

# Fr. Joseph's Corner

## "Lunch With God"

**T**oo often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring—all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. Embrace all equally! People touch our lives in many different ways. I will explain this with a story.

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six pack of root beer, and he started his journey. When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old man. He was sitting in the park just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old man looked hungry, so he offered him a Twinkie. The old man gratefully accepted it and smiled at him. His smile was so pleasant that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a root beer. Again, the old man smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was, and he got up to leave. But, before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old man, and

gave him a hug. The old man gave him his biggest smile ever. When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But, before his mother could respond, he, "You know what? He's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face, and he asked, "Dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?" The old man replied, "I ate Twinkies in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

We have experienced love, concern and care from our parents, grandparents, children, siblings and friends, and those near and dear to us. We take their love for granted. We forget to appreciate them—until they leave this world.

While they are alive, let them know how important they are, how much we love them and appreciate them. Why should we wait till they depart from this world to tell them how much we love and appreciate them?

NOW IS THE TIME!

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph



### Important Dates for Lent and Holy Week—Please Mark your Calendars

Chrism Mass in Baker City (Thursday):	April 7th	11:00 a.m.
Palm Sunday Saturday Vigil:	April 9th	5:00 p.m.
Palm Sunday:	April 10th	9:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Holy Thursday:	April 14th	6:00 p.m. w/Washing of the Feet
Good Friday:	April 15th	3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m. Veneration of the Cross
Holy Saturday:	April 16th	7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday:	April 17th	9:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. (Spanish)

### March 2022 Weekly Offertory

Date	Needed	Offering
March 6, 2022	\$4,400.00	\$4,695.00
March 13, 2022	\$4,400.00	\$3,103.00
March 20, 2022	\$4,400.00	\$2,955.20
March 27, 2022	\$4,400.00	\$3,545.00

### 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 3, 2022 † 5th 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.**

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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	04/04/2022	8:00 a.m.	Sally Edwards (L)	Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:12-20
Tuesday	04/05/2022	8:00 a.m.	Jennie Bachman (D)	Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30
Wednesday	04/06/2022	12:00 p.m.	NO MASS (Chrism Mass in Baker City)	Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42
Thursday	04/07/2022	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS (Chrism Mass in Baker City)	Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59
Friday	04/08/2022	12:00 p.m.	Lorraine Thompson (D)	Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42
Saturday	04/09/2022	5:00 p.m.	Margaret Halsey (L)	Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56
Sunday	04/10/2022	9:00 a.m.	Ron Lattin (L)	Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56
Sunday	04/10/2022	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Parish Family (L)	Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

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



## Today's Homily

THE CENTRAL theme of all three readings is a merciful God's steadfast love. The readings remind us that we should not be self-righteous and condemn the lives of others

when God is calling them to conversion.

Explaining how a merciful God forgives the sins of His chosen people and leads them back from the Babylonian exile, the first reading reminds us that we, too, are forgiven, and we are saved from our own sinfulness.

In the second reading, Paul presents himself as a forgiven sinner who has been completely transformed by his Faith in Christ Jesus. His life is an example of the Gospel exhortation, "Sin no more." Paul loves Christ so much he wants to share in His sufferings and even in His death so that he may share Christ's Resurrection.

The sinful woman's story of sin committed and sin forgiven in the Gospel of today, shows the inexhaustible mercy and compassion Jesus gives to repentant sinners. In addition, by making sinlessness the condition for throwing the first stone, Jesus forces the accusers to assess their own souls and leave. Thus, He grants justice to the accusers and mercy to the sinful woman.

In our own lives, we bear witness to the Justice of God by confessing our sinfulness and resolving to avoid sin. We bear witness to God's Mercy by accepting the forgiveness of our sins and promising to forgive those who have offended us.

# The Gospel of John

## Throwing The First Stone

### John 8:1-11

Jesus has shown inexhaustible mercy and compassion to sinners by dying for our sins.

But, we are often self-righteous, like the Pharisees, and we are ready

to spread scandals about others with a bit of spicy gossip.

We are often judgmental about the unmarried mother, the alcoholic, the drug addict and the shoplifter, ignoring Jesus' command: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

We have no right to judge others because we often commit the very same faults that we condemn in them. We are often partial and prejudiced in our judgments, and we do not know the circumstances which have led someone to sin. Hence, let us leave the judgment to our merciful God Who does read people's hearts.

We should show mercy and compassion to those who sin because we, ourselves, are sinners—and in need of God's forgiveness. We need to learn to hate the sin but love the sinners, showing them mercy, compassion, sympathy and acceptance—leading them to Jesus' ways by our own exemplary lives.

Thus, our Lenten disciplines are to break through the hard shell of self-righteousness, and then look into our hearts to see whether they are "stony" or flesh. Love, compassion, and upholding the dignity of our sisters and brothers are the marks of the Laws of the Kingdom of God.

## March—The Month of the Holy Eucharist

### The Month of April



April, the Month of the Holy Eucharist (also called the Month of the Blessed Sacrament) celebrates Jesus manifesting Himself in the Body and Blood, while still under the appearance of bread and wine. The institution of the Eucharist started at the Last Supper by Jesus Himself, the last time Jesus and His disciples gathered before His crucifixion. The Catechism of the Catholic Church refers to the Eucharist as "the source and summit of our faith." In observation, everyone at Mass kneels in adoration during the transfiguration, the point that the bread and wine change into the Body and Blood of Jesus.

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#### Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List:

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

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#### Inspiring Quote

"Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to Him. That is all the doing you have to worry about."

—St. Jane Frances de Chantal

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#### Stations of the Cross

**Reminder:** The Stations of the Cross will be on **Friday, April 8th at 6 p.m.** Afterward, please plan to stay for the Soup Dinner provided by The Knights of Columbus.

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#### Pennies from Heaven

The Knights of Columbus Council 3299 (Bishop McGrath, Prineville) is sponsoring the "Pennies from Heaven" fund drive on the weekend of **April 9th and 10th** at all Masses. Every penny of your donation will go to the benefit of current seminarians at Mount Angel and future seminarians through KOC Christopher Fund. Let's help our seminarians stay focused on their studies, as they work toward becoming Catholic Priests. Please give what you can.

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#### Meaning of Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is a Christian moveable feast that falls on the Sunday before Easter. The feast commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem—an event mentioned in each of the four canonical Gospels. Palm Sunday marks the first day of Holy Week.

### Diocese of Baker

#### Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults

Throughout the Gospel, Christ calls upon His followers to care for the most vulnerable among us. Child Abuse Prevention month reminds us to be instruments of justice, working for the common good of all—which includes the protection of children.

Report all allegations or incidents of sexual abuse by anyone against a minor immediately to the civil authorities.



#### Report child abuse

**1 (855) 503-SAFE (7244)**

**Keep Oregon's children safe**

After reporting abuse involving a minor to civil authorities please contact:

**Leah Bickett, Diocese of Baker**  
Safe Environment Coordinator  
Email: [leah@dioceseofbaker.org](mailto:leah@dioceseofbaker.org)  
Phone: (541) 388-4004

Reporting Misconduct (sexual or otherwise) involving clergy to adults:

**Very Rev. Richard O. Fischer, VG**  
Email: [rfischer@dioceseofbaker.org](mailto:rfischer@dioceseofbaker.org)  
Phone: (541) 891-9015

Reporting allegations against a priest, deacon or seminarian, please contact:

**Angelina Montoya, MD**  
Victim's Assistance Coordinator  
Phone: (541) 678.5652

Reporting Sexual Misconduct involving a bishop, please contact:

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBARS)  
Phone: (800) 276-1562  
Email: [ReportBishopAbuse.org](mailto:ReportBishopAbuse.org)