

# Fr. Joseph's Corner

## "Keep Moving"

Low tides come in our lives and leave us stunned, broken, and hopeless. But that doesn't mean that we must stop living our life and become inert. Even if you stop, life won't stop for you—it will go on.

You must remember that after every low tide, there is a high tide as well. You just have to **keep moving**.

Take one step at a time, follow your routine, set goals for yourself, and steer clear of **negativity**.

Go out and have some fun, take a break, go for a vacation, and just do something exciting.

Read inspirational articles, spend time with your family, indulge in activities that make you feel happy. Just remember to keep moving.

Don't wrap yourself in your sorrows, or you will drown in them. Keep moving with the tide.

Bear in mind that if you keep moving, this particular phase will pass away, and one day you will realize that your life is not falling apart anymore. Instead, everything that happened, happened for a reason.

While things may look bleak right now, not everything might be going wrong. There will be things that are going right.

When life takes a turn for the worse, we become negative about everything and end up forgetting what we have been blessed with.

This ungratefulness will not take you anywhere—you have to take charge of your life and learn to show **gratitude**.

Think about it! You've been blessed with so much in life. Be grateful for what you have been blessed with, and don't take those blessings lightly.

Recollect memories of all the happy and blessed moments in your life. Write them down in your diary, and feel the joy that those blessings brought you in your life when you first got them.

This approach will help you focus on the brighter ends in life, and give a boost to your **self-confidence**.

Your blessings will give you the power that is hidden within you to deal with the hassles in your life.

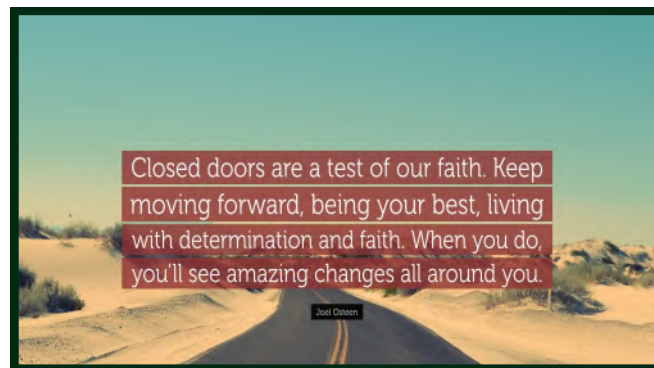
**Gratitude** will heal your soul and relieve the pain of life's wounds.

"Choosing to be positive and having a grateful attitude is going to determine how you're going to live your life." —Joel Osteen



If you are in pain—and if your dreams have been shattered; and if your heart has been broken, try these five things and **observe the change** that they will bring in your life. With the help of these tips, the first thing that will change is your outlook on life, and with that, your whole life will take a turn for the better!

—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	
May 16, 2021	\$3,700.00	
May 23, 2021	\$3,700.00	
May 30, 2021	\$3,700.00	



# St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754  
 May 9, 2021 † 6th Sunday of Easter & Mother's Day 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.

Parish Office Telephone: (541) 447-6475

Fr. Joseph: 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. ♦ (541) 420-4458

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Facebook: St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Prineville, Oregon

Email: [stjosephparish@bendbroadband.com](mailto:stjosephparish@bendbroadband.com)

Pastor: [fatherjoseph@bendbroadband.com](mailto:fatherjoseph@bendbroadband.com)

(Fr. Joseph's personal email address: [joekunel55@gmail.com](mailto: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	05/10/2021	8:00 a.m.	Jenna Gunderson (L)	Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday	05/11/2021	8:00 a.m.	Robert James Staley (D)	Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11
Wednesday	05/12/2021	12:00 p.m.	Dianna Ingmire (L)	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; John 16:12-15
Thursday	05/13/2021	8:00 a.m.	Remi Filken (L)	Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20
Friday	05/14/2021	12:00 p.m.	Ann Clarke (D)	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17*
Saturday	05/15/2021	5:00 p.m.	Gary Bailey (D)	Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20†
Sunday	05/16/2021	9:00 a.m.	Leo & Lila Hazelton (L)	Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20†
Sunday	05/16/2021	12:00 p.m.	Edgar Morales (D)	Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20†

\* = Feast ♦ † = Solemnity ♦ (L) = Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

# Today's Homily

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE passages declare the profound truth that those who believe in Christ are to obey his commandment of love: *Love one another as I have loved you.*

When we celebrate today as Mother's Day, let us remember with gratitude that it is generally our mothers who practice the *agápe love* of Jesus.

In the first reading, Peter teaches us that God shows no partiality in His love and that there are no boundaries to abiding in love. God loves everyone—both the Jews and the Gentiles, and He wants everyone to be saved through His son, Jesus. That is why God welcomed the Roman centurion, Cornelius, as the first non-Jew to become a Christian. The reading tells us how God also allowed the Gentiles who heard Peter's speech to receive the same Holy Spirit and His gifts that Peter's Jewish audience had received on the day of Pentecost.

In the second reading, John defines God as love and explains that He expressed His love for mankind by sending His son to die for us humans *as expiation for our sins*. This Divine love gives us the command as well as the duty to love one another as we have been loved by God. Because God has loved us first, we can and should love God in return, love ourselves properly, and love one another.

