

Fr. Joseph's Corner

“Be Positive in Life . . .” (author unknown)

Michael is the kind of guy you love to hate. He's always in a good mood and always has something positive to say. If someone asked him how he was, he would reply, “If I were any better, I would be twins!” He was a natural motivator. If an employee was having a bad day, Michael was there telling the employee how to look on the positive side of the situation.

One day I said to Michael, “I don't get it! You can't be a positive person all of the time. How do you do it?”

Michael replied, “Each morning, I wake up and say to myself, ‘You have two choices today. You can choose to be in a good mood or to be in a bad mood.’ I choose to be in a good mood. Each time something bad happens, I can choose to be a victim, or I can choose to learn from it. I choose to learn from it. Every time someone comes to me complaining, I can choose to accept their complaining, or I can point out the positive side of life. I choose the positive side of life.”

“Yeah, right! But it's not that easy,” I protested.

“Yes, it is,” Michael said. “Life is all about choices. When you cut out all the junk, every situation is a choice. *You* choose how you react to situations. *You* choose how people affect your mood. *You* choose to be in a good mood or a bad mood. The bottom line is—it's *your* choice how you live your life.”

Several years later, I heard that Michael was involved in a serious accident After 18 hours of surgery and weeks of intensive care, he was finally released from the hospital.

I saw Michael about six months later, and I asked him how he was. He replied, “If I were any better, I'd be twins. Wanna see my scars?”

I declined to see his wounds, but I did ask him what had gone through his mind after the accident took place.

“The first thing I thought about was the well-being of my soon-to-be-born daughter,” he replied. “Then, I remembered that I had two choices: I could choose to live, or I could choose to die. I chose to live.”

“Weren't you scared?” I asked.

Michael replied, “Yes, I was. But the paramedics were great. They kept telling me I was going to be fine. But when they wheeled me into the ER, and I saw the expressions on the faces of the doctors and nurses, I got really scared. In their eyes, I read, ‘*He's a dead man,*’ and I knew I needed to take action.”

“So, what did you do?” I asked.

He answered, “Well, a big, burly nurse was shouting a question at me: ‘Are you allergic to anything?’ ”

“Yes?” I asked.

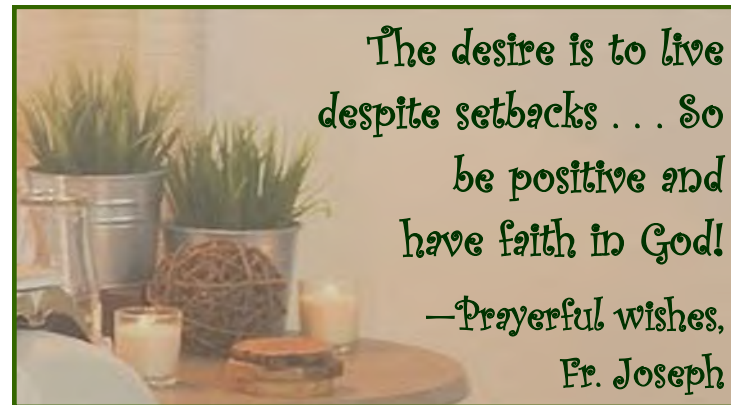
Michael replied, “The doctors and nurses stopped working on me as they waited for my reply. I took a deep breath and yelled, ‘Gravity!’ ”

Over their laughter, I told them, “I am choosing to live. Operate on me as if I am alive, not dead.”

Michael lived, thanks to the skill of his doctors, but also because of his amazing attitude. I learned from him that every day we have the choice to live fully. Attitude, after all, is everything. So, don't worry about tomorrow—tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. After all, today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.

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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.



August 2021 Weekly Offertory

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

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 8, 2021 † 19th 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.

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Secretary ♦ Karin Jones

Parish Office Hours ♦ Monday–Thursday ♦ 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

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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	08/09/2021	8:00 a.m.	Ensley Edgerly (L)	Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Matthew 17:22-27
Tuesday	08/10/2021	8:00 a.m.	Marie Smit (D)	2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26 [Feast]
Wednesday	08/11/2021	12:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Mueller (D)	Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 18:15-20 [Memorial]
Thursday	08/12/2021	8:00 a.m.	Arie Smit (D)	Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Matthew 18:21-19:1
Friday	08/13/2021	12:00 p.m.	Angus Leffler (D)	Joshua 24:1-13; Matthew 19:3-12
Saturday	08/14/2021	5:00 p.m.	Tom MacDonald (L)	1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; 1 Cor.15:54b-57; Luke 11:27-18
Sunday	08/15/2021	10:00 a.m.	Jerome Mulvihill (D)	Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor. 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56

(L) = Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

Today's Homily

LIFE IS ABOUT survival. The desire is to live despite setbacks. Many sick patients recover and continue to live because they desire to live. They love life and live it to the fullest. They never give up on themselves or others. Most of all, they have faith in God.

Our first reading is a story of hardship from the Book of Kings. Elijah becomes discouraged, tired and depressed. Although he had defeated the prophets of the pagan god, Baal, his victory was short-lived. Queen Jezebel was a follower of Baal and had threatened Elijah's life, so he fled. We find him wandering in the desert, tired, hungry and praying for death. But God has other plans in mind for Elijah, who has remained faithful when all others had turned away from God. Rather than allow him to die, God sends an angel to take care of Elijah. Twice Elijah is fed before continuing his long journey to the mountain of God, Horeb (or Sinai), where he will have an intimate encounter with God.

