

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"The Devil's Convention" (author unknown)

Satan called a worldwide convention. In his opening address to his evil angels, he said, "We can't keep the Christians from going to church. We can't keep them from reading their Bibles and knowing the truth. We can't even keep them from conservative values. But, we can do something else. We can keep them from forming an intimate, abiding relationship experience with Christ. If they gain that connection with Jesus, our power over them is broken! So let them go to church, let them have their conservative lifestyles, but steal their time, so they can't gain that experience in Jesus Christ. This is what I want you to do, Angels. Distract them from gaining hold of their Savior and maintaining that vital connection throughout their day!"

"How shall we do this?" shouted his angels.

"Here's how, Satan answered, and he gave them a list:

- Keep them busy in the nonessentials of life and invent unnumbered schemes to occupy their minds.
- Tempt them to spend, spend, spend, and then to borrow, borrow, borrow. Convince the wives to go to work for long hours and the husbands to work six or seven days a week for 10 to 12 hours a day, so that they can afford their lifestyles.
- Keep them from spending time with their children. As their families fragment, soon their homes will offer no escape from the pressures of work.
- Overstimulate their minds so that they cannot hear that still, small voice. Entice them to play the radio whenever they drive and to keep their TVs, VCRs, CDs, and PCs going constantly in their homes.
- And see to it that every store and restaurant in the world plays nonbiblical music constantly. This will jam their minds and break that union with Christ.
- Fill their coffee tables with magazines and newspapers. Pound their minds with the news 24 hours a day.
- Invade their driving moments with billboards. Flood their mailboxes with junk mail, sweepstakes, mail order catalogues, and every kind of newsletter and promo-

tional offering for free products, services, and false hopes.

- Even in their recreation, let them be excessive. Have them return from their recreation exhausted, disquieted, and unprepared for the coming week.
- Don't let them go out in nature to reflect on God's wonders. Instead, send them to amusement parks, sports events, concerts, and movies.
- And when they meet for spiritual fellowship, involve them in gossip and small talk so that they leave with troubled consciences and unsettled emotions.
- Let them be involved in soul-winning, but crowd their lives with so many good causes they will have no time to seek power from Christ. Soon they will be working in their own strength, sacrificing their health and family unity for the good of the cause.

It was quite a convention in the end. And the evil angels then went eagerly to their assignments, causing Christians everywhere to get busy, busy, busy, and rush here and rush there.

Has the devil been successful at his scheme? You be the judge!

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph



July 2021 Weekly Offertory

Date	Needed	Offering
July 04, 2021	\$3,700.00	\$4,727.00
July 11, 2021	\$3,700.00	\$3,147.00
July 18, 2021	\$3,700.00	\$3,635.00
July 25, 2021	\$3,700.00	\$4,053.00

Monthly Rosary Schedule

- 1st Sunday: Pro Life
- 2nd Sunday: Eucharistic Ministers
- 3rd Sunday: Knights of Columbus
- 4th Sunday: Lectors
- 5th Sunday: Ushers



St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754
August 1, 2021 † 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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	08/02/2021	8:00 a.m.	Jim Thompson (D)	Numbers 11:4b-15; Matthew 14:13-21
Tuesday	08/03/2021	8:00 a.m.	Frederick Smit Jr. (L)	Numbers 12:1-13; Matthew 14:22-36
Wednesday	08/04/2021	12:00 p.m.	Kathleen Bartling (D)	Numbers 13:1-2, 25, 14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35; Matthew 15:21-28*
Thursday	08/05/2021	8:00 a.m.	Dean Erickson (D)	Numbers 20:1-13; Matthew 16:13-23
Friday	08/06/2021	12:00 p.m.	Jennifer Winter (L)	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Mark 9:2-10**
Saturday	08/07/2021	5:00 p.m.	Elysse Estelle (L)	1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30, 5:2; John 6:41-51
Sunday	08/08/2021	9:00 a.m.	Gary Thompson (L)	1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30, 5:2; John 6:41-51
Sunday	08/08/2021	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Parish Family (L)	1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30, 5:2; John 6:41-51

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

Today's Homily

IN LAST SUNDAY'S Gospel, Jesus fed a crowd of more than five thousand, and now much of that crowd has followed Him to Capernaum in the hope that He would perform another "sign."

Jesus does understand their hunger, but He knows it is not a spiritual one. They clearly haven't understood the true significance of what He did with those simple loaves and fishes. In an attempt to refocus their minds, Jesus tells them, *Do not work for that which perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life.*

Jesus knew that they were looking for more food, that they were hungry. But in today's gospel passage, Jesus is talking about another kind of hunger, the kind that affects or can affect all of us human beings. That hunger is spiritual—the kind that no physical food can satisfy. Only Jesus can begin to satisfy it, whatever its origins, whatever its symptoms or signs.

Sometimes it is a hunger for truth, and in Jesus we find truth. He himself declared: "I am the way and the truth and the life." Sometimes it is a hunger for life and, in Jesus alone, we find life. Again, we have His solemn promise: "I have come that you may have life and have it abundantly." Sometimes it is a hunger for love and, in Jesus, we discover the kind of love that outlasts and conquers sin and death. Our hungry hearts will find satisfaction and rest only in Jesus.

But back to the Gospel story. Note that after Jesus chided the Jews for looking only for food that perishes they had a question for him: "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?"

I wonder if they expected Jesus to lay down a list of things for them to do—actions they were to perform.



