

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"Will You Marry Me?"

Centuries ago, in a small Italian town, there was a business owner who was in a great amount of debt. His banker, who was an old, unattractive man, strongly desired the business owner's young, beautiful daughter.

The banker decided to offer the businessman a deal. He would forgive the debt that the man owed the bank completely. However, there was a bit of a catch: In order for the businessman to become debt-free, he was to have his daughter marry the banker.

The business owner didn't want to concede to this agreement, but he felt he had no other choice, as his debt was so extreme.

The banker said he would put two small stones into a bag—one of which was white, and the other was black.

The daughter would then need to reach into the bag, and blindly choose a stone. If she chose the black stone, her father's debt would be cleared, but then the daughter would *not* have to marry the banker.

While standing in the stone-filled path in the business owner's yard, the banker reached down and chose two stones, not realizing that the business owner's daughter was watching him. **She noticed that he picked up two black stones and put them in the bag!**

When it came time for the daughter to pick a stone out of the bag, she felt she had three choices:

(1) Refuse to do it, (2) pick a stone, knowing it would be black, or (3) sacrifice herself to save her father.

She picked a stone from the bag, and then she immediately "accidentally" dropped it into the abundance of stones where they were all standing and said to the banker, "I'm sorry, I'm so clumsy! Oh well. Just look in the bag to see what color stone is in there now so that you will know what color stone I picked."

Of course, the remaining stone was black. And because the banker didn't want his deceit to be exposed, he played along, acting as if the stone that the businessman's daughter dropped had to have been white. He cleared the businessman's debt and the daughter remained free from having to spend the rest of her life with the banker.



While you may have to think "outside of the box" sometimes, it is always possible to conquer a difficult situation. You don't have to always give in to the options you're presented with. You can challenge the status quo. Think creatively. Engage in productive non-conformity whenever possible.

Don't be afraid to question the things that are expected to be true. In order to overcome challenges, you have to think in ways that you've never thought before.

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List:



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

October: Month of the Holy Rosary

In the Catholic Church, the rosary is one of the most cherished prayers. For Catholics, it's a powerful prayer of intercession to the Blessed Mother. The word rosary comes from Latin and means a garland of roses, the rose being one of the flowers used to symbolize the Virgin Mary.

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.

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	\$2,491.00
September 26, 2021	\$3,700.00	\$1,926.00

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

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October 3, 2021 † 27th 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.

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Secretary ♦ Karin Jones

Parish Office Hours ♦ Monday–Thursday ♦ 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

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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	10/04/2021	8:00 a.m.	No Mass (Clergy Assembly)	Jonah 1:1-2:2, 11; Luke 10:25-37 [M]
Tuesday	10/05/2021	8:00 a.m.	No Mass (Clergy Assembly)	Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42
Wednesday	10/06/2021	12:00 p.m.	No Mass (Clergy Assembly)	Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4
Thursday	10/07/2021	8:00 a.m.	No Mass (Clergy Assembly)	Malachi 3:13-20b; Luke 11:15-13 [M]
Friday	10/08/2021	12:00 p.m.	No Mass (Clergy Assembly)	Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26
Saturday	10/09/2021	5:00 p.m.	Julia Geiman (D)	Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30
Sunday	10/10/2021	9:00 a.m.	Eileen McNamara (D)	Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30
Sunday	10/10/2021	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Parish Family (L)	Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30

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

Today's Homily

A BRITISH COUPLE holds the Guinness World Record for the longest marriage. Percy and Florence Arrowsmith married on June 1, 1925 and celebrated their 80th anniversary on June 1, 2005. "I think we're very blessed," Florence, 100, told the BBC. "We still love one another; that's the most important part." Asked for the secret to their long marriage, Florence said you must never be afraid to say "sorry." "You must never go to sleep as bad friends," she said. Of course, she's right. There are times in every marriage for forgiving, and forgetting and saying, "I'm sorry," and going to sleep good friends. That's "positive sentiment override."

By the way, Florence's husband, Percy, 105 years old, said *his* secret to marital bliss was just two words: "Yes, dear."

We are living in a world dominated by a throw-away culture. We look after things as long as they are of some use to us. Unfortunately, this kind of attitude has even crept into human relationships, be it among family members, friends, or even between married couples. As a result, the relationships are no longer defined on the basis of love, care, commitment, and faithfulness—but on the basis of usefulness, needs, and fulfilments. This could be one of the main reasons for the increasing number of marriage failures and divorces.

