

Fr. Joseph's Corner

A True Story by Robert K. Smith, OFS, Secular Franciscan Order

For the last 10 years, I have been growing tomatoes for a group of Sisters from Africa—the Sisters of Mary of Kakamega—who are in Bend, taking care of the sick and elderly in an Oregon State-licensed 24-hour, 5-bed, Adult Foster Care home known as the Cardinal Otunga House.

Five years ago, I needed some 4-foot wooden stakes to support the tomato plants as they grew. After checking the price at the local hardware stores, I was most distressed.

However, on the way home from the local Home Depot, I “felt / heard” an internal whisper that said, “Turn here.” I immediately turned and drove down a long series of back-doors to a row of store-front buildings.

Suddenly a door opened, and then out came a carpenter carrying an arm-full of wooden, 4-foot sign-posts. He then threw them into a large bin for trash.

I stopped the car, rolled the window down, and asked him if I could have the wooden stakes.

He said, “Help yourself.”

So, I ended up with about 50 perfect-sized, four-foot wooden stakes—and they were complete with pointed edges!

To this day, I still remember that “felt/heard” whisper. I don’t know if it was an encounter with an angel—perhaps my Guardian Angel—or one of the angels who watches over the Sisters who care for the sick and dying.

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph



February 2022 Weekly Offertory

Date	Needed	Offering
February 6, 2022	\$4,400.00	\$5,112.00
February 13, 2022	\$4,400.00	
February 20, 2022	\$4,400.00	
February 27, 2022	\$4,400.00	

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

February 13, 2022 † 6th 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.



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Secretary ♦ Karin Jones

Parish Office Hours ♦ Monday–Thursday ♦ 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

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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	02/14/2022	8:00 a.m.	Rev. John O'Donovan (D)	James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13
Tuesday	02/15/2022	8:00 a.m.	Karin Jones (L)	James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21
Wednesday	02/16/2022	12:00 p.m.	Bobby George (D)	James 1:19-27; Mark 8:22-26
Thursday	02/17/2022	8:00 a.m.	Garilynn Tocher (L)	James 2:1-9; Mark 8:27-33
Friday	02/18/2022	12:00 p.m.	Lu Streetman (D)	James 2:14-24,26; Mark 8:34-9:1
Saturday	02/19/2022	5:00 p.m.	Nancy Redfern (L)	1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9,12-13,22-23 :1 Corinthians 15:45-49 ; Luke 6:27-38
Sunday	02/20/2022	9:00 a.m.	Nikki Overton (L)	1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9,12-13,22-23; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38
Sunday	02/20/2022	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Parish Family (L)	1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9,12-13,22-23; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

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

Today's Homily

Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Luke 6:20



TODAY'S READINGS teach us that true happiness, or beatitude, lies in the awareness that we are all children of a loving Heavenly Father, and that we will be happy only when we share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need—and when we work to uplift them, thus declaring our *option for the poor*, as Jesus did.

Contrary to the popular belief, wealth, health, power and influence are not the sources of true happiness. The word “beatitude” means “blessedness” in a double sense: both enjoying God's favor and enjoying true or supreme happiness.

In the first reading, Jeremiah tells us that true happiness consists in our placing our trust in God and in putting our trust in His promises. In today's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples in the paradoxical blessedness of poverty, hunger, sorrow and persecution.

Blessed are those who are poor, hungry, weeping, hated, excluded, insulted and denounced, because in poverty, we recognize our dependence on God; in hunger, God's providence; in sorrow for sins, reconciliation with God; and in persecution, the true joy of standing for the Faith with heroic convictions.

What makes one blessed is not simply poverty or hunger or sadness or suffering for the Faith, but living these in the context of our commitment to Jesus and His spirit of sharing. The beatitudes must be understood as eschatological statements that see and evaluate the present in terms of the future glory and everlasting happiness.

Millions are starving, persecuted, homeless, and leading hopeless lives. God knows that 50% of His children are hungry, 80% live in substandard housing, and 70% have no education. If over half of our children were hungry, cold and uneducated, how would we respond to

their suffering? God wants us to live as brothers and sisters who care for one another.

