

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"Free" by Meister Eckhart†

†Eckhart von Hochheim, O.P., commonly known as Meister Eckhart, was a German theologian, philosopher and mystic, born in 1260 near Gotha in the Landgraviate of Thuringia in the Holy Roman Empire.

On his way to church, a scholar was surprised to see a man in tattered clothes and barefoot. Nevertheless, as a good Christian, he greeted the poor man: "May God give you a good morning!"

The poor man replied cheerfully, "I have never yet had a bad morning."

"Then, may God give you good luck!"

"I have never yet had bad luck."

"Well, may God give you happiness!"

"I have never yet been unhappy."

The scholar then asked the man, "Could you please explain yourself to me? I do not understand."

And the poor man replied, "With pleasure! You wish me a good morning, yet I have never had a bad morning. For when I am hungry, I praise God; when I feel cold, or when it is raining or snowing, I praise God; and that is why I have never had a bad morning."

"You wish that God may give me luck. However, I have never had bad luck. This is because I live with God and always feel what he does for me is the best. Whatever God sends me, be it pleasant or unpleasant, I accept with a grateful heart. That is why I have never had bad luck."

"Finally, you wish that God should make me happy. But I have never been unhappy. For all I desire is to follow God's will; I have surrendered my will so totally to God's will that, whatever God wants, that is what I also want."

"And that is why I have never been unhappy."

—Prayerful Wishes, Fr. Joseph

TO BE FULL OF THINGS IS TO BE EMPTY OF GOD. TO BE EMPTY OF THINGS IS TO BE FULL OF GOD.

Meister Eckhart

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	
January 31, 2021		



"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 97751
January 24, 2021 † 3rd 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.

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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	01/25/2021	8:00 a.m.	—No Mass—	Acts of the Apostles 22:3-16; Mark 16:15-18*
Tuesday	01/26/2021	8:00 a.m.	—No Mass—	2 Timothy 1:1-8; Mark 3:31-35**
Wednesday	01/27/2021	12:00 p.m.	Caroline Williamson (D)	Hebrews 10:11-18; Mark 4:1-20
Thursday	01/28/2021	8:00 a.m.	Barbara Hanson (D)	Hebrews 10:19-25; Mark 4:21-25**
Friday	01/29/2021	12:00 p.m.	Dan Husar (L)	Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34
Saturday	01/30/2021	5:00 p.m.	Lu Streetman (D)	Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28
Sunday	01/31/2021	9:00 a.m.	Martha Ruyter (D)	Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28
Sunday	01/31/2021	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Parish Family (L)	Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28

*Feast / **Memorial ♦ (L) = Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

Today's Homily

GOD'S CALL to discipleship, with the response of **repentance, conversion and renewal** of life expected from us, is the main theme of today's readings.

The first reading tells us how the response of the prophet Jonah, when God called him and told him to go to Nineveh, was to take a ship immediately for the furthest point he could get to in the

opposite direction from Nineveh! Why? We don't know. Perhaps he was scared. Or, perhaps it was because he hated the Gentile people of Nineveh and thought that they were not worthy of God's gracious mercy.

In any case, Jonah ran away. God had to halt Jonah in his flight, and give him three days' "down time" in the belly of that great fish before the prophet was ready to accept the Lord God's "second chance," and go to preach repentance to the people of Nineveh.

Far from being hostile, however, the people and the King of Nineveh, promptly responded to God's word as preached by His prophet, repenting in sackcloth with a fast—just on the chance that the Lord God "might" spare them.

Today's Gospel describes how Jesus came to Galilee and began preaching, challenging people to "**repent and believe** in the **Gospel.**" Just as John did, Jesus also called for **repentance**, meaning a change in one's mind or in the direction of one's life, setting new priorities. Repentance also means hating sin, not just being sorry for the consequences of one's sins.

Believing in the Gospel demands from the hearers a resolution to take Jesus' words seriously, to translate them into action, and to put trust in Jesus' authority.

Jesus preached the **Gospel**, or Good News, that God is a loving, forgiving, caring and merciful Father, Who wants to liberate us, and save us from our sins through His son Jesus. By describing the call of Jesus' first disciples—Andrew, Peter, James and John—today's Gospel also emphasizes how we, sinners, are



to respond to God's call with total commitment by abandoning our accustomed style of sinful life.

Jesus started his public ministry immediately after John the Baptist was arrested. According to Mark, Jesus selected four fishermen, Andrew and his brother Peter, with James and his brother John, right from their fishing boats. Jesus wanted these ordinary, hard-working people as

assistants for his ministry because they would be very responsive and generous instruments in the hands of God.

The two greatest aspects of discipleship in Mark are being with Jesus and sharing in his mission. Disciples are invited to be with Jesus on a great spiritual journey and to share in Jesus' mission of proclaiming God's Kingdom in word and deed.

Every one of us is called by God, both individually, and collectively as a parish community, to continue Jesus' mission of preaching the Good News of God's Kingdom and healing the sick.

