

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"Puppy Love"

A pet shop owner received a litter of puppies, and he was ready to sell them to their "forever" families.

A young girl walked by the shop and noticed a sign saying, "Puppies for Sale" and, of course, she was very eager to go inside to see them.

She went into the shop and asked the owner, "How much do the puppies cost?" The owner replied, "They are all around \$50."

The girl emptied her pocket change and told the store owner that she only had about \$2, but she still wanted to look at them.

The shop owner then whistled for the puppies, and they came running down the hall of his shop. There were five tiny "fur-balls," followed by one that limped behind the rest. The girl immediately singled out the lame puppy and asked the store owner what was wrong with him.

The owner explained that the puppy was born with a deformity—he was missing a hip socket—and that he would walk with a limp for the rest of his life.

The girl got excited, saying, "Oh! I want *that* puppy!" The owner said, "You don't want to buy that puppy. If you really want him, you can have him for free."

The girl became upset. She looked at the shop owner and said, "I don't want to have him for free. That puppy is worth just as much as the others. I'll give you the change I have now and a dollar a month until I have paid for the puppy entirely."

The owner continued, "This dog is never going to be able to run and play like all of the other dogs. I think you're going to regret this decision."

But, to his surprise, the girl reached down and rolled up her pant leg to reveal a crippled leg that was supported by a large metal brace. She looked up at the owner and softly replied, "Well, I'm not much of a runner either, and this puppy needs someone who understands."

Don't make assumptions about other people's wants, needs, or abilities. Each one of us has our own weaknesses—whether it's physical or mental. The trick is to not allow your weaknesses to slow you down.

Instead, find others in the world who will support you. Try to surround yourself with people who will challenge you to reach your potential.

—*Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph*



Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List:

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

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St. Vincent de Paul

SVdP is in need of volunteers—either as a "regular" or "on-call." All volunteers must wear masks and be fully vaccinated. Please call **Joan Holland** at (541) 604-1240 or the **SVdP Office** at (541) 447-7662 if interested.

September 2021 Weekly Offertory

Date	Needed	Offering
September 5, 2021	\$3,700.00	\$4,002.25
September 12, 2021	\$3,700.00	\$3,576.00
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 † 25th 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.

Parish Office Telephone: (541) 447-6475
 Fr. Joseph: 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. ♦ (541) 420-4458
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 Facebook: St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Prineville, Oregon
 Email: stjosephparish@bendbroadband.com
 Pastor: fatherjoseph@bendbroadband.com
 (Fr. Joseph's personal email address: joekunel55@gmail.com)

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	09/20/2021	8:00 a.m.	Clark Family (D)	Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18*
Tuesday	09/21/2021	8:00 a.m.	Howard Tocher (D)	Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13**
Wednesday	09/22/2021	12:00 p.m.	Smith Family (D)	Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6
Thursday	09/23/2021	8:00 a.m.	Curtis Morris Sr. (D)	Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9*
Friday	09/24/2021	12:00 p.m.	Rev. Fr. Matthew Crotty (D)	Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22
Saturday	09/25/2021	5:00 p.m.	Jim Kutcher (L)	Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Sunday	09/26/2021	9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul (L)	Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Sunday	09/26/2021	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Parish Family (L)	Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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

Today's Homily

AT THE SCREENING of the film *Mother Teresa* during the celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations in 1983, the Secretary General, Javier Perez de Cuellar, rose from his seat to introduce Mother Teresa to an elite gathering of the representatives of all member countries of the U.N. He needed only one sentence for his introduction: "I present to you the most powerful woman in



the world!" Hers was the power of humble, sacrificial, Christian service and *agape* love! She was the living proof of Jesus' words in today's Gospel—that real greatness lies in serving others. She served all with love and compassion.

Today's readings invite us to become great in the sight of God by doing God's will, as Jesus did, surrendering our lives in the service of others.

Jesus, in today's Gospel, gives us a glimpse of the path proposed by the 1st and 2nd readings; namely, loving Him in others by embracing the vulnerable in our midst: the defenseless children, the despairing poor, the terrified, the mentally ill, the marginalized, the disabled, the refugees of war. Jesus also teaches the apostles that child-like humility and loving, selfless service make one great in the eyes of God.

Jesus says that people who serve humbly and lovingly are the greatest. True greatness consists of loving service of one's fellow men, and it is never self-centered. It lies in the ability to see and respond to the needs of others, and it presupposes compassion and sympathy. The two conditions of true greatness are humility and loving service. We are all supposed to be serving in love—whatever our position or role in society, the family, or the Church may be—because true greatness lies in being the loving servant or slave of all.

