

# Fr. Joseph's Corner

## "Sweet Dreams"

A young boy and girl were enjoying a pleasant afternoon. They were playing outside in their neighborhood together. The boy showed the girl his collection of beautiful, unique marbles. Then, in turn, the girl showed the boy the handful of candy that she got for her birthday.

The boy proposed that the two of them could switch. He would give her all of his marbles if she handed over all of her candy.

The girl agreed, as she found the marbles to be very beautiful. So the boy handed over all of his marbles—except for one that he kept hidden in his pocket. It was the most exquisite marble of them all. But, the girl kept her promise. She gave the boy all of her candy.

That night, the girl was happy with their exchange, and she peacefully went to sleep.

The boy, however, couldn't sleep at all. He was up all night wondering if the girl had secretly hidden some of her candy—just as he had done with the marble.

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- You have to be a participating factor in your relationship if you want it to be built on trust.
- If you don't give 100 percent in your relationships, you will always assume your partner isn't giving 100 percent either.
- If you want your relationships to be built on trust, you have to be a participating factor in that trust.
- Honesty grows your character. By being honest in relationships, you're holding your partner accountable to do the same. It allows both you and your partner to continuously think about your choices—and how you can help (or hurt) your partner *and* your relationship.

—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	\$3,823.00

### 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 5, 2021 † 23rd 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

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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	09/06/2021	8:00 a.m.	Rev. Msgr. Patrick Gaire (D)	Colossians 1:24-2:3; Luke 6:6-11
Tuesday	09/07/2021	8:00 a.m.	Mike Carroll (D)	Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 6:12-19
Wednesday	09/08/2021	12:00 p.m.	Caroline Williamson (D)	Micah 5:1-4a; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23*
Thursday	09/09/2021	8:00 a.m.	Aden Geiman (D)	Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 6:27-38 **
Friday	09/10/2021	12:00 p.m.	Paul C Jones (D)	1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; Luke 6:39-42
Saturday	09/11/2021	5:00 p.m.	James Bartling (D)	Isaiah 50:4c-9a; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35
Sunday	09/12/2021	9:00 a.m.	Divine Mercy Cenacle Group (L)	Isaiah 50:4c-9a; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35
Sunday	09/12/2021	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Parish Family (L)	Isaiah 50:4c-9a; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

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



## Today's Homily

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE** readings offer us an invitation to become humble instruments of healing in Jesus' hands by giving voice to the voiceless, the needy and the marginalized in our society.

Today's Scripture also invites us to open our ears to hear the word of God and to allow the Holy Spirit to loosen our tongues to convey God's Good News of love and salvation to others.

**The first reading** (Isiah 35:4-7), reminds us that God's eyes are constantly focused on the helpless. He especially cares for "the frightened, the blind, the deaf, the lame, the mute," and He encourages the powerless to "be strong and fearless."

This is why, **in the second reading of today** (James 2:1-5), the apostle gives us some basic and challenging principles of social justice. He exhorts Christians to show no partiality based on external appearance and to practice God's "preferential option for the poor." He warns the faithful against scorning or shaming the poor while showing special consideration to the rich.

**Today's Gospel** (Mark 7:31-37) describes how Jesus, by healing a deaf and mute man, fulfills Isaiah's Messianic prophecy: "The eyes of the blind shall be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped." The ailments listed by Isaiah are symbolic of our interior illnesses: blindness to the needs of our neighbor, unwillingness to hear God's voice, and the inability to speak words of praise and gratitude. Through this miracle story, Mark also reminds us that no one can be a follower of the Lord without reaching out to the helpless.

The section selected from Mark's Gospel begins with the healing of a deaf man and ends with the healing of a blind man in the non-Jewish area of the Decapolis. What we see is not simply the healing of a physical defect, but a concrete sign of the transforming power of God's Love.



The power of God's Love is working in our lives to transform sorrow into joy, sickness into health, death into new life. The deaf and dumb man who is unable to communicate also symbolizes our own communication problem vis-à-vis God.

In order to perceive and proclaim God's message, we need to be transformed. The miracle is not only about the physical healing of a person who was deaf and dumb. It also points to the opening of a

person's ears so that he may hear the word of God—and the loosening of his tongue so that he may speak his profession of faith in Jesus.

The miracle has great relevance to us, because a person can have perfect hearing, and yet not hear the word of God, have perfect speech, and yet be unable to make an act of faith.

**Life messages:** We need to help Jesus to heal the deaf and the mute today. Jesus desires to give us His healing touch in order to loosen our tongues so that He may speak to the spiritually hungry through us.

He invites us to give Him our hearts so that He may touch the lives of people in our day through us, just as He touched the lives of millions through saintly souls such as Francis of Assisi, Damien of Molokai, Vincent de Paul and Mother Teresa.

Like them, we are also invited to become the voice of the "poorest of the poor," the helpless, the downtrodden and the unwanted who are set aside by the "new economy," or who cannot even "speak plainly and fearlessly" about their concerns.

Jesus' touch will reveal to us how we neglect, scorn or shame some people—while showing favor to others.

His compassionate touch will help us to hear the cries of the poor and the sick. It will teach us to show kindness, mercy and consideration to others. His healing touch will also help us to convey peace and hope to those around us.

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

### Pastoral Council

On **Tuesday, September 7th, at 3:30 p.m.**, there will be a Pastoral Council Meeting in the Parish hall.

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### Wednesday, September 8th: Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The Birth of the Virgin Mary is not narrated in the Gospels but has been handed down in such apocryphal texts as the *Protevangelium* of James, along with the "Golden Legend," the source of much iconographic tradition.

The celebration of the birthday of the Mother of Christ was introduced in the 7th Century by Pope Sergius I, who thus brought to the West a tradition already present in the Eastern Church and was fixed on September 8th. The birth of Mary is the announcement, promise, and preparation for the birth of the Messiah.

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### Thursday, September 9th: Memorial of St. Peter Claver, Priest

Born in Catalonia at Verdú in 1580, Peter studied with the Jesuits, later becoming a Jesuit himself. Before he was ordained, he set sail for Colombia, intending to help the indigenous peoples.



At Cartagena, he was ordained a priest, and he made a special vow to evangelize and give all possible assistance to the African slaves. And for nearly 40 years, he served them—comforting, sustaining, and bringing them food—and the word of God. He died of plague there in 1654.

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### Catholic Married Couples' Retreat

The deadline to register for a retreat at the Powell Butte Retreat Center by "Teams of Our Lady," a Catholic-based movement for married spirituality is **September 15th**.

Revitalize your personal, spiritual and conjugal life—and make God first again.

Please refer to the [Bulletin Board](#) for all the details on this wondrous event. (Inserts were in last week's bulletin as well.)

### 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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### 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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### Respect Life

"Respect life" is more than just a catchphrase. It needs to be a way of living. Respect life. Not just in the womb, but everywhere, at every time, in all circumstances within our families, our communities, the places we work and where we do business. It means treating every life with dignity, and honoring every life as a gift.

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

