

# Fr. Joseph's Corner

## "All He Had to Offer" (author unknown)

**H**is house was in a poor area of the community. A church there had a "Bus Ministry," and a man came knocking on his door one Saturday afternoon. The child came to the door and greeted the Bus Pastor. The Bus Pastor asked if his parents were home, and the small boy told him that his parents take off every weekend and leave him at home to take care of his little brother.

The Bus Pastor could not believe what the child said and asked him to repeat it. The youngster gave the same answer. The Bus Pastor asked if he could come in to talk to him. They went into the living room and sat down on an old couch with the foam and springs exposed. The Bus Pastor asked the child, "Where do you go to church?"

The young boy replied, "I've never been to church in my whole life." The Bus Pastor thought to himself about the fact that his church was less than three miles from the child's house. "Are you sure that you have never been to church?" he asked again. "I'm sure I haven't," he replied.

Then the Bus Pastor said, "Well, son, more important than going to church, have you ever heard of baptism and the greatest story ever told?" Then he proceeded to share the Gospel with this little 9-year-old boy. The young lad's heart began to be tenderized, and at the end of the story, the Bus Pastor asked if the boy wanted to receive this free gift from God. The youngster exclaimed, "Of course!"

The child and the Bus Pastor got on their knees, and the lad invited Jesus into his little heart and received the free gift of salvation. They both stood up, and the Bus Pastor asked if he could pick up the child for church the next morning. "Sure," the boy replied.

The Bus Pastor got to the house early the next morning and found the lights off. He let himself in, snaked his way through the house, and found the little boy asleep in his bed. He woke him up and his brother and helped get them dressed. They got on the bus and ate a doughnut for breakfast on their way to church. Keep in mind that this boy had never been to church before. The church was a real big one. The little child just sat there, clueless of what was going on. A few minutes into the service,

these tall, unhappy-looking guys walked to the front and picked up some wooden plates. One of the men prayed, and the child, with utter fascination, watched them walk up and down the aisles. He still did not know what was going on. Suddenly, like a bolt of lightning, it hit him what was going on! These people must be giving money to Jesus. He reflected on the free gift of life he had just received 24 hours earlier. So, he searched his pockets—front and back—and could not find a thing to give Jesus.

By this time the offering plate was being passed down his aisle and, with a broken heart, he just grabbed the plate and held on to it. He finally let go and watched it pass on down the aisle. He turned around to see it passed down the aisle behind him. And then his eyes remained glued on the plate as it was passed back and forth, back and forth—all the way to the rear of the sanctuary.

Then he had an idea. This little 9-year-old boy, in front of God and everybody, got up out of his seat. He walked about eight rows back, grabbed the usher by the coat, and asked to hold the plate one more time. Then he did the most astounding thing I have ever heard of. He took the plate, sat it on the carpeted church floor, and stepped into the center of it. As he stood there, he lifted his little head up and said, "Jesus, I don't have anything to give you today, but just me—I give you me!"

—*Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph*



### January 2022 Weekly Offertory

Date	Needed	Offering
January 2, 2022	\$3,700.00	\$1,881.88
January 9, 2022	\$3,700.00	
January 16, 2022	\$3,700.00	
January 23, 2022	\$3,700.00	
January 30, 2022	\$3,700.00	

December Needed: \$14,800.00

December Received: \$15,056.00 ♦ Positive \$256.00 ♦ This does not include Christmas Day Offertory

### 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

January 9, 2022 † The Baptism of the Lord 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	01/10/2022	8:00 a.m.	Earl Miller (D)	1 Samuel 1:1-8; Mark 1:14-20
Tuesday	01/11/2022	8:00 a.m.	Murra Miller (D)	1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28
Wednesday	01/12/2022	12:00 p.m.	Denise Stroud (L)	1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39
Thursday	01/13/2022	8:00 a.m.	Leona Gardner (D)	1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45
Friday	01/14/2022	12:00 p.m.	Susan McClinton (D)	1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12
Saturday	01/15/2022	5:00 p.m.	Charles Fischer (D)	Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11
Sunday	01/16/2022	9:00 a.m.	Elizabeth Casey (L)	Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11
Sunday	01/16/2022	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Parish Family (L)	Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

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

## Today's Homily

A YOUNG MAN once described his experience of sinking into insanity. He was a very bright university student, but he abandoned his studies in favor of nightclubs and pornography.

One night he retired to a hotel room. As he lay in bed, the window appeared to expand until it reached the floor. He heard a mocking voice in his mind saying, "What if you threw yourself out of that window?" The young man wrote: "Now my life was dominated by something I had never known before: fear. It was a humiliation I had deserved more than I knew. I had refused to pay attention to the moral laws upon which all vitality and sanity depend."

Well, this young man did begin to pay attention to the moral law. He began to put his life in order, and to experience inner peace. He eventually entered the Catholic Church and went on to become one of the most famous monks of the 20th Century. His name is Thomas Merton.

Today's Gospel on Jesus' baptism should challenge us, too, to examine whether we are keeping our Baptismal promises. **The turning point:** His baptism by John was a very important event in the life of Jesus.

First, it was a *moment of identification* with us sinners. Sinless as He was, Jesus received the baptism of repentance to identify Himself with His people who realized for the first time that they were sinners.

