

Fr. Joseph's Corner

The Purpose of Lent

The primary purpose of Lent is spiritual preparation for the celebration recalling Jesus's death on Good Friday and His Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

The Church tries to achieve this goal by leading her children to "repentance." It is a type of conversion—the reordering of our priorities and the changing of our values, ideals and ambitions—through fasting, prayer and mortification. Lenten observances are also intended to lead us to our annual solemn renewal of Baptismal vows on Holy Saturday.

Through Baptism, we are called to live justly, to love God with all our being, to love our neighbor as ourselves, and to build the kingdom of God by our acts of charity.

Life Messages:

(1) Let us make Lent a time of renewal of life by penance and prayer: Formerly, the six weeks of Lent meant a time of severe penance as a way of purifying ourselves from our sinful habits and getting ready to celebrate the Paschal mystery (the passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ), with a renewed commitment to follow Christ. Now, the Church leaves the Lenten practice of penance to the good will and generosity of individual Christians. However, Lent should be a time for personal reflection on where we stand as Christians in accepting the Gospel challenges in thought, word and deed.

It is also a time to assess our relationships with our family, friends, working colleagues and other people we

come in contact with—especially those of our parish. We should examine whether we are able to give any positive contribution to other people's lives and to eradicate the abuses that are part of our society.

(2) Let us convert Lent into a time for spiritual growth and Christian maturity by: (a) participating in the Mass each day or at least a few days in the week; (b) setting aside some part of our day for personal prayer; (c) reading some Scripture—alone or, better still—with others; (d) setting aside some money that we might spend on ourselves for meals, entertainment or clothes, and giving it to an organization that takes care of the less fortunate in our society; (e) abstaining from smoking or alcohol; (f) receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Lent and participating in the "Stations of the Cross" on Fridays; (g) visiting the sick and those in nursing homes and doing some acts of charity, kindness and mercy every day during Lent.

(3) Let us use Lent as a time to fight daily against the evil within us and around us: Repenting and fighting against temptations and evil is a lifetime's task.

Jesus did not overcome Satan in the wilderness; He achieved that only in His death. Lent reminds us that we have to take up the fight each day against the evil within us and around us, and never give up. Jesus has given the assurance that the Holy Spirit is with us, empowering us so that final victory will be ours through Jesus Christ.

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List:

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

Bingo:

Please remember to come to Bingo every week! The doors open on **Fridays at 1 p.m.**, and **Bingo begins at 1:30 p.m.**

We had many winners this week. . . please pass the word and invite your neighbors and friends!

—Knights of Columbus

February 2022 Weekly Offertory

Date	Needed	Offering
February 6, 2022	\$4,400.00	\$5,112.00
February 13, 2022	\$4,400.00	\$3,427.00
February 20, 2022	\$4,400.00	\$2,405.00
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 27, 2022 † 8th 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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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	02/28/2022	8:00 a.m.	David Leonard (L)	1 Peter 1:3-9; Mark 10:17-27
Tuesday	03/01/2022	8:00 a.m.	Lu Streetman (D)	1 Peter 1:10-16; Mark 10:28-31
Wednesday	03/02/2022	12:00 p.m.	Keaton & Kinley Kurtz (L)	Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	03/03/2022	8:00 a.m.	Marie Santkowski (D)	Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25
Friday	03/04/2022	12:00 p.m.	Linda Meade (L)	Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15
Saturday	03/05/2022	5:00 p.m.	Linda Arian (L)	Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13
Sunday	03/06/2022	9:00 a.m.	Diane Velasquez (L)	Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13
Sunday	03/06/2022	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Parish Family (L)	Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

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

Today's Homily

C.S. LEWIS wrote, "There is someone I love, even though I don't approve of what he does. There is someone I accept, though some of his thoughts and actions revolt me. There is someone I forgive, though he hurts the people I love the most. That person is me."

Today's readings also instruct us to share our Christian life, love, and spiritual health by our words, and to avoid gossiping about, and passing rash, thoughtless and pain-inflicting judgments on others, thus damaging their good reputation and causing them irreparable harm.

