

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"Who Will Take the Son?" (Author Unknown)

A wealthy man and his son loved to collect rare works of art. They had everything in their collection—from Picasso to Raphael. They would often sit together and admire their great works of art.

When the conflict in Iraq broke out, the son went to war. He was very courageous and died in battle while rescuing another soldier. The father was notified and grieved deeply for his only son.

About a month later, just before Easter, there was a knock at the door. A young man stood at the door with a large package in his hands. He said, "Sir, you don't know me, but I am the soldier for whom your son gave his life. He saved many lives that day, and he was carrying me to safety when a bullet struck him in the heart, and he died instantly. He often talked about you, and your love for art."

The young man held out his package. "I know this isn't much. I'm not really a great artist, but I think your son would have wanted you to have this."

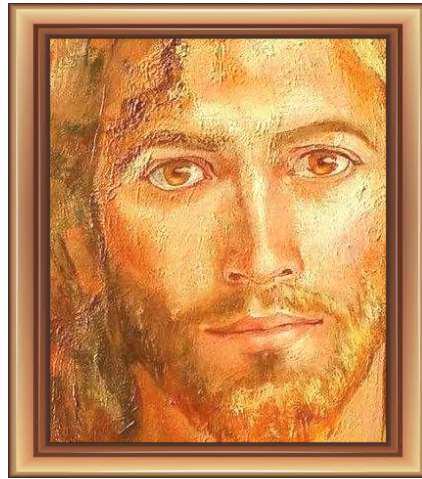
The father opened the package. It was a portrait of his son, painted by the young man. He stared in awe at the way the soldier had captured the personality of his son in the painting. The father was so drawn to the eyes that his own eyes welled up with tears. He thanked the young man and offered to pay him for the picture.

"Oh no, sir, I could never repay what your son did for me. It's a gift."

The father hung the portrait over his mantle. Every time visitors came to his home, he took them to see the portrait of his son before he showed them any of the other great works he had collected.

Sadly, the man died a few weeks later, and there was going to be a great auction of his art collection. Many influential people gathered, excited over seeing the great paintings and having an opportunity to purchase one for their own collections.

On the platform sat the painting of the son, and the auctioneer pounded his gavel. "We will start the bid-



ding with this picture of the son. Who will bid for this painting?"

There was dead silence until a voice in the back of the room shouted, "We want to see the famous paintings. Skip this one."

But the auctioneer persisted. "Will someone bid for this painting? Who will start the bidding—\$100, \$200?"

Then another voice shouted angrily. "We didn't come for this one. We came for the Van Goghs, the Rembrandts. Get on with the real bids!" But, still, the auctioneer continued: "The son! The son! Who will take the son?" When, finally, a voice came from the very back of the room. It was the long-time gardener of the man and his son.

"I'll give \$10!" (Being a poor man, it was all he could afford.) So the auctioneer said, "We have \$10! Who will bid \$20?" Someone said, "Give it to him for \$10. Let's see the masters." But the auctioneer continued: "\$10 is the bid. Won't someone bid \$20?"

The crowd was getting angry. They didn't want the picture of the son. They wanted the more worthy art for their collections. So, finally, the auctioneer pounded the gavel and said, "Going once. Going twice. SOLD for \$10!"

A man sitting on the second row shouted. "Now let's get on with the collection!" But, the auctioneer laid down his gavel and said, "I'm sorry. The auction is over."

"What about the paintings?" they shouted. "I'm sorry, he said. When I was called to conduct this auction, I was told of a secret stipulation in the will that I was not allowed to reveal until this time. Only the painting of the son would be auctioned. Whoever bought it would inherit the entire estate." The man who took the son gets everything!"



God gave His Son 2,000 years ago to die on a cruel cross. Much like the auctioneer, His message today is, "The Son, the Son—who'll take the Son?" Because, you see, whoever takes the Son gets everything!

