

Fr. Joseph's Corner "Jesse, the Chicken Plucker"

Imagine, if you had to do it. Jesse was a chicken plucker. That's right! He stood on a line in a chicken factory and spent his days pulling the feathers off of dead chickens so the rest of us wouldn't have to. It wasn't much of a job. But at the time, Jesse didn't think he was much of a person. His father was a brute of a man. His dad was actually thought of to be mentally ill and treated Jesse rough all of his life.

Jesse's older brother wasn't much better. He was always picking on Jesse and beating him up. Yes, Jesse grew up in a very rough home in West Virginia. Life was anything but easy. And he thought life didn't hold much hope for him. That's why he was standing in that chicken line, doing a job that darn few people wanted.

In addition to all the rough treatment at home, it seems that Jesse was always sick. Sometimes it was real physical illness, but way too often, it was all in his head. He was a small child—skinny and meek. That sure did not help the situation any.

When he started to school, he was the object of every bully on the playground. He was a hypochondriac of the first order. For Jesse, tomorrow was not always something he looked forward to. But, he had dreams. He wanted to be a ventriloquist, and he found books on ventriloquism. He practiced with sock puppets and saved his hard-earned dollars until he could get a real ventriloquist "dummy."

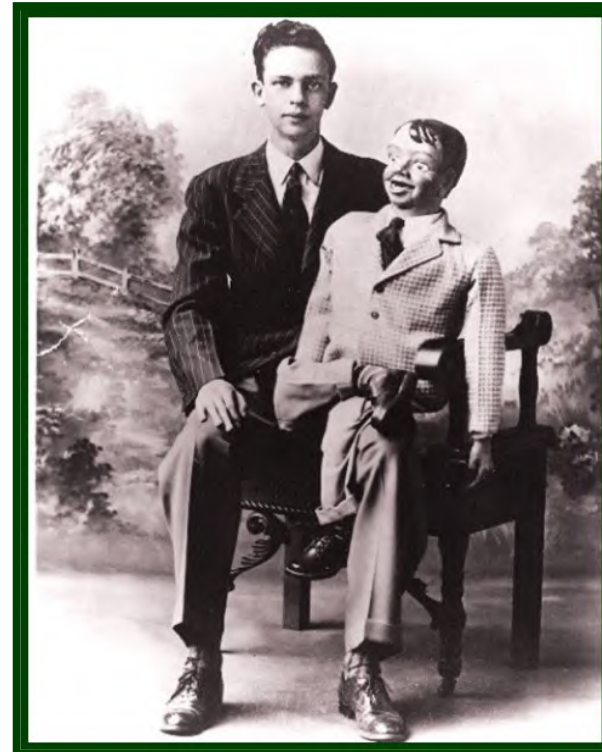
When Jesse got old enough, he joined the military. And even though many of his hypochondriac symptoms persisted, the military did recognize his talents, and put him in the entertainment corp. That was when his world changed. He gained confidence. He found that he had a talent for making people laugh—and laugh so hard they often had tears in their eyes. Yes! Little Jesse had found himself!

You know, folks, the history books are full of people who overcame a handicap to go on and make a success of themselves, but Jesse is one of the few I know of who didn't overcome it. Instead, he used his paranoia to make a million dollars and become one of the best-loved characters of all time in doing it!

Yes, that little paranoid hypochondriac, who transferred his nervousness into a successful career, still holds the record for the most Emmys given in a single category.

The wonderfully gifted, talented, and nervous comedian who brought us "Barney Fife" was Jesse Don Knotts!

—*Prayerful Wishes, Fr. Joseph*



May 2022 Weekly Offertory

Date	Needed	Offering
May 1, 2022	\$4,400.00	\$5,185.00
May 8, 2022	\$4,400.00	\$3,000.49
May 15, 2022	\$4,400.00	\$3,352.00
May 22, 2022	\$4,400.00	\$2,638.00
May 29, 2022	\$4,400.00	



St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754

May 29, 2022 † The Ascension of the Lord

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.

