

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"The Most Beautiful Heart"

One day a young man was standing in the middle of the town proclaiming that he had the most beautiful heart in the whole valley. A large crowd gathered, and they all admired his heart for it was perfect. There was not a mark or a flaw in it. Yes, they all agreed, it truly was the most beautiful heart they had ever seen.

The young man was very proud and boasted more loudly about his beautiful heart. Suddenly, an old man appeared at the front of the crowd, and he said, "Why, your heart is not nearly as beautiful as mine!"

The crowd and the young man looked at the old man's heart. It was beating strongly, but it full of scars. It had places where pieces had been removed and other pieces put in, but they didn't fit quite right—and there were several jagged edges. In fact, in some places, there were deep gouges where whole pieces were missing.

The people stared and thought, "How can he say his heart is more beautiful?" The young man looked at the old man's heart, saw the state it was in, laughed and said, "You must be joking," he said. "Compare your heart with mine! Mine is perfect, and yours is a mess of scars and tears."

"Yes," said the old man, "Yours is perfect looking, but I would never trade with you. You see, every scar represents a person to whom I have given my love. I tear out

a piece of my heart, and give it to them—and often they give me a piece of their heart which fits into the empty place in my heart. But, because the pieces aren't exact, I have some rough edges, which I cherish, because they remind me of the love we shared. Sometimes I have given pieces of my heart away, and the other person hasn't returned a piece of his heart to me. These are the empty gouges. Giving love is taking a chance. Although these gouges are painful, they stay open, reminding me of the love I have for these people, too. And I hope that someday, they may return and fill the space I have waiting.

"So, now do you see what true beauty is?"

The young man stood silently with tears running down his cheeks. He walked up to the old man, reached into his perfect, young and beautiful heart, and ripped a piece out. He offered it to the old man with trembling hands.

The old man took his offering, placed it in his heart, and then took a piece from his old and scarred heart, and placed it in the wound in the young man's heart. It fit, but not perfectly, as there were some jagged edges. The young man looked at his heart, not perfect anymore, but it was more beautiful than ever, because the love from the old man's heart flowed into his. They embraced, and then they walked away side by side.

Bingo



We are moving! Bingo will now be held on **Wednesday evenings starting on May 4th from 6 to 8 p.m.** Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Come and join the fun and show support for your parish.

Catholic Relief Services

Please remember to bring in your CRS Rice Bowls either to Mass or drop them off at the Parish Office. Thank all of you in advance for your contribution to this great cause.



April 2022 Weekly Offertory

Date	Needed	Offering
April 3, 2022	\$4,400.00	\$4,135.00
April 10, 2022	\$4,400.00	\$3,331.00
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 17, 2022 † Easter 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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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	04/18/2022	8:00 a.m.	Leigh Overton (L)	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15
Tuesday	04/19/2022	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Jones (L)	Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18
Wednesday	04/20/2022	12:00 p.m.	Amelia Caraveo (L)	Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35
Thursday	04/21/2022	8:00 a.m.	Linda Arian (L)	Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48
Friday	04/22/2022	12:00 p.m.	Lorraine Thompson (D)	Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14
Saturday	04/23/2022	10:00 a.m.	Liam & Nicole Huffman (L)	Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15
Saturday	04/23/2022	5:00 p.m.	Dorothy Rupert (D)	Acts 5:12-16; Revelations 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31
Sunday	04/24/2022	9:00 a.m.	Naida Miller (D)	Acts 5:12-16; Revelations 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31
Sunday	04/24/2022	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Parish Family (L)	Acts 5:12-16; Revelations 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31

Today's Homily—An Easter Message



EASTER IS THE greatest and the most important feast in the Church for three reasons: **The Resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian Faith.** It is the greatest of the miracles, for it proves that Jesus is God. That is why St. Paul writes: “If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain; and your Faith is in vain” (I Cor. 15: 14). “Jesus is Lord, He is risen” (Rom. 10: 9), was the central theme of the kerygma (or “preaching”), of the Apostles. The founder of no other religion has an empty tomb as Jesus has. Further, neither the Jews nor the Romans could disprove Jesus’ Resurrection by presenting the dead body of Jesus.

The Apostles and the early Christians were absolutely sure about the Resurrection of Jesus. Otherwise, they would not have faced martyrdom for a dead leader lying in the tomb. The sheer existence of a thriving, empire-conquering, early Christian Church, bravely facing and surviving three centuries of persecution, supports the truth of Christ’s Resurrection.

Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection. Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: “I am the Resurrection and the Life; whoever believes in Me will live even though he dies” (Jn. 11: 25-26).

Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrows and tears. It reminds us that life is worth living. It is our belief in the Real Presence of the Risen Jesus in our souls, in His Church, in the Blessed Sacrament and in Heaven that gives meaning to our personal as well as our communal prayer and strength to fight against temptations and freedom from unnecessary worries and fears.

Easter gives meaning to our prayers: It supports our belief in the Real Presence of the Risen

Jesus in and around us, in His Church, in the Blessed Sacrament and in Heaven, hearing our prayers, and so gives meaning to our personal as well as our communal prayers.

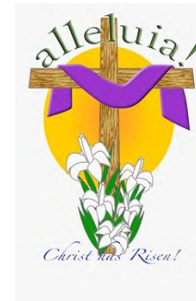
Let us live the lives of Resurrection people: Easter gives us the joyful message that we are a “Resurrection people.” This means that we are not supposed to lie buried in the tomb of our sins, evil habits, dangerous addictions, despair, discouragement or doubts. Instead, we are expected to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the living presence of the Risen Lord in all the events of our lives and amid the boredom, suffering, pain and tensions of our day-to-day life. We need to live new, disciplined lives in the Risen Jesus. Our awareness of the all-pervading presence of the Risen Lord in and around us and the strong conviction of our own resurrection help us to control our thoughts, desires, words and behavior.

This salutary thought inspires us to honor our bodies, keeping them holy, pure and free from evil habits and addictions. Our conviction about the presence of the Risen Lord in our neighbors and in all those with whom we come into contact should encourage us to respect them and to render them loving, humble and selfless service.

We need to become transparent Christians radiating the presence of the Risen Lord: We are called to be transparent Christians, showing others through our lives the love, mercy, compassion, and spirit of self-sacrificing service of the Risen Jesus living in our hearts. We need to share in the resurrection of Jesus: Each time we try to practice Christian charity, mercy and forgiveness, and each time we fight against temptations, let us remember that we are sharing in the Resurrection of Jesus here and now.

April—The Month of the Holy Eucharist

Easter Blessing From Fr. Joseph



May the celebration of resurrected life bring new hope to your being. May the victory over earthly death turn your eyes to the promises of heaven. May the empty tomb help you to leave your sorrows at the foot of the cross. So that God's hope, promises and forgiveness reign in your life forever. Amen.

May you all have a very blessed Easter Season that is filled with love and peace.

—Yours in Christ, Fr. Joseph Kunnelaya

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Bible Study

Please note that classes will resume on **April 19th**, and the theme will be Catholicism. This is a brand new study session, so please try to attend.



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RCIA Special Mass



On Saturday, April 23rd, at 10 a.m., there will be a special Mass for **Liam and Nicole Huffman.** All are welcome as they are received into the Catholic Faith at this special Mass.

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Inspiring Quote

“Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.”

—St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List:

- † Fulvia and Ben Guyger
- † Mary Nehls
- † Mike Mulvihill
- † Andrea Vandehey
- † Peggy Jones
- † Steve Forrester
- † Linda Arian
- † Sandi Shriver
- † David Leonard
- † Josh Gerke
- † Margaret Halsey
- † Jerry Pimentel
- † Marcos Vargas
- † Jordan Ortega



Divine Mercy Sunday – April 24th

In the early 1930s, Jesus appeared to a young nun named Faustina, giving her messages for all mankind. Fearing she was delusional, Faustina only recorded the messages because she was asked to by her religious superiors. Far from being unstable, however, Faustina easily passed all psychological examinations, and was known for her great humility and holiness. After her death, her diary was intensely scrutinized—and the messages within were found to be legitimate. Since then, millions of copies have been published in more than 20 languages.



At over 600 pages, her diary contained many themes, but above all, Jesus wanted mankind to know about His unfathomable Mercy—His desire to forgive all of our sins. To highlight this desire, He asked for an entire day to be set apart to experience His Mercy. He mentioned this “Feast of Mercy” to St. Faustina 14 different times.

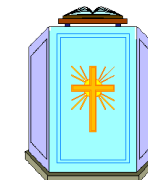
In April of 2000, Pope John Paul II made this desire a reality when he established the very first Divine Mercy Sunday. Not coincidentally, Sr. Faustina was canonized St. Faustina on this same day. Divine Mercy Sunday has been celebrated ever since—always on the Sunday after Easter.

The Divine Mercy Cenacle Group will celebrate with Exposition, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction at 2:30 in the Church. Everyone is welcome. There will be refreshments afterward in the Parish Hall.

Please consider joining the Divine Mercy Cenacle Group which meets every **Monday morning after Mass.** Please call **Garilynn Tocher** at (541) 815-5823 for more information.

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Clergy Retreat



Fr. Joseph will be gone on a Clergy Retreat starting **Monday, April 25th to Friday, April 29th.** There will be no weekday Masses during those dates.

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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 business of which we all need to work.