

Fr. Joseph's Corner

Friendship

The great man, George Washington, gives us this sound advice: "Be courteous to all, but be intimate with a few, and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence. True friendship is a plant of slow growth and must undergo and withstand the shocks and adversity before it can be called friendship."

Friendship is made up fundamentally of two elements: affection and communication—the heart and the mind—to love each other and to know each other. The most remarkable aspect of friendship is that of a free association of two persons free to join and free to part. No other relationship is based on such an absolute freedom of choice.

It is through friends that we get to know ourselves. Self-knowledge is the starting point; an essential condition for every quest, human or divine, and paradoxically, self-knowledge cannot be attained by self alone. Each one needs a friend to see his/her face. In the same way, each one needs a friend to see his/her soul and understanding.

"Friendship means sympathy and love," says Boyd Barret. "It is like a chain that binds two souls into one. Such friendship cannot break down easily. Friendship is a most noble relationship but, to be called noble, it must be unselfish and true."

Friends are not born. They are made. One might call it a kind of magnetic attraction that draws two people together. The foundation of a friendship is laid on faith and understanding. It is cemented by love and trust.

Dr. Abel Bonnand says, "In love, one has the need of being believed, and in friendship of being understood."

Friendship is not what we take from others but what we give to others—not so much material gifts but gifts of compassion, sincerity, understanding, etc. Good friends help to maintain equanimity of mind and to lead a happy life—even in tiring circumstances. As R.L. Stevenson once remarked, "A friend is a present you give yourself."

Friendship, no doubt, is a many-splendored thing if handled carefully. Otherwise, it turns into a nightmarish experience. Friendship is like a rose flower, beautiful and

refreshing, but it has thorns that will pierce if not handled properly. The pain of a prick from a thorn certainly lasts longer than the inhalation of the enchanting fragrance.

Thoughtfulness is one of the chief ingredients of a friendship. It is the person who always says, "I'll help" who shows the quality of his/her friendship. "A friend in need is a friend, indeed." Friendship is like a chain that binds two souls together. Therefore, friends should be ready to help each other. He who keeps one's company in prosperity, and shrinks away in time of need, can never be a real friend. Rather, those who warn us against whatever is wrong are our real friends.

The Bible says in the *Book of Ecclesiasticus* that "A faithful friend is like a safe shelter. Whoever finds one has found a rare treasure." Only those who fear God can find such a treasure.

We need friends in our lives. We need friends to act like a shield—to stand firm in our happiness, as well as our sorrows. We need friends like that of Shakespeare's *Antonio*. We require friends to give meaning to our lives—to make them more sublime and cheerful.

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph



May 2021 Weekly Offertory

Date	Needed	Offering
May 02 2021	\$3,700.00	\$3,334.00
May 09, 2021	\$3,700.00	\$3,042.00
May 16, 2021	\$3,700.00	\$3,113.50
May 23, 2021	\$3,700.00	\$2,679.00
May 30, 2021	\$3,700.00	

St. Vincent De Paul

Help is desperately needed at St. Vincent de Paul. If you can volunteer a few hours a week or be on call when there is a need due to vacation, sickness, etc. Please call **Joan Holland** at (541) 604-1240 or leave a message at SVdP at (541) 447-7662. This is a great and rewarding ministry, and we can sure use your help.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754
May 30, 2021 † The Most Holy Trinity 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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RCIA ♦ Garilynn Torcher & Cheyenne Edgerly
Parish Bulletin Designer / Editor ♦ Tina Hill



