

# Fr. Joseph's Corner

## "Teamwork"

**T**here was once a man who lived with his three sons. His sons were hard workers, **but they were constantly fighting with each other.** Even though the man continuously tried to help his sons make peace with each other, he was never successful. In fact, their fighting got to the point where their neighbors would make fun of them.

Eventually, the father became ill. He begged his sons to learn how to work together because of his impending death, but they didn't listen. The father then decided to teach his sons a practical lesson to help them forget their differences and become a united team.

The father called his sons together and said, "I'll give you each an equal bundle of sticks to break in half. Whoever breaks the sticks the fastest will be rewarded."

After agreeing to the task, the father gave each of his sons 10 sticks and instructed them to break each stick in half. **This task took the sons mere minutes to complete, but once they were finished, they started to fight about who finished first.**

The father said, "Dear sons, the task isn't finished. Now, I'll give each of you 10 more sticks. However, you must break the sticks in half as a bundle rather than snapping each one separately."

His sons agreed, and they attempted to do what he had asked. They each tried their best, but none could break the bundle in half. **They told their father that they had failed.**

In response, their father said, "See, it was easy to break the sticks in half individually, but you couldn't break all 10 of them at the same time. Similarly, **if the three of you stay united as a team, nobody will be able to harm you. However, if you fight all the time, anyone would be able to defeat you.** Please come together as a united team."

This lesson helped the man's sons understand the power of being a team and promised their father that, moving forward, they would work together as a team, no matter what the situation was.

Being an effective member of a team helps contribute to the overall moral and motivation of the team. Strong teams are naturally aligned to work harder, support each other, and be cooperative with working toward a mutual goal. Individuals each have diverse talents, strengths, and weaknesses to contribute to teamwork, so staying focused on the task at hand rather than allowing personal disputes to get in the way will help you achieve your desired results.

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—*Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph*




### 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	\$2,403.00

### Monthly Rosary Schedule

1st Sunday:	Pro Life
2nd Sunday:	Eucharistic Ministers
3rd Sunday:	Knights of Columbus
4th Sunday:	Lectors
5th Sunday:	Ushers



October needed = \$18,500.00 ♦ October Received = \$16,211.79 ♦ Difference = -\$2,288.21

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754  
November 7, 2021 † 32nd 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.

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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	11/08/2021	8:00 a.m.	No Mass	Wisdom 1:1-7; Luke 17:1-6
Tuesday	11/09/2021	8:00 a.m.	No Mass	Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22 [F]
Wednesday	11/10/2021	12:00 p.m.	No Mass	Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19
Thursday	11/11/2021	8:00 a.m.	No Mass	Wisdom 7:22b-8:1; Luke 17:20-25
Friday	11/12/2021	12:00 p.m.	No Mass	Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37
Saturday	11/13/2021	5:00 p.m.	Richard Bedortha (D)	Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32
Sunday	11/14/2021	9:00 a.m.	Lu Streetman (D)	Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32
Sunday	11/14/2021	12:00 p.m.	Cecelia Marquiz (D)	Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32

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

## Today's Homily\*



“THE WIDOW’S MITE” would be a suitable headline for today’s readings. True generosity is portrayed through the lives of two widows, the most vulnerable people in society.

In the First Reading a widow, in the middle of a great famine, shares the last of her resources with the prophet Elijah. Elijah’s trust and encouragement (“Do not be afraid”) strengthen her trust in God, and because of her generosity in sharing her last meal with Elijah she is rewarded with a supply of food that lasts throughout the famine.

Today’s Gospel reading opens with Jesus’s remarks about the scribes, and these provide the context for what follows. He is criticizing the Jewish scribes—the legal experts—for being more interested in receiving honor from people rather than serving them.

Jesus singles out the way “they devour the houses of widows”—a devastating criticism! In contrast to their selfishness, Jesus observes

a widow in the Temple who provides an authentic example of sacrificial giving. Jesus draws attention to her putting “two small coins worth of a few cents” into one of the 13 collection boxes. Sadly, this translation has lost the beauty of a long English tradition! Literally the translation should read: “a poor widow came and threw in two mites that make up half a farthing!” The coin referred to here as “a mite” (from the Greek word, lepton) is the lowest denomination of a coin that has ever been struck by any nation in history! And, yet, she is giving to the treasury what, in fact, she could not afford.

Both of the readings illustrate the genuine self-sacrificing nature of giving. The widows gave to the extent of hurting! These acts of self-sacrifice by the very poorest and most vulnerable offer a beautiful foreshadowing of the genuine self-sacrifice of Jesus, whereby He gave His very life for our salvation.

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



### Tuesday, November 9th: Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

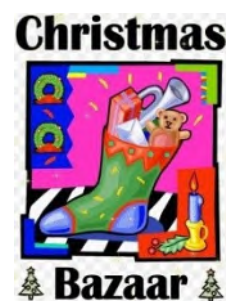
Most Catholics think of St. Peter’s Basilica as the pope’s main church, but they are not quite right. St. John Lateran is the pope’s church, the Cathedral of the Diocese of Rome, where the Bishop of Rome presides.

The first basilica on the site was built in the 4th Century, when the Roman Emperor, Constantine, donated land that he had received from the wealthy Lateran family. That structure, and its successors, suffered fire, earthquake, and the ravages of war, but the Lateran remained the church where popes were consecrated, until the popes returned from Avignon in the 14th Century to find the church and the adjoining palace in ruins.

Pope Innocent X commissioned the present structure in 1646. One of Rome’s most imposing churches, the Lateran’s towering facade is crowned with 15 colossal statues of Christ, John the Baptist, John the Evangelist, and 12 doctors of the Church. Beneath its high altar rest the remains of the small wooden table on which tradition holds that St. Peter himself celebrated Mass.

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### St. Joseph’s Christmas Bazaar



Please refer to the Insert in this week’s Bulletin regarding the Christmas Bazaar. **Reminder:** Bring your donations to the Parish Hall on **Friday, November 12th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** If you need other arrangements, please call Nancy Redfern at (541) 508-9872.

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### BREAKFAST and the Knights of Columbus

Please remember that on the 1st Sunday of every month, those fabulous Knights of Columbus chefs will be serving breakfast in the Parish Hall.



### St. Vincent de Paul Corner

Our hours of operation will change on **Tuesday, November 23rd, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.,** and **Wednesday, November 24th, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

Please keep all IGA Wagner receipts and turn them into St. Vincent’s. We are able to get a credit from the receipts, and then we can purchase needed items.

If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering, please call SVdP at (541) 447-7662 and leave a message for **Joan Holland.**

**Highlights for this week:** We had 2 single fathers call in for assistance. They and their children came down with COVID. Unfortunately, they couldn’t work, and we were able to assist both families with rent and water. Another couple, expecting a baby in January, also requested assistance. The couple have been out of work due to an illness and wanted some help with their water bill. How gracious they were to receive our help. Please remember SVdP this month with Thanksgiving donations.

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### Friendly Reminder on Cell Phones

There have been several complaints regarding texting on phones while at Mass. Though your phone might be turned off, this does not stop anyone from receiving or sending text. Please be considerate of others while at Mass, and please respect St. Joseph Catholic Church—it is your place to Worship and Pray.

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### Bible Quotation for the Week:

**Psalm 145:18, 19**



The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear Him; He hears their cry and saves them.

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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