Today's Gospel of John deepens the theme of life and hope. It is no longer an angel who comes speaking words of life and hope. It is the Son of God, the One who came down from Heaven, sent by the Father to draw all people to God.

The food He offers for our journey is not mere bread and water. It is "bread from Heaven," which alone is able to satisfy that deepest of all human hungers—the hunger for life. Jesus is the one offering us life, offering new meaning and purpose, offering new hope. As food for our journey, He offers His very self.

It is through Jesus that our deepest longings and hopes are fulfilled. We hunger and thirst for so much—for love, for acceptance, for forgiveness, for meaning; in

Tuesday, August 10th, is the Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr. Lawrence was one of the seven deacons of Rome under Pope Sixtus II who were martyred in the persecution of the Christians that the Roman Emperor Valerian ordered in 258. When Sixtus became the Pope in 257, he ordained Lawrence as a deacon and, although Lawrence was still young, appointed him first among the seven deacons who served in the cathedral church.

Lawrence, the last of the seven deacons and the ranking Church official, suffered a martyr's death.



a word, we long for life. Jesus said: "I came that they may have life and have it to the fullest."

Jesus is the only one able to offer us real life—eternal life. He says that He is truly the "bread of life," reminding the people that the manna in the desert provided nourishment only for a day—not for eternity, but the bread of Jesus gives life forever.

If we feed on Christ, if we believe in Him and learn from Him, His life will become part of our life. We are called to allow His love to continue to work through us, and His love will go out into the world and touch people's lives, to let the hope Christ offers to shine and allow His peace and forgiveness to be extended to others, to allow His concern for the poor and the weak, the outcast and despised.

Jesus offers to let us participate in His life now. He invites us to be part of Him, for He wants His flesh to give life to the world now, through us. He seeks to help people on their journey toward God, toward fullness of life, to sustain people, to offer new hope, to bring purpose and confidence to a bruised and often battered people. This is the life Jesus offers and He offers it, not just to us, but through us to the world.

The journey we make and the time we set aside to celebrate the Eucharist each Sunday is important for the development of our faith. If we are to imitate God as Paul asks us to do in the second reading, then we need to become encouraged and challenged by his words and be fed by the bread of life. This gift is freely given, not because we are the holiest of people, but because we are trying to be holy despite the troubles and struggles we experience along the way.

Wednesday, August 11th, is the Memorial of St. Clare, Virgin. On Palm Sunday in the year 1212, a young girl from an aristocratic Umbrian family dramatically fled her family home to join Francis of Assisi and his brothers in the valley below the town of Assisi, in a tiny church that Francis had repaired.

She was ritually welcomed into this family of brothers, and promised herself, that very night, to God. Her hair was cut, and she was clothed in the simple tunic that identified her as part of the group, the *minores*, the "little ones."

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

Life Line Screening



Life Line Screening offers affordable, non-invasive, painless health screenings on **Wednesday, August 11th**, in the Parish Hall. There are five vital screenings for only \$149 and take 60 to 90 minutes to complete. Register by calling toll-free: 1 (888) 653-6441.

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2nd Collection

Next weekend, **August 14th/15th**, there will be a second collection for The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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Graveside Service

On **Saturday, August 14th**, there will be a graveside service at **10 a.m.** for **Pearline Beltram** at the Juniper Haven Cemetery.

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Funeral Mass

Also on **Saturday, August 14th**, there will be a funeral Mass for **Jerome Kuper**. The Rosary will begin at **10:30 a.m.**, and the Funeral Mass will begin at **11 a.m.**

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70th Anniversary

Please Note: Bishop Liam Cary will be celebrating the Vigil Mass on **Saturday, August 14th, at 5 p.m.** Then on **Sunday, August 15th**, there will only be **one Mass at 10 a.m.** Bishop Cary will be the Celebrant with Fr. Joseph Concelebrating. Immediately following Mass, in honor of our **70th Anniversary**, there is a reception in the Parish Hall.

(Bishop Cary will also be celebrating his birthday on **August 21st**, so give him a good "high five!")

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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.

Please contact the Parish Office at (541) 447-6475 if you are interested in attending the RCIA classes.

St. Joseph's Parish: Decade of the 2000s

This decade commenced with the ordination of **Bishop Robert V. Vasa** on January 26, 2000. **Fr. George Nazareth** continued as our Pastor until June of 2000. **Fr. Bill** filled in until October of that year, and then **Fr. Jim Logan** came and stayed until July 2002. **Fr. Robert Greiner** was appointed Pastor and stayed until 2013. **Fr. Fabian** was here to fill in as needed.

A sound system was installed in the Church in January of 2000, the Ham Dinner was reinstated, and the Knights of Columbus commenced serving breakfast on the first Sunday of every month.

The Tombstone of the Unborn Child was installed and blessed on November 18th, 2001. Also, the convent that was being used as a senior care facility and rental was vacated, cleaned and remodeled, and the SVdP Social Services moved from the church basement into the convent.

The sidewalks were repaired on the church property and the stamped concrete in front of the church was installed in 2004—as was the flag pole.

Kathie Leonard retired in 2007, and **Nancy Redfern** took over as the Church Secretary.

Then in June 2008, with contributions from the parish plus a special anonymous donor, air conditioning and a new furnace were installed in the church, and a new driveway was poured at the rectory.

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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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Bible Quotation for the Week: Matthew 11:28

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

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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**

