

# Fr. Joseph's Corner

## The Power of Prayer

When we feel all hope has gone, and we slip into despair, A good friend may remind us, there is the power of prayer.

Life has no further meaning; we have no wish to carry on, Distraught has taken over our loved ones, dead and gone.

At the time we may feel angry, and say, Lord, it is not fair. Then we get the inner feeling there is the power of prayer.

In the past we may not realize what the power of prayer can do.

Until we face the crosses that saddens me and you.

Each and every one of us have borne misery and tears, The power of prayer is always there to heal our hidden fears.

A loved one may have left us, for a reason we do not know.

Only prayer can help us; the progress can be slow.

It is said that prayer moves mountains; we believe it very true.

If that belief is strong enough, peace will come to me and you.

When the trials of life are upon us, and we find it hard to bear, Do not despair! Help is there! It is the power of prayer.

The time may be delayed, but the answer is sure to come, The feeling of an inner peace is felt when day is done.

With our troubles all behind us; all the hurts we could not bear, All our peace of mind returned—through the power of prayer.



### 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		

*“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  
January 31, 2021 † 4th 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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**Director of Religious Education ♦ Barbara Dalton**

**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	02/01/2021	8:00 a.m.	Dolores Myers (D)	Hebrews 11:32-40; Mark 5:1-20
Tuesday	02/02/2021	8:00 a.m.	Gloria Wilcox (D)	Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40*
Wednesday	02/03/2021	12:00 p.m.	Naomi Blankenship (D)	Romans 5:1-5; Mark 16:15-20**
Thursday	02/04/2021	8:00 a.m.	Dan Sullivan (D)	Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24; Mark 6:7-13
Friday	02/05/2021	12:00 p.m.	Matthew Walwork (D)	Hebrews 13:1-8; Mark 6:14-29**
Saturday	02/06/2021	5:00 p.m.	Joanne Wheeler (D)	Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39
Sunday	02/07/2021	9:00 a.m.	Bud Redfern (D)	Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39
Sunday	02/07/2021	12:00 p.m.	Villalva Family (L)	Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39

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

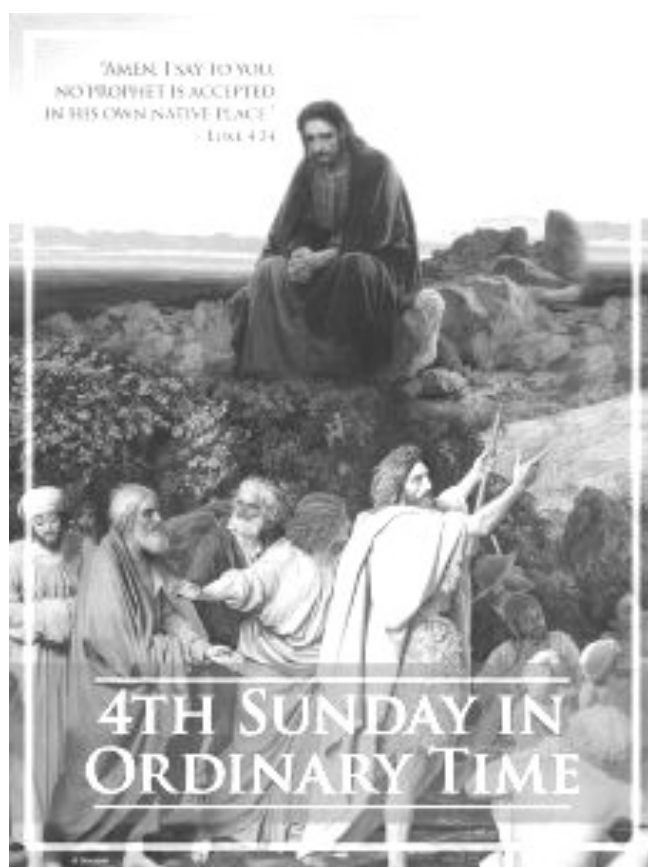
# Today's Homily

THE COMMON THEME of today's readings is Divine authority, as exercised in this world by the prophets of the Old Testament in their messages, by the apostles (including St. Paul), in their writings and teaching in the New Testament, and by Jesus in his teaching and healing ministry.

In today's Gospel, Mark describes one sample Sabbath day of Jesus' public life. Jesus joins in public worship in the synagogue as a practicing Jew, heals the sick, drives out evil spirits and prays privately. People immediately noticed that Jesus teaches with authority and heals with Divine power. Jesus explains the Scriptures with complete confidence, and when questioned by people, he answered with authority.

In every Jewish settlement of more than 10 families, there is a synagogue. The synagogue was a place of instruction and Sabbath prayers. The synagogue service consisted of three parts—**prayer, the reading of God's word, and the exposition of it** made by anyone who wished to do so.

