

# Fr. Joseph's Corner

## St. Faustina and the Image of the Divine Mercy

St. Faustina of Poland is the well-known apostle of Divine Mercy. On the 30th of April 2000, at 10 a.m., on the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday, the Feast requested by Jesus in His communications with St. Faustina), His Holiness Pope St. John Paul II celebrated the Eucharist in St. Peter's Square and proceeded to the canonization of Blessed Sister Faustina. [John Paul himself would be canonized on this same Feast Day—April 27 in 2014—by Pope Francis.]



Saint Faustina invites us by the witness of her life to keep our Faith and Hope fixed on God the Father, rich in mercy, Who saved us by the precious Blood of His Son. During her short life, the Lord Jesus assigned to St. Faustina three basic tasks:

1) to pray for souls, entrusting them to God's incomprehensible Mercy; 2) to tell the world about God's generous Mercy; and

3) to start a new movement in the Church focusing on God's Mercy.

At the canonization of St. Faustina, Pope St. John Paul II said: "The cross, even after the Resurrection of the Son of God, speaks, and never ceases to speak, of God the Father, Who is absolutely faithful to His eternal love for man. . . . Believing in this love means believing in mercy."

"The Lord of Divine Mercy," a drawing of Jesus based on the vision given to St. Faustina, shows Jesus raising his right hand in a gesture of blessing, with His left hand on his heart from which gush forth two rays, one red and one white. The picture contains the message, "Jesus, I trust in You!" (*Jezu ufam Tobie*). The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: red for the Blood of Jesus, which is the life of souls and white for the Baptismal water which justifies souls. The whole image is symbolic of the mercy, forgiveness and love of God.

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph

### November 2020 Weekly Offertory

Date	Needed	Offering
April 4, 2021	\$3,700.00	\$5,317.00
April 11, 2021	\$3,700.00	
April 18, 2021	\$3,700.00	
April 25, 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

April 11, 2021 † Divine Mercy 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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Secretary ♦ Karin Jones

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

Parish Office Telephone: (541) 447-6475

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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	04/12/2021	8:00 a.m.	—No Daily Mass—	Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8
Tuesday*	04/13/2021	8:00 a.m.	—No Daily Mass—	Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15
Wednesday*	04/14/2021	12:00 p.m.	—No Daily Mass—	Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21
Thursday*	04/15/2021	8:00 a.m.	—No Daily Mass—	Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36
Friday*	04/16/2021	12:00 p.m.	—No Daily Mass—	Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15
Saturday	04/17/2021	5:00 p.m.	Lon Taylor (D)	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48
Sunday	04/18/2021	9:00 a.m.	Julia Geiman (D)	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48
Sunday	04/18/2021	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Parish	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48

\*Priests' Retreat ♦ (L) = Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

# Today's Homily

THE READINGS FOR this Divine Mercy Sunday are about God's mercy, the necessity for trusting Faith and the need for the forgiveness of sins. The opening prayer addresses the Father as "God of everlasting Mercy." In the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 118), we repeat three times, "His mercy endures forever!" God revealed His mercy, first and foremost, by sending His only begotten Son, Jesus, who would become our Savior and Lord through His suffering, death and Resurrection.

Divine Mercy, or the unconditional love of God, is given to us also in each celebration of the Sacraments, especially that of Reconciliation.

The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, explains how the Risen Lord continued to show His Divine Mercy to the sick through the healing and preaching ministry of the apostles in the early Church. The Faith of the apostles enabled them to minister to the people, giving them the Lord's healing love in "signs and wonders."

The second reading, taken from the Book of Revelation, given by Jesus to the Apostle John in exile on Patmos, was intended to comfort and bolster the Faith of persecuted Christians for all time. Today's selection assures us of the presence of the merciful Lord in our lives and encourages all of us to fight fear with Faith, and trepidation about the future with trust and Hope.

Today's Gospel recalls Jesus' institution of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Sacrament of Divine Mercy. The Risen Lord gave his apostles and their successors the power to forgive sins with the words, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained"



(Jn 20: 19-23). Presenting the doubting Thomas' famous profession of Faith, "My Lord and my God," the Gospel illustrates how Jesus showed his mercy to the doubting apostle and emphasizes the importance of Faith.

Let us accept God's invitation to celebrate and practice mercy: One way the Church celebrates God's mercy throughout the year is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Finding time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is another good way to receive and give thanks for Divine Mercy. It is mainly through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that we practice mercy in our daily lives and are enabled to receive God's merciful judgment.

