

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"A Child's Angel"

Once upon a time there was a child ready to be born. So one day he asked God, "They tell me you are sending me to earth tomorrow, but how am I going to live there—being so small and helpless?"

God replied, "Among the many angels out there, I chose a special one just for you. She will be waiting for you and will take care of you."

"But," the child asked, "Here in heaven, I don't do anything else but sing and smile, and that's quite enough for me to be happy."

And so God answered, "Your angel will sing for you, and she will also smile for you every day. And you will feel your angel's love, and so that will make you happy."

"But," the child asked again, "How am I going to be able to understand when people talk to me if I don't know the language that they talk?"

And God patiently replied, "Your angel will tell you the most beautiful and sweet words you will ever hear—and with much patience and care—your angel will teach you how to speak."

"But," the child argued, "What am I going to do when I want to talk to you?"

God said, "Your angel will place your hands together, and she will teach you how to pray."

"I've heard that on earth there are bad men," said the child. "Who will protect me?"

God replied, "Your angel will defend you—even if it means risking her life."

"But," said the child again, "I will always be sad because I will not see you anymore."

God answered, "Your angel will always talk to you about me, and she will teach you the way for you to come back to me, even though I will always be next to you."

At the moment, there was much peace in Heaven; however, voices from earth could already be heard, and so the child hurriedly asked softly: "Oh, God! If I am about to leave now, please tell me my angel's name."

God answered, "Your angel's name is of no importance. You will call your angel 'Mommy.'"

—Prayerful Wishes, Father Joseph



St. Joseph Catholic Church

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May 8, 2022 † 4th Sunday of Easter—Mother's Day 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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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	05/09/2022	8:00 a.m.	Sue Gerke (L)	Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10
Tuesday	05/10/2022	8:00 a.m.	Lyn Rodgers (L)	Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30
Wednesday	05/11/2022	12:00 p.m.	Timothy Weigand (L)	Acts 12:24-13:5a; John 12:44-50
Thursday	05/12/2022	8:00 a.m.	Jerry Pimentel (L)	Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20
Friday	05/13/2022	12:00 p.m.	Riah & Eli Newsome (L)	Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6
Saturday	05/14/2022	5:00 p.m.	Howard Tocher (D)	Acts 13:14, 43-52; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30
Sunday	05/15/2022	9:00 a.m.	Gary Bailey (D)	Acts 13:14, 43-52; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30
Sunday	05/15/2022	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Parish Family (L)	Acts 13:14, 43-52; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30

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

April Offertory

Total needed was: \$17,600

Total received was: \$13,940

Difference: \$ 3,660

May 2022 Weekly Offertory

Date	Needed	Offering
May 1, 2022	\$4,400.00	\$5,185.00
May 8, 2022	\$4,400.00	
May 15, 2022	\$4,400.00	
May 22, 2022	\$4,400.00	
May 29, 2022	\$4,400.00	

Today's Homily



THE FOURTH SUNDAY of Easter is known as *Good Shepherd Sunday*, and, in addition to it being Mother's Day this year, it is also the "World Day of Prayer for Vocations." The Scripture lessons for this day concern the role of the shepherds of God's flock in the Church.

Each year on this Sunday, we reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who devotedly and kindly takes care of His flock. The title "pastor" means shepherd. A shepherd leads, feeds, nurtures, comforts, corrects, and protects his flock—responsibilities that belong to every Church leader.

The Good Shepherd in the New Testament:

Introducing Himself as the Good Shepherd of His flock, Jesus makes three claims in today's Gospel.

He knows his sheep and his sheep hear his voice: Just as the Palestinian shepherds knew each sheep of their flock by name, and the sheep knew their shepherd and his voice, so Jesus knows each one of us, our needs, our merits and our faults. He loves us as we are, with all our limitations, and He expects us to return His love by keeping His words. He speaks to us at every Mass, through the Bible, through our pastors, through our parents, through our friends, and through the events of our lives. "God whispers to us in our pleasures, He speaks to us in our consciences, and He shouts to us in our pain!" (C.S. Lewis