We are called individually to a way of life or vocation: whatever our vocation may be, our own unique vocation should enable us to become what God wants us to be. As St. Francis de Sales puts it, we are expected to bloom where we are planted.

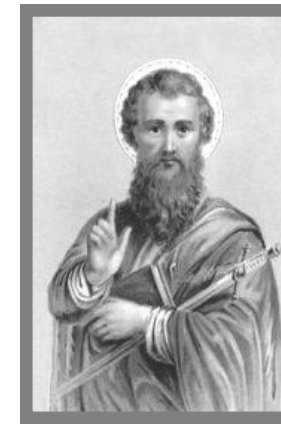
Our call, of course, begins with our Baptism and the other Sacraments of Initiation. It is strengthened through the years with the Eucharist and Reconciliation, healed and consoled by Anointing and, for those so called, made manifest in the Sacraments of Matrimony or Holy Orders. The amazing truth is that God is relentless in calling us back to Himself even when we stray away from Him.

Let us be thankful to God for His Divine grace of calling us to be members of the true Church. Let us remember that it is our vocation in life as Christians to transmit Christ's Light through our living, radiating Jesus' unconditional love, mercy, forgiveness and humble service to all in our society.

The Year of St. Joseph

*Monday, January 25th

Feast Day of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

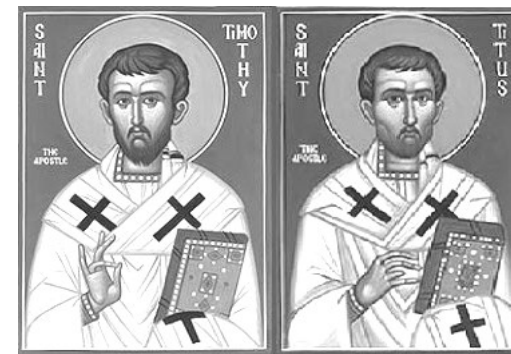


Saul of Tarsus, who later changed his name to Paul, was a Pharisee and a fierce persecutor of Christians in the period immediately after the Resurrection of Christ. While on the road to Damascus, Christ himself appeared to him, saying: "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" Saul fell to the ground and lost his vision, which was restored to him by Ananias, who also baptized Saul.

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**Tuesday, January 26th

Memorial of St. Timothy and St. Titus, Bishops



Both Timothy and Titus were disciples of St. Paul. Timothy had a pagan father and a Jewish mother. His mother converted and was baptized with him. He met Paul during Paul's second journey and was sent by him as Bishop of Ephesus.

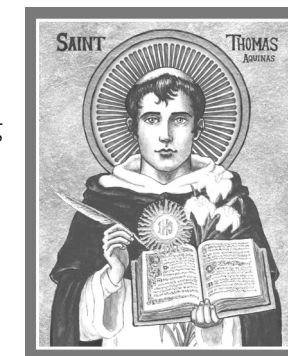
Titus was a Greek pagan, probably converted by Paul, and becoming his invaluable helper—in particular in the question of the Corinthians and at the Council of Jerusalem. He was Bishop of Gortyna on Crete.

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**Thursday, January 28th

Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor

Born at Roccasecca near Aquino, around 1225, Thomas was educated in the Abbey of Monte Cassino, where his religious calling he developed and matured. He became a Dominican Friar, a Philosopher, a Priest, and a Doctor of the Church. He studied in Paris with Albert the Great, with further studies in Cologne.



The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pope Francis has devoted this Sunday to the celebration and study of the Word of God. He invites us never to take God's Word for granted, "... but, instead, to let ourselves be nourished by it, in order to acknowledge and live fully our relationship with Him and with our brothers and sisters."

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PLEASE NOTE:

**There will be no Mass on Monday and Tuesday, January 25th and 26th—
Fr. Joseph will be out of the office.**

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Looking for Volunteers

The Executive and Pastoral Committees are in need of a Chairperson. If you would like more information or would like to be part of either Committee, please speak with Fr. Joseph.



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Update to First Friday

Please note that on the First Friday of every month, the Litany of St. Joseph will be said after the Rosary.

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The Prayer List



**Linda Arian ♦ Frederick Smit
Lyn Rodgers ♦ Tom Burke
Joe Morales ♦ The Fray Family
Bob George ♦ Marilyn & Slim Trahan
Sister Barbara ♦ Daniel & Marilyn Gilday**

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Sunday Rosary

01/31/2021: Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

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Year of St. Joseph, Pope Francis

When Joseph learned that Mary carried within her womb the Lord of Heaven, he feared to take her as his wife. But an angel told him not to fear, and all his doubts vanished. When Herod sought the life of the divine infant, an angel told Joseph in a dream to flee with the Child and His Mother in Egypt. Joseph at once arose and obeyed.

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Plenary Indulgences for the Year of St. Joseph

4) Entrust one's daily work and activity to the protection of St. Joseph the Worker.