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph

November 2020 Weekly Offertory

Date	Needed	Offering
March 7, 2021	\$3,700.00	\$4,309.00
March 14, 2021	\$3,700.00	\$5,167.00
March 21, 2021	\$3,700.00	\$3,009.25
March 28, 2021	\$3,700.00	

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

St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754
March 28, 2021 † Palm Sunday

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.

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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	03/29/2021	8:00 a.m.	Vince Jollo (D)	Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11
Tuesday	03/30/2021	8:00 a.m.	Agnetta Jones (L)	Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday	03/31/2021	12:00 p.m.	Mura Miller (D)	Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25
Thursday*	04/01/2021	7:00 p.m.	David Geiman (D)	Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15
Friday*	04/02/2021		—Good Friday—	Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
Saturday	04/03/2021	7:00 p.m.	Jennie Bachman (D)	Gen. 1:1-2:2; Ex. 14:15-15:1; Ez. 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom. 6:3-11; Mark 16:1-7
Sunday	04/04/2021	9:00 a.m.	Alejandra Robles D)	Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9
Sunday	04/04/2021	12:00 p.m.	Sacramento Ortiz (D)	Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

*No Daily Mass ♦ (L) = Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

Today's Homily

THE CHURCH celebrates today as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. It is on Palm Sunday that we enter Holy Week, and welcome Jesus into our lives, asking Him to allow us a share in His suffering, death and resurrection.

This is also the time when we remember and relive the events that brought about our redemption and salvation. That is why the Holy Week liturgy presents us with the actual events of the dying and rising of Jesus.

The liturgy also enables us to experience vicariously, here and now, what Jesus went through then. In other words, we commemorate and relive during this week our own dying to sin and selfishness, and rising in Jesus, which result in our healing, reconciliation and redemption.

Just as Jesus did, we, too, must lay down our lives freely by actively participating in the Holy Week liturgies. In doing so, we are allowing Jesus to forgive us our sins, to heal the wounds in us caused by our sins and the sins of others, and to transform us more completely into the image and likeness of God. Thus, we shall be able to live more fully the divine life we received at Baptism. Proper participation in the Holy Week liturgy will also deepen our relationship with God, increase our faith, and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus.

But let us remember that Holy Week can become "holy" for us only if we actively and consciously take part in the liturgies of this week. This is also the week when we should lighten the burden of Christ's passion as daily experienced by the hungry, the poor, the sick, the homeless, the lonely and the outcast through our corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

The Palm/Passion Sunday liturgy combines contrasting moments—one of glory—the other of suffering: the welcome of Jesus into Jerusalem and the drama of His unjust trial and suffering, culminating in His crucifixion and death.

You have been practicing self-discipline through fasting. You were generous in alms-giving through various ways. You were praying specially during this



Lent. You also have been using the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the Holy Week. Now we have come to it.

Today we commence the Holy Week with the blessing of and procession with the palms, remembering the solemn entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

This Palm Sunday is also known as Passion Sunday. The word "passion" normally used to mean "compelling love" or "boundless enthusiasm." But, the name "Passion" for this Sunday is from the Latin word *passio*, meaning "suffering." In fact, what we remember and celebrate today is the love of God, the Father, who gave His only Son to suffer on the cross for the remission of our sins.

Jesus, the Son of God, was so full of His Father's love that He walked the way of the Cross. Even when everyone—including His chosen disciples deserted—Him, Jesus did not waiver.

Even when the thought of the coming crucifixion was so agonizing, He prayed in Gethsemane: "Let it be as you, not as I, would have it."

No amount of mockery or violence dissuaded Our Lord from the self-sacrifice on the Cross for our sins.

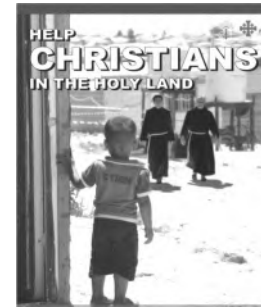
Although the execution of Christ on the cross was a scandal for many people, the early Christians preached it boldly because they knew that Christ is not lost—the risen Christ is still with them. Since then, all generations preached the Cross everywhere.

