

# Fr. Joseph's Corner

## "The Boulder and the Gold"

There once was a king who decided to do a little experiment. He had a giant boulder put right in the middle of the street. He then hid near the boulder to see who, if anyone, would try to move it out of the way.

First, along came a couple of wealthy merchants who were walking on the road. When they came to the boulder, they walked around it, complaining that the king had not been maintaining the roads very well.

Next, an old peasant was walking by, heading for home with his arms full of food for his family. But when he noticed the boulder, he put his groceries down and tried to move the boulder out of everyone's way. It took him quite a while to do it, **but he eventually succeeded.**

If you're able to push through moments that are challenging, you may end up being much better off than you were before you started trying.

After the old peasant had gathered up his groceries again to carry them on home, he noticed there was a treasure chest now lying in the middle of the road where the boulder once was.

He opened the chest to find that it was **full of gold coins**, along with a letter from the king,

saying that the treasure chest of gold was a reward for the peasant to keep because he had taken the time and energy to move the boulder out of the road for the convenience of all the others who would be traveling the road in the future.

The old peasant in this story was taught by the king that **every obstacle you face offers an opportunity to improve.**

If you're able to push through moments that are challenging, you may end up being much better off than you were before you started trying.

This story also offers a lesson of personal responsibility. If you see a job ahead of you, don't leave it for the next person to do. Rather, step up, and get the job done to **help** the people who come after you.

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph



### October 2021 Weekly Offertory

Date	Needed	Offering
October 3, 2021	\$3,700.00	\$4,800.00
October 10, 2021	\$3,700.00	
October 17, 2021	\$3,700.00	
October 24, 2021	\$3,700.00	
October 31, 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  
October 10, 2021 † 28th 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	10/11/2021	8:00 a.m.	Divine Mercy Cenacle Group (L)	Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32
Tuesday	10/12/2021	8:00 a.m.	Wally Boe (D)	Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41
Wednesday	10/13/2021	12:00 p.m.	Frank Vetter (D)	Romans 2:1-11; Luke 11:42-46
Thursday	10/14/2021	8:00 a.m.	John Morrow (D)	Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54
Friday	10/15/2021	12:00 p.m.	Perline Beltram (D)	Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7 [M]
Saturday	10/16/2021	5:00 p.m.	Michael Pentkowski (D)	Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45
Sunday	10/17/2021	9:00 a.m.	Elind Edgerly (L)	Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45
Sunday	10/17/2021	12:00 p.m.	Joe Slade (L)	Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45

[M] = Memorial ♦ [F] = Feast ♦ (L) = Living ♦ (D) = Deceased



# Today's Homily

TODAY'S READINGS present us with examples of people making choices.

**Solomon, in the first reading,** clearly chooses God's gift of prudence and wisdom over other gifts that might be tempting to others: power, riches, and even health

and beauty. Guided by the spirit of wisdom, he sees beyond the desirability of the things of this life to perceive the beauty of God's wisdom—a beauty that might be hidden to others.

**The rich young man in today's Gospel,** responding to the invitation of Jesus, seeks to go beyond the basics of his faith that he practiced from his youth to follow Jesus, but the price is too high for him. He is not yet ready to give up his wealth and prestige.

It is so easy to get caught in the same trap as the rich young man. After all, what he had—wealth, possessions, power and prestige—are held up and respected in many cultures of our world. Solomon's values—and those of Christians—are much less visible and obvious. Many would label the rich young man as foolish to give up all the advantages he had always enjoyed to follow a preacher.

In contrast, the Apostles, who admittedly had less to give up than the rich young man, were more easily willing to give up all they had to follow Jesus. Yet, they also took a risk—giving up their trades and a way of life that they knew and that had become comfortable for them—in order to follow Jesus. Like the rich young man, they were drawn to Jesus, but unlike him, they were able to give up their families to follow Jesus.



**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jesus continues to call us and the people of our world to follow Him, to take on His values and those of the Gospel, to prefer God to riches and pleasures. The key is to listen prayerfully for Jesus' call in life, and to follow Him in that call.

