she had been turned away because it “was too crowded.”

“I can't go to Sunday School,” she sobbed to the pastor as he walked by.

Seeing her shabby, unkempt appearance, the pastor guessed the reason and, taking her by the hand, took her inside and found a place for her in the Sunday School Class.

The child was so touched that she went to bed that night thinking of the children who have no place to worship Jesus.

Some two years later, this child lay dead in one of the poor tenement buildings, and the parents called for the kind-hearted pastor who had befriended their daughter to handle the final arrangements.

As her poor little body was being moved, a worn and crumpled purse was found, which seemed to have been rummaged from some trash dump. Inside, 57 cents was found and a note scribbled in childish handwriting. The note read, “This is to help build the little church bigger so more children can go to Sunday School.”

For two years she had saved for this offering of love.

When the pastor tearfully read that note, he knew instantly what he would do. Carrying this note and the cracked, red pocketbook to the pulpit, he told the story of her unselfish love and devotion. He challenged his deacons to get busy and raise enough money for the larger building.

But the story does not end there! A newspaper learned of the story and published it.

It was read by a realtor who offered them a parcel of land worth many thousands of dollars. When told that the church could not pay so much, he offered it for a 57-cent payment.

Church members then made large subscriptions. Checks came from far and wide. Within five years, the little girl's gift had increased to \$250,000—a huge sum for that time (near the turn of the Century).

Her unselfish love had paid large dividends.

When you are in the city of Philadelphia, look up Temple Baptist Church, with a seating capacity of 3,300, and Temple University, where hundreds of students are trained. Have a look, too, at the Good Samaritan Hospital and at a Sunday School building which houses hundreds of Sunday schoolers, so that no child in the area will ever need to be left outside at Sunday School time.

In one of the rooms of this building may be seen a picture of the sweet face of the little girl whose 57 cents, so sacrificially saved, made such remarkable history. Alongside of it is a portrait of her kind pastor, Dr. Russell H. Conwell, author of the book, *Acres of Diamonds*.

—Prayerful Wishes, Fr. Joseph



The Knights of Columbus Offer breakfast every first Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass. **October 1, 2017**

Social Time

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

September 17th – Betty Viascas
October 15th - Carol Smith

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

Mass Intentions Sept 23rd – Sept 29th

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 – No Mass

Sat. 5pm –Tom & Mary Norton (L)/ Bob & Kathie Leonard

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

Sun 12pm – For the People

Mon. 8am – No Weekday Mass

Tues. 8am – No Weekday Mass

Wed. 12:15pm – No Weekday Mass

Thurs. 8am – No Weekday Mass

Fri. – 12:15pm – No Weekday Mass

Daily Readings Sept 25th – Oct 1st

Mon – Erz1:1-6; Luk.8:16-18

Tues – Erz.6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Luk.8:19-21

Wed – Erz.9:5-9; Luk.9:1-6

Thurs – Hag.1:1-8; Luk.9:7-9

Fri – Dan.7:9-10, 13-14; Joh.1:47-51

Sat – Zec.2:5-9, 14-15a; Luk.9:43b-45

Sun – Eze.18:25-28; Phi.2:1-11; Mat.21:28-32

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am writing this note to thank you all for the generous gift you have sent through Fr. Joseph. He told me about his parish and how loving, generous and supportive you all are. Thank you very much for all the efforts you have made to raise funds for our diocese. May God bless you all abundantly. We have prepared a power point presentation on different activities of our diocese which I will be sending through Fr. Joseph. This will help you to know our diocese better. With very best wishes and blessings.

Yours in Jesus,

Bishop Anand Jojo
Bishop of Hazarbag Catholic Diocese



Parish News

We would like to say thank you to Fr. Reeves for giving us his time and serving Mass for us while Fr. Joseph is away.

October 8th is our Parish Picnic Mass will be celebrated at 10am for both English and Spanish.

Please join us for the annual parish picnic October 8th, 12pm-3pm, at the grass area east of the Parish Hall. Bring yourself, family, an appetite and lawn chairs. If you have canopies bring those. Games will be provided for the children.

Meat and condiments will be furnished by the Knights of Columbus along with grills and chefs. Also paper plates, cups and plastic silverware will be provided. Bring your favorite main dish and either a salad or desert. This is an opportunity to spend time with fellow parishioners (new and old) and get to know each other better and celebrate Fr. Joseph’s 1st year anniversary as our pastor. Pray for good weather.

Sunday, October 15th 9am Mass, Bishop Cary will be here for the Institution for our Acolytes. He will also celebrate the 12pm Spanish Mass.

There will be no weekday Masses October 9th - 13th. Fr. Joseph will be attending the 2017 Clergy Assembly.

Christmas Bazaar Meeting

Monday, October 9, 2017 at 1pm in the parish hall. For information, call Nancy Redfern 541-508-9872.