The first reading, taken from the Book of Sirach, teaches that what is inside us is revealed through our conversation—as the grain and husks are separated in a farmer's sieve, as the quality of the shaped clay is revealed in the potter's fire, and as the size and quality of a tree's fruit reveal the care it has received from the planter. Sirach's teaching serves as an excellent preview for today's Gospel, which reminds us, when we're feeling judgmental, to think before we speak because what comes out of our mouth reveals our heart.

In the second reading St. Paul advises the Corinthian Christians, "To be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain," instead of wasting time on useless and sinful conversations, which bring punishment instead of the victory of resurrection and eternal reward.

In today's Gospel passage, taken from the *Sermon on the Plain* given in Luke's Gospel, Jesus



condemns our careless, malicious and rash judgments about the behavior, feelings, motives or actions of others by using the funny examples of one blind man leading another blind man, and one man with a log stuck in his eye, trying

to remove a tiny speck from another's eye. **We should stop judging others harshly and unreasonably because:**

1) No one except God is good enough to judge others because only God sees the whole truth, and only He can read the human heart; hence, only He has the right and authority to judge us. **2)** We are often prejudiced in our judgment of others, and total fairness cannot be expected from us. **3)** We do not see all the facts, the circumstances or the power of the temptation, which have led a person to do something evil. **4)** We have no right to judge others because we have the same faults and often to a more serious degree than the person we are judging (remember Jesus' funny example of a man with a log stuck in his eye trying to remove the dust particle from another's eye?) St. Philip Neri commented, watching the misbehavior of a drunkard: "There goes Philip but for the grace of God."

Hence, we should leave all judgment to God and practice mercy and forgiveness, remembering the advice of saints: "When you point one finger of accusation at another, three of your fingers point at you." Let us pay attention to the Jewish rabbi's advice: "He who judges others favorably will be judged favorably by God.

February—The Month of the Holy Family



CRS Rice Bowl—Pick Yours Up After Mass

The CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten Program of Catholic Relief Services—the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Through the CRS Rice Bowl program, faith communities in dioceses throughout the U.S. put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in more than 100 different countries each year. Twenty-five percent of donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Since its inception in 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has raised nearly \$300 million!

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What Is a CRS Rice Bowl?

CRS Rice Bowl is a staple on the table of Catholic families across the country during Lent. This simple cardboard box is a tool for collecting Lenten alms—and comes with a Lenten Calendar that guides families through the 40 days of Lent with activities, reflections and stories.

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Circle of Grace

Circle of Grace educates and empowers children and young people to actively participate in a safe environment for themselves and others, while being taught in the framework of our Catholic Faith. Circle of Grace Lessons bring God and our Catholic Beliefs into the center of child protection by teaching them of God's real presence in their lives, the respect for themselves and others, and the skills for good decision making.

Starting **Wednesday, March 2nd**, the Religious Education Teachers will be working with the children on Circle of Grace.

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Inspiring Quote

"A humble soul does not trust itself, but places all its confidence in God."

—St. Faustina



Lent - Schedule 2022

Ash Wednesday, March 2nd: Mass at 8 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday night, beginning on March 4th to April 8th, at 6 p.m.

Lenten Penance: Tuesday, March 29th, at 6 p.m.

Chrism Mass: Baker City, Thursday, April 7th, 11 a.m.

NOTE: Invitation cards are in the Narthex on the table.

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Lenten Regulations

Abstinence: Meat & poultry are removed from our meals, but fish is acceptable.

Fasting: Eat one full meal and two smaller meals—no snacking during the day.

All Catholics between ages 18 and 59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All Catholics 14 and older are to abstain from meat and poultry on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.

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Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross or the Way of the Cross, also known as the Way of Sorrows or the *Via Crucis*, refers to a series of images depicting Jesus Christ on the day of His crucifixion and accompanying prayers. The stations grew out of imitations of the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem, which is a traditional processional route symbolizing the actual path Jesus walked to Mount Calvary. The objective of the stations is to help the Christian faithful to make a spiritual pilgrimage through contemplation of the Passion of Christ. It has become one of the most popular devotions.

Commonly, a series of 14 images are arranged in numbered order along a path, and the faithful travel from image to image, in order, stopping at each station to say the selected prayers and reflections. This is done individually or in a procession most commonly during Lent, especially on Good Friday, in a spirit of reparation for the sufferings and insults that Jesus endured during His passion.

Please Note: Immediately following the Stations of the Cross, there will be soup in the Parish Hall.