

Fr. Joseph's Corner

Every life has a purpose. Every life has meaning. We get many opportunities to become better persons if we keep our eyes, ears and hearts open. The following story invites us to reflect about the purpose of our lives on this earth, and I want to share it with you:

A few years ago a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago. They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner. In their rush to catch the plane home, with their tickets and briefcases, one of these salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table that held a display of apples for sale—and apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane in time for their nearly missed boarding—ALL BUT ONE!

He paused, took a deep breath, got in touch with his feelings, and experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned. He told his buddies to go on without him, asking one of them to call his wife and explain his taking a later flight.

Then he returned to the terminal where the apples were all over the floor. He was very glad he did because the 16-year-old girl was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly groping for her spilled produce as the crowd swirled about her—no one stopping, and no one caring about her plight.

The salesman knelt on the floor with her and gathered up the apples. He put them back on the table and helped to organize her display. As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become battered and bruised; these he set aside in another basket.

When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl, "Here, please take this \$50 for the damage we did. Are you okay?" She nodded through her tears. He then continued, "I hope we didn't spoil your day too badly."

As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered blind girl called out to him: "Mister? Are you Jesus?"

The salesman stopped in midstride and said, "No, I am nothing like Jesus. He is good, kind, caring, and loving. And Jesus would never have bumped into your display in the first place!"

The girl solemnly nodded and said, "I only asked because I prayed for Jesus to help me gather the apples. He sent you to help me. Thank you for hearing Jesus, Mister."

Then slowly the man made his way to the gate to catch the later flight—with that question burning and bouncing about in his soul: "Are you Jesus?"

If we claim to know Him, we should live, walk and act as He would. That is our destiny—to be so much like Jesus that people cannot tell the difference, as we live in a world that is blind to His love, life and grace. Knowing Him is more than simply quoting Scripture and going to church. It's actually living the Word as life unfolds day to day. We are the apple of His eye even though we, too, have been bruised by a fall. He stopped what He was doing and picked us up on a hill called Calvary. He paid in full for our damaged fruit—our sinful lives. We take things for granted. Let us be grateful to God for all the wonderful blessings He has given to our lives and share the blessings with others. Be a blessing for others because God has blessed you abundantly.

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph



January 2022 Weekly Offertory

| Date | Needed | Offering |
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| January 2, 2022 | \$3,700.00 | \$1,881.88 |
| January 9, 2022 | \$3,700.00 | \$4,204.00 |
| January 16, 2022 | \$4,400.00 | \$4,775.00 |
| January 23, 2022 | \$4,400.00 | \$2,247.00 |
| January 30, 2022 | \$4,400.00 | \$2,610.00 |

Monthly Rosary Schedule

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| 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 6, 2022 † 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| 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

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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

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| Monday | 02/07/2022 | 8:00 a.m. | Bud Redfern (D) | 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Mark 6:53-56 |
| Tuesday | 02/08/2022 | 8:00 a.m. | Dale Geiman (L) | 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-13 |
| Wednesday | 02/09/2022 | 12:00 p.m. | Rev. Dr. Mark Njoker (D) | 1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23 |
| Thursday | 02/10/2022 | 8:00 a.m. | Rhonda & Leandrew Gilbert (L) | 1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30 [M] |
| Friday | 02/11/2022 | 12:00 p.m. | Rev. Luke Sheehan (D) | 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Mark 7:31-37 |
| Saturday | 02/12/2022 | 5:00 p.m. | Anita Marquez (L) | Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26 |
| Sunday | 02/13/2022 | 9:00 a.m. | Tocher Family (L) | Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26 |
| Sunday | 02/13/2022 | 12:00 p.m. | St. Joseph Parish Family (L) | Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26 |

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

Today's Homily

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS challenge us to discern God's call to each one of us to become His disciple with a mission. We are asked to recognize God's holy presence and acknowledge our unworthiness, due to our sinfulness, to become humble instruments in His hands, as the prophet Isaiah did in the first reading, as St. Paul did in the second reading, and as St. Peter did in today's Gospel.

Today's readings also teach us that God has His own criteria for selecting people to be His disciples, ministers and prophets. Presenting the special calls, or vocations, of Isaiah, Paul, and Peter as life-changing events, the readings challenge us to examine our own personal change of life and commitment to our discipleship.

Isaiah, in the first reading, and Peter, in today's Gospel, express their unworthiness to be in the presence of God's great holiness, and Peter and Isaiah both immediately receive reassurance and their Divine calls.

