

# Fr. Joseph's Corner

## "Walking on Water"

Once there was a boy who lived with his family on a farm. They had a beautiful dog that would go down to the pond for hours every day in the spring and summer with the boy to practice retrieving various items. The boy wanted to prepare his dog for any scenario that may come up during duck season because he wanted his dog to be the best hunting dog in the whole county.

The boy and his dog had vigorous training sessions every day until the dog was so obedient, he wouldn't do anything unless he was told to do so by the boy.

As duck season came around with the fall and winter months, the boy and his dog were eager to be at their regular spot down at the pond near their house. Only a few minutes passed before the two heard the first group of ducks flying overhead. The boy slowly raised his gun and shot three times before killing a duck, which landed in the center of the pond.

When the boy signaled his dog to retrieve the duck, the dog charged through the duck blind and the bushes toward the pond. However, instead of swimming like he had practiced so many times before, the dog walked on the water's surface, retrieved the duck, and returned it to the boy!

The boy was astonished. His dog had an amazing ability to walk on water—it was like magic! The boy knew no one would ever believe this amazing thing that he had just witnessed. He had to get someone else down there to see this incredible phenomenon.

The boy went to the nearby house to ask the neighbor if he would hunt with him the next morning.

The neighbor agreed, and he met up with the boy the following morning at his regular spot by the pond.

The pair patiently waited for a group of ducks to fly overhead. Soon enough, they heard them coming. The boy told the neighbor to go ahead and take a shot, which the neighbor did, killing one duck.

Just as the day before, the boy signaled to his dog to go fetch the duck. Miraculously, the dog walked on the water again to retrieve the duck!

The boy was bursting with pride and could hardly contain himself when he asked his neighbor, "Did you see that? What do you think?"

The neighbor responded, "Well, I wasn't going to say anything, but your dog doesn't even know how to swim!"

The boy sat in disbelief as his neighbor pointed out a potential flaw of the dog rather than recognizing the fact that what he had just done was a miracle.



People will often downplay others' abilities or their achievements because they are unable to accomplish the same thing themselves. Don't let this bring you down. Just move on—and keep working on improving yourself. Maintaining a positive mindset is a key part of being successful.

Furthermore, be conscious of instances in which you may be tempted not to give credit where it is deserved. Pointing out other people's shortcomings does not make you a superior person.

—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	\$4,104.00
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 17, 2021 † 29th 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**  
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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	10/18/2021	8:00 a.m.	Nancy Komlofske (D)	2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9
Tuesday	10/19/2021	8:00 a.m.	No Mass	Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Luke 12:35-38
Wednesday	10/20/2021	12:00 p.m.	No Mass	Romans 6:12-18; Luke 12:39-48
Thursday	10/21/2021	8:00 a.m.	No Mass	Romans 6:19-23; Luke 12:49-53
Friday	10/22/2021	12:00 p.m.	No Mass	Romans 7:18-25a; Luke 12:54-59
Saturday	10/23/2021	5:00 p.m.	Dorothy Rupert (D)	Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45
Sunday	10/24/2021	9:00 a.m.	Lu Streetman (D)	Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45
Sunday	10/24/2021	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Parish Family (L)	Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45

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

# Today's Homily

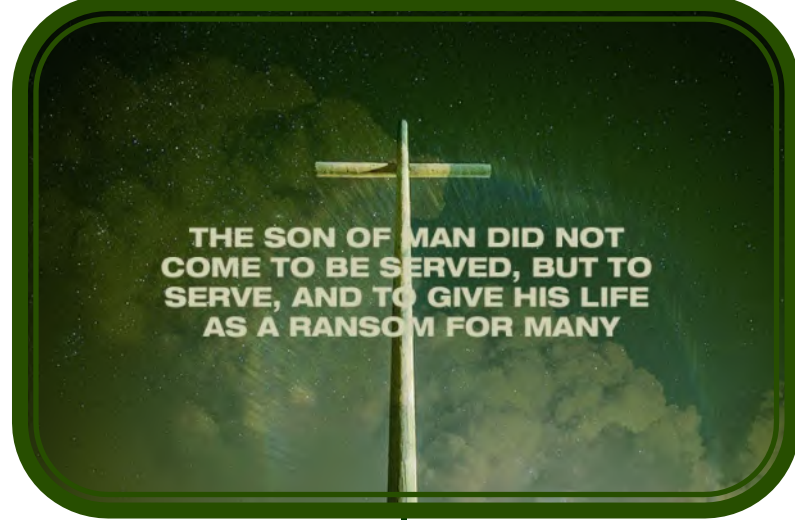
MONEY AND POWER tempt human beings. Last Sunday, we saw how the rich youth chose to retain his wealth and reject following Jesus.