Second, it was a *moment of conviction about His identity and mission:* that He is the Son of God, and His mission was to *preach the Good News* of God's love and salvation *and to atone for our sins* by becoming the "suffering servant." God the Father's words, "This is my beloved Son," taken from Psalm 2:17, gave *Jesus the identity of God's Son*, and the words "with whom I am well pleased," from Isaiah 42:1 (referring to the "suffering servant"), pointed to Jesus' mission of atoning for the sins of the world by His suffering and death on the cross.

Third, it was a *moment of equipment.* The Holy Spirit equipped Jesus by descending upon Him in the form



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of a dove, giving him the *power of preaching and healing.*

Fourth, it was a *moment of decision* to begin public ministry at the most opportune time after receiving the *approval* of His Heavenly Father as His *beloved Son.* The baptism of Jesus reminds us of our *identity and mission:*

First, *it reminds us of who we are and Whose we are.* By Baptism, we become adoptive sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, members of His Church, heirs of Heaven and temples of the Holy Spirit. We become incorporated into the Church, the Body of Christ, and made sharers in the priesthood of Christ.

Second, *Jesus' baptism reminds us of our mission:* **a)** *to experience the presence of God within us,* to acknowledge our own dignity as God's children, and to appreciate the Divine Presence in others by honoring them, loving them, and serving them in all humility; **b)** *to live as the children of God* in thought, word and action so that our Heavenly Father may say to each one of us what He said to Jesus: "You are My beloved son/daughter with whom I am well pleased." It means that we are to let His thoughts direct our thoughts, His mind control our mind, His concerns be our concerns. **c)** *to lead a holy and transparent Christian life* and not to desecrate our bodies (the temples of the Holy Spirit and members of Jesus' Body) by impurity, injustice, intolerance, jealousy or hatred; **d)** *to accept both the good and the bad experiences of life as the gifts of a loving Heavenly Father* for our growth in holiness; **e)** *to grow daily in intimacy with God* by personal and family prayers, by reading the Word of God, by participating in the Holy Mass, and by frequenting the Sacrament of Reconciliation; and **f)** *to be co-creators with God in building up the "Kingdom of God" on earth,* a Kingdom of compassion, justice and love, and to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Let us ask Our Lord today to make us faithful to our Baptismal promises. Let us thank Him for the privilege of being joined to His mission of preaching the "Good News" by our transparent Christian lives of love, mercy, service and forgiveness.

## January—The Holy Name of Jesus

### Ordinary Time

**Monday, January 10th,** will begin Ordinary Time in the Liturgical Calendar. Ordinary Time refers to all of those parts of the Catholic Church's liturgical year that aren't included in the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. Ordinary Time thus encompasses two different periods in the Church's calendar, since the Christmas season immediately follows Advent, and the Easter season immediately follows Lent.

The liturgical color assigned to Ordinary Time is green. The last Sunday of Ordinary Time is the Solemnity of Christ the King.

Thus for Catholics, Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives. There's nothing "ordinary" about that!

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### Bible Study Is Back!



Starting on **Tuesday, January 11th,** at **2 p.m.,** Bible Study will return. This session will be on the "Pivotal Players." Please mark your calendars!

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### Big Thank You

**Sandi Shriver** would like to thank everyone for all the get well cards, prayers and wishes that were sent to her.

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### Coming Soon!

The Knights of Columbus will be having Bingo at the Parish Hall. Get your bingo dabbers and chips ready. More information to follow.



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### Bible Verse—Philippians 4:6, 7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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### Special Collection

The Diocese of Baker Cathedral Conservation Collections will be held on the weekend of **January 22/23, 2022.** Envelopes will be in the Narthex on the Table. Please remember to add your name to the envelope.

### Can You Sew? — URGENT!

St. Joseph Parish would like to put together a group of women who like to sew and who would be interested in making the white cloths used on the altar. We need three different sizes to replace the linens that are worn and stained.



If you are interested in helping, please call **Karin** at the Parish Office at (541) 447-6475. This will help

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### Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List



**Dcn. Caleb Cunningham**  
**Sandi Shriver** ♦ **People of India**  
**Mason Gattey** ♦ **Ben Guyger**  
**Julie Bither** ♦ **Patricia Bither**  
**Frederick Smit** ♦ **David Leonard**  
**Linda Arian** ♦ **Mike Mulvihill**  
**Sharon Blue** ♦ **Gorgonio Zarate**  
**Rick Nolte**

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### National Sanctity of Human Life

"Now, therefore, I, Donald J. Trump, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim January 22, 2021, as National Sanctity of Human Life Day. Today, I call on the Congress to join me in protecting and defending the dignity of every human life, including those not yet born. I call on the American people to continue to care for women in unexpected pregnancies and to support adoption and foster care in a more meaningful way, so every child can have a loving home. And finally, I ask every citizen of this great Nation to listen to the sound of silence caused by a generation lost to us, and then to raise their voices for all affected by abortion, both seen and unseen."

In light of the Possible Supreme Court decision that could pave the way to overturn the Roe vs Wade decision, the Respect for Life Ministry would like to announce this year's 49th observance of the Roe vs. Wade decision. A Respect for Life Rosary will be recited followed by the Pro-Life Mass celebrated by **Bishop Cary. Fr. Jose and Fr. Shaji** will concelebrate. The event will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church at 2450 NE 27th Street, Bend, on **Saturday, January 22nd.** The Rosary will start at **10 a.m.,** and the Mass is at **10:30 a.m.**