We, too, preach and celebrate it today. It is because we know, just as the early Christians did, the Cross on the Calvary was not the end of the story. Resurrection followed it, and Christ has won victory over death.

Like the donkey, we are called upon to carry Christ to a world that does not know Him. Let us always remember that a Christian without Christ is a contradiction in terms. Such a one betrays the Christian message. Therefore, let us become transparent Christians during this Holy Week, enabling others to see in us Jesus' universal love, unconditional forgiveness and sacrificial service.

The Year of St. Joseph

Pontifical Good Friday Collection



Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection on April 2nd**, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. This collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, this collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. *Please be generous!*

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

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Sunday Rosary

- 04/04/21: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- 04/11/21: St. Vincent de Paul
- 04/18/21: Knights of Columbus
- 04/25/21: Lectors



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The Prayer List

- Linda Arian ♦ Frederick Smit
- Bob George ♦ Terrance Holmes
- Daniel & Marilyn Gilday
- Jacqueline Iverson
- Mike Mulvihill

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No Daily Mass

There will be no Daily Mass on Thursday and Friday April 1st and 2nd.

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Latin Mass

The Latin Mass will be celebrated on **Easter Sunday, April 4th, 8:30 a.m.**, at the Historic Catholic Church in downtown Bend, Oregon.

Effective on **Sunday, April 18th**, the Latin Mass will change from **9:30 to 9 a.m.** every Sunday. Confession will be available before Mass.



Holy Triduum

The Sacred Triduum contains the three holiest days of the year in which we celebrate the Lord Jesus' Paschal Mystery (His Passion, Death and Resurrection and, ultimately, His glorious Ascension later in the Easter season.



Holy Thursday, April 1st—The evening Mass on Holy Thursday is referred to as The Mass of the Lord's Supper. This is where the Church re-lives the institution of the +Eucharist and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Last Supper, as well as the institution of the priesthood, which took place the evening before Jesus was crucified.

After the homily there is an optional "washing of the feet" ceremony, where the priest washes the feet of others to signify his role as servant—just as Jesus did with his disciples (this will not take place this year). Extra hosts are consecrated at this Mass to be used on Good Friday when no Mass will be celebrated.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday concludes with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the "altar of repose,"—a place where the consecrated Host is kept, away from the main altar where Mass is normally celebrated. (*Mass is at 7 p.m.*)

Good Friday, April 2nd—A *mandatory day of fasting and abstinence*. This is the day of the crucifixion, the day Jesus died for the sins of the world.

The parish altar looks very different on Good Friday: it is plain and bare. There is no consecrated Hosts in the tabernacle at the main altar of the church; it was carried away on Holy Thursday night to the "altar of repose" to signify Jesus' death. The candle by the tabernacle is blown out, and the tabernacle doors are left open to show that it is empty. Jesus is gone. This is quite dramatic, reminding us that Good Friday is a solemn day of mourning and prayer.

The ceremony on Good Friday is not a Mass—it is a communion service using the consecrated hosts from Holy Thursday. Good Friday is the only day of the year on which there are no Masses offered.

Veneration of the Cross usually takes place at this service when the priest and faithful kneel before a cross and kiss it. (*Stations of the Cross at 3 p.m. / Communion is at 6 p.m.*)

Holy Saturday, April 3rd—A Vigil Mass is held after nightfall on Holy Saturday, or before dawn on Easter Sunday, in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. This is called the Easter Vigil: the most glorious, beautiful, and dramatic liturgy for the Church.

The Easter Vigil is divided into four parts and can last up to three hours: 1) the Service of Light, 2) the Liturgy of the Word, 3) the Liturgy of Baptism, and 4) the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

This is also the Mass in which many RCIA catechumens are brought into full communion with the Catholic Church. (*Mass is at 7 p.m.*)