

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"The Struggles of Our Life"

Once upon a time, a daughter complained to her father that her life was miserable and she didn't know how she was going to make it. She was tired of fighting and struggling all the time. It seemed that just as one problem was solved, another one soon followed.

Her father, who was a chef, took her into the kitchen. He filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire.

Once the three pots began to boil, he placed a potato in one pot, an egg in the second pot and ground coffee beans in the third pot. He then let them sit and boil, without saying a word to his daughter.

His daughter—rolling her eyes and waiting impatiently—wondered what he was doing. Then, after 20 minutes, he turned off the burners.

He took the potato out of the pot and placed it in a bowl. He pulled the egg out and placed it in a bowl. He then ladled the coffee out and placed it in a cup. He finally turned toward her, and asked, "Daughter, what do you see?"

"A potato, an egg and coffee," she hastily replied.

"Look closer," he said, "and touch the potato."

She did and noted that it was soft.

He then asked her to take the egg and break it.

She did, and after pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg.

Finally, he asked her to sip the coffee. Its wonderful rich aroma brought a smile to her face.

"Father, what does all this mean?" she asked.

He then explained that the potato, the egg and the coffee beans had each faced the same adversity—the boiling water. However, each one reacted differently. The potato went in strong, hard and unrelenting, but in the boiling water, it became soft and weak.

The egg was fragile, with the thin outer shell protecting its liquid interior until it was put in the boiling water. Then the inside of the egg became hard.

However, the ground coffee beans were unique. After they had been exposed to the boiling water, they changed the water and created something new.

"Which one are you?" the father asked his daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a potato, an egg or a coffee bean?"

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In life, things happen around us—things happen to us, but the only thing that truly matters is how you choose to react to it, and what you make out of it. Life is all about learning, adopting and converting all the struggles that we experience into something positive. What is your choice—to be positive or negative? To be optimistic or pessimistic? To be sad or happy? The choice is yours—ONLY yours!

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph



The Potato, the Egg and the Coffee Beans

August 2021 Weekly Offertory

Date	Needed	Offering
August 1, 2021	\$3,700.00	\$3,676.00
August 8, 2021	\$3,700.00	\$3,791.00
August 15, 2021	\$3,700.00	
August 22, 2021	\$3,700.00	
August 29, 2021	\$3,700.00	

St. Joseph Parish Prayer List

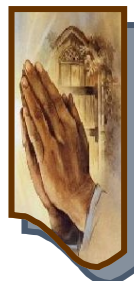
Deacon Caleb Cunningham ♦ Jim Linn

Anthony & Ruth Jordan ♦ Julie Bither

People of India ♦ Larry Bellah

David Leonard ♦ Linda Arian

Frederick Smit ♦ Diane Ingmire



St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754
August 15, 2021 † The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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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Director of Religious Education ♦ Barbara Dalton

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	08/16/2021	8:00 a.m.	Divine Mercy Cenacle Grp (L)	Judges 2:11-19; Matthew 19:16-22
Tuesday	08/17/2021	8:00 a.m.	James MacDonald (D)	Judges 6:11-24a; Matthew 19:23-30
Wednesday	08/18/2021	8:00 a.m.	Bob George (D)	Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16
Thursday	08/19/2021	8:00 a.m.	No Mass	Judges 11:29-39a; Matthew 22:1-14
Friday	08/20/2021	12:00 p.m.	No Mass	Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Matthew 22:34-40*
Saturday	08/21/2021	5:00 p.m.	Bob Leonard (L)	Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69
Sunday	08/22/2021	9:00 a.m.	Lu Streetman (D)	Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69
Sunday	08/22/2021	12:00 p.m.	Monica Itamura (D)	Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69

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

Today's Homily

THE FEAST of the Assumption is one of the most important feasts of our Lady. Catholics believe in the Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven. We believe that when her earthly life was finished, Mary was taken up, body and soul, into Heavenly glory, where the Lord exalted her as Queen of Heaven. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #966).

