

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"A Burden of My Own" (Author Unknown)

A monarch of long ago had twin sons, and there was some confusion about which one was born first. As they grew to young manhood, the king sought a fair way to designate one of them as crown prince.

All who knew the young men thought them to be equal in intelligence, wit, personal charm, health, and physical strength. Being a keenly observant king, though, he thought he detected a trait in one, which was not shared by the other.

Calling the twins to his council chamber one day, he said, "My sons, the day will come when one of you must succeed me as king. The burdens of sovereignty are very heavy. To find out which of you is better able to bear them cheerfully, I am sending you both to a far corner of the kingdom. One of my advisors there will place equal burdens on your shoulders. My crown will one day go to the one who first returns, bearing his burden like a king should."

In a spirit of friendly competition, the brothers set out together. Soon they overtook an aged woman struggling under a burden that seemed far too heavy for her frail body.

One of the boys suggested that they stop to help her. The other protested: "We have a burden of our own to worry about. Let us be on our way."

So the objector hurried on while the other stayed behind to aid the aged woman.

Along the road, from day to day, he found others who also needed help. A blind man took him miles out of his way, and a lame man slowed him to a cripple's walk.

Eventually, he did reach his father's advisor, where he secured his own burden and started home with it safely on his shoulders. When he arrived at the palace, his brother met him at the gate and greeted him with dismay.

He said, "I don't understand. I told our father the burden was too heavy to carry. However did you do it?"

The future king replied thoughtfully, "I suppose when I helped others carry their burdens, I found the strength to carry my own."

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph



Help to carry one another's burdens.
(Galatians 6:2)

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	\$2,751.75

*"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
May 2, 2021 † 5th Sunday of Easter

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.

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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	05/03/2021	8:00 a.m.	No Mass	1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14*
Tuesday	05/04/2021	8:00 a.m.	No Mass	Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a
Wednesday	05/05/2021	12:00 p.m.	No Mass	Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8
Thursday	05/06/2021	8:00 a.m.	No Mass	Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11
Friday	05/07/2021	12:00 p.m.	No Mass	Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17
Saturday	05/08/2021	5:00 p.m.	Kathy Maher (D)	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17
Sunday	05/09/2021	9:00 a.m.	Divine Mercy Cenacle Grp (L)	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17
Sunday	05/09/2021	12:00 p.m.	Edgar Morales (D)	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

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

Today's Homily

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE selections emphasize the need for Christians to abide in Christ as a condition for producing fruits of kindness, mercy, charity, and holiness.

The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, testifies to the abundance of spiritual fruits yielded by the apostles because of their close bond with the risen Lord. The reading tells us how the Lord pruned the former Pharisee, Saul of Tarsus, a fanatic who had persecuted the Church, to produce a fruit-bearing branch called Paul, the zealous Apostle to the Gentiles, entirely dedicated to the proclamation of the Gospel. Even Paul's forced return to Tarsus for a brief period is an example of God's pruning of the vine to bring forth a greater harvest; namely, the mission to the Gentiles.

In today's second reading, John, in his first letter to the Church, explains that only if we remain united to Christ by putting our Faith in Him and drawing our spiritual strength from Him, will we be able to obey God's commandments, especially the commandment of love, loving one another as Jesus commanded us.

In the Gospel, taken from the Last Supper discourse, Jesus uses his favorite image of the vine and branches to help His disciples understand the closeness of their relationship with Him and the necessity of their maintaining it. They are not simply rabbi and disciples. Their lives are mutually dependent—as close as a vine and its branches. In fact, in using this image, Jesus is explaining to them and to us what our relationship with Him should be like.

Jesus makes the unique claim that He is the true and ideal vine, and His disciples are the living and fruit-producing branches. To be fruitful, one must be joined to the true vine, Christ. Pruning is an essential part of growing fruit-producing branches.

Even a well-pruned branch cannot bear grapes unless it abides in the vine. Jesus reminds us that we cannot bear fruit either, unless we abide in Him, just as He abides in us. Jesus says, "I am the vine; you are the branches." What Jesus means is that by abiding



in Him, we will bear much fruit, and that apart from Him we can do nothing. Abiding in Christ means that God has to be inside us, and we have to be inside God. We abide in Christ by drawing near to God and by experiencing His being near to us, or by living every moment as he has com-

manded us to do, with the radiant presence of Christ all around us.