Today's Scripture readings describe leadership as the sacrificial service done for others and offer Jesus as the best example. They also explain the *servant leadership* of Jesus, pinpointing service and sacrifice as the criteria of greatness in Christ's Kingdom.

The first reading is a Messianic prophecy taken from the *Fourth Servant Song* in the second part of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. It tells how the promised Messiah will save mankind by dying in atonement for our sins. Jesus has done this out of love for us, becoming the *Suffering Servant*, crucified *as an offering for sin, interceding for us, and taking our punishment on Himself*.

The second reading, taken from the letter to the Hebrews, tells us that, as God-man and Mediator-High Priest, Jesus has offered a fitting sacrifice to God to ransom us, liberating us from enslavement to sin. In the time of Jesus, ransom was the price paid to free someone from slavery. Sometimes the one who gave himself as ransom, offered himself as a substitute for the slave, as Jesus did. The reading also speaks of a High Priest who is able to sympathize with us in our weakness because Jesus has been tested in every way, though sinless, and so we can "confidently" hope for God's mercy.

Today's Gospel explains how Jesus has accomplished the Messianic mission of saving man-kind from the slavery of sin by becoming the "Suffering Servant."



In the context of the selfish request made by James and John for key positions in the Messianic political kingdom Jesus would establish after overthrowing the Roman rule, Jesus challenged his followers to become great by serving others with sacrificial

*agape* love: *Whoever wishes to be great must be a servant*. Jesus commands us to give ourselves to others in loving and humble service, and so to liberate them, just as we were freed by Jesus' death.

We are challenged to give our lives in loving service to others.

As Christians, we are all invited to serve others—and to serve with a smile! We are challenged to drink the cup of Jesus by laying down our lives in humble, sacrificial service for others, just as Jesus did.

The best place to begin the process of service by "self-giving" is in our own homes and workplaces. When parents sacrifice their time, talents, health, and blessings for the welfare of others in the family, they are serving God. Service always involves suffering, because we can't help another without some sacrifice on our part. We are rendering great service to others also when we present them and their needs before God daily in our prayers.

We are invited to servant leadership: In order to become an effective Christian community, we need lay leaders with the courage of their Christian convictions to work for social justice. We need spiritual leaders who can break open the Word for us, lead us in our prayer, offer us on the altar, and draw us together as sacrament.

# 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 find time to partake in this wonderful prayer during the month of October—either here in Church or at home.

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## What Does It Mean to Be a Parishioner?

The Catholic Parish is a place of wonder and awe. It is in the arms of our parish that we experience God's love, and share it with others. Each parishioner is important to his/her parish; what we do, and how we act strengthens our parish:

- Regularly attend and participate in Sunday Mass—preferably as a family.
- Seek peace from the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Develop and practice an ongoing personal/family prayer life.
- Look for opportunities to share Gospel values through your actions and words, and you will strengthen the faith of those around you.
- Commit annually to a generous, sacrificial and proportionate commitment of one's time, talent and treasure in service to the broad mission of the parish.
- Build it, serve it or pay for it. When there is a need in the parish, do not wait for an invitation—offer your help willingly and proudly for God and your parish.
- Realize the necessary and ongoing importance of love, generosity, faith and family.

Let us remember, it is only through God's love that we receive His gift of life. In the course of that gift of life, we are then the recipients of God's varied grace and giftedness.

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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. Joe Reeves will be here on Saturdays and Sundays for Confessions and weekend Masses.



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

## 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:

*Isaiah 41:10*

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

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## Christmas Bazaar



The Christmas Bazaar is on **Saturday, November 13th!** I hope everyone is preparing their donations of handmade items—crafts and handiwork (wood working, flower art, knitted and crocheted items, paintings, etc.), baked items, and candies.

For more information, please call **Nancy Redfern** at (541) 508-9872.

Everyone's help will be needed and greatly appreciated!

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## Yard Sale

Please note that our Parish was able to bring in **\$1,326.90** from the **September 18th Yard Sale**. Thanks to all who contributed their time and energy—and for their purchases!

A BIG THANK YOU to **Barb Dalton, Bob Leonard, Hans & Linvia Kaumanns, Mark Lucky, & Jim Friese**.

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## Prayer List

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

