

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"It's Not That Complicated!"

There once lived a very wise man in ancient times. He was elderly, educated and held knowledge and books in the highest regard.

One day while on a walk, he realized that his shoes were really starting to wear out. Because he spent a lot of time walking on a daily basis, he knew he had to find the best shoes to support and protect his feet. But, back then, this wasn't such an easy task, as he couldn't just "jump online" to do the research and have shoes delivered to his door. Neither did he want to make things worse by purchasing the wrong shoes and having inadequate protection for his feet, which would lead to injuries and the inability to leave his home and walk to find new books to read.

The man then gathered all of the books he could that were written by only those whom he admired the most to search for the answer to his question: "What do I do if my shoes have fallen apart?" He read through several books before finding out that he had no choice but to go buy a new pair of shoes. He then spent a lot of time reading about how to know if a pair of shoes would fit properly.

Once he was satisfied with the answers he found, he was proud of his research, and he felt confident in his ability to buy a high-quality replacement for his old shoes. He figured if he hadn't done his research, he probably would have gone barefoot for the rest of his life, as he had no one to tell him how to repair his shoes.

Following the instructions in the books, the man took a stick and measured his foot with it. He then went to the market and finally came upon a pair of shoes that he liked. However, he realized he had left the stick at home, which was far away from the shop, and he went back to get it.

By the time the man returned to the market, the shop was closed. And, by that point, his shoes were completely split, so he had to return home barefoot.

The next morning, he walked back to the market with bare feet, but the shoes that he had chosen the day before had been sold. The wise man explained what had happened to the shopkeeper, who reacted with a sense of surprise, asking, "Why didn't you buy the shoes yesterday?"

The wise man replied, "Because I forgot the stick that I had used to measure my feet back at home. And *anyone* who knows *anything* about shoes knows that you have to have the correct measurements of your feet before you can buy shoes. I didn't want to buy the wrong size, and I was following the normal instructions."

Even more confused, the shopkeeper asked, "But your foot was with you! Why didn't you just try the shoes on?"

The wise man was equally confused in return and responded, "All the books say that shoes must be bought with the exact same measurements of the shoes you already own."

Laughing, the shop owner replied "Oh, no! You don't need the advice from books to buy shoes. You just need to have your feet, some money, and some common sense to not complicate things."

Sometimes you need to take action without overthinking things. Knowledge often comes in handy, but in some circumstances, if you lack experience or common sense, your knowledge will only get you so far. In fact, it could actually make things seem a lot more complicated than they are.

If you're facing an issue, don't forget to use your reasoning skills in addition to anything you've learned in a formal learning environment.

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph




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	\$3,025.21
August 22, 2021	\$3,700.00	\$2,086.00
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 29, 2021 † 22nd 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	08/30/2021	8:00 a.m.	Sandy McKay (D)	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30
Tuesday	08/31/2021	8:00 a.m.	Patrick Carroll (D)	1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Luke 4:31-37
Wednesday	09/01/2021	12:00 p.m.	Walter Pentkowski (D)	Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44
Thursday	09/02/2021	8:00 a.m.	Sheila Eileen Mims (D)	Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11
Friday	09/03/2021	12:00 p.m.	Howard Tocher (D)	Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 5:33-39*
Saturday	09/04/2021	5:00 p.m.	Odes Jennings (D)	Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37
Sunday	09/05/2021	9:00 a.m.	Lu Streetman (D)	Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37
Sunday	09/05/2021	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Parish Family (L)	Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

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

Today's Homily

FOR ALMOST 50 years, Mother Teresa worked in the slums of Calcutta, India. She worked among the most forsaken people on earth. You and I would recoil from most of the people that she touched every day—the dispossessed, the downtrodden, the diseased, and the desperate. And yet, everyone who met Mother Teresa remarked on her

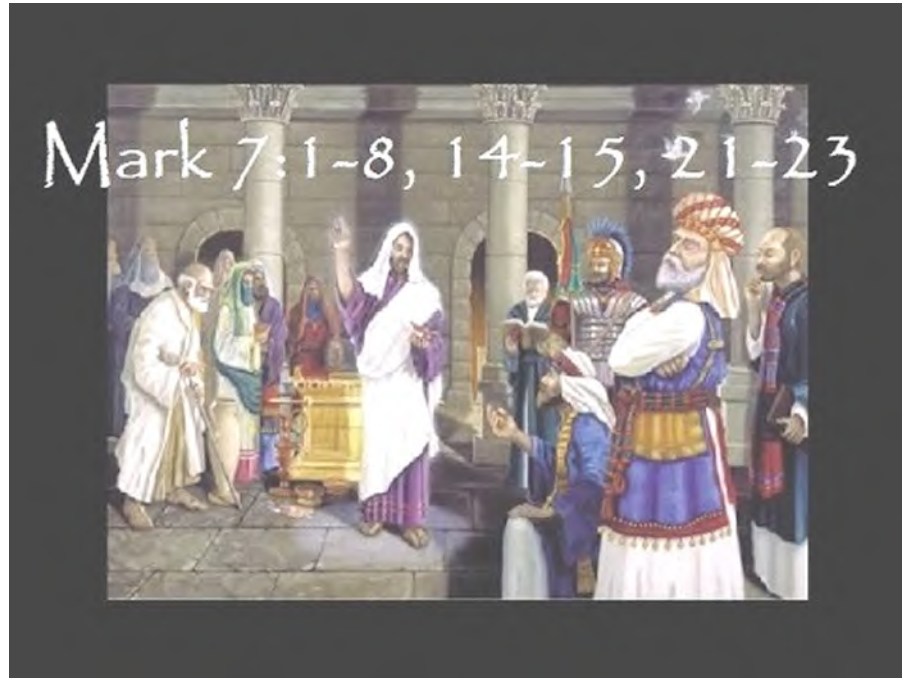
warm smile. How, after almost 50 years of working in conditions like that, did she keep a warm smile on her face? Mother Teresa explains: “It is interesting. When I was leaving home in Yugoslavia at the age of 18 to become a nun, my mother told me something beautiful and very strange.” She said, “You go put your hand in Jesus’ hand, and walk along with Him.” And that was the secret of Mother Teresa’s life ever after.