We must become great through loving, humble, self-giving service. Greatness, in Jesus' view, is found in our willingness to accept, welcome, and serve with love those who are considered unacceptable and undeserving by reason of class, color, religion, poverty,

or culture. We must welcome people in the same loving way that a child would welcome them; i.e., before he or she is taught discrimination.

If we are going to be truly great, we must be ready to accept four challenges: 1) to put ourselves last, 2) to be the servant of all, 3) to receive the most insignificant human beings with love, and 4) to expect nothing in return.

By setting a child before them, Jesus asked His disciples to be like the child—loving, innocent, and humble, suggesting the importance of these virtues and attitudes. A child represents the most powerless member of any society; i.e., a person who has no power and no influence—a person who can be controlled, abused, neglected or spoiled and rendered selfish by others.

By introducing the example of a child, Jesus also shows us that, when serving others, we must be careful to serve the least important. This means that the Christian must show hospitality to those who have no social status: the outcast, the sinner, the sick, and the feeble. In other words, the Christian must serve all of God's children with love, regardless of whether they are friends or foes. Why? Because such people carry Jesus in our midst and, hence, they must be lovingly welcomed, respected and helped. In this passage, Jesus also tells us that we must care for the unwanted, neglected, abused, and ignored with love because then we really love and serve Jesus and His heavenly Father.

During the holy Mass, let us pray for the true spirit of service—for an attitude of love for those around us. We need to ask the Holy Spirit to help us to become truly great through loving, humble, and selfless service.

Mother Teresa puts it like this: "Be the living expression of God's kindness through humble service. Show kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, and kindness in your warm greeting."

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

Monday, September 20th: Memorial of Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, and Paul Chong Hasang, & Companions



Andrew Kim Taegon was born in 1881 into a Christian family. At 15 he went to China, where he was ordained a priest. He returned to Korea and was discovered, arrested, and then beheaded in 1846.

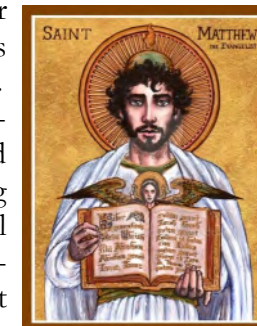
Paul Chong Hasang was a heroic Korean layperson. Born in 1795, he saw his father and brother die as martyrs. His family was deprived of all its possessions, and he shared their prison and persecution. Paul was beheaded for his faith in 1839. There were an additional 101 Korean Martyrs.

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Tuesday, September 21st: Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Matthew was a Jew who worked for the Romans as a tax collector and, as such, was disliked by the population.

Jesus saw him while he was sitting in the customs house and called to him. Matthew gave up everything and followed. He wrote his Gospel during the 2nd half of the 1st Century, probably in Syria, where he went to evangelize the local population.



According to apocryphal sources, he died a martyr in Ethiopia.

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Thursday, September 23rd: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest



Francesco Forgione was born at Pietrelcina, northeast of Naples, in 1887. He became a Capuchin in 1903, choosing to call himself Pius (**Fra Pio**: he is now famous as **Padre Pio**).

Ordained a priest in 1910, in 1916 he was transferred to the convent of San Giovanni Rotondo, where he spent the rest of his life

He was active in caring for the needy and revealed gifts as a miracle worker. He received the stigmata in 1918, a sign of communion with the Passion of Christ. He died in 1968.

RCIA

Right of Christian Initiation for Adults will begin **Monday, September 20th, from 6 to 7 p.m.** If you have not yet registered and would like to attend, please stop by the Parish Office between the hours of **9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday.**



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Religious Education 2021-2022



The first day of class for Grades 1 through 5 is **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 **Thursday, September 23rd, 6 to 7:30 p.m.**

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Disaster Relief 2021

Bishop Cary has requested a special collection next weekend, **September 25/26**, for the 2021 "Disaster Relief Fund." This will help to assist all those impacted by Hurricane Ida. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.



Please make a notation on your checks and envelopes (available in the Narthex): **Disaster Relief 2021.**

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Christmas Bazaar



Reminder: The Christmas Bazaar is on **Saturday, November 13th.** It is time to start thinking about donating your hand-made items: crafts and handiwork (wood working, flower art, knitted and crocheted items, paintings, etc.), baked goods, and candies.

For more information, please call **Nancy Redfern at (541) 508-9872.** Everyone's help is greatly appreciated!

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Bible Quotation for the Week:

Revelations 7:17

For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; He will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

