

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"The Ultimate Test"

One night, four college students had stayed up very late partying—even though they knew they were going to be having a test the next day.

So the next morning, they came up with a plan to get out of having to take their test.

Each student rolled around in dirt, and then they all went to the professor's office. They told him that they had gotten a flat tire the night before, and that they had spent the *entire night* pushing the car back to the campus.

The professor listened, and to the students' delight, he offered a retest three days later.

On the day of the retest, the students went to the professor's office. He put all four of the students into separate rooms in order to take the test.

The students were okay with that because they had been given a chance to study those extra days.

The test had two questions:

- 1) Your Name _____ (1 Point)
- 2) Which tire was flat? _____ (99 Points)
 1. Front Right
 2. Front Left
 3. Back Right
 4. Back Left

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Aside from making wise decisions, **you always need to take responsibility for your actions.**

This means not blaming others for your mistakes, not complaining about the reality of the present moment, and not giving in to other people's pressure.

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph



Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List



Deacon Caleb Cunningham
Julie Bither / Patricia Bither
Anthony & Ruth Jordan
People of India
Frederick Smit
David Leonard
Linda Arian
Ben Guyger
Mike Mulvihill

*"Give to the Most High
as He has given to you,
for the Lord is one who always repays,
and He will give back to you sevenfold"*
(Sirach 35:10).

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	\$2,348.00
October 24, 2021	\$3,700.00	\$2,556.79
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 31, 2021 † 31st 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
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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	11/01/2021	8:00 a.m.	No Mass	Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a
Tuesday	11/02/2021	8:00 a.m.	No Mass	Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11; John 6:37-40 [C]
Wednesday	11/03/2021	12:00 p.m.	No Mass	Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33
Thursday	11/04/2021	8:00 a.m.	No Mass	Romans 14:7-12; Luke 15:1-10 [M]
Friday	11/05/2021	12:00 p.m.	No Mass	Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8
Saturday	11/06/2021	5:00 p.m.	Mildred Kappel (D)	Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28b-34
Sunday	11/07/2021	9:00 a.m.	Emerson Edgerly (L)	Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28b-34
Sunday	11/07/2021	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Parish Family (L)	Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28b-34

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

Today's Homily*



YOU MAY REMEMBER THE POPULAR STORY OF SOME monks who were faced with bitter persecution. Some of them left the monastery because they could not endure the excruciating suffering, and there were no new intake. Only five elderly monks remained in the monastery and they had become old and decrepit. A Rabbi visited the monks, and at the end of the visit the Abbot (head of the monastery) asked if the Rabbi had any advice for the monks. The Rabbi said, "The only message I have for you is that the Messiah is one of you."

For many days the monks pondered over this message and wondered if there was any truth in what the Rabbi said. Could the Messiah really be any one of them? One of the monks asked: "Could the Messiah be the Abbot who has led us for many years? Or could the Messiah be Brother Eldred? No. He couldn't be because he is cranky and eccentric. However, he could be, because he has a great capacity of saying and doing what is right. Could the Messiah be Brother Philip? No, he could not be because Brother Philip is so passive and laid back. Nevertheless, he has a wonderful virtue of kindness, selflessness, and he is charitable to all. Could the Messiah be ordinary me? That is hardly possible." The message of the Rabbi made the monks begin treating each other with utmost respect and tender love, conscious that anyone of them could be the Messiah. They began to see the messiah in each one of them.

Jesus taught us how to see God in each person, and He tells us that we cannot love God enough if we fail to see His image in other people. Jesus summarized the whole Jewish law into love of God and neighbor. He

wanted his listeners to understand that it is not possible to love God sincerely without loving the people whom God has made in His own image and likeness. St. John makes this point clear when he says, "Whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1 John 4:20).

The dual commandments of love that Jesus gave are taken from the Old Testament. The first part about the love of God was taken from the famous Shema: "Hear O Israel: The Lord your God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might" (Deuteronomy 6:4). The Shema emphasizes the unity of God and the obligation to love the one God. The second part about love of neighbor was taken from Leviticus 19:18: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

What is remarkable about these two rules is that no Rabbi in the past had synthesized these two passages as Jesus did. The old concept of religion relegated the love of neighbor to the background, but Jesus made the love of neighbor inseparable with the love of God.

In fact, the life of Jesus is an embodiment of the love of God and neighbor. He indeed is the perfect model of what He preached on love. God was all—and in all—in the life of Jesus, and He demonstrated tender love to the people to whom He ministered.

