

# Fr. Joseph's Corner

## "The Struggles of Our Life" by Dan Western

Once upon a time a daughter complained to her father that her life was miserable and that she didn't know how she was going to make it. She was tired of fighting and struggling all the time. It seemed as though just as one problem was solved, another one soon followed.

Her father, a chef, took her to the kitchen. He filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire.

Once the three pots began to boil, he placed potatoes in one pot, eggs in the second pot, and ground coffee beans in the third pot. He then let them sit and boil—without saying a word to his daughter.

The daughter, moaned and impatiently waited, wondering what he was doing. After 20 minutes, he turned off the burners.

He took the potatoes out of the pot, and placed them in a bowl. He pulled the eggs out, and placed them in a bowl. He then ladled the coffee out, and placed it in a cup.

Turning to her, he asked, "Daughter, what do you see?"

"Potatoes, eggs and coffee," she hastily replied.

"Look closer" he then said, "and touch the potatoes." She did and noted that they were soft.

He then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg.

Finally, he asked her to sip the coffee. Its rich aroma brought a smile to her face.

"Father, what does this mean?" she asked.

He then explained that the potatoes, the eggs, and coffee beans had each faced the same adversity—

the boiling water. However, each one reacted differently.

The potato went in strong, hard, and unrelenting, but in the boiling water, it became soft and weak.

The egg was fragile, with its thin outer shell protecting the liquid interior—until it was put in the boiling water. Then the inside of the egg became hard.

However, the ground coffee beans were unique. After they were exposed to the boiling water, they changed the water and created something new.

"Which one are you?" he asked his daughter.



"When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a potato, an egg, or a coffee bean?"

Moral of the story: In life, things happen around us, and things happen to us. But the only thing that truly matters is how you choose to react to it, and what you make out of it. Life is all about leaning, adopting, and converting all the struggles that we experience into something positive.

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph



### November 2020 Weekly Offertory

Date	Needed	Offering
January 03, 2021	\$3,700.00	\$3,239.00
January 10, 2021	\$3,700.00	\$3,370.00
January 17, 2021	\$3,700.00	\$2,561.00
January 24, 2021	\$3,700.00	\$4,719.00
January 31, 2021	\$3,700.00	\$2,516.61



"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)



# St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754

February 7, 2021 † 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil Mass Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass (English)	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass (Bilingual)	12:00 p.m.
Holy Days	8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Monday • Tuesday • Thursday	8:00 a.m.
Wednesday & Friday	12:00 p.m.

Pastor ♦ Rev. Fr. Joseph Kunnelaya T.

Secretary ♦ Karin Jones

Parish Office Hours ♦ Monday–Thursday ♦ 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Parish Office Telephone: (541) 447-6475

Fr. Joseph: 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. ♦ (541) 420-4458

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Funeral Director for Music ♦ Garilynn Tocher



### Confessions

Wednesdays: 11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 3:30–4:30 p.m.

(other times by appointment)

### Anointing of the Sick

Contact Fr. Joseph for this Sacrament

♦ DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET & CENACLE GROUP: Every Monday after the 8 a.m. Mass.

♦ 1ST FRIDAYS OF THE MONTH: Mass is at 12 p.m., with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a Holy Hour of Prayer with the Rosary, Litany of St. Joseph, and Benediction after Mass.

♦ REMAINING FRIDAYS: Mass is at 12 p.m., with the Rosary and Benediction after Mass.



### Baptisms

Baptisms will be held on 2nd Saturdays of the month in English and on 4th Saturdays in Spanish. Parents of children to be baptized must be registered members of the parish 6 months prior to baptism.

A Baptismal Preparation Class is mandatory for both parents and godparents.

For more information, call the Parish Office.

### Marriages

Couples need to make an appointment with Fr. Joseph 6 months before the proposed date.

A Marriage Preparation Course is mandatory.

### MASS INTENTIONS / DAILY READINGS

The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition.

➡ Please Call the Parish Office to Have a Mass Intention Reserved. ⬅

Monday	02/08/2021	8:00 a.m.	Divine Mercy Cenacle Group	Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56
Tuesday	02/09/2021	8:00 a.m.	Amelia Caraveo (L)	Genesis 1:20-2:4a; Mark 7:1-13
Wednesday	02/10/2021	12:00 p.m.	David Sullivan (D)	Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mark 7:14-23*
Thursday	02/11/2021	8:00 a.m.	Rev. Luke Sheehan (D)	Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30
Friday	02/12/2021	12:00 p.m.	Charles Lincoln (D)	Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37
Saturday	02/13/2021	5:00 p.m.	Tina Hill (L)	Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45
Sunday	02/14/2021	9:00 a.m.	Rev. John O'Donovan (D)	Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45
Sunday	02/14/2021	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Parish Family (L)	Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45

\*Memorial ♦ (L) = Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

# Today's Homily

TODAY'S READINGS challenge us to avoid Job's pessimistic and desperate view of life as a chain of pain and sufferings, and to accept life with hope and optimism as a precious gift from God, using it to do good for

others and spending our time, talents, and lives for others as Jesus did and as St. Paul did.

While the Gospel presents Jesus enthusiastically living out his Sabbath day of preaching and healing ministry, the first reading details Job's frustrations in striking contrast: Job complains of the tedium and futility of life and the miseries of human existence. But, eventually, his eyes opened by God, Job surrenders himself, his suffering, his work, and everything he had and lost to God's greater wisdom (Job 42:1-6).