In today's Gospel, after telling the parable of the vine and the branches, Jesus teaches the disciples that they are to obey his commandment of love—just as he obeyed his Heavenly Father's will by fulfilling His commandments and remaining

**A new commandment I give unto you.  
That ye love one another as I have loved you  
(John 13:34).**



inseparably bonded with his Father.

Jesus' unconditional, forgiving, selfless, and sacrificial love for us must be the criterion of our love for others. The highest expression of this love is our willingness to lay down our lives as Jesus did, for people who don't deserve it.

The goal and result of our abiding in love, in God, will be perfect joy. Jesus no longer calls

us slaves—but now calls us "friends." He tells us that he has chosen us, and that, if we use Jesus' name, we can ask the Father for anything.

We need to cultivate an abiding and loving friendship with Jesus and to express it in our relationships with others by loving them and showing them trust, faithfulness, equality, forgiveness, joy and sacrifice.

We need to be persons for others: Jesus demonstrated the love of God, his Father, for us by living for us and dying for us. Hence, as Jesus' disciples, we are to be persons for others, sacrificing our time, talents and lives for others.

This is what parents spontaneously do—they sacrifice themselves, their time, talents, health, and wealth for their children; or, in other words, by spending themselves for their children.

The most effective way of communicating God's love to others is by treating everyone as a friend—giving everyone the respect he or she deserves. Let us remember that Christ's own love was not limited to the people he liked and, hence, that we should close our minds to thoughts of revenge.

# The Year of St. Joseph

## Thank You!

Fr. Joseph would like to thank the **Knights of Columbus**, the **Giovanini family**, and all those who were so generous to bring a covered dish to the St. Joseph Parish Gathering on May 2nd in honor of our Patron Saint. The attendance and weather were perfect!

—Thank you again, Fr. Joseph

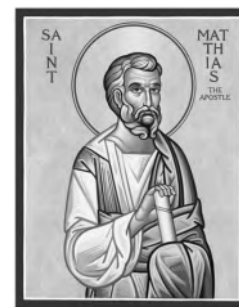
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## Meeting

The Daughters of St. Joseph's monthly meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 11th, at 10 a.m.**, in the Parish Hall.

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## \*Friday, May 14th, Is the Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle



There is no mention of a Matthias among the lists of disciples or followers of Jesus in the three synoptic gospels, but according to Acts, he had been with Jesus from his baptism by John until his Ascension.

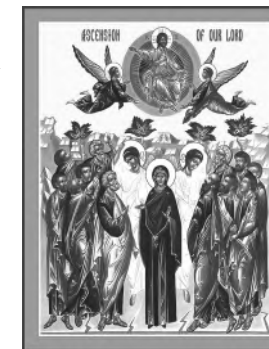
In the days following, Peter proposed that the assembled disciples, who numbered about 120, nominate two men to replace Judas. They chose Joseph, called Barsabas (whose surname was Justus) and Matthias.

Praying, they said: "Thou, Lord, who knowest the heart of all men, shew [sic] whether of these two thou hast chosen, that he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place." Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was numbered with the 11 apostles.

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## †Sunday, May 16th, Is the Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord

The Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ commemorates our Christian belief of the bodily Ascension of Jesus into heaven. It is one of the ecumenical feasts of Christian churches, ranking with the feasts of the Passion, Easter, and Pentecost.



## Jesus is taken up to Heaven— Mark 16:19-20

After the Lord Jesus had talked with them, he was taken up to heaven and sat at the right side of God. The disciples went and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and proved that their preaching was true to the miracles that were performed. This is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics.

## House Blessings

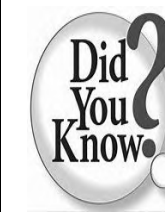
If you would like to have your house blessed, please call the Parish Office at (541) 447-6475 to make an appointment to have Fr. Joseph come out on either a Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon at 3 p.m. Scheduled for May are as follows:



- **Juvenal Robles, May 11th at 3 p.m.**
- **Sylvia Gomez, May 11th at 4 p.m.**
- **Nancy Redfern, May 19th at 3 p.m.,**
- **The Frieses, May 26th at 4 p.m.**

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## Convalidation—What Does It Mean?



"Marriage convalidation" means to have your marriage "recognized" (or blessed) by the Catholic Church. Usually, those who seek a convalidation is because they married outside of the Catholic Church/parish. The position of the Church is very clear on this matter. For a marriage to be recognized by

the Catholic Church, it must be performed in a Church in order for the marriage to be both valid and licit.

Those who marry outside the Catholic Church can no longer receive the Sacraments. For this reason, many seek to have their marriage convalidated so they can return to the Sacramental life.

Please call the Parish Office at (541) 447-6475 and set up a time to find out how you can have your marriage "recognized" (or blessed) by the Catholic Church. This process can take up to six months of preparation.

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## St. Joseph Christmas Bazaar

It's time to start planning your ideas for crafts, home-made items, etc. The Bazaar will be held on **Saturday, November 13th.**

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact **Nancy Redfern at (541) 508-9872.**

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## The Prayer List

**Frederick Smit ♦ Bob George ♦ Terrance Holmes  
Sue Morales ♦ Jacqueline Iverson ♦ Mike Mulvihill  
Deacon Caleb Cunningham ♦ Pat Buck  
Remi Filken ♦ Jenna Gunderson**

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## Latin Mass . . .

is celebrated at the Historic Church in downtown Bend every Sunday at 9 a.m. Confession is available before Mass.