This life of intimate union with Christ in the Church is maintained by the spiritual help common to all the faithful, chiefly by active participation in the Liturgy. Those of us who do not abide in Jesus will wither and be thrown away, just as withered branches are thrown into the fire to be burned. Fruit-bearing in Christian life is not just of our own making. It is the sign that Christ is working in us and through us.

We need pruning in our Christian life. Cutting out of our lives everything that is contrary to the spirit of Jesus and renewing our commitment to Christian ideals in our lives every day is the first type of self-imposed pruning expected of us.

A second means of pruning is practicing self-control over our evil inclinations, sinful addictions, and aberrations. Cordial mingling with people of different cultures, races, religions, and orientations in our neighborhood and society enables us to prune away our selfish and prejudicial tendencies and to treat others in our society with Christian charity and openness. Jesus prunes, purifies, and strengthens us by allowing us to face pain and suffering, contradictions, and difficulties with courage of our Christian convictions.

Let us abide in Christ and let Christ abide in us. The four Gospels teach us how to become true disciples of Jesus and how to abide in Him as branches abide in the main trunk of the vine and draw their life from the vine. Personal and liturgical prayers, frequenting of the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation, daily and meditative reading of the Bible, and selfless, loving acts of kindness and mercy and forgiveness enable us to abide in Jesus, the true vine, as fruit-bearing branches.

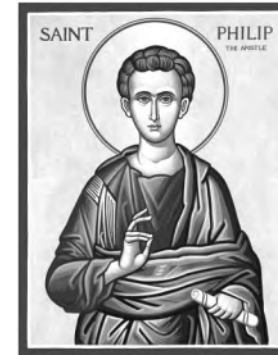
The Year of St. Joseph

No Mass

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

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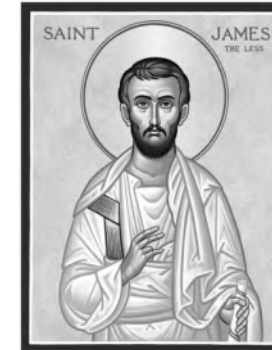
*Monday, May 3rd is the Feast of St. Philip and St. James, Apostles



St. Philip was a Galilean from Bethsaida and one of the 12 Apostles chosen by Jesus. In the Gospels, it is Philip who asks the Messiah to procure food for the crowd before the Miracle of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fish.

Philip also asked Jesus to "Show us the Father" (John 14: 8-9), receiving the response, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." Philip died a martyr at Hierapolis. He was stoned and then crucified.

St. James the Less, probably a son of Alphaeus, was one of the 12 Apostles chosen by Jesus. He assumed an important role after the Ascension of Jesus and was the first Bishop of Jerusalem.



Peter went immediately to James after being miraculously freed from prison, and Paul did the same after his conversion. James is said to have died a martyr after the year 60.

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Mother's Day

Just a reminder that next **Sunday, May 9th, is Mother's Day.** Please remember your mother by placing her name on the offertory envelope. Blank envelopes will be in the narthex if you do not receive church envelopes.

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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. **Scheduled for May:**

- Juvenal Robles, May 11th at 3 p.m.
- Sylvia Gomez, May 11th at 4 p.m.
- Frieses', May 26th at 4 p.m.

May Clean-Up Has Been Canceled

Unfortunately, we have not had enough volunteers (only 5) to continue with the clean-up. So, if anyone has some free time and would like to volunteer a few hours to help here and there, please just stop by the Parish Office, and I will definitely be able to use your help.

—Thank you, Karin

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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 eight separate positions that can be held by these high-ranking members of the clergy.



CARDINALS: Cardinals are basically the princes of the Catholic Church. While they may not be an integral part of the theological structure of the Catholic Church, they are nonetheless held in high esteem, are greatly honored and respected by the community at large, and are very important for maintaining the political structure within the Church.

Each Cardinal is appointed by the Pope. They are usually selected from Bishops who have headed departments of the Roman Curia—the administrative institutions of the Holy See that see to the affairs and conduct of the Catholic Church.

Those who are appointed to the prestigious role of Cardinal will hold the title for life. All Cardinals form the body of the College of Cardinals and work together to provide advice to the current Pope.

When a new Pope needs to be elected, it is the responsibility of the Cardinals who are under the age of 80 to agree upon the next successor

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The Prayer List

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

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Rosary



05/09/2021 Daughters of St. Joseph
05/16/2021 Knights of Columbus
05/23/2021 St. Vincent de Paul
05/30/2021 Lectors