Job's miseries also marked the condition of the people who came to Jesus for healing. Jesus overturns the human condition, bringing hope and healing—then and now.

The second reading reveals Paul to us as a true, dynamic follower of Jesus, moved as Jesus was by concern for the lost, which led him to preach the Gospel without cost to the people, and to serve them as their slave with Jesus' love and fidelity.

Pointing out the spontaneous response of Peter's mother-in-law after she had been healed by Jesus, today's Gospel teaches us that true discipleship means giving selfless, loving service to others. Mark shows us a typical Sabbath day in Jesus' ministry: taking part in the synagogue worship, teaching with authority, exorcising a demon, healing Simon's mother-in-law and, after sundown,



curing “many who were sick with various diseases [driving] out many demons”—a full day and evening of selfless ministry.

Yet, Jesus rises early the next morning and goes off “to a deserted

place” to pray, in order to assess His work before God, His Father, and to recharge His spiritual batteries.

We need to be instruments for Jesus' healing work. Bringing *healing and wholeness* is Jesus' ministry even today. We all need healing for our minds, our memories, and our broken relationships, and now Jesus is also using counselors, doctors, friends, or even strangers in his healing ministry.

Let us ask for the ordinary healing we need in our own lives. When we are healed, let us not forget to thank Jesus for His goodness, mercy, and compassion by turning to serve others.

Our own healing process is completed only when we are ready to help others in their needs, and to focus on things outside ourselves. Let us also be instruments for Jesus' healing by visiting the sick and praying for their healing. But, let us remember that we need the Lord's strength—not only to make ourselves and others well—but to make us and others whole.

Jesus was a man for others, sharing what He had with others. In His life, there was time for prayer, time for healing, and time for reconciliation. Let us take up this challenge by sharing love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness with others.

Instead of considering life as dull and pointless, let us live our lives as Jesus did—full of dynamism and zeal for the glory of God.

## The Year of St. Joseph

\*Wednesday, February 10th  
Memorial of St. Scholastica, Virgin



St. Scholastica, was St. Benedict's sister. She consecrated her life to God from her earliest youth. She founded and governed a monastery of nuns, about five miles from that of St. Benedict.

She visited her brother once a year and, on one occasion, they had passed the time as usual in prayer and pious conversation.

St. Scholastica begged her brother to remain until the next day, but he refused to spend the night outside his monastery. She had recourse to prayer, and a furious thunderstorm burst so that neither St. Benedict nor any of his companions could return home.

The next morning they parted, never to meet again on the face of the earth, because three days later, St. Scholastica died—and her holy brother beheld her soul in a vision as it ascended into heaven. He sent his brethren to bring her body to his monastery where he laid it in the tomb he had prepared for himself. She died about the year 543, and St. Benedict followed her soon after.

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### Cathedral Conservation Collection

Have you been to St. Francis de Sales Cathedral in Baker City? If you have, then you know how beautiful this historic church is and how blessed we are to call it our “Mother Church.”

Today, there will be a second collection for the 2021 Cathedral Conservation Collection. Please use the yellow envelope (table in narthex) with your gift in the second collection basket. The immediate and projected work will be the repainting of all the building trim, as well as the extensive work on the stairs and sidewalks.

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### CSR—Operation Rice Bowl

As part of our Lenten Journey, all are asked to please take home a CRS Rice Bowl (on the table in the narthex) and, during Lent, make a commitment to fill the bowl with all your spare change (no pennies please). Religious Education Children will receive theirs in class. Keep your Rice Bowl until after Easter, and then return it to the Church Offertory or to the Parish Office.

**Just a reminder that you need to wear a mask at Mass—unless you have health issues.**

### The Prayer List

Daniel & Marilyn Gilday  
Linda Arian ♦ Frederick Smit  
Joe Morales ♦ The Fray Family  
Terrance Holmes ♦ Tom Burke  
Bob George ♦ Marilyn & Slim Trahan



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### Sunday Rosary

02/14: Ushers  
02/21: Knights of Columbus  
02/28: Extraordinary Ministers

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### Plenary Indulgences for the Year of St. Joseph

Perform one of the spiritual works of mercy, such as comforting the sorrowful, counseling the doubtful, instructing the ignorant, admonishing the sinner, bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving injuries, and praying for the living and the dead.

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### Circle of Grace

Circle of Grace educates and empowers children and young people to actively participate in a safe environment for themselves and others, while being taught in the framework of our Catholic faith. Circle of Grace Lessons bring God and our Catholic beliefs into the center of child protection by teaching them of God's real presence in their lives, the respect for themselves and others, and the skills for good decision making.

February 10th: All grades  
February 24th: Grades 3, 6, 9  
March 10th: Grades 3, 6, 9  
March 17th: Grades 6-9

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### Chrism Mass



The Chrism Mass will be held on **March 24th at 11 a.m.** The Mass is in Baker City at the Cathedral. Please note because of our recent pandemic, only 100 guests from the entire Diocese of Baker will be able to attend. If you would like to **commit** to going, please provide your name, phone number, and email address, as well as how many are in your party. Everyone needs a ticket to attend, and this will be determined by a drawing. The deadline to submit your information is **February 28th**. Please call the Parish Office, or stop by if you want your name entered in the drawing.