

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"The Cross"

A young man was at the end of his rope. Seeing no way out, he dropped to his knees in prayer. "Lord, I can't go on," he said. "I have too heavy a cross to bear."

The Lord replied, "My son, if you can't bear its weight, just place your cross inside this room. Then, open that other door, and pick out any cross you wish."

The man, filled with relief said, "Thank you, Lord!" Then, sighing, he did as he was told.

Upon entering the other door, he saw many crosses, some so large the tops were not visible. But then, he spotted a tiny cross leaning against the far wall.

"I'd like that one, Lord," he whispered. And the Lord replied, "My son, that is the cross you just brought in!"

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When life's problems seem to be overwhelming, it helps to look around and see what other people are coping with. You may consider yourself far more fortunate than you imagined!

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph

Your Cross

Whatever your cross, whatever your pain,
There will always be sunshine after the rain.
Perhaps you may stumble, perhaps even fall,
But God's always ready to answer your call.
He knows every heartache, sees every tear,
A word from His lips can calm every fear.
Your sorrows may linger throughout the night,
But they suddenly vanish at dawn's early light.
The Savior is waiting somewhere above,
To give you His grace and send you His love.
Whatever your cross, whatever your pain,
God always sends rainbows after the rain.



Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List:



Deacon Caleb Cunningham
People of India ♦ Linda Arian
Mike Mulvihill ♦ Julie Bither
Patricia Bither ♦ David Leonard
Frederick Smit ♦ Larry Bellah
Chuck and Diane Giovanini
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	

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 26, 2021 † 26th 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

Fr. Joseph: 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. ♦ (541) 420-4458

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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	09/27/2021	8:00 a.m.	Garilynn Tocher (L)	Zechariah 8:1-8; Luke 9:46-50 [M]
Tuesday	09/28/2021	8:00 a.m.	Doug Justin (L)	Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56
Wednesday	09/29/2021	12:00 p.m.	Higuera Family (D)	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; John 1:47-51 [F]
Thursday	09/30/2021	8:00 a.m.	Ken & Phyllis Tocher (D)	Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Luke 10:1-12 [M]
Friday	10/01/2021	12:00 p.m.	Pearline Beltam (D)	Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16 [M]
Saturday	10/02/2021	5:00 p.m.	Wally Boe (D)	Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16
Sunday	10/03/2021	9:00 a.m.	Tony Lish (D)	Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16
Sunday	10/03/2021	12:00 p.m.	Alan Lee Smith (D)	Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16

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

Today's Homily

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE readings give us a strong warning against jealousy, intolerance and giving scandal.

In the first reading, we find jealousy, in its destructive form of envy, raising its ugly head in Moses' assistant, and successor, Joshua.

Moses and 70 future helpers were called by the Lord God to the

Tent of Meeting for the Spirit-giving Ordination ceremony. But two of the invitees were absent, and Joshua could not tolerate these absent men prophesying in the camp without receiving God's Spirit in the Tent of Meeting. Moses had to instruct Joshua to be tolerant.

This selection is intended to provide a Biblical background for Jesus' response to the same kind of jealousy apparent in the apostles.

In the second reading, James warns the rich against giving scandal by their denial of social justice to their workers in refusing to give them a living wage, by ignoring the needs of others, and by condemning and murdering the innocent and the righteous. Withholding a day-laborer's wage was a terrible act of injustice, tantamount to murder in the agricultural economy of the ancient Middle East. Baptism commits every Christian to work for social justice through peaceable, rather than violent, means.

In today's Gospel, we find intolerance among the apostles of Christ. John complains to Jesus that a man outside their group of selected disciples has been exorcising demons in Jesus' Name, despite their attempt to prevent him from doing so. Jesus responds by giving the apostles lessons in Jesus' own kind of tolerance and in the reward to be given to outsiders for good deeds they have done for the apostles because they are the disciples of Jesus.

We also hear the strong warning of Jesus against giving scandal, especially to innocent children, to vulnerable members of the community, and to beginners in the Faith. Jesus instructs the apostles, and us, that, just as a doctor might remove by surgery a limb or some part of the body to preserve the life of the whole body, so we must be ready to part with anything that causes us or others to sin and which leads to spiritual death.



