

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"How Can God Judge Us?"

At the end of time, billions of people were scattered on a great plain before God's throne. Some of the groups near the front talked heatedly—not with cringing shame but with embittered belligerence. "How can God judge us? How can He know about suffering?" snapped a scoffing brunette. She jerked back a sleeve to reveal a tattooed number from a Nazi concentration camp. "We endured terror, beatings, torture, and death!"

Far out across the plain there were hundreds of such groups. Each had a complaint against God for the evil suffering that He permitted in the world. How lucky is God to live in heaven where all was sweetness and light; where there was no weeping, no fear, no hunger, no hatred. Indeed, what did God know about what men had been forced to endure in this world? "After all, God leads a pretty sheltered life," they said.

So each group sent out a leader, chosen because he had suffered the most. There was a Jew, a Black, an "untouchable" from India, an "illegitimate," a person from Hiroshima, and one from a Siberian slave camp. In the center of the plain, they consulted with each other.

At last they were ready to present their case. It was rather simple: Before God would be qualified to be their judge, He must endure what they had endured. Their decision was that God . . . should be sentenced to live on

earth—as a man!" But, because He was God, they set certain safeguards to make sure that He could not use His divine powers to help Himself. The conditions were the following: 1) Let Him be born a Jew. 2) Let the legitimacy of His birth be doubted. 3) Let Him champion a cause so just, but so radical, that it brings down upon Him the hatred, the condemnation, and the attacks of every major traditional and established religious authority. 4) Let Him try to describe what no man has ever seen, tasted, heard, or smelled. Let Him try to communicate Himself to men. 5) Let Him be betrayed by His dearest friends. 6) Let Him be indicated on false charges, tried before a prejudiced jury and cowardly judge. 7) Let Him see what it is to be terribly alone and completely abandoned by every living thing. 8) Let Him be tortured and let Him die—but let Him die a most humiliating death—as a common criminal and with common thieves!

As each leader announced his portion of the sentence, loud murmurs of approval went up from the great throng of people. However, when the last had finished pronouncing God's sentence, there was a long silence. No one moved. No one uttered another word. For suddenly they all knew . . . God had already served His sentence in Jesus!

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph

Diocese of Baker

Opportunities for Catholic Fun this Summer! Signup today for **Summer Camps on June 23–25 or June 26–29** and **Family Camp A on July 9–12 or Family Camp B on July 14–17**. Additional information is on the bulletin board and on the Diocese Website at: dioceseofbaker.org

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U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking

Slavery is far from over as pimps and traffickers sell people and buyers continue to buy. It is a worldwide, criminal business of which we all need to work. For more information, visit: sistersagainsttrafficking.org.

Help Wanted

The Retreat Center in Powell Butte is hiring a part-time person to do mowing and basic landscaping maintenance, as well as occasional housekeeping/janitorial duties. Approximately 15 hours per week. Must be dependable and be at work on time. Qualifications include:

- Must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church.
- Must be 18 years old and able to operate powered outdoor equipment. Limited experience is acceptable but must be trainable, be able to follow instructions, and complete them in a timely manner.

If interested, please send an email to **Curt Boutin** at: curt@dioceseofbaker.org, or call the Diocese of Baker at (541) 788-4004 and ask for **Curt**.

April 2022 Weekly Offertory

Date	Needed	Offering
April 3, 2022	\$4,400.00	\$4,135.00
April 10, 2022	\$4,400.00	
April 17, 2022	\$4,400.00	
April 24, 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

April 10, 2022 † Palm 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.

Parish Office Telephone: (541) 447-6475

Fr. Joseph: 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. ♦ (541) 420-4458

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Director of Religious Education ♦ Barbara Dalton

RCIA ♦ Gari Lynn Tocher & Laura Lang

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	04/11/2022	8:00 a.m.	Marcos Vargas (L)	Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11
Tuesday	04/12/2022	8:00 a.m.	Jennie Bachman (D)	Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday	04/13/2022	12:00 p.m.	Susan Sweeney (L)	Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25
Thursday	04/14/2022	6:00 p.m.	Bob George (D)	Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15
Friday	04/15/2022	6:00 p.m.	—No Mass—	Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42
Saturday	04/16/2022	7:00 p.m.	Stephen & Trina Koontz (L)	Gen. 1:1-2:2; Ex. 14:15-15:1; Is 55:1-11; Rom. 6:3-11; Luke 24:1-12
Sunday	04/17/2022	9:00 a.m.	Aden & Julia Geiman (D)	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; Gospel 20:1-9
Sunday	04/17/2022	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Parish Family (L)	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; Gospel 20:1-9

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

Today's Homily



PALM SUNDAY commemorated the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Acclaimed as king and hailed as a conquering hero by the cheering crowd, He seemed to have arrived at the fulfilment of His earthly mission.

For Christ, it's the beginning of the last week of His life, a week of violent contrasts, which will end in grief and will turn into jeers calling for His death.

Throughout the Passion, our attention is focused on Jesus, who appears as a person completely absorbed in prayer, responding quietly and sensitively to each new moment of sorrow.

