

# Fr. Joseph's Corner

“St. Faustina and the Image of the Divine Mercy”

St. Faustina of Poland is the well-known apostle of Divine Mercy. On the 30th of April 2000, at 10 a.m., on the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday, the Feast requested by Jesus in His communications with St. Faustina), His Holiness Pope St. John Paul II celebrated the Eucharist in St. Peter's Square and proceeded to the canonization of Blessed Sister Faustina. [John Paul himself would be canonized on this same Feast Day—April 27th, in 2014—by Pope Francis.]



At the canonization of St. Faustina, Pope St. John Paul II said: “The cross, even after the Resurrection of the Son of God, speaks, and never ceases to speak, of God the Father, Who is absolutely faithful to His eternal love for man. . . . Believing in this love means believing in mercy.”

“The Lord of Divine Mercy,” a drawing of Jesus based on the vision given to St. Faustina, shows Jesus raising His right hand in a gesture of blessing, with His left hand on his heart from which gush forth two rays—one red and

one white. The picture contains the message, “Jesus, I trust in You!” (*Jeżu ufam Tobie*). The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: red for the Blood of Jesus, which is the life of souls, and white for the Baptismal water, which justifies souls. The whole image is symbolic of the mercy, forgiveness and love of God. . . .

—Prayerful Wishes, Father Joseph

St. Faustina invites us by the witness of her life to keep our Faith and Hope fixed on God the Father, rich in mercy, Who saved us by the precious Blood of His Son.

During her short life, the Lord Jesus assigned to St. Faustina three basic tasks: 1) to pray for souls, entrusting them to God's incomprehensible Mercy; 2) to tell the world about God's generous Mercy; and 3) to start a new movement in the Church, focusing on God's Mercy.



## Bishop's Annual Appeal

The 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal begins this week. This year the theme is “Faith Finds the Way.” We are called to reflect on the paralyzed man whose friend's faith found the way to Jesus for his healing. We are encouraged to stand up and carry the Gospel forward with love, full of hope that faith will find the way.

The overall Appeal participation goal is 21% and the supporting financial target is **\$635,000**. For our Parish the participation goal is **55 families with a supporting target of \$20,465**.

Many important diocesan and parish programs that help thousands in our diocese every year are made possible by your generosity as we educate and care for our Catholic priests, form seminarians, and serve our families and youth through empowered and informed leaders. Next week you will receive a letter from **Bishop Cary** about how you can support his mission. For more information, please visit the diocesan website: [dioceseofbaker.org](http://dioceseofbaker.org).

## 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	\$3,726.00
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 24, 2022 † Divine Mercy 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.

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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	04/25/2022	8:00 a.m.	No Weekday Mass	1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20 [F]
Tuesday	04/26/2022	8:00 a.m.	No Weekday Mass	Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15
Wednesday	04/27/2022	12:00 p.m.	No Weekday Mass	Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21
Thursday	04/28/2022	8:00 a.m.	No Weekday Mass	Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36
Friday	04/29/2022	12:00 p.m.	No Weekday Mass	Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15 [M]
Saturday	04/30/2022	5:00 p.m.	Tom & Mary Norton (L)	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Revelations 5:11-14; John 21:1-19
Sunday	05/01/2022	9:00 a.m.	Lu Streetman (D)	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Revelations 5:11-14; John 21:1-19
Sunday	05/01/2022	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Parish Family (L)	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Revelations 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

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

## Today's Homily—Sunday of Divine Mercy



THE READINGS FOR this Sunday are about God's mercy, the necessity for trusting Faith, and the need for the forgiveness of sins. The opening prayer addresses the Father as "God of everlasting Mercy." In the Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 118), we repeat three times, "His mercy endures forever!" God revealed His mercy, first and foremost, by sending His only begotten Son, Jesus, who would become our Savior and Lord through His suffering, death and Resurrection.

Divine Mercy, or the unconditional love of God, is given to us also in each celebration of the Sacraments, especially that of Reconciliation.

The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, explains how the Risen Lord continued to show His Divine Mercy to the sick through the healing and preaching ministry of the apostles in the early Church. The Faith of the apostles enabled them to minister to the people, giving them the Lord's healing love in "signs and wonders."

The second reading, taken from the Book of Revelation, given by Jesus to the Apostle John in exile on Patmos, was intended to comfort and bolster the Faith of persecuted Christians for all time.

Today's selection assures us of the presence of the merciful Lord in our lives and encourages all of us to fight fear with Faith, and trepidation about the future with trust and Hope.

Today's Gospel recalls Jesus' institution of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Sacrament of Divine Mercy. The Risen Lord gave his apostles and their successors the power to forgive sins with the words, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:19–23).

Presenting the doubting Thomas' famous profession of Faith, "My Lord and my God," the Gospel illustrates how Jesus showed His mercy to the doubting apostle and emphasizes the importance of Faith.

Let us accept God's invitation to celebrate and practice mercy: One way the Church celebrates God's mercy throughout the year is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Finding time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is another good way to receive and give thanks for Divine Mercy. It is mainly through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that we practice mercy in our daily lives and are enabled to receive God's merciful judgment.

Let us ask God for the Faith that culminates in self-surrender to God and leads us to serve those we encounter with love. Living Faith enables us to see the risen Lord in everyone and gives us the willingness to render to each one our loving service.

The spiritual Fathers prescribe the following traditional means to grow in the living and dynamic Faith of St. Thomas the Apostle:

- First, we must come to know Jesus personally and intimately by our daily and meditative reading of the Bible.
- Next, we must strengthen our Faith through our personal and community prayer.
- Third, we must share in the Divine Life of Jesus by frequenting the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist. St. Teresa of Kolkata (Mother Teresa) presents it this way: "If we pray, we will believe; if we believe, we will love; if we love, we will serve. Only then we put our love of God into action."

## April—The Month of the Holy Eucharist

### Easter Time



The 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation. These above all others are the days for the singing of the "Alleluia."

The Sundays of this season rank as the Paschal Sundays and—after Easter Sunday itself—are called the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Sundays of Easter. The period of 50 sacred days ends on Pentecost Sunday. The first eight days of the Easter Season make up the Octave of Easter and are celebrated as Solemnities of the Lord.

On the 40th day after Easter, the Ascension is celebrated, except in places where, not being a holy day of obligation, it has been transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter. This solemnity directs our attention to Christ, who ascended into heaven before the eyes of His disciples—who is now seated at the right hand of the Father, invested with royal power, who is there to prepare a place for us in the kingdom of heaven; and who is destined to come again at the end of time.

The weekdays after the Ascension, until the Saturday before Pentecost inclusive, are a preparation for the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

This sacred season of 50 days comes to an end on Pentecost Sunday, which commemorates the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles, the beginnings of the Church, and its mission to every tongue and people and nation.

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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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### Knights of Columbus Breakfast



Please note that the Knights of Columbus **will not** be serving breakfast on **Sunday, May 1st**. There will, however, be cake and refreshments to celebrate our Parish Feast Day. Please stop by the Parish Hall **after the 9 a.m. Mass**. Everyone is invited!

The Knights of Columbus **will be** cooking breakfast on **Sunday May 8th**, for the children who will receive their First Holy Communion. Again, everyone is invited!

### Mother's Day

**Sunday, May 8th**, is Mother's Day. Please make note on the offertory envelope the name of that special woman you would like to be remembered at Mass. There are blank envelopes in the Narthex for those who need them.

The Knights of Columbus will be handing out carnations in celebration of our Mothers.

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### Sacraments

**First Holy Communion** will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 8th, at both the 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. Masses**.

There are 16 children who will receive the Body of Christ for the first time. Please keep the children in your prayers.

**Confirmation** will be celebrated on **Thursday, May 12th, at 7 p.m.** Bishop Cary will be celebrating the Mass with Fr. Joseph concelebrating. There are currently 26 children who will receive the Holy Spirit.

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### Bible Study



Please note that classes have resumed, and the theme is Catholicism. There is still time to join this wonderful **SESSION**. This is a good way to enhance Easter Time.

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### Inspiring Quote

"To have a right to do a thing is not at all the same as to be right in doing it."

—G.K. Chesterton

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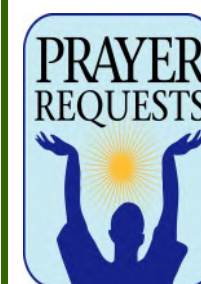
### Bingo

Bingo is now on **Wednesday evenings, starting 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.



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



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