Today’s readings explain what true religion is. It is not simply a scrupulous, external observance of rules, laws, traditions and rituals. It is a loving, obedient relationship with God, expressed in obeying His Commandments, worshipping Him, recognizing His presence in other human beings and rendering them loving, and humble service. Prayers, rituals, Sacraments and religious practices only help us to practice this true religion in our daily lives.

The first reading explains that religion is a Covenant relationship with a caring, providing and protecting God, fostered by keeping His Commandments given through Moses. God gave Israel the Law so that the Israelites might keep their Covenant with Yahweh, and thank Him for His love and fidelity to His Chosen People. The Law was also intended to keep them a united, holy and intelligent nation, proud of their powerful, protective, single God.

In the second reading, St. James defines true religion as keeping the word of God and doing His will by helping the needy, the poor and the weak in the community. He challenges Christians to become doers of the word, not merely hearers.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus describes true religion as serving God and all His children with a pure and holy



heart. The Gospel explains the encounter of

Jesus with the Sanhedrin observers and the Pharisees, who had been sent to assess His unique, controversial teachings. These experts had found Jesus’ teachings to be an open violation of the “Traditions of the Elders,” and His implied and spoken claims “blasphemous.” It was in the 5th Century BC that the scribes started adding oral traditions as

practical applications of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees observed them and insisted that all the Jews should also do so.

The original noble purpose was to sanctify the daily lives of the people, making them “holy, as God is holy.”

Jesus uses the occasion as a teachable moment to give them the following lessons:

- 1) Don’t teach human doctrines as dogmas.
- 2) Internal disposition, purity and holiness are more important than external, ritual observances.
- 3) Keep your heart holy, as it is the source of sins, vices and evil habits. The observance of traditions and of washing rituals does not correct the internal motivations and inclinations that really defile people.
- 4) External piety without internal holiness is hypocrisy.

We need to learn and to keep the spirit of the laws of the Church and its ritual practices. For example, our Sunday obligation is intended to allow us to worship God in the parish community, to offer our lives to God, to ask His pardon for sins, to thank God for His blessings, and to receive Divine life and strength from Him in Holy Communion. Our daily family prayers are meant to thank God for His blessings, to present the family’s needs before God, to ask pardon for sins, and to maintain the spirit of unity and love in the family.

Let us avoid the tendency to become “cafeteria” Christians; that is, to choose certain Commandments and Church laws to follow, and to ignore the others—as we choose certain food items and ignore others in a cafeteria.

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

Message from Father Joseph



As you all are aware, the spike in COVID is back with us. Many have and many have not been vaccinated. I am here only to ask that everyone be respectful, and show love and concern for your fellow parishioners.

There are masks available for those who have concerns.

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Mass Cancelled

Please be advised that there will be no Mass on **Monday, August 30th**. Father will be away from the area.

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Religious Education 2021–2022:

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

- ◆ **August 31st from 3 to 6 p.m.**
- ◆ **September 1st, 2nd & 3rd 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 7:30 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**.

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Bible Quotation for the Week

Isaiah 52:7 How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, “Your God reigns!”

Bible Study

Fr. Joseph would like to have a Bible Study Class once a week.

If you are interested in conducting the Bible Study Program, please contact Fr. Joseph.

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Friday, September 3rd— Memorial of St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church



Born around 540 into a powerful aristocratic Roman family, Gregory completed law studies before entering the service of the state. After a few years, he chose the monastic life, founding monasteries and dedicating himself to the needy. Made pope in 590, he was active in works of charity and missions. He contributed to the development of the Roman liturgy as well as to church music—most especially Gregorian chant. He died in 604, and his cult spread immediately.

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Yard Sale

On Saturday, September 18th, starting at 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., St. Joseph Catholic Church will be having a yard sale

NOW is the time to clean out your closets, basements, and attics of those items that you are no longer using or need.

Please make sure the items are in good and working condition!

If you have any questions or concerns, please call **Hans Kaumanns at (541) 760-5269**. More information will be in next week’s bulletin.

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Prayer List

Deacon Caleb Cunningham
Frederick Smit ◆ Kathy Thompson
Linda Arian ◆ Larry Bellah
Diane Ingmire ◆ People of India
Anthony & Ruth Jordan
Julie Bither ◆ Patricia Bither
David Leonard ◆ Mike Mulvihill
Chuck & Diane Giovanini