Before His triumphant resurrection, He has to go through a disgraceful death. In the garden of Gethsemane, He is deeply troubled, and He sweats blood as he prays for the Father to remove the chalice of suffering and death from Him.

Betrayed and taken prisoner, He is mocked, blindfolded, beaten and spat upon, while a convicted murderer is set free. He undergoes a final wrench of pain when Peter denies Him, and the apostles forsake Him. His sense of abandonment by God is increased by the desertion of His friends.

On Calvary, He is crucified between two thieves and dies as a common criminal. Mary alone stands at the foot of the cross, faithful to the last.

During this most solemn week of the Church year, we are invited to take the road with Mary

and those few friends who follow Christ to Calvary, and to be silently at His side. He wants the work of His cross to touch our lives—to break our sinful ways so that we may be changed and know God.

The decisive test of our faith is to one day reach the point where we are ready to accompany Jesus to Calvary—along the same path into destruction and death.

The sufferings of Christ, which we recall in a special way during Holy week, have been a source of strength to countless numbers of people throughout the ages. His passion gives us at least a tiny glimpse into the mystery of suffering that surrounds us on all sides.

In times of trials, suffering and mental torture, often what keeps people going and gives them strength and inspiration is the knowledge that they are at one with Jesus who suffered in that way before them.

During Holy Week, we are confronted with the primary Christian symbol—the Cross—without which we cannot become His disciples. It affords us an opportunity to ponder as to what is the cross that we are taking up daily or refusing to face? Where is our sharing in His passion?

There is not much point in dwelling on the crucifixion of Christ during this solemn week if it is an isolated event, and not linked with the drama of suffering that goes on in our lives for the rest of the year.

April—The Month of the Holy Eucharist

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List:



Ben Guyer ♦ Mike Mulvihill
Andrea Vandehey ♦ Peggy Jones
Steve Forrester ♦ Mary Nehls
Deacon Caleb Cunningham
Linda Arian ♦ Sandi Shriver
David Leonard ♦ Josh Gerke
Margaret Halsey ♦ Jerry Pimentel
Marcos Vargas ♦ Jordan Ortega

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Holy Week Special Collections

Holy Thursday, April 14th, for St. Vincent de Paul, in an effort to provide aid to families and individuals who are in need. And **Good Friday, April 15th**, for the Pontifical Collection to help Christians and refugees in the Holy Land.

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Bible Study

There will be no bible study next week due to Holy Week. However, classes will resume on **Tuesday, April 19th**, and the theme will be Catholicism. This is brand new, so please try to attend.



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Inspiring Quote

“Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did.”
—St. Maximilian Kolbe

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St. Vincent de Paul



Volunteers are needed at SVdP in various areas. (There are no Covid 19 restrictions.) Please call (541) 447-7662 if you can spare a few hours a week to help this great society.

During the month of March, SVdP spent \$5,749 on collaborations, and served 27 adults and 15 children. In addition, we assisted with utilities for six families, and housing for six families.

Also, Lenten Blessing to a single dad with two children—SVdP was able to assist with housing and working with his landlord on deposits.

Aside from volunteers, SVdP needs your empty **egg cartons!** Please drop them off at St. Vincent de Paul.

Important Dates for Holy Week

Holy Thursday, April 14th, at 6 p.m.:
Washing of the Feet

Holy Thursday is a day to commemorate the “Maundy,” when Jesus washed the feet of His followers prior to the Last Supper, announced that Judas would betray Him, celebrated the first Mass, and created the institution of the priesthood. It was during the Last Supper that Christ also commanded His disciples to love one another.



Good Friday, April 15th, 3 p.m., Stations of the Cross and at 6:00 p.m., Veneration of the Cross



The Stations of the Cross is a traditional liturgical devotion commemorating the last day of Jesus' life. The devotion originated with pilgrims in Jerusalem retracing the traditional steps that Jesus is believed to have followed on Good Friday.

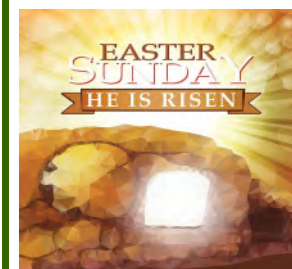
Veneration of the Cross: The clergy and congregation approach the crucifix—one by one—and offer a gesture of respect to all it represents. This gesture usually includes kneeling or bowing before the cross and then kissing it.

Holy Saturday, April 16th, at 7 p.m.

Holy Saturday is the final day of Holy Week, between Good Friday and Easter Sunday, when Christians prepare for the latter. The day commemorates the Harrowing of Hell while Jesus Christ's body lay in the tomb. Christians of the Catholic denomination begin the celebration of the Easter Vigil service on Holy Saturday, which provides a transition to the season of Eastertide.



Easter Sunday, April 17th, at 9 a.m. & 12 p.m. (Spanish)



Easter Sunday is the greatest of all Sundays. The season of Easter is the most important of all liturgical times, which Catholics celebrate as the Lord's resurrection from the dead, culminating in His Ascension to the Father, and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church