The Executive Committee will meet Tuesday, October 3rd at 5:30pm in Fr. Joseph’s Office. Members are Tom MacDonald (Chairman), Brett Edgerly, Ruby Ruiz, Gary Thompson, Stan Rodgers, Nancy Redfern (Secretary).

The Finance Committee will meet Monday, October 16th at 5pm in Fr. Joseph’s Office. Members are Stan Rogers (Chairman), Diana Strain (Secretary), Susan McDermott, Ruby Ruiz, Charles Pentkowski.

Pastoral Council Announcement

On Monday, October 16 at 6pm is Parish Pastoral Council Meeting. Please channel your concerns, suggestions, to any member of the Council. The members are: Tom MacDonald, Brett Edgerly, Stan Rogers, Barb Dalton, Apolonio Villagomez, Ruby Ruiz, Carol Smith, Gary Thompson, Cathy Baxter, Nancy Redfern, Mike Carroll, Maureen Fagan, Jim Rodosevich, Anne Greenwood, and Charles Kurtz.

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



1st R. – Isa.55:6-9
Res. Ps – 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
2nd R – Phi.1:20c-24, 27a
Gospel Accl – Acts 16:14b
Gospel – Mat.20:1-16a

XXV [A] Sunday (Sept 24) Homily on Mt 20: 1-16

Today's readings are all about the sense of justice and the extravagant grace of a merciful God. While God is both just and merciful, God's mercy often overrides His justice and, hence, God pardons us unconditionally and rewards us generously by opening Heaven for the Gentiles and the Jews.

Scripture lessons: In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah reminds the exiles in Babylon that their God is more merciful than they are, and more forgiving. He is ready to pardon the infidelity which has resulted in their exile. Their merciful God will bless them with material and spiritual blessings. Hence, Isaiah exhorts them, and us, to seek the Lord and to put aside evil ways in order to receive His

mercy and forgiveness. In the second reading, Paul offers himself as an example of total submission to God's grace and God's will. He is ready to live continuing his mission if that is God's will. At the same time, he is ready to die and join the Lord if that is God's will.

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us the strange parable of a landowner who hired laborers at five different times during the course of one day to work in his vineyard but paid the same living wage for a full day's work to all of them. This story of the landlord's love and generosity represents God's love and generosity to all of us. It illustrates the difference between God's perspective and ours. God's provisions for our spiritual lives will never run out, and when we share our blessings with others, we tap into the inexhaustible Divine supply. This story shows us how God looks at us, sees our needs and meets those needs generously and mercifully. The parable also shows the mercy and generosity of God in allowing the later-called Gentiles as well the first-called Jews, His Chosen People, to enjoy the same eternal bliss of His Heavenly Kingdom. Today's Gospel also tells us that it's never too late for God. A full wage is offered to each of us, whether one has served him for a whole lifetime, or has turned to Him only at the eleventh hour. This story of the landlord's love and generosity represents God's love and generosity to us. God's provisions for our spiritual lives will never run out,

and when we share our blessings with others, we tap into the inexhaustible Divine supply. The story shows us how God looks at us, sees our needs and meets those needs. The question in God's mind is not, "How much do these people deserve?" but, "How can I help them? How can I save them before they perish?" It is all about grace and blessings.

We need to follow God's example and show grace to our neighbor. When someone else is more successful than we are, let us assume he needs it. When someone who does wrong fails to get caught, let us remember the many times we have done wrong and gotten off free. We must not wish pain on people for the sake of fairness. We become envious of others because of our lack of generosity of heart. Envy should have no place in our lives. We cannot control the way God blesses others, only rejoice that He does so, just as He blesses us.

We need to express our gratitude to God in our daily lives. God personally calls each of us to our own ministry and shows us His care by giving us His grace and eternal salvation. To God, we are more than just numbers on a payroll. Our call to God's vineyard is a free gift from God for which we can never be sufficiently thankful. All our talents and blessings are freely given by God. Hence, we should express our gratitude to God by avoiding sins, by rendering loving service to others, by sharing our blessings with the needy,

and by constant prayer, listening and talking to God at all times.

We need to practice generosity: We can be generous in the way we give a person encouragement and a kind word when they are feeling down even though that person might not be one of our best buddies. We can be generous in the way we give of our time to help someone going through a rough patch. When someone says something that offends us, we can be generous in our reaction and sympathize, understand and, rather than give back the hostility or injury just as it was given to us. When we have fallen out with someone or believe we have been unfairly treated, we can be generous in our willingness to reach out, make amends and restore friendships. When someone really annoys us and gets under our skin, we can be generous with our patience and kindness and deal with that person in a way that reflects the generous nature of God. When we see people who lack the bare necessities needed for a happy and healthy life we need to be generous with what we have been given by our generous God.