The only way the promises of the beatitudes can become a reality for them is through the efforts of people like us. That is why we are told that we will be judged on the basis of our acts of mercy and charity (Matthew 25:31–46).

St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa), and her Sisters have accepted this challenge and have demonstrated that we can “live the beatitudes” in the modern world. Hence, let us remember that each time we reach out to help the needy, the sick, and the oppressed, we share with them a foretaste of the promises of the beatitudes here and now. Just as the apostles were called to minister to society's untouchables, all Christians are called to minister to the untouchables, and to the discriminated against, and to the marginalized in our own modern society. God wants us to live as brothers and sisters who care for one another.

There are two Ways, one of Life and one of Death, and there is a great difference between the two Ways. These are the opening lines of the first-century Christian catechism used to teach new Christians the essence of the Christian Faith. The way of life is the way of Jesus, the way of the beatitudes, the way of loving service to God and our brothers and sisters that leads to eternal life. The other way is the way of death. It is the way of self-centeredness, self-reliance, immorality, self-indulgence and immediate gratification. It leads to death and hell.

Which *way* are we going? The challenge of the beatitudes is: “Are you going to be happy in the world's way or in Christ's way?” If we choose the world's way, we are seeking our blessings in the wrong place.

February—The Month of the Holy Family

St. Valentine



The Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus—all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the 3rd Century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When his actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

Still others insist that it was St. Valentine of Terni, a bishop, who was the true namesake of the holiday. He, too, was beheaded by Claudius II outside Rome.

Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons, where they were often beaten and tortured. According to one legend, an imprisoned Valentine actually sent the first “valentine” greeting himself after he fell in love with a young girl—possibly his jailor's daughter—who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter signed “From your Valentine,” an expression that is still in use today.

Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories all emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic and—most importantly—romantic figure.

By the Middle Ages, perhaps thanks to this reputation, Valentine would become one of the most popular saints in England and France.

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Volunteers Needed!

Women/Men to serve lunch at the Senior Center once a month, starting on **March 22nd**. For more information, please call **Diane Giovanini** at (541) 447-4086.

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St. Vincent de Paul

January was a busy month, and we are proud that we could help so many people in need. Aside from the following, we distributed food boxes weekly; some were delivered and some picked up:

Electric: 2, Rent: 7, LPG: 3, Gas: 6, Water: 4, Motel: 2, Storage: 1, Car Repair: 1.

Please note that volunteers are always needed!

A special Valentine's **THANK-YOU** goes to all the **SVdP Food Bank Volunteers** who give so cheerfully of their time to help feed and give aid to so many families.



Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

- ◆ Deacon Caleb Cunningham
- ◆ Sandi Shriver
- ◆ Frederick Smit
- ◆ David Leonard
- ◆ Linda Arian
- ◆ Anita Marquez
- ◆ Steve Forrester
- ◆ Mike Mulvihill
- ◆ Ben Guyger
- ◆ Grace Grinnell

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The Church—What You Might not Know

The Sanctuary: The elevated portion of the church where the clergy and other ministers perform their functions in the worship of God. The sanctuary symbolizes heaven.

The Nave: The main body of the church where the congregation gathers.

The Narthex: The lobby or “gathering space” outside of the church proper.

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel: The chapel where the tabernacle is located for the faithful to come and pray.

The Sacristy: The room where the sacred vestments, vessels, and other items used in the celebration of the liturgy are stored and prepared.

The Apse: The curved area behind the altar where the tabernacle is located in many churches.

The Altar: The sacred table on which the sacrifice of the Mass is offered to God; the table from which the faithful receive the Blessed Sacrament

The Ambo: The lectern where the readings are proclaimed.

The Presider's Chair: The chair on which the priest sits during Mass.

The Credence Table: The table on which objects are kept during the celebration of Mass.

The Tabernacle: (Latin: *tabernaculum*, “tent”) the golden container in which the Blessed Sacrament is reserved. The name derives from the Old Testament tent in which God dwelt among his people.

The Pews: The benches on which the congregation sits.

The Ambry: The cabinet where the three holy oils are kept.

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Inspiring Quote

“Pain and suffering have come into your life, but remember: pain, sorrow, suffering are but the kiss of Jesus—a sign that you have come so close to Him that He can kiss you.”
—St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