Let us avoid conduct that can lead to giving scandal. We give scandal and become stumbling blocks to others: a) when we are unkind or unjust in our treatment of them, b) when we humiliate them by hurting their pride and damaging their self-image, c) when we discourage, ignore, or refuse to accept them, and d) when we become judg-

mental of those who are still struggling to reach a level of commitment that we think is too low to be useful.

Christian tolerance is brotherly love; it asks that we bear with the weaknesses of others, without condoning the evil they do. Intolerance is a sign of a weak faith. Intolerance is also ineffective. It does nothing but damage to the cause it seeks to defend. Condemning a sinner immediately draws people to defend him/her. An intolerant attitude will alienate, rather than attract, sinners. Only genuine *agape* love can overcome hatred.

The Church should display this patient love to a hate-filled world. The Church is expected to present Christ to the world. How can the Church present Christ when it is arrogant or intolerant, rather than loving others as Christ loves us? We cannot exalt love by encouraging hate. There is a tendency in us to downgrade, condemn, slander, ridicule, put down and make defamatory remarks against anybody who is different from us.

The Gospel invites us to respect the gifts and charisms of all those who work in Jesus' Name. Though we need not and cannot accept all the viewpoints of those who are opposed to us, Jesus teaches us to respect them and their viewpoints. All have a right to their own views and thoughts.

How wrong we are in thinking that we alone are right, all others are wrong; we alone possess the truth, others do not; we alone possess a monopoly over salvation. It doesn't mean we accept everything from everybody and agree with it. We, too, should have our own personal convictions. Tolerance involves a respect for various aspects of the truth. Intolerance gives the impression that nothing is true beyond what we can actually see. Again, is this also not a sign of arrogance? How difficult it is for us not to hate the person himself when we hate his/her views, beliefs, or opinions! Jesus calls us to build up a truly tolerant and inclusive society.

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

Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul—Priest Monday, September 27th

Born in 1581, Vincent was ordained a priest at age 19. He dedicated his life to charity, caring for the poor and the suffering. He founded a congregation of the Priests of the Mission, called Lazarists or Vincentians. He died in 1660.

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Executive Committee

On **Tuesday, September 28th, at 5:30 p.m.**, there will be an Executive Meeting in the Parish Hall. Members of the committee will receive an agenda prior to the meeting.

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Feast of St. Michael, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael—Archangels Wednesday, September 29th

Three archangels are cited in the canonical texts: Michael is the leader of the celestial ranks and the conqueror of Satan; Gabriel, the divine herald, announces the birth of John to Zacharias and that of Jesus to Mary; Raphael accompanies Tobias on his journey.

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Memorial of St. Jerome— Priest and Doctor of the Church Thursday, September 30th

Born around 347, and after his baptism in 366, he chose the religious life. He became a monk and a hermit. He wrote the *Vulgate*, the Latin translation of the Bible. He died in 420.

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Memorial of St. Therese of the Child Jesus— Virgin and Doctor of the Church Friday, October 1st

Therese was born in 1873. From an early age, she decided to dedicate herself to God. She entered the Carmelite Convent of Lisieux at the age of 16. She also wrote the book, *The Story of a Soul*. She died in 1897 at the age of 24.

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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.

Breakfast is back!

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

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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.

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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:

John 16:13

But when he, the spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears and will tell you what is yet to come.

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What is a Tribunal?

The Office of Canonical Affairs and Matrimonial Tribunal is one Office of the Chancery of the Diocese of Baker. Its staff members are appointed by Bishop Cary and have received special training to represent him and the Church in judicial proceedings for marriage cases and matters of Canon law. Most of its work involves assisting divorced people who are interested in proving the nullity of a prior marriage bond, allowing them to remarry in the Church. More information about how this ministry serves members of the diocese can be found on our website at: www.dioceseofbaker.org, under the heading Tribunal Office.

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Take Note!

Please take time to read the information on the bulletin board in the narthex with regard to information provided by the Diocese of Baker and USCCB.