But that was not what Jesus had in mind. Listen to his reply: "This is the work of God, that you BELIEVE in the one whom He has sent."

In other words, according to Jesus, the one work that God desires of us is faith. And what does having faith mean here? I think it means, first of all, that we seek to have with

God a kind of relationship and realization that we are His children, and that He is our father. We should realize that we need not be terrified of Him anymore, but rather, we can trust Him, knowing that He wants us to try to repay His love for us with our own deep love for Him.

And if we have failed Him in any way, we must also realize that God wants nothing more than to forgive the repentant sinner and to give him or her a new direction in life.

Jesus is not only willing to help us—He has promised to help us. He does this by giving us Himself. His help comes to us in the form of bread—bread which gives life—the true bread that comes down from heaven as He did.

Of course, this heavenly bread is the Holy Eucharist or Holy Communion as we call it, from which we draw courage and power, resolve and strength and, above all, the grace to persevere until the end of our life here on earth and the beginning of eternal bliss in heaven.

The Eucharist we celebrate today seeks to nourish our hearts and feed our souls. No matter what our response, God's unfailing love and abundant care are ever present if we are only ready to accept them. For to accomplish the works of God is to believe in the One He sent.

Wednesday, August 4th, is the Memorial of St. John Vianney, Priest: Jean-Marie Vianney was born into a peasant family in Dardilly, France, in 1786. With difficulty he reached the ordination of priest at age 32 and, in 1818, he was appointed parish priest of Ars-en-Dombes, a remote town that had lapsed in its faith, which he brought back to the Church using only prayer, mortification, and example. The town became a pilgrimage site, where the "holy curate" heard Confessions for long hours each day. He died in 1859.

Friday, August 6th, is the Feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord: The evangelical episode narrated by Matthew, Mark, and Luke presents the vision of the glory of Christ, transfigured atop a high mountain (identified as Mt. Tabor), where He had gone to pray with Peter, John, and James. Jesus appeared with a luminous face like the sun—his clothes white and shining—in dialog with Moses and Elijah. The glorious manifestation was confirmed by the words of God, speaking from the sky: "This is My beloved Son—hear Him."

2021—The Year of St. Joseph August—The Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Knights of Columbus



Breakfast is now being served on the **1st Sunday** of every month by the Knights of Columbus. Our first serving will be **today after the 9 a.m. Mass** in the Parish Hall.

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2nd Collection

On Sunday, August 8th, there will be a 2nd collection for the needs of the church. Envelopes are on the table in the narthex. Thanks to all who contribute!



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Life Line Screening



Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings **on Wednesday, August 11th**, in the Parish Hall.

There are five vital screenings offered for only \$149 and take 60 to 90 minutes to complete. Register by calling toll-free: 1 (888) 653-6441.

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70th Anniversary

Please make note: **On Sunday, August 15th**, there will be only **ONE Mass at 10 a.m.** Bishop Cary will be our Celebrant, with Fr. Joseph Concelebrating.

Immediately following Mass, there will be a reception in the Parish Hall in honor of our **70th Anniversary!**



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Parish Registration

St. Joseph Parish welcomes all visitors! If you are new to our parish, please complete a registration form available in the narthex and in the parish office at 200 E. 1st Street (right around the corner). Hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Elevator

If you or someone you bring to Mass needs the elevator, please sign the sheet in the narthex with name(s) and time you or they attend Mass so that we always have someone available to assist.

St. Joseph's Parish: Decade of the '90s

Bishop Thomas Connolly continued as our Bishop all through the nineties. **Fr. Robert Simard** (Fr. Bob) continued as our Pastor until May of 1999.

In early 1991, a patio was built on the east side of the Rectory.

In 1992—after much study to provide adequate support—the wooden beams in the church basement were replaced with steel posts. The following year, the hallway of the Parish Hall was remodeled, including a handicapped accessible restroom, altering the arrangement of doors. Electrical outlets were also added in the classrooms, the parking lot was overlaid, and the interior of the Parish Hall was painted.

Then in 1996, the parish celebrated Fr. Bob's 40th Anniversary of his Ordination as a Priest, and in May of 1999, he resigned due to his health. (Fr. Bob had been fighting a brain tumor, which the doctors attempted to remove surgically in 1997.)

Fr. Bob moved into the Dreher House after his retirement on the corner of First and Court Streets. One of the skills that he had brought with him was a proclamation of the Gospel from memory!

We were then blessed to have **Fr. George Nazareth** transfer from Hermiston. Fr. George was from the Diocese of Goa in India where he was a longtime rector of the seminary. He spoke English, Spanish, Portuguese, and his native dialect.

In 1996, the interior of the Church was remodeled, and the Bishop came and blessed the work. And in 1999, **Kathie Leonard** was hired as the Parish Secretary.

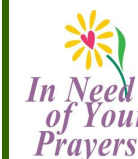
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Volunteer Needed!

The parish is looking for someone who would be willing to clean the brass on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. The main objective is to remove the wax on the candle holders and polish the sacramental vessels. Please call the parish office if you are interested at (541) 447-6475.

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St. Joseph Parish Prayer List:



Jim Linn ♦ **Deacon Caleb Cunningham**
Anthony & Ruth Jordan ♦ **People of India**
Larry Bellah ♦ **David Leonard** ♦ **Linda Arian**
Frederick Smit ♦ **Julie Bither** ♦ **Diane Ingmire**

