

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"With a Heart of Gratitude"

A poor blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign that said: "I am blind, please help." There were only a few coins in his hat.

A gentleman, who was walking by, took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat of that blind boy. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. He put the sign back in its place so that everyone who walked by would see the new words.

Soon the hat began to fill up with coins. A lot more people were giving money now to the blind boy.

That afternoon the man who had changed the words on the sign came by to see how things were going.

The boy recognized the man's footsteps and said, "You the one who put changes on my sign this morning! What did you write?"

The man said, "I only wrote the truth. I said what you said, but in a different way." I wrote: "This world around you is so beautiful! You can see it, but I can't see."

Both signs told people that the boy was blind. But the first sign simply said that the boy was blind, while the second sign told people that they are so lucky that they are not blind. The second sign was indeed impressive and effective!

Be thankful for what you have this Thanksgiving. Be innovative. Think differently and positively.

Enjoy the world with a heart of gratitude, and be thankful to God that He has gifted you with all the sense faculties that are intact.

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph



November 2021 Weekly Offertory

Date	Needed	Offering
November 7, 2021	\$3,700.00	\$5,109.00
November 14, 2021	\$3,700.00	\$3,324.75
November 21, 2021	\$3,700.00	
November 28, 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
November 21, 2021 † Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Sunday

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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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	11/22/2021	8:00 a.m.	No Mass	Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Luke 21:1-4 [M]
Tuesday	11/23/2021	8:00 a.m.	No Mass	Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11
Wednesday	11/24/2021	12:00 p.m.	No Mass	Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Luke 21:12-19 [M]
Thursday	11/25/2021	8:00 a.m.	No Mass	Daniel 6:12-28; Luke 21:20-28
Friday	11/26/2021	12:00 p.m.	No Mass	Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33]
Saturday	11/27/2021	5:00 p.m.	Gary Bailey (L)	Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36
Sunday	11/28/2021	9:00 a.m.	Ethan Edgerly (L)	Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36
Sunday	11/28/2021	12:00 p.m.	Gorgonio Zarate (L)	Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

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

Today's Homily*

IN THE CHURCH'S calendar, Christ the King is the parallel of the Super Bowl trophy, or the Final Four in college basketball, or the last game of the World Series.

The liturgical year of the Church concludes with this Feast of Christ the King, instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to celebrate the Jubilee Year and the 16th centenary of the Council of Nicaea.

Instituting this feast, Pope Pius XI proclaimed: *"Pax Christi in regno Christi"* ("The peace of Christ in the reign of Christ"). This feast was established and proclaimed by the Pope to reassert the sovereignty of Christ and the Church over all forms of government and to remind Christians of the fidelity and loyalty we owe to Christ, who by His Incarnation and sacrificial death on the cross has made us both adopted children of God and future citizens and heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Feast was also a reminder to the totalitarian governments of Mussolini, Hitler and Stalin, that Jesus Christ is the only Sovereign King. Christ, our spiritual King and Ruler, rules by Truth and Love. We declare our loyalty to Jesus by the quality of our Christian commitment, expressed in our serving of others with sacrificial and forgiving love, and by our solidarity with the poor.

Although emperors and kings with real ruling power exist today only in history books, we nevertheless honor Christ as the King of the Universe and the King of our hearts by allowing Jesus to take control of our lives. In thousands of human hearts all over the world, Jesus still reigns as King. The Cross is Jesus' throne and the Sermon on the Mount is Jesus' rule of law. His citi-



zens need obey only one major law: *"Love God with all your being, and love others as I have loved you."*

A King with a saving and liberating mission, Jesus frees us from all types of bondage, enabling us to live peacefully and happily on earth, and

promising us an inheritance, in the eternal life of heaven.

This Thirty-Fourth and final Sunday in Ordinary Time ends the Church's liturgical year and the Cycle B Sundays. For this culminating Feast of Christ the King, the readings describe the enthronement of the victorious Christ as King in Heaven in all His glory.

The first reading, taken from the book of Daniel, tells of the mysterious Son of Man (with whom Jesus would later identify Himself), coming on the clouds, glorified by God, and given dominion that will last forever.

The Refrain for today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 93), has us proclaim, *The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty*, celebrating the God of Israel as the King over all creation.

In the second reading, taken from the *Book of Revelation*, the risen Christ comes amid the clouds as the Alpha and the Omega—the first and the last of all things.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asserts before Pilate that He is a king and clarifies that His kingdom *does not belong to this world*. He rules as King by serving others rather than by dominating them. His authority is rooted in Truth, not in physical force, and His Kingdom, the reign of God, is based on the Beatitudes.

—Fr. Tony Kadavil, Chaplain, Sacred Heart Home
<https://frtonyshomilies.com>

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

Religious Education



PLEASE NOTE: There is no Religious Education on **Wednesday, November 24th, and Thursday, November 25th**. Classes will resume **Monday, November 29th, and Tuesday, November 30th**.

Wishing all a very Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!

—Religious Education Staff

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Thanksgiving Day Mass: November 25th

There will be no Mass here at St. Joseph Catholic Church this year due to Fr. Joseph being on vacation in India. However, St. Francis Catholic Church in Bend will have two Masses that day at **7 and 10 a.m.** (both at the 27th Street Church), and St. Thomas Catholic Church in Redmond will have one Mass that day at **9 a.m.**



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Thanksgiving Prayer

"Dear Lord, on this Thanksgiving Day, we bow our hearts to You and pray. We give You thanks for all You have done—mostly for the gift of your Son. For beauty in nature, in which we see Your Glory, for joy and health, friends, and family. For our daily sustenance, Your mercy and care, these are the blessings You kindly share. So today we offer this response of praise with a promise to follow You all of our days. Amen."

—Mary Fairchild

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Fr. Joseph Returns!

Fr. Joseph will return home on **Friday, November 26th**. Please keep him in your prayers for a safe journey home.

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A Big Thank You!



Fr. Reeves, you have done a fantastic job filling in for **Fr. Joseph** while he has been on vacation. But, I'm sure we will see much more of you in the very near future. Thank you, Father, for all your great homilies, your wonderful smile, and your graciousness to our Parish.

Advent

The First Sunday of Advent is **November 28th**. Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for the arrival of our Lord and Savior. Advent calls us to be vigilant during this wait. And while we silently wait in expectant hope and joy, we pray and prepare. Choose a time each day that is set aside for prayer. Praying is talking to God and listening to what He has to say to you. It's a conversation! Prayer is essential in our life. We cannot build a relationship with someone we do not even talk to or don't know. Prayer helps us to know God and to love Him more. *Use Advent to build your prayer life.*



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Bible Quotation for the Week:

John 14:27



Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

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Knights of Columbus Christmas Cards

We were unable to receive our requested Christmas Card Order for 2021. But, we still have cards and miscellaneous items from last year. They are on sale in the Parish Office, and Karin is there on Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please stop in for your cards.

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St. Joseph Bazaar Update

The Bazaar was a huge success! **Thank-you** to everyone who made this year's bazaar so successful—those who made/donated items, decorated the hall, made purchases, and worked many hours. **The sales total was \$3,010!** We are looking forward to 2022!

—St. Joseph Christmas Bazaar Committee

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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
Sharon Blue ♦ Gorgonio Zarate