Jesus was so generous that He gave us His very self. Hence, there should be a desire to give within the heart of every Christian. God does not ask us to give up our riches, but He does ask us to use them wisely in His service. We must manage our possessions wisely, so that they do not gain control over our hearts. God gives us time, talents, and riches that we may use them in the service of others.

We all have something in our lives that serves as a *major obstacle* to happiness and peace. It may be anger, holding grudges, alcohol, drugs, lust, or unfaithfulness. Let us invite God into our lives and into our efforts to face and remove that one obstacle to holiness.

God does not offer us these choices only once in a lifetime. Each day is filled with countless choices, from how we respond to a particular situation to the books we read, the attitudes we take on each day, or the ways we spend our waking hours. We here present have made a wondrous choice: to allow God to transform us in word and sacrament. So as we listen carefully in prayer and allow the Spirit—God's wisdom—to guide us, and soon partake of the Eucharist, let us commit to making choices that reflect only the values of the Gospel—the values of God's law.

# 2021—The Year of St. Joseph October—The Month of the Holy Rosary

## October—Month of the Holy Rosary

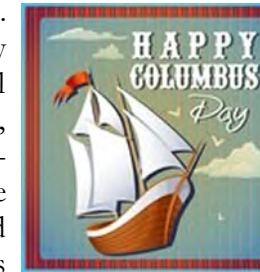


In the Catholic Church, the rosary is one of the most cherished prayers. For Catholics, it is a powerful prayer of intercession to the Blessed Mother. Please refer to the insert in the bulletin for a Short History of the Rosary. Note that the Rosary is said before all Masses both on weekdays and weekends at St. Joseph's. Please find time to partake in this wonderful prayer during the month of October either in Church or at home.

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## Columbus Day

On Monday, October 11th, the U.S. officially celebrates the anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival in the Americas on October 12, 1492. He was a Genovese-born explorer who became a subject of the Hispanic Monarchy so that he could lead a Spanish enterprise to cross the Atlantic Ocean in search of an alternative route to the Far East, only to land in the New World.



Columbus's first voyage to the New World on the Spanish ships, *Santa Maria*, *Niña*, and *La Pinta*, took approximately three months. He and his crew's arrival in the New World initiated the colonization of the Americas.

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## Committee Meeting

On Tuesday, October 12th, at 5:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall, there will be an Executive Committee Meeting. All members are encouraged to attend.

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## Friday, October 15th:

### Memorial of St. Teresa of Avila, Virgin & Doctor of the Church (Also Called St. Teresa of Jesus)



In the midst of political and social upheaval, as well as religious reform, St. Teresa of Avila lived as a Carmelite nun. She used her many gifts in service of her order and the Church, and she grew in holiness.

The abundant fruits of her contemplation survive in writings such as *The Interior Castle* and continue to offer spiritual wisdom to many who desire a deeper union with God and neighbor.

## Congratulations!

**Hans and Linvia Kaumanns** are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, October 16th. What an accomplishment! Please give them your blessings and prayers for many more years of marital bliss.

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## Vacation Time

Please note that Fr. Joseph will be away on vacation from Tuesday, October 19th, to Friday, November 26th, to visit his family and his home diocese in India. There will be no weekday Masses, but Fr. Joseph Reeves will be here on Saturday and Sunday of each week for Confessions and the weekend Masses.



Please pray that Fr. Joseph has a safe and enjoyable vacation, and remember to welcome Fr. Reeves with open arms—and a meal or two.

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## Bible Study is Back!



Kathy and Jim Friese have volunteered to conduct the Bible Study Class at St. Joseph Parish. It will start on Tuesday, October 26th, at 1:30 p.m. The first six weeks will be on the "Creed."

Please make plans to attend this wonderful session.

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## Bible Quotation for the Week:

**Psalms 62:5-8**

Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from Him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress, I will not be shaken. My salvation and my honor depend on God; He is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to Him, for God is our refuge.

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## Prayer List

- Frederick Smit ♦ Linda Arian
- Julie Bither ♦ People of India
- Deacon Caleb Cunningham
- Anthony and Ruth Jordan
- Dan Stagnoli Family ♦ Ben Guyger
- David Leonard ♦ Patricia Bither
- Kathy Thompson