No wonder, the Letter to the Hebrews extols Jesus and explains why He stands higher and above the holy men that preceded Him (Hebrews 7:23-28). The quality of the life of Jesus, His teachings, and His total self-offering in love sets Him apart—and higher than all Levitical priests of the Old Testament.

What makes the instruction of Jesus about love so unique is that He asks His followers not to discriminate against anyone, irrespective of religion, race, tribe or social class. No one should be considered a second-class human person because he is of another religion, or because he speaks a different language. No true religion should promote any form of discrimination.

Piety, or the love of God, is empty when it cannot be demonstrated in the love of others who are different and whose way of life appears strange.

Jesus teaches us that our love of God is incomplete unless we love everyone and respect everyone because everyone is made in the image and likeness of God.

**by Fr. Gerald M. Musa
(<https://www.catholicforlife.com>)*

"Sermon for 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B"

2021—The Year of St. Joseph November—The Month of Holy Souls

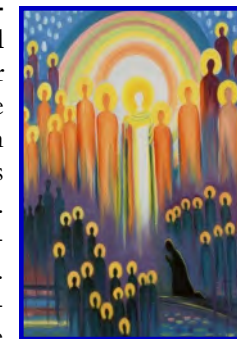
All Saints and All Souls



November 1st is the Solemnity of All Saints. Let us rejoice in all the men and women, blest in the eyes of the Lord, who celebrate the heavenly liturgy.

They stand in God's holy place and sing of the love He has bestowed upon them through the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, as we celebrate all those who are with God already, our hope is that we too, by being faithful to our baptismal call, may one day join them in complete union with God.

November 2nd is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day). On this day we remember and pray for all those who have died. We believe that our love relationship with God endures for all eternity, and He is always ready to welcome and embrace us. We also believe that death does not separate the living from those who have died. Just as we ask each other for prayers during our lifetime, we continue that practice even beyond death.



Mass Times at St. Francis of Assisi in Bend: All Saints and All Souls, at 7 a.m. at the 27th Street Church and 12:15 p.m. at the Historic Church.

Mass Times at St. Thomas in Redmond: All Saints, at 8 a.m. and All Souls, at 8 a.m. and at 6 p.m. will be a Memorial Candlelight Service.

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Red Cross

There is a Blood Drive on **Wednesday, November 3rd, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. Please call 1 (800) 733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

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St. Joseph's Christmas Bazaar



The Christmas Bazaar will be held here on **Saturday, November 13th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** We need your donations of hand-made items: crafts and handiwork (woodworking, flower art, knitted and/or crocheted items, paintings), baked goods and candies. For more information, call **Nancy Redfern** at (541) 508-9872. Everyone's help is greatly needed and appreciated!

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Bible Study

We had our first wonderful class on the Creed this past Tuesday. We had 13 people attend. Please plan on attending the next sessions that are held on **Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m., sharp.**

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

We will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. Our hours of operation will change on **Tuesday, November 23rd, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., and on Wednesday, November 24th, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.** Last month we served 224 households, consisting of 437 adults and 94 children.



We can always use more volunteers!

There is currently an urgent position that needs to be filled by **November 11th: Thursday Pantry Manager.**

If you have any questions or are interested in this position, please call SVdP at (541) 447-7662 and leave a message for **Joan Holland** or **Socorro Benton** (AKA "Cookie").

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Friendly Reminder on Housekeeping!

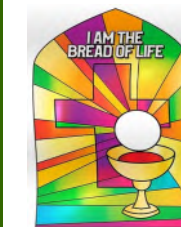
The Church is a sacred place that needs to be treated with respect.

1) The kneelers are old and need to be treated with kindness. Do not bang the kneelers down or up. Use your foot or hand to lift and lower them slowly. Do not let children stand, jump or walk on the kneelers. This puts unneeded pressure on the wood. Repairs are made continuously.

2) No food or chewing gum should be part of attending Mass or praying. We have found gum under the metal chairs and the pews! It has to be removed, and it is not a nice job. Please respect our St. Joseph Catholic Church—it is your place to Worship and Pray!

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Bible Quotation for the Week: John 6:35



Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty."

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Trees

As you will notice, the five trees in front of the Parish Office and Hall have been removed. I know you're wondering why. It is all involved with safety: The trees were too tall and towering over the adjoining power lines, which could result in a fire. They also created too much shade in the winter months, making the parking lot very icy. The decision to remove the trees was discussed and approved four years ago by the Executive Committee. The plans are to plant some beautiful hedges.