In this chapter, Mark tells us that in the local synagogue, Jesus *taught with authority*. This means that Jesus explained the Scriptures with complete confidence, and when questioned by people, he answered with authority. He spoke as if he relied on no one beyond himself. He cited no authorities or experts. Mark also records the *impact Jesus had* on those who heard him. We are told how *amazed* people were *at the authority with which* he preached. Jesus also showed his power and authority by curing the sick and granting forgiveness to people.



In the synagogue, there was a man who was troubled by an unclean spirit. Everyone in the ancient Biblical world feared evil spirits and believed in demonic possession. People believed that demons or “unclean spirits” living inside the people caused leprosy, lameness, paralysis, etc. Even in the 21st Century, we still believe in the existence of unclean spirits. How else can we explain the sudden explosions of anger that occur, the suicidal impulses, the intense jealousies, wild sexual fantasies, or overwhelming feelings of depression?

We, as human beings, are keenly aware of these unclean spirits. We often wonder where the “unclean thoughts” come from, and why we can't rid ourselves of them.

Victory over the unclean spirit, as the devil is usually described, is a clear sign that God's salvation has come: by overcoming the Evil One, Jesus shows that He is the Messiah, the Savior—more powerful than the demons.

The demoniac cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?”

What does Jesus have to do with these unclean spirits that live in each one of us?

The answer we find in the Gospel is equally true today: Jesus came to destroy the unclean spirits living inside of us. That is one of the reasons why Jesus came to earth in the first place, and one of the reasons why he continues His presence in our lives. Jesus came to drive out those unclean spirits within us, to wash them away, to cleanse our lives of them.

Let us put ourselves under His authority, and He will liberate us.

## The Year of St. Joseph

### \*Tuesday, February 2nd Feast of the Presentation of the Lord—Candlemas



According to Luke's Gospel, the presentation of Jesus and the purification of Mary, His Blessed Mother, took place in the Temple on the same day, and both are remembered at Mass on **February 2nd**.

Also, in several countries, Candlemas is simultaneously celebrated on this day. Many Christians consider Jesus as the “light of the world,” so it is fitting that candles are blessed on this day.

*Please bring your candles to Mass to have them blessed by Fr. Joseph.*

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### \*\*Wednesday, February 3rd Memorial to St. Blaise Bishop and Martyr

St. Blaise was one of the early martyrs known as the Fourteen Holy Helpers invoked against various diseases. Although we know very little of St. Blaise's life, he is reputed to have been a doctor who healed a boy choking on a fish bone; accordingly, this healer and martyr is invoked against illnesses of the throat.

*On this day at Mass, there will be the Blessing of the Throats.*



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### \*\*Friday, February 5th Memorial of St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr



St. Agatha was a virgin martyr of the 3rd Century whose breasts were cut off by her persecutors. Although she was very beautiful and came from a prominent and privileged family, St. Agatha displayed courage beyond her years when she accepted martyrdom rather than abandon her faith.

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### Masks

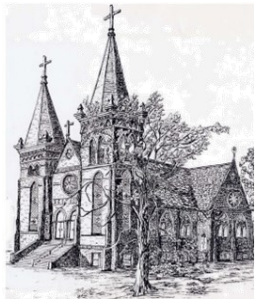
Just a reminder that you need to wear a mask at Mass—unless you have health issues.

### Cathedral Conservation Collection

Thank you for your generosity in 2020 to the Cathedral Conservation Collection. Your gifts of \$73,105 made it possible to replace the boiler and do extensive stonework repair around the outside of the Cathedral.

The 2021 proceeds will provide for the repainting of all the building trim, as well as the extensive work on the stairs and sidewalks.

Please consider supporting your Cathedral again this year through a second collection **next weekend, February 6th and 7th**. Envelopes will be on the table in the Narthex of the Church.



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### Sunday Rosary



02/07: Daughters of St. Joseph  
02/14: Ushers  
02/21: Knights of Columbus  
02/28: Extraordinary Ministers

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

Follow St. Joseph's example in performing a corporal work of mercy. These include feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, visiting the imprisoned, visiting the sick, and burying the dead.

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### Honoring St. Joseph



In our Catholic Tradition, Wednesday is the day of the week devoted to St. Joseph. As the steady center of the Holy Family, he is the patron saint of workers, families, homes and a happy death. Here are suggestions for how to make a run-of-the-mill Wednesday more special by honoring him:

1. Send prayers, a Mass card or devotional to someone in need.
2. Send extra love to your own father, stepfather, or foster father.
3. Drop off a meal to a family in need.