

# Fr. Joseph's Corner

**"Don't Wait for Winter" (Contributed by Carl D Johnson)**

## AND THEN IT IS WINTER

**Y**ou know . . . Time has a way of moving quickly—and catching you unaware of the passing years.

It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet, in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams. But here it is . . . the winter of my life, and it catches me by surprise. . . . How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me, and winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.

But, here it is . . . my friends are retired and getting grey, they move slower, and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some in worse shape than me, but I see the great change—not like the ones that I remember, who were young and vibrant, but like me, their age is beginning to show, and WE are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore—it's mandatory! 'Cause if I don't on my own free will, I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so, now I enter into this new season of my life, unprepared for all the aches and pains, and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!

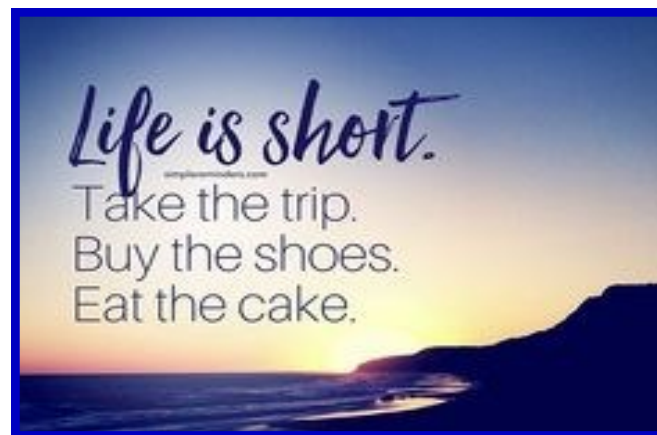
But, at least I know that, though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last, this I do know: That when it's over on this earth, it is NOT over. A new adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I had not done—things I should have done—but, indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It is all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not in your winter yet . . . let me remind you that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life—please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!

Life goes by all too fast. So, do what you can today, because you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life. . . . So, live for today, and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember—and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!

—*Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph*



## September 2021 Weekly Offertory

Date	Needed	Offering
September 5, 2021	\$3,700.00	\$4,002.25
September 12, 2021	\$3,700.00	
September 19, 2021	\$3,700.00	
September 26, 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

September 12, 2021 † 24th 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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## 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	09/13/2021	8:00 a.m.	Lu Streetman (D)	1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 7:1-10*
Tuesday	09/14/2021	8:00 a.m.	John Kutcher (D)	Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17**
Wednesday	09/15/2021	12:00 p.m.	Sr. Agatha (D)	1 Timothy 3:14-16; John 19:25-27*
Thursday	09/16/2021	8:00 a.m.	Nello Giovanini (D)	1 Timothy 4:12-16; Luke 7:36-50*
Friday	09/17/2021	12:00 p.m.	Robert Marquez (D)	1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3
Saturday	09/18/2021	5:00 p.m.	Grant Hintz (D)	Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37
Sunday	09/19/2021	9:00 a.m.	Amelia Gray (L)	Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37
Sunday	09/19/2021	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Parish Family (L)	Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

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

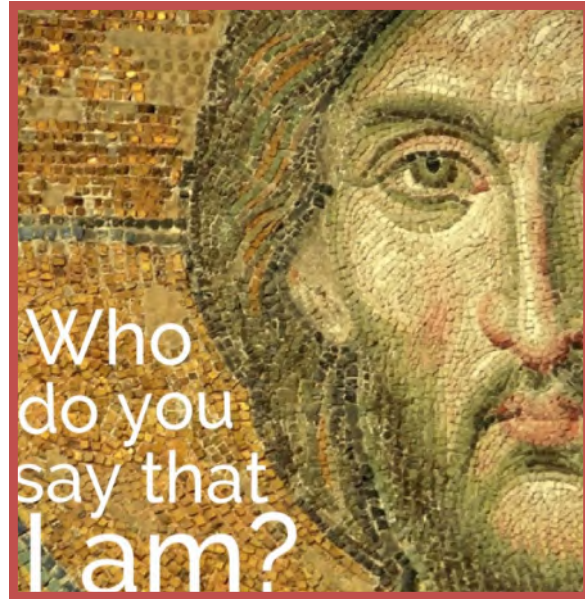
# Today's Homily

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL, Jesus asks us the same question He asked His first followers. It is in some ways the most important question we will ever be asked: "Who do you say that I am?" We are the people who say that Christ is more than just a holy and good man, more than a prophet who announces God's words and prepares his faith, more than an inspiration. We are the people who confess, with Peter, that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God. This is the faith that brings us together and unites us together. But, our faith in Christ must be more than something we say on our lips. It must be something we confess by the way we live.