Today's readings emphasize the permanent, complimentary, and reciprocal nature of the relationship that must prevail between married couples. Even if one of these aspects is found missing in a relationship, then sooner or later, the marriage could crash. **The first reading** clearly points out that God fashioned the rib that He had taken from the man into a woman. This premeditates the sort of relationship of equals based on their complementary nature.

But men, contrary to God's will, think and act in ways that show their supremacy and dominance

**FAITHFULNESS
AND
FRUITFULNESS**

**27th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**



over women in many ways. They consider women to be subordinates and dependents. Thus, they dishonor God's will of a complementary and reciprocal relationship between a man and a woman.

The Gospel reading mentions that,

"They are no longer two, but one flesh." This also implies that married couples should be of one mind (thinking) and heart (decision making) in living out their marriage commitments. This would enable married couples to accept the vocation to perpetual commitment and responsibility.

Spouses need to work hard to create a good marriage. Marriage demands that they should become the right persons for each other. Marriage is a union based on committed sharing, forgiving, and sacrificial *agape* love. It requires many mutual adjustments, much generosity, and great good will to forgive and ask for forgiveness.

Marriage requires sincere cooperation in training children, and raising them as practicing Catholic Christians; and it requires daily strength from God, obtained through personal and family prayers, and punctual participation in the parish liturgy.

We need to reach out with Christian sympathy to the divorced and to troubled families. The parish community needs to accept them with respect, compassion, sensitivity, love and support—sharing the depth of their pain from a failed, or failing, marriage. The Church cannot sanction remarriage unless the previous marriage has been declared annulled by the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal.

In the meantime, ". . . they should be encouraged to listen to the Word of God, to attend the Sacrifice of the Mass, to persevere in prayer, and to bring up their children in the Christian Faith.

Today we will pray that the good Lord will bless and guide all married couples to respect each other and to each live their married life in love and in fidelity.

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



Breakfast is back!

The Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast again on the first Sunday of the month, starting **THIS SUNDAY, October 3rd, after the 9 a.m. Mass**, in the Parish Hall.

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Respect Life News

Today, **October 3rd**, is "Sanctity of Life Sunday."

Please join the Respect Life Committee in the Silent Prayer Vigil to be held from **2:30 to**

3:30 p.m., to pray for our pro-life intentions. We will meet on Court Street next to the Court House at **2:25 p.m.** (to pick out signs and pray together) before we line-up in front of the Court House and City Hall.

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Monday, October 4th Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi



Son of a merchant, Francis was born at Assisi, Italy, in 1181. He spent a carefree, easy-going youth, dreaming of becoming a soldier. But after a vision, he gave up everything to follow God in poverty.

In 1208, he began preaching penitence, dressed in sackcloth, and lived by begging. He was soon joined by his first companions.

He founded the order of Friars Minor, which was approved by Pope Innocent III.

In 1224, he received the Stigmata. While he was sick and nearly blind, he composed the *Canticle of the Sun*.

Francis died on October 3, 1226.

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Clergy Assembly

Please note that Father Joseph will be gone **from Monday, October 4th, until Friday, October 8th**, to attend the Baker Diocese Clergy Assembly. There will be **NO** Mass during this time. As always, please keep Fr. Joseph in your prayers during his absence.

American Red Cross

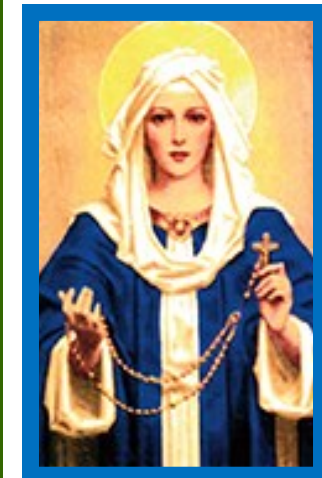
On **Wednesday, October 6th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**, the American Red Cross will have a **Blood Drive at St. Joseph's Parish Hall**.

Please call 1 (800) red-cross [1 (800) 733-2768] to schedule an appointment.



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Thursday, October 7th Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary



This memorial was instituted following the Christian victory over the Turks at the battle of Lepanto, on October 7, 1571, which occurred while the Confraternity of the Rosary was celebrating a solemn procession in the streets of Rome. Pope Pius V attributed the victory to the intercession of the Virgin, "Mary, succor of Christians," for which reason the memorial was celebrated for many years with the name "Our Lady of Victory."

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Wholeness in Christ

St. Pius X Catholic Church in Klamath Falls is hosting a Women's Retreat on **Friday and Saturday, October 15th and 16th**. The Speaker will be Liz Kelly. There is information (the retreat schedule, break-out sessions, and registration forms) in the narthex on the table. Seating is limited—register today!

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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.

