

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"Love"

My friend John always has something to tell me. He knows so much, and young men, such as I, really do need to have older, worldlier, and wiser men to tell us things. For instance: who to trust, how to care for others, and how to live life to the fullest.

Recently, John lost his wife, Janet. For eight years she fought against cancer, but in the end her sickness had the last word.

One day John took out a folded piece of paper from his wallet. He had found it, so he told me, when he tidied up some dresser drawers at home. It was a small love letter Janet had written. The note could look like a school-girl's scrawls about her dream guy. All that was missing was a drawing of a heart with the names "John and Janet" written in it. But the small letter was written by a woman who had had seven children; a woman who fought for her life, and who probably only had a few months left to live. It was also a beautiful recipe for how to keep a marriage together. Janet's description of her husband begins thus: "Loved me. Took care of me. Worried about me."

Even though John always had a ready answer, he apparently never joked about cancer. Sometimes, he came home in the evening to find Janet in the middle of one of those depressions that cancer patients so often get. In no time, he got her into the car and drove her to her favorite restaurant. John showed consideration for her, and she knew it. You cannot hide something from someone who knows better.

"Helped me when I was ill," the next line reads. Perhaps Janet wrote this while the cancer was in one of the horrible yet wonderful lulls where everything is—almost—as it used to be, before the sickness broke out, and where it doesn't hurt to hope that everything is over, maybe forever. "Forgave me a lot." "Stood by my side."

And a piece of good advice for everyone who looks on giving constructive criticism as a kind of sacred duty: "Always praising." "Made sure I had everything I needed," she goes on to write.

After that, she had turned over the paper and added: "Warmth. Humor. Kindness. Thoughtfulness." And then she writes about the husband she has lived with and loved for most of her life: "Always there for me when I needed you." The last words she wrote sum up all the others. I can see her love for him when she adds thoughtfully: "Good friend."

I stand beside John now, and I cannot even pretend to know how it feels to lose someone who is as close to me as Janet was to him. I need to hear what he has to say much more than he needs to talk.

"John," I ask. "How do you stick together with someone through 38 years—not to mention the sickness? How do I know if I can bear to stand by my wife's side if she becomes sick some day?"

"You can," he says quietly. "If you love her enough, you can."

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph



Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening will be here at St. Joseph Catholic Church on **Wednesday, March 9th**, in the Parish Hall. Pre-registration is required for screenings by calling: 1-(800)-772-8260, OR you may register online by visiting: www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle. LLS offers more than 15 preventive screening

options, providing comprehensive health screening services for anyone age 50+. This selection of ultrasound, blood, and EKG analysis enables people to understand more fully what risk factors they have for cardiovascular disease, stroke, cancer, osteoporosis and more.

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	\$2,841.00

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

March 6, 2022 † 1st Sunday of Lent

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.

Parish Office Telephone: (541) 447-6475

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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	03/07/2022	8:00 a.m.	Rev. Fr. Gerald Condon (D)	Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46
Tuesday	03/08/2022	8:00 a.m.	Bob George (D)	Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15
Wednesday	03/09/2022	12:00 p.m.	Lorraine Thompson (D)	Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32
Thursday	03/10/2022	8:00 a.m.	Dee Wettstein (L)	Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7:7-12
Friday	03/11/2022	12:00 p.m.	Dorothy Rupert (D)	Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26
Saturday	03/12/2022	5:00 p.m.	Karin Jones (L)	Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28b-36
Sunday	03/13/2022	9:00 a.m.	Lazarus Schechter (L)	Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28b-36
Sunday	03/13/2022	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Parish Family (L)	Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28b-36

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

Today's Homily

LENT BEGINS with a reflection on the Temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. The Church assigns temptation stories to the beginning of Lent because temptations come to everybody, not only to Jesus, and we seem almost genetically programmed to yield to them.

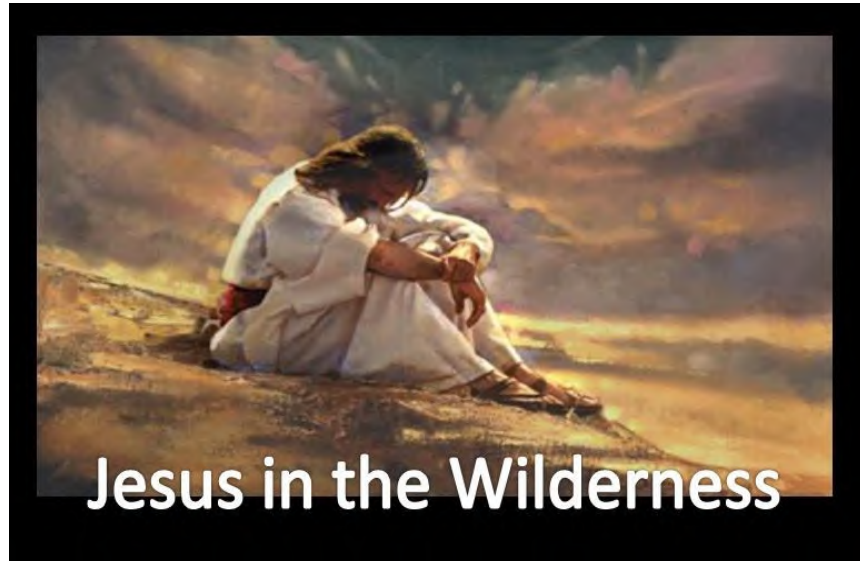
The first reading describes the ancient Jewish ritual of presenting the first fruits and gifts to God during the harvest festival in order to thank Him for liberating His people from Egypt and for strengthening them during the years of their trials and temptations in the desert.

The Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 91), points to Satan's third temptation of Jesus in the desert as recorded in Luke's Gospel.

In the second reading, St. Paul warns the early Christians converted from Judaism not to yield to their constant temptation to return to the observances of the Mosaic Laws. He reminds them that they will be saved only by acknowledging the risen Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

Bible scholars think that the graphic temptations of Jesus described by Matthew and Luke in their Gospels are the pictorial and dramatic representations of the inner struggle against a temptation that Jesus experienced throughout his public life. The devil was trying to prevent Jesus from accomplishing His mission of saving mankind from the bondage of sin, mainly through a temptation to become the political Messiah of Jewish expectations, and to use His Divine Power first for His own convenience and then to avoid suffering and death.

We need to confront and to conquer temptations as Jesus did, using the means He employed:



Jesus in the Wilderness

prayer, penance, and the effective use of the "Word of God." Temptations make us true warriors of God by strengthening our minds and hearts. We are never tempted beyond the strength God gives us.

In his first letter, St. John assures us: "The One Who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world" (1 John 4:4). Hence during Lent, let us confront our evil tendencies with prayer (especially by participating in the Holy Mass), with penance, and with the meditative reading of the Bible. Knowledge of the Bible prepares us for the moment of temptation by enabling us "to know Jesus more clearly, to love Him more dearly, and to follow Him more nearly, day by day," as William Barclay puts it.

We need to grow in holiness during Lent by prayer, reconciliation, and sharing. We become resistant and even immune to temptations as we grow healthier in our soul by following the traditional Lenten practices: by finding time to be with God every day of Lent, speaking to Him, and listening to Him; by repenting of our sins and renewing our lives, uniting ourselves with God both by the Sacrament of Reconciliation and by forgiving those who have hurt us while asking forgiveness of those whom we have hurt; and by sharing our love with others through our selfless, humble service, our almsgiving, and our helping of those in need.

Like Jesus, every one of us is tempted to seek sinful pleasures, easy wealth, and a position of authority, and is drawn to the use of unjust or sinful means to attain good ends.

Jesus is our model for conquering temptations through

February—The Month of the Holy Family



Lector Ministry

Please Note: We currently have an opening for a Lector Coordinator. If you are interested and would like more information, please call the Parish Office at (541) 447-6475.

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CRS Rice Bowl

If you have not received or picked up your Rice Bowl, please pick yours up after Mass. God Bless!

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Daylight Saving Time

On Sunday, March 13th, we will move our clocks ahead by one hour. Daylight Savings Time (DST) always starts on the second Sunday in March, so the latest date it can happen is March 14th.

Computers, TVs and cell phones will automatically update at 2 a.m., but you'll want to manually set any other clocks back one hour. DST will end on November 6th this year. We always "spring forward" when DST begins and "fall back" when it ends.

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A Thank You Is in Order!

Darlene Counts has been providing us with a beautiful and inspiring bulletin board in the Church Narthex on a monthly basis. This "Thank You" is for her time, talent, research and inspirations.

In case you do not know **Darlene**, she is **Nancy Redfern's** daughter.

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Inspiring Quote

"Faith is to believe what you do not see. The reward of faith is to see what you believe."

—*St. Augustine of Hippo*

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U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking

Learn about Labeling for Lent, a nation initiative of the Coalition of Catholic Organizations Against Human Trafficking: include human trafficking issues in your prayers in church and with other groups; contribute to help abolish this crime. For more information, please send an email to: sistersagainstrafficking.org.



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

Reminder that the Stations of the Cross will be held every **Friday Night at 6 p.m.**

Afterward, please plan to stay for a Soup Dinner provided by one of our awesome Ministries.

March 11th: Religious Education

March 18th: Acolytes

March 25th: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

April 1st: Spanish Ministry

April 8th: Knights of Columbus

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What Can You Do This Lenten Season?

Here are two things to consider: (1). Do random acts of kindness. Start with once a week, and then try to increase through the weeks of Lent. You can include paying for someone else's meal in the drive-thru line, bringing coffee to work for your team, baking goodies for your neighbors. A small act of kindness can make a difference in someone else's day; (2). Find a place to volunteer—either at church or with a local organization such as St. Joseph's Catholic Church, the Senior Center, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Nursing Home or your child's school.

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Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List:

◆ Anita Marquez ◆ Steve Forrester ◆ Peggy Jones

◆ Grace Grinnell ◆ Sandi Shriver ◆ David Leonard

◆ Linda Arian ◆ Deacon Caleb Cunningham

◆ Ben Guyger ◆ Mike Mulvihill