

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"I Took Your Place" (Author Unknown)

One Sunday, a man went to visit a church. He arrived early, parked his car, and got out.

Another car pulled up near him, and then the driver told him, "I always park there. You took my place!"

The visitor went inside the church, found an empty seat, and sat down.

Just then, a young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!"

The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but he said nothing.

After that, the visitor went into the church sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit. You took my place!"

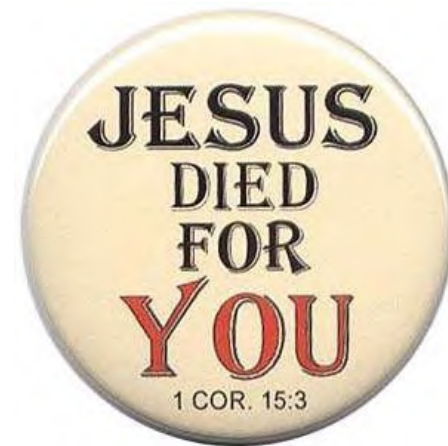
The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still he said absolutely nothing.

Later, as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood, and his appearance began to change.

Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?"

The visitor replied, "I took your place."

—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	\$3,675.00
April 18, 2021	\$3,700.00	\$2,834.00
April 25, 2021	\$3,700.00	

"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
April 25, 2021 † 4th Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd 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.

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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(Fr. Joseph's personal email address: joekunel55@gmail.com)

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	04/26/2021	8:00 a.m.	Gary Bailey (D)	Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10
Tuesday	04/27/2021	8:00 a.m.	Bob George (L)	Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30
Wednesday	04/28/2021	2:00 p.m.	Jennie Bachman (D)	Acts 12:24-13:5a; John 12:44-50
Thursday	04/29/2021	8:00 a.m.	Angela Corell (L)	Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20*
Friday	04/30/2021	12:00 p.m.	Ron & Shirley Lattin (L)	Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6
Saturday	05/01/2021	5:00 p.m.	Jennie Bachman (D)	Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18
Sunday	05/02/2021	9:00 a.m.	Lu Streetman (D)	Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18
Sunday	05/02/2021	12:00 p.m.	Huber Vargas (L)	Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

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

Today's Homily

THE 4TH SUNDAY of Easter is known as **Good Shepherd Sunday**, and it is also the "World Day of Prayer for Vocations." The Scripture lessons for this day concern the role of the shepherds of God's flock in the Church.

Each year on this Sunday, we reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who devotedly and kindly takes care of his flock. The title "pastor" means shepherd. A shepherd leads, feeds, nurtures, comforts, corrects, and protects his flock—responsibilities that belong to every Church leader.

The Good Shepherd in the New Testament:

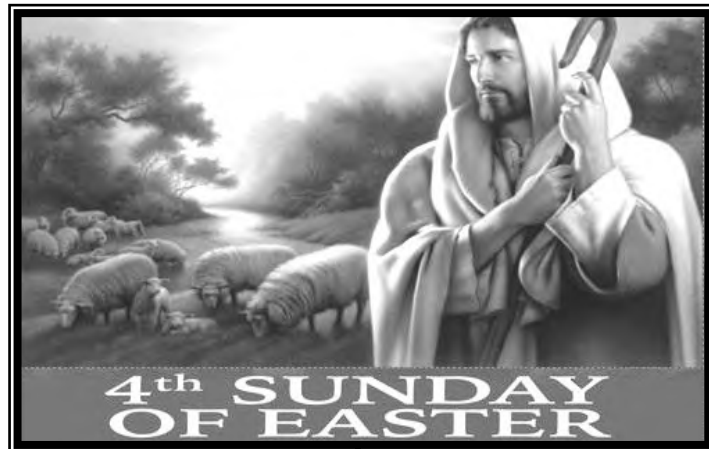
Introducing Himself as the Good Shepherd of His flock, Jesus makes three claims in today's Gospel.

He knows His sheep and His sheep hear His voice: Just as the Palestinian shepherds knew each sheep of their flock by name, and the sheep knew their shepherd and his voice, so Jesus knows each one of us, our needs, our merits and our faults. He loves us as we are, with all our limitations, and He expects us to return His love by keeping his words. He speaks to us at every Mass, through the Bible, through our pastors, through our parents, through our friends, and through the events of our lives. "God whispers to us in our pleasures; He speaks to us in our consciences; and, He shouts to us in our pain!" (C.S. Lewis).

He gives eternal life to us, His sheep, by receiving us into His sheepfold and giving us Faith through Baptism, and then He strengthens that Faith in Confirmation. He supplies food for our souls in the Holy Eucharist and in the Divine words of the Holy Bible. He makes our society holy by the Sacraments of Matrimony and the priesthood (Holy Orders).

He protects His sheep by placing them in the loving hands of His Almighty Father. Without Him to guide us and protect us, we are an easy prey for the spiritual wolves of this world, including Satan and his minions.