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 👈

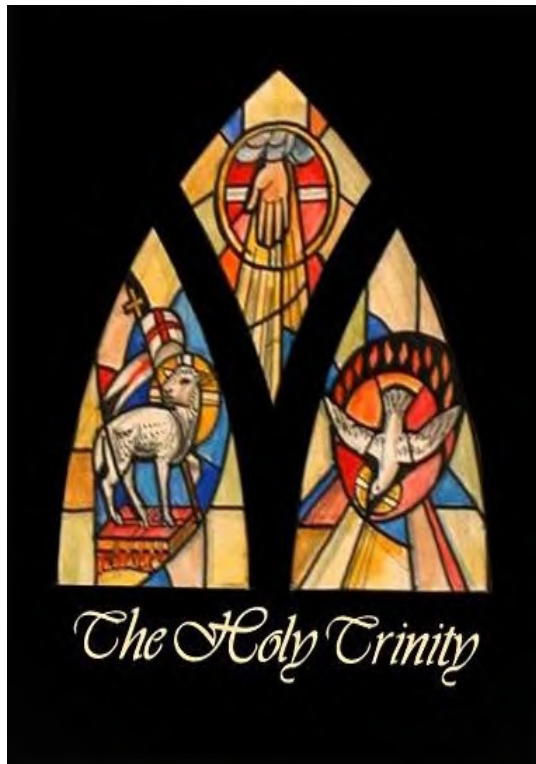
Monday	05/31/2021	8:00 a.m.	Dona Marie Ormsby (D)	Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-56
Tuesday	06/01/2021	8:00 a.m.	Louise Maffei (D)	Tobit 2:9-14; Mark 12:13-17*
Wednesday	06/02/2021	12:00 p.m.	Paul C Jones (D)	Tobit 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Mark 12:18-27
Thursday	06/03/2021	8:00 a.m.	Jennie Bachman (D)	Tobit 6:10-11, 7:1bcde, 9-17: 8:4-9a; Mark 12:28-34*
Friday	06/04/2021	12:00 p.m.	Ann MacDonald (D)	Tobit 11:5-17; Mark 12:35-37
Saturday	06/05/2021	5:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Swanson (D)	Exodus 24:3-8; Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26**
Sunday	06/06/2021	9:00 a.m.	Divine Mercy Cenacle Grp (L)	Exodus 24:3-8; Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26**
Sunday	06/06/2021	12:00 p.m.	Joseph Morales (D)	Exodus 24:3-8; Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26**

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

Today's Homily

TODAY'S SOLEMNITY of the Most Holy Trinity celebrates the life of communal love. For God is one God, in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—whose relationship is one of complete self-gifting and out-pouring of love. In other words, God is not a being who loves; God is love itself.

The mystery of the most Holy Trinity is a basic doctrine of faith in Christianity—understandable not with our heads but with our hearts. It teaches us that there are three distinct Persons in one God, sharing the same Divine Nature, co-equal and co-eternal.



Importance in Christian life:

1) All prayers in the Church begin in the Name of the Holy Trinity, and end glorifying the Trinity.

2) All Sacraments are administered (we are baptized, confirmed, anointed, our sins are forgiven, our marriage blessed, and our bishops, priests and deacons ordained) in the name of the Holy Trinity.

3) Church bells ring thrice daily, reminding us to give glory to the Holy Trinity for the Incarnation of Jesus and His Redemption of all of us.

4) We bless ourselves, and the priest blesses us, in the Name of the Holy Trinity.

Biblical evidences: There are only vague and hidden references to the Trinity in the Old Testament. But the New Testament gives clear teachings on the Holy Trinity.

1) At the Annunciation: God the Father sends His angel to Mary, God the Holy Spirit comes upon her, the Power of the Most High overshadows her and God the Son becomes incarnate in her womb.

2) At the Baptism of Jesus: When the Son receives baptism from John the Baptist, the Father's Voice is heard, and the Holy Spirit appears as a Dove.

3) At the Ascension: Jesus gives the missionary command to his disciples to baptize those who believe, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

4) In John, Chapters 15–18: Here we have a detailed account of Jesus' teaching of the role of each Person of the Holy Trinity:

(a) God the Father creates and provides for His creatures;

(b) God the Son redeems us and reconciles us with God; and

(c) God the Holy Spirit sanctifies us, strengthens us, teaches us, and guides us to God.

Our conviction that the Triune God is present within us should always help us to esteem ourselves as God's holy dwelling place. This awareness and conviction of the presence of God within us gives us the strength to face the manifold problems of life with Christian courage. It was such a conviction that prompted the early Christian martyrs being taken to their execution to shout the heroic prayer of Faith from the Psalms: "The Lord of might is with us, our God is within us, and the God of Jacob is our helper" (Psalm 46).