Today's second reading describes the call of another great apostle, Paul, who judges himself to be unworthy of the name or the call, as he was a former persecutor of the Christians, and as he was the last apostle selected by the Risen Lord.

Today's Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 138) offers a prayer of gratitude for just such a calling. For, it was by giving these three men a strong conviction of their unworthiness and of their need for total dependence on His grace that God prepared them for their missions. It was the miraculous catch of fish at Jesus' command, described in today's Gospel, which enabled Peter to find God in Jesus and prompted him to surrender his life fully to Jesus' service as a full-time disciple. The Second Vatican Council teaches that we are *all* called to Christ's



ministry by virtue of our Baptism into Jesus Christ.

We need to pray that our encounters with the holiness of God may lead us to recognize our sinfulness and accept His call. God, who calls us and commissions us for His service, wants us to realize His presence everywhere and in everyone, to repent of our sins, and to remain in readiness to speak and act for Him in our

life circumstances, as He shall direct us through His grace and His Holy Spirit.

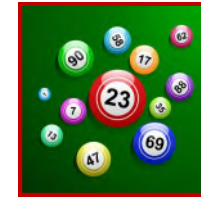
We need to teach and practice expressions of reverence for the Lord. We need to express our reverence for God through appropriate bodily gestures. For example, when we come into the church, we need to show reverence for Jesus' presence in the Tabernacle by making a deep bow or by genuflecting and blessing ourselves with sign of the cross. Then we need to honor Him by listening to the word of God and by actively participating in the liturgy's prayers and singing. This same sense of reverence can be expressed by keeping the Bible, God's living word to us, in a prominent place in our homes, and by kissing it each time we read from it. True reverence for God naturally leads us to reverent, respectful love of our neighbors, as God dwells in them.

We need to remember that each of us has a unique mission in the Church. This is why God has a different call for each of us. Each of us is unique, so each of us has a mission which no one else can fulfill.

Let us accomplish this mission as parents, as priests, as religious, and as lay persons by radiating the love, mercy, and forgiveness of Jesus Christ and by participating in the various ministries of our parish.

February—The Month of the Holy Family

Bingo



The Knights of Columbus will have the 1st Bingo at St. Joseph Parish on **Friday, February 11th.**

Doors will open at 1 p.m. and Bingo will be from **1:30 to 3:30 p.m.**

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Mass Intentions:

Please Schedule for Someone You Care About

An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons. For example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday or anniversary), for someone who is sick, for someone who is in need, or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul.

When a priest offers Holy Mass, he has three intentions: First, to offer the Mass reverently and validly in accord with the norms of the Church. Second, to offer the Mass in union with the whole Church and for the good of the whole Church. Third, to offer the Mass for a particular intention, as mentioned above.

Therefore, the effects of the Mass bring certain benefits or fruits. The general fruits of the Mass are the effects upon the whole Church to the living faithful as well as the poor souls in purgatory. For this reason, in the Canon of the Mass (the Eucharistic Prayer), a special mention is made for both the living and the dead.

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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 Guyer



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Welcome to Faith Walk

You can grow in your relationship with Christ through prayer, study, community, action, and more. Access the best free resources available at <https://www.myfaithwalk.org/>.

February--the Month of the Holy Family

The special devotion that proposes the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the model of virtue of all Christian households began in the 17th Century.

In the words of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII, "Nothing truly can be more salutary or efficacious for Christian families to meditate upon than the example of this Holy Family, which embraces the perfection and completeness of all domestic virtues."

The Holy Family models for us what the family life should exemplify. It is a school of virtue for both parents and children. There we find God, and we learn how to connect with Him and with others.

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What Happens in the Church?

The church building is used for many different types of prayer—both public and private.

1) The church is primarily used for the celebration of the sacred liturgy, the official public prayer of the Church, the Sacrifice of the Mass—and for sacraments such as Baptism, Confession and Matrimony, and for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, Funeral Rites, Blessings, and Celebrations of the Liturgy of the Hours.

2) The church is also used for the celebration of devotions, public or private expressions of prayer accepted and endorsed by the Church—the Rosary, Stations of the Cross—and prayer in front of sacred images and statues.

3) Finally, the church is available for people to come for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle. The layout of the church building and the sacred objects and furnishings found within the church exist to serve these different types of prayer.

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Inspiring Quotes



"The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the world.

"Increase your Mass time, whenever possible."

—Pope St. John Paul II