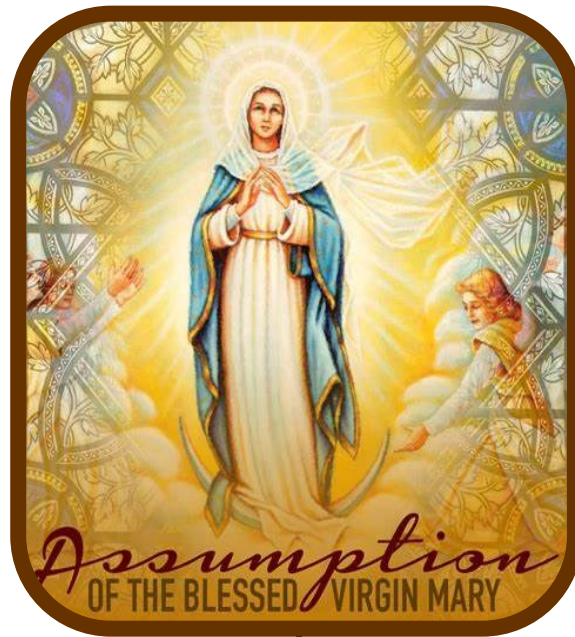
The Assumption is the feast of Mary's total liberation from death and decay—the consequences of original sin. It is also the remembrance of the day when the Church gave official recognition to the centuries-old belief of Christians about the Assumption of their Heavenly Mother.

In the Orthodox Church, the *koimesis*—or *dormitio* (“falling asleep”), of the Virgin began to be commemorated on August 15th in the 6th Century. The observance gradually spread to the West, where it became known as the feast of the Assumption. By the 13th Century, the belief had been accepted by most Catholic theologians, and it was a popular subject with Renaissance and Baroque painters. It was on November 1, 1950, through the Apostolic Constitution, *Munificentinus Deus*, that Pope Pius XII officially declared the Assumption as a Dogma of Catholic Faith.

Pope Pius XII in the papal document *Munificentinus Deus* gives four reasons for our belief in the Dogma of the Assumption of Mary:

Reason #1:

- The uninterrupted tradition about Mary's death and Assumption starting from the 1st Century.
- The belief expressed in all the ancient liturgies of the Church.
- The negative evidence—the absence and veneration of a tomb of Mary while most of the apostles have their tombs.
- The possibility of bodily assumption warranted in the Old Testament in the cases of Enoch (Genesis 5:24), perhaps Moses (Deuteronomy 34:5), and especially Elijah (II Kings 2:1).
- The theological reasons are: (1) The degeneration of the body after death is the consequence of “original sin,” and Mary, as “Immaculately Conceived,” is exempted from the post-mortem decay of the body, and (2) As receiver of the fullness of grace and holi-



ness, because she is the mother of Jesus and co-redeemer with Him, Mary's place is with her son—God's Son, Jesus, the Redeemer, in the abode of holiness—Heaven.

Mary's Assumption gives us the assurance and hope of our own resurrection and assumption into Heaven on the day of our Last Judgment. It is a sign to us that someday, through God's grace and our good life, we, too, will join the Blessed Mother in giving glory to God. It points the way for all followers of Christ who imitate Mary's fidelity and obedience to God's will.

Reason #2:

Since Mary's Assumption was a reward for her saintly life, this feast reminds us that we, too, must be pure and holy in body and soul, since our bodies will be glorified on the day of our resurrection. St. Paul tells us that our bodies are the temples of God because the Holy Spirit dwells within us. He also reminds us that our bodies are members (parts) of the Body of Christ.

Reason #3:

This feast also gives us the message of total liberation. Jesus tells us in John 8:34 that everyone who sins is a slave of sin, and St. Paul reminds us (Galatians 5:1), that, since Christ has set us free, we should be slaves of sin no more. Thus, the Assumption encourages us to work with God to be liberated from the bondage of evil: from impure, unjust and uncharitable thoughts and habits, and from the bonds of jealousy, envy, and hatred.

Reason #4:

Finally, it is always an inspiring thought in our moments of temptation and despair to remember that we have a powerful heavenly Mother, constantly interceding for us before her Son, Jesus, in Heaven. The feast of Mary's Assumption challenges us to imitate her self-sacrificing love, her indestructible Faith and her perfect obedience.

Therefore, on this feast day of our heavenly Mother, let us offer ourselves on the altar and pray for her special care and loving protection in helping us lead a purer and holier life.

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

Knights of Columbus

Your next monthly meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 17th, at 7 p.m.**, in the parish hall.

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RCIA



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) introduces the Catholic faith to non-Catholics and those with no formal Christian instruction, including those who may have been baptized as Catholic but have not been able to participate in a faith formation program or receive their Sacraments.

RCIA classes introduce what the Church believes, and how we worship and celebrate our faith.

If you are interested in attending RCIA, please contact **Garilynn Torcher at (541) 815-5823**.

Classes will be held beginning on **Monday, September 13th, from 6 to 7 p.m.**

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Mass Change

On **Wednesday, August 18th**, the daily Mass will be at **8 a.m. instead of at 12 p.m.**, and there will be **no Mass on Thursday or Friday, August 19th and 20th**. Fr. Joseph will be leaving for a few days.

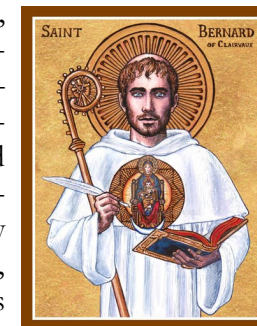
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*Friday, August 20th, Memorial:

St. Bernard, Abbott and Doctor of the Church

Bernard was born in 1090 in France, near Dijon. At the age of 22, he entered the Benedictine Abbey of Cîteaux, where he founded the Cistercian Order. In 1115, he was named abbot of a new monastery at Clairvaux, which gave origin to many other foundations. During his life, he was the most powerful religious influence in Europe, known for his holy life, miraculous cures and teaching.

He died in 1153, and his cult immediately spread.



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Bible Quotation for the Week:

Proverbs 3:5, 6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.

St. Joseph's Parish: Decade of 2010–2021

In March, 2018, **Fr. Liam Cary** was appointed as the Bishop of the Diocese of Baker by **Pope Benedict**. Bishop Cary grew up in Prineville. He attended grade school and middle school in our community. He was a star in Little League basketball and baseball; at St. Joseph, he was an altar server and CCD student; after 7th grade, he entered the seminary.

Fr. Robert Greiner was pastor until 2013, and **Fr. Christopher Ehidiemen** was here from 2013 to 2016. Then **Fr. Joseph Kunnelaya** took over as pastor and administrator—and he is still here with us today.

In 2018, we replaced the asbestos roof on the main church building. This project was one of the largest since the construction of the Parish Hall.

In 2019, we replaced the deck at the Rectory, installed a window in the Parish Hall kitchen, and fixed some drainage issues on the east side of the Rectory.

In 2020, we installed a new altar obtained from the parish in Maupin. We fixed the floor of the Sanctuary and gave it a new coat of paint. Our last project was the hand-painted, life-sized crucifix, which was so generously donated by long-time parishioners, **Gary and Kathy Thompson**.

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Religious Education 2021–2022



Registration will be open for all Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation on:

- **August 30/31, from 3 to 6 p.m.**
- **September 1/2 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

The first day of class for Grades 1–5 is **Wednesday, September 22nd, from 3:15 to 5 p.m.**

The first day of class for Confirmation is **Thursday, September 23rd, from 6 to 8 p.m.**

If your family or child is new to Religious Education at St. Joseph Catholic Church, please remember to bring a copy of their baptismal and sacramental certificate (if they received their First Holy Communion). If they have not been baptized, please bring a copy of the birth certificate.

Religious Education is \$40 per child; First Holy Communion is \$50 per child; and, Confirmation is \$80 per child, which covers two years. Cash or checks only—we cannot process credit or debit cards.

If you cannot attend on the above dates for registration, or if you have any questions or concerns, please call **Barbara Dalton, DRE**, at (541) 410-3720. Registration is not allowed outside the specific dates or without an appointment. There will be no registration once class starts on **September 22/23**.