We are created in love to be a community of loving persons, just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are united in Love. The love, unity and joy in the relationship among the Father, Son and Holy Spirit should be the supreme model of our relationships within our Christian families. Our families become truly Christian when we live in a relationship of love with God and with others. We are made in God's image and likeness.

Just as God is God only in a Trinitarian relationship, so we can be fully human only as one member of a relationship of three partners. The self needs to be in a horizontal relationship with all other people and in a vertical relationship with God. I am a Christian insofar as I live in a relationship of love with God and with other people.

The Year of St. Joseph

*Monday, May 31st . . .

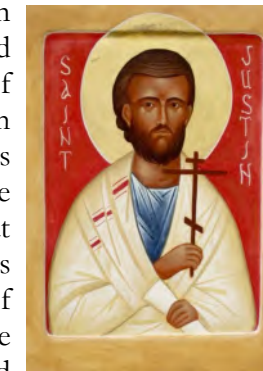


The Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary: According to the Gospel of St. Luke, following the Annunciation, Mary went from Nazareth to Judea to visit her older cousin Elizabeth, who was at the time pregnant with John the Baptist. When Elizabeth felt the child in her womb leap, she sensed the great mysteries surrounding Mary, and exclaimed, "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb."

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**Tuesday, June 1st . . .

Memorial of St. Justin, Martyr: Born at Nablus in Samaria early in the 2nd Century, he was a child of parents of Greek origin. Justin sought the truth by studying the Greek philosophers before turning to the prophets of the Bible. In that way, he arrived at Christianity, and in 130 AD, he was baptized. Justin opened a school of Christian philosophy in Rome where he was later arrested and beheaded for his faith during the reign of Marcus Aurelius.



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**Thursday, June 3rd . . .



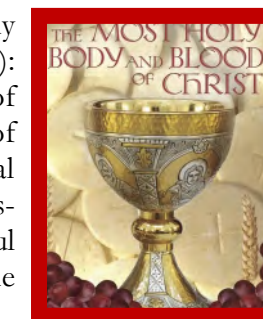
Memorial of St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs: The first martyrs in Africa were Charles Lwanga and 12 other youths who were servants of Mwanga, king of Buganda, a region in today's Uganda.

Having converted to Christianity, they were killed at Kampala in 1886 because they declared themselves to be willing to pray until death.

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**Saturday/Sunday, June 5th & 6th . . .

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi): The Feast of Corpus Christi ("Day of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the Lord"), is a liturgical solemnity celebrating the Real Presence of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the elements of the Eucharist.



Memorial Day

Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May to honor the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military.

NOTE: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 31st, for Memorial Day.



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Executive and Finance

There will be a meeting on **Tuesday, June 1st, at 5 p.m.**, for both the Executive and Finance Committees. Please plan on attending.

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Blood Drive



The American Red Cross will be here on **Wednesday, June 2nd, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Please call 1 (800) 733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

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Pennies for Heaven

Next weekend, **June 5th & 6th**, at all Masses your local Knights of Columbus Council will sponsor the "Pennies for Heaven" Fund Drive. Every penny of your donation will go to the current benefit of seminarians at Mt. Angel and for future seminarians through the Knights of Columbus Christopher Fund. Please give what you can.

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Coffee Hour

The Daughters of St. Joseph have decided to cancel the Coffee Hour after the 9 a.m. Mass until further notice.

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The Prayer List

Frederick Smit ♦ Mike Mulvihill
Deacon Caleb Cunningham
Linda Arian ♦ Larry Bellah ♦ Wes Linn
Diane Ingmire ♦ Anthony & Ruth Jordan
People of India ♦ Jenna Gunderson



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Confirmation Students

As you know, community hours are part of your Confirmation journey. St. Joseph's Parish would be more than happy to give the students hours this summer. If you are interested in getting hours on a Saturday during the summer, please call **Sara Gonzalez** at (541) 416-8648 to set up dates and times, and monitor your hours.