Let us ask God for the Faith that culminates in self-surrender to God and leads us to serve those we encounter with love. Living Faith enables us to see the risen Lord in everyone and gives us the willingness to render to each one our loving service.

The spiritual Fathers prescribe the following traditional means to grow in the living and dynamic Faith of St. Thomas the Apostle:

- First, we must come to know Jesus personally and intimately by our daily and meditative reading of the Bible.
- Next, we must strengthen our Faith through our personal and community prayer.
- Third, we must share in the Divine Life of Jesus by frequenting the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist.

St. Teresa of Kolkata (Mother Teresa) presents it this way: "If we pray, we will believe; if we believe, we will love; if we love, we will serve. Only then we put our love of God into action."

## The Year of St. Joseph



### Sunday Rosary

04/11/21: St. Vincent de Paul  
04/18/21: Knights of Columbus  
04/25/21: Lectors

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### Clergy Retreat

Fr. Joseph will be on a Clergy Retreat at Mt. Angel Abbey from **Tuesday, April 12th, through Friday, April 16th.** There will not be any daily Masses during this time.

Keep Fr. Joseph in your prayers while he is away.

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### UPDATE!

The Church will be closed for remodeling from **Monday, April 12th, through Friday, April 16th.**

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### The Prayer List

Frederick Smit ♦ Bob George  
Terrance Holmes ♦ Sue Morales  
Jacqueline Iverson ♦ Mike Mulvihill  
Deacon Caleb Cunningham

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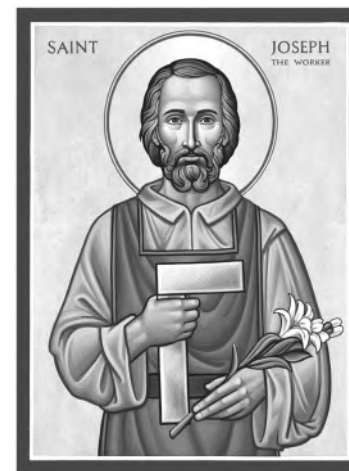


### House Blessings

If you would like to have your house blessed, please call the Parish Office at (541) 447-6475 to make an appointment to have Fr. Joseph come out on either a Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon at 3 p.m.

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### Parish Feast Day for St. Joseph



Being that it is the Year of St. Joseph, the Knights of Columbus and the Daughters of St. Joseph are preparing a feast day on **Sunday, May 2nd**, for the parishioners of St. Joseph, to honor our Patron Saint.

There will be only one Mass (bilingual) that day at 10 a.m. to be followed by a Parish Picnic. We will keep everyone updated as the plans come together.

There will be a 9-day Novena to St. Joseph starting on **Thursday, April 22nd, and ending on Friday, April 30th**, in preparation for the Feast Day on May 2nd.

### First Holy Communion

On **Saturday, April 24th, at the 5 p.m Mass, and on Sunday, April 25th, at the 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. Masses.** the celebration of the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place. All children will receive more information from their Religious Education teacher.

Girls in a simple white dress, and boys in black pants, black tie, and a white shirt.

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### Bishops Annual Appeal 2021

The 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal begins this week. This year the theme is *Free to be Faithful*. We are called to reflect on the treasure of faith as a gift to be shared and that we are all free to do just that.

The overall Appeal participation goal is **21%** and the supporting financial target is **\$600,000.**

For our Parish the participation goal is **22%** with a supporting target of **\$16,000.00.**

Many important diocesan and parish programs that help thousands in our diocese every year are made possible by your generosity such as tuition for our seminarians, clergy formation, workshops for parish catechists, diocesan-wide youth retreats, as well as assistance to our Catholic Schools.

**Next weekend, April 17th and 18th**, be sure to pick up a parish bulletin that will include an insert with more details.

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### FYI



The topmost rank of the Holy Order within the Catholic Church is that of the Bishops. This doesn't mean that all Bishops hold the same positions and responsibilities as one another. Within the role of Bishop, there are 8 separate positions that can be held by these high-ranking members of the clergy.

### 2. Patriarchs

Bishops who are the heads of several local autonomous Churches can be granted the title of Patriarch of *sui juris*. These Patriarchs are granted authority over the Bishops of their particular branch of the Church, as well as members of their congregations.

The six branches of the Church that have Patriarchs governing them are: Coptic, Melkite Greek, Maronite, Syriac, Armenian and Chaldean Catholic Church.