In Chapter 10 of John's Gospel, Jesus adds two more roles to those of the Good Shepherd. He goes



in search of stray lambs and heals the sick ones. Jesus heals the wounds of our souls through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and strengthens us in illness and old age with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Jesus dies for His sheep:

Just as the shepherds of ancient days protected their sheep from wild animals and thieves by risking their own lives, so Jesus died in expiation for the sins of all people.

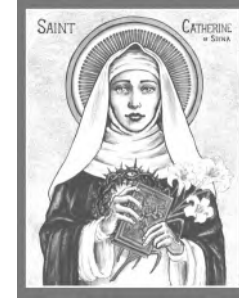
Let us become good shepherds and good sheep, good leaders and good followers. Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence, pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials, etc., are all shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time and talents for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Parents must be especially careful of their duties, thus giving their children a good example through the way they live their Christian lives.

Let us be good sheep in the fold of Jesus, the Good Shepherd: Our local parish is our sheepfold, and our pastors are our shepherds. Jesus is the High Priest, the bishops are the successors of the apostles, the pastors are their helpers, and the parishioners are the sheep. Hence, as the good sheep of the parish, parishioners are expected to a) hear and follow the voice of their shepherds through their homilies, Bible classes, counseling and advice; b) receive the spiritual food our pastors provide by regular participation in the Holy Mass, by frequenting the Sacraments, and by attending prayer services, renewal programs, and missions.

Let us pray for vocations to a priestly and religious life so that we may have more good shepherds to lead, feed, and protect the Catholic community. Let us remember that the duty of fostering vocations is the concern of the whole believing community, and we discharge that responsibility primarily by living exemplary Christian lives.

The Year of St. Joseph

***Thursday, April 29th**
Memorial of St Catherine of Siena,
Virgin and Doctor of the Church



Born and raised in Siena, Catherine wanted to devote herself to God at an early age—against the will of her parents. She joined the *mantellate*, a group of pious women—primarily widows—informally devoted to Dominican spirituality. Her influence with Pope Gregory XI played a role in his decision to leave Avignon for Rome. She was then sent by him to negotiate peace with Florence. After his death and peace concluded, she returned to Siena.

The Great Schism of the West led her to go to Rome. She sent numerous letters to princes and cardinals to promote obedience to Pope Urban VI and defend what she called the "Vessel of the Church."

Catherine died on April 29, 1380, exhausted by her rigorous fasting.

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Congratulations!

The following children are making their First Holy Communion **this weekend**:

Naomi Cruz Iriche † Victor Gomez Robles
Armando Lopez † Brianna Lopez † Kaitlyn Lopez
Tatiana Lopez † Shantelle Ortiz † Izabella Pacheco
Briseyda Reyes † Valentin Vargas † Santiago Villalobos

A big thank you to Mrs. Viescas and Mrs. Dalton.
All studied hard and passed with Fr. Joseph's Blessings.

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House Blessings

If you would like to have your house blessed, please call the 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. Scheduled for April are **Rick Nolte, April 27th, 3 p.m., Garilynn Tocher also April 27th, 4 p.m., and Mark Lucky, April 28th, 3 p.m.**

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Memorial Mass

The Memorial Mass for Jennie Backman will be held on **Saturday, May 1st**. The Rosary will start at **10:30 a.m.**, and the Mass will start immediately after.

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Coffee Hour

The Daughters of St. Joseph have resumed the *Coffee Hour* after the 9 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall. They will be serving cookies instead of donuts. Come and enjoy!

Parish Feast Day for St. Joseph

The Knights of Columbus are preparing a feast day on **May 2nd** for the parishioners of St. Joseph Parish to honor our Patron Saint.

There will be only one Mass (bilingual) at **10 a.m.**, to be followed by a small get-together for the Parish.

Those who plan to attend are asked to bring a covered dish according to the 1st letter of your last name as follows: **A–I** to bring salads, **J–Q** desserts, and **R–Z** hot foods. Of course, you can definitely bring whatever you want as well.

Tables will be available inside and out (depending on the weather). Please bring your family and enjoy this wonderful feast day to our Patron Saint.

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Thank You!

Upon my return from the Clergy Retreat, I saw the Sanctuary in a new light! I want to extend my thanks and gratitude to the wonderful people who completed this amazing feat of painting, cleaning, and making our new corbels:

Dan Arian ☆ Chuck & Diane Giovanini
Hans Kaumanns ☆ Bob Leonard
Mark Lucky ☆ Huber Vargas
Apolonio Villagomez ☆ Mark Lucky

—Blessings, Fr. Joseph

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No Mass

Fr. Joseph will be gone from **Monday, May 3rd, until Friday, May 7th**. There will be no Mass on those days.

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May Clean-Up

We are still looking for volunteers to help clean up the church, the hall, including classrooms, and the storage units on **Saturday, May 15th, Saturday May 22nd, and Saturday, May 29th**. This will entail, painting, general repairs where needed, recycling things that are no longer needed or being used, and even some yard work.

There is a clipboard in the Narthex to sign up. This is a great team-building and will provides credit hours for our Confirmation students.

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The Prayer List

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