St. James in today's second reading makes a distinction between dead faith and living faith. He said that "faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." If faith remains simply a thing of the head and doesn't affect the heart, the hands, the feet, our choices, then it is dead and has "no power to save us." St. Paul said, "If I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains, but do not have love—in other words, do not have works—I am nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:2).

Jesus says to us in today's Gospel that if we truly believe that He is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God, if we are really His disciples in fact and not just in name, then we will deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Him. He tells us that the only way to salvation is to "lose our lives" for Him, by denying ourselves and following Him, the suffering Messiah, along the path of sacrifice, the way of the Cross. There are many of us who are with Jesus and find it easy to love and have faith in Him when He is working miracles and speaking words of great comfort. But, the real test of whether we have living faith is when Jesus forces us to make a choice, and we choose Him.

Peter, in the Gospel, failed that test the first time. After Jesus said that He needed to "undergo great



suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed," after He said he needed to fulfill in His own flesh all the sufferings that Isaiah foretold in today's first reading, Peter took him aside to rebuke him. Peter, at first, was not willing to accept a Messiah who would suffer and die. That's why Christ, in turn, rebuked Peter, calling him "Satan," and telling him to "get behind Him," where he would learn to *follow* Christ rather than try to lead Him.

Jesus wanted Peter to trust in Him and in His judgment rather than to try to control Him and trust in his own.

The same thing can happen with regard to our own call to deny ourselves, pick up our Cross and follow Jesus. We can try to tell him that we can still be His faithful followers without the Cross. But, this is not living faith. If we have a real faith in Christ, we will act on His words even and especially when they are most challenging.

We must be willing to sacrifice of ourselves along with Him. Sometimes these sacrifices, these crosses, are small, like getting up to go to Mass, sacrificing for the building up of the Church Christ founded, or volunteering our time for a good cause and for the Church.

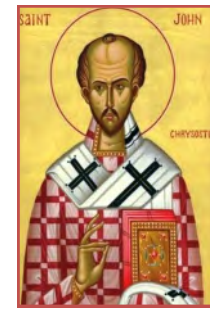
Sometimes they're somewhat challenging, like remaining chaste before marriage despite temptations and pressure, still following the Lord when someone representing the Church scandalizes us or hurts us, or standing up for Christ and His teachings when others don't accept His truth and make fun of those who do.

But living faith means, simply, that we trust in and act on Christ's words that to save our life we must lose it for Christ and the Gospel.

Today, Jesus says to us again, "Who do you say that I am?" As we prepare to receive Him in the Eucharist, we ask Him for His help so that in all our actions we may confess Him with living faith as our Messiah—the Son of the living God.

# 2021—The Year of St. Joseph September—The Month of Our Lady of Sorrows

## Monday, September 13th: Memorial of St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church



John was born in Antioch around 350. On the death of his mother, he retired for six years to live as a hermit, but so severe was the rule he followed that he got ill and was forced to return to Antioch. In that city he was ordained deacon, then priest, and soon had become a famous and admired preacher. As bishop of Constantinople, he proved an intransigent critic of the behavior of the Byzantine court and the arrogance of the powerful. For this reason, he ran up against strong opposition, and he was forced into exile several times. He died at Pontus, on the Black Sea, in 407.

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## Tuesday, September 14th: Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

This feast is ancient, having been initially celebrated in the East in the 4th Century. It was adopted in the West about three centuries later and commemorated the recovery of the precious relic of the cross on which Jesus died. The exaltation of the agony that led to the death of Christ and that permitted Christ's glorification, the cross has been transformed into a symbol of the Christian faith.

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## Wednesday, September 15th: Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

The veneration of Our Lady of Sorrows is associated with the Passion of Christ and the maternity of Mary, which assumes universal dimensions when associated with the cross of Jesus.

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## Thursday, September 16th: Memorial of St. Cornelius, Pope, and St. Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr

Cornelius and Cyprian lived in constant communion without ever meeting. Cornelius was pope, elected in 251. Opposed by dissident priests, he had the support of Cyprian, bishop of Carthage, who authoritatively defended his legitimacy. In 253, during the persecution ordered by the Emperor Gallus, Cornelius was exiled in Civitavecchia, where he died, while Cyprian died a martyr under Valerian in 258.



## Yard Sale

On Saturday, September 18th, St. Joseph Catholic Church will be having a yard sale starting at 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. 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.

Please make sure your items are priced and are received no later than Friday, September 17th, by 3 p.m., in the Parish Hall.

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## Religious Education 2021-2022

The first day of class for Grades 1 through 5 will be on Wednesday, September 22nd, from 3:15 to 5 p.m. Snacks will be provided to all children prior to the beginning of class. Please make sure your children are on time.

The First day of class for Confirmation is on Thursday, September 23rd, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

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## Message from Fr. Joseph:

Gov. Brown has issued a mandate for indoor and outdoor gatherings.

Please be mindful of your obligation to keep the community safe.

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## 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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## Prayer List

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

