

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"Frogs for Dinner"

A lady was once heating up a pot of water on a gas stove with the intent of cooking pasta for dinner for her family.

A frog suddenly fell into the pot as it was sitting on the stove. While it wasn't the frog's intention to be stuck in a pot of water, he didn't try to escape. He was comfortable enough as he was.

The lady soon turned up the flame to begin boiling the water. As the water's temperature began to rise, the frog was able to adjust his body temperature accordingly, so he remained in the pot without trying to do anything to change the situation.

However, as the water approached its boiling point, the frog's body temperature could no longer keep up. **He finally tried to jump out of the pot, but with the water temperature continuing to increase, he didn't have it in him to make the leap.** And so it was too late for the frog to save himself.



Things don't always go as planned in life, and they certainly don't always go the way we want them to. **But, no matter how bad a situation is, it's critical to be proactive and face the problem head-on.**

Unlike the frog, who waited until the last minute to try to do anything about the problem he was clearly facing, **it's important to project the future outcomes of the obstacles that hinder you, and mediate them before they get past the point of no return.** You have to

avoid wasting time, and take appropriate actions before problems get out of hand or become too much to handle.



While you may have to think outside of the box sometimes, it's always possible to conquer a difficult situation. You don't have to always give in to the options you're presented with. Challenge the status quo.

Think creatively! Engage in productive nonconformity when 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



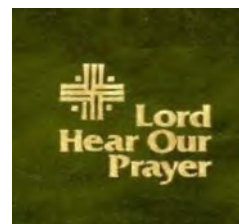
Knights of Columbus Christmas Cards



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.

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

Deacon Caleb Cunningham
 Julie Bither ♦ Patricia Bither
 People of India ♦ Frederick Smit
 David Leonard ♦ Linda Arian
 Ben Guyger ♦ Mike Mulvihill
 Sharon Blue ♦ Gorgonio Zarate



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	\$6,971.77
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 28, 2021 † 1st Sunday of Advent

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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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	11/29/2021	8:00 a.m.	Selmer Swanson (D)	Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11
Tuesday	11/30/2021	8:00 a.m.	Mary Ecklind (D)	Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22 [F]
Wednesday	12/01/2021	12:00 p.m.	Barb Taylor (D)	Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37
Thursday	12/02/2021	8:00 a.m.	Bertha Thaler (D)	Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Friday	12/03/2021	12:00 p.m.	David Geiman (D)	Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31[M]
Saturday	12/04/2021	5:00 p.m.	Desiree Stover (L)	Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6
Sunday	12/05/2021	9:00 a.m.	Dorothy Rupert (D)	Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6
Sunday	12/05/2021	12:00 p.m.	Peggy Jones (L)	Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

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

Today's Homily*



First Sunday in Advent

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ADVENT IS A time of waiting for Christ, allowing Jesus to be reborn in our lives. It is also a time for purifying our hearts by repentance and for renewing our lives by reflecting on and experiencing the several comings (advents) of Christ into our lives. Besides coming into our world through birth, Jesus comes into our lives as we live them—through His Church, its Sacraments (especially the Eucharist), the Word of God, the worshipping community, as we die, and finally, in His Second Coming.

In the first reading, the prophet Jeremiah waits and hopes for an ideal descendant of King David, Who, as Messiah of God, will bring security, peace, and justice to God's people. Christians believe that Jeremiah's waiting and hoping have been fulfilled in Jesus. Jeremiah's prophecy assures us that *the Lord, our Justice*, will fulfil His promises; and, hence, we need not be afraid, despite the frightening events and almost universal moral degradation.

The Psalmist expresses the central idea of patient, vigilant, prayerful waiting for the Lord **in today's Responsorial Psalm** (Psalm 25), praying, "Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your Truth and teach me for You are God, my Saviour."

In the second reading, Paul urges the Thessalonians to continue to intensify the life of holiness and mutual love that he has taught them as they wait for "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His holy ones."

In today's Gospel, Jesus prophesies the signs and portents that will accompany his *Second Com-*

ing, and He encourages us to be expectant, optimistic, vigilant, and well-prepared: "When these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand" (Luke 21:28).

Jesus wants us to face the future with confidence in God's providence.

We need to prepare ourselves for Christ's second coming by allowing Jesus to be reborn daily in our lives.

Advent gives us time to make this preparation—repenting of and confessing our sins, renewing our lives through prayer and penance, and sharing our blessings with others.

In Advent, we also need to check for what needs to be put right in our lives, to see how we have failed, and to assess the ways in which we can do better.

Let us accept the challenge of Alexander Pope this Advent season: "What does it profit me if Jesus is reborn in thousands of cribs all over the world and not reborn in my heart?"

A message of warning and hope: The Church reminds us that we will each be asked to give an account of our lives before Christ, the Judge—both at the moment of our death, and again at Jesus' *second coming*. Today's readings invite us to assess our lives every night during Advent and to make the necessary alterations in the light of the approaching Christmas celebration.

Amid the tragedies that sometimes occur in our daily lives, and the setbacks in our spiritual life, we must raise our heads in hope and anticipation, knowing that the Lord is coming again.

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

Advent



Today is the 1st Sunday of Advent. The tradition for the 1st Sunday of Advent includes lighting the candle of hope (purple). This candle of hope symbolizes promises delivered through the prophets from God, as well as the hope we have in Christ.

Along with prayer, use a few minutes every day to meditate on the daily readings or reflecting on the scriptures leading up to the birth of Jesus.

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Prayer for the 1st Week of Advent

Most merciful Father, increase my faith. Increase my desire to know you, love you, and trust you this Advent. Help me to grow in humility and confidence in your love. Amen.

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American Red Cross

On **Wednesday, December 1st**, there will be a Blood Drive at the St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Hall **from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Please call 1 (800) 733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

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Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Those fabulous KOC chefs will be cooking up breakfast for us on **December 5th, after the 9 a.m. Mass**, in the Parish Hall. Remember—there is always a raffle!



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The Immaculate Conception



Wednesday, December 8th, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. **Mass Times are at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.**

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Our Lady of Guadalupe Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Please take note of the insert in this bulletin regarding the 2021 Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe that takes place on **Saturday, December 11th**. All are invited to attend.

If you have any questions, please call **Ruby** at (541) 350-8833 or **Yaneli** at (541) 420-9767.



Diocese of Baker

This year the Religious Retirement Collection is being held on the weekend of **December 11th and 12th** to correspond with all the other dioceses across the nation. There are envelopes on the table in the Narthex.

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Schedules

Penance Service for Advent will be on Tuesday, December 14th. Confessions start at **6 p.m.** There will be four priests to hear confessions in both English and Spanish. All Religious Education students who have received Reconciliation Preparation are required to attend.



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Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule



December 24th: Friday, 6 p.m.

(Family Mass in English)

December 25th: Saturday, 10 a.m.

(Bilingual Mass)

December 31st: Friday, 12 p.m.

(Normal Mass Time)

January 1st: Saturday, 8 a.m. &

Vigil Mass at 5 p.m. (Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God)

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Vocalists Are Needed

A time of excitement—yet serenity. A time of anticipation. The realization of the most blessed gift that could ever come to humanity, Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

If anyone is interested in being part of the Christmas Eve Choir, please call **Garilynn Tocher** at (541) 815-5823.

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Bible Quotation for the Week: Isaiah 40:31

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.

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Envelopes

The Offertory Envelopes for 2022 are in the Narthex of the Church. Please make sure to take them home with you. If you no longer want to receive the envelopes, please write cancel on the box label. If you do not receive envelopes and would like to, please call the Parish Office at (541) 447-6475.