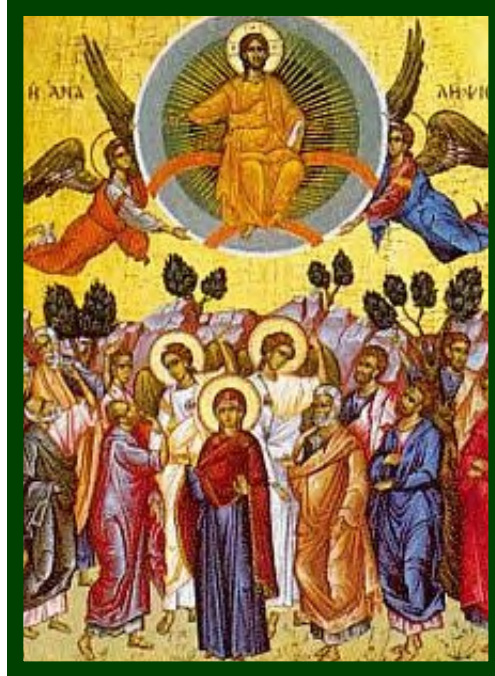
Please Call the Parish Office to Have a Mass Intention Reserved

Monday	05/30/2022	8:00 a.m.	Lewis Smith (D)	Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33
Tuesday	05/31/2022	8:00 a.m.	Tina Hill (L)	Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-56 [F]
Wednesday	06/01/2022	12:00 p.m.	Janet Spooner (D)	Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19 [M]
Thursday	06/02/2022	8:00 a.m.	Paul C Jones (D)	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26
Friday	06/03/2022	12:00 p.m.	Lorraine Popish (D)	Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19
Saturday	06/04/2022	5:00 p.m.	Rita Rodgers (D)	Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7; 12-13; John 20:19-23
Sunday	06/05/2022	9:00 a.m.	Janet Andrew (D)	Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7; 12-13; John 20:19-23
Sunday	06/05/2022	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Parish Family (L)	Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7; 12-13; John 20:19-23

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

Today's Homily

THE GOSPELS CONTAIN many parables of a master who sets out on a long journey and gives his servants charge of his estate until his return. In the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord parable, it becomes reality. Jesus departs to His heavenly Father and leaves His disciples in charge of the affairs of His kingdom till His return in glory. Each of the Gospels we have ends with a scene in which Jesus finally takes leave of His disciples. These farewell scenes focus not on describing the event in detail but on the last words that Jesus leaves with His disciples.



In fact, the very fact of a bodily ascension of Jesus into heaven is described only by Luke. It is Luke who wrote the Acts of the Apostles from which we got our first reading today. A later ending of Mark also includes the Ascension. There are important similarities and differences between Luke and Acts on the one hand—and Matthew and Mark on the other—regarding the details of this farewell scene.

For example, in Luke—Acts, the Ascension takes place in Jerusalem, whereas in Matthew and Mark, it takes place in Galilee. Both traditions, however, agree that it took place on a mountain. In Luke—Acts, the Ascension happens 40 days after the Resurrection during which period Jesus appears repeatedly to His followers. In Matthew and Mark, there is no indication of this time period between the Resurrection and the Ascension; rather, the first appearance of Jesus to His disciples after the Resurrection is also the last. The Gospel writers apparently were not aiming at accuracy in historical details; they were more concerned with transmitting a message.

So what is the message? The charge that Jesus gives His disciples as He takes physical leave of them? The message is phrased differently in the Acts and in the Gospels:

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age (Matthew 28:19-20).

These are the last words of Jesus as recorded differently in the Acts and in Matthew and Mark. All of them are in agreement that:

(a) Jesus gave His disciples a mission—a task to engage them until He returns in glory; and (b) He assured them of divine assistance in the carrying out of this mission.

This mission is to bear witness to the Good News of Jesus to the ends of the earth, to go into all nations of the world, and proclaim the Good News to the whole creation. The universal reach of this mission is very clear. The message of Jesus is meant to be good news in the ears of all humankind, irrespective of nationality or culture. Given the fact that to date, many nations have embraced other religions in preference to the Gospel, maybe it is time to ask: Are these people rejecting the message of Jesus, or are they rejecting the messengers and the way in which they have presented it? The air of superiority and triumphalism assumed by many Christian missionaries is a disservice to the Gospel and not part of the Good News. Have we perhaps spoiled the Good Story in the telling?

The spreading of the Good News to all nations is not a goal that can be attained by dint of human might and craft. That is why Jesus promises to empower His messengers from on high by His abiding presence and the Holy Spirit.

The challenge of sharing the Good News with all humankind should, therefore, begin on our knees as we confess that we have often taken matters into our own selfish human hands, and promise to give the Holy Spirit a chance.

May—The Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9-Day Novena in Preparation for Pentecost



Today, the Feast of the Ascension marks the beginning of the first novena or nine days of prayer. Before His Ascension, Christ promised to send the Holy Spirit to His apostles. Their prayers for the coming of the Holy Spirit ended on Pentecost Sunday, 10 days later.

Today, we pray the Novena to the Holy Spirit between Ascension and Pentecost, asking for the fruits of the Holy Spirit. The Novenas are available in the Narthex on the table. Please make this part of your prayer service.

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Memorial Day—Monday, May 30th

Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May. Many people visit cemeteries and memorials to honor and to mourn those who have died while serving in the U.S. military. Many volunteers also place an American flag on the graves of military personnel in national cemeteries.



In 1868, General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic called for a “Decoration Day,” which was widely celebrated. By 1890, every Northern state had adopted it as a holiday. The World Wars turned it into a generalized day of remembrance, instead of just for the Civil War. In 1971, Congress standardized the holiday as “Memorial Day” and changed its observance to the last Monday in May.

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Consideration

There is a small problem that is getting larger. The tables in the hall are set up for different functions throughout the week. Please be respectful and place them back where they were if you're using the hall for a meeting or a function. Also everything should have only one home—if you use it, please place it back where it was. Cleaning up takes time and energy that can be utilized elsewhere.

Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.

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Inspiring Quote

“Fear not, I am with you; be not dismayed; I am your God. I will strengthen you, and help you, and uphold you with my right hand of justice.”

—Isaiah 41:1

A Mass of Remembrance and Healing for Infant and Pregnancy Loss

On Friday, June 10th, at 6 p.m., Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Hermiston will be having a Mass of remembrance and healing. Our Lady of Angels Parish wishes to lovingly extend this invitation to all families, mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, grandparents, and all who grieve the death of children as a result of miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion, or early infant death. These losses can be recent or from years past.

Please refer to the bulletin board in the Narthex for more information or you may contact: **Colleen** at: (541) 567-3974/Bcklein90@gmail.com or **Kristi** at: (541) 571-0997/smalleys@cotnet.net.

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Catechetical Symposium 2022

Bishop Cary and the Office of Evangelization & Catechesis cordially invite you to the **Catechetical Symposium August 5th to August 7th**.

For more information or to register, send an email to: www.dioceseofbaker.org/marie@dioceseofbaker.org or bryce@dioceseofbaker.org / (541)-388-4004

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Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List:

- ◆ David Leonard ◆ Margaret Halsey
- ◆ Fulvia & Ben Guyger ◆ Ezra Early
- ◆ Sue Gerke ◆ Andrea Vandehey
- ◆ Steve Forrester ◆ Linda Arian
- ◆ Lyn Rodgers ◆ Jerry Pimentel
- ◆ Bill O'Brien



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Help Wanted

The Diocese of Baker's Cascade View 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. **Qualifications include:** Must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church. Must be 18 years old and be 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. Must be available for approximately 15 hours per week, and must be dependable and be at work on time.

If interested, please send an email to **Curt Boutin** at: curt@dioceseofbaker.org, or call the Diocese Office at (541) 388-4004 and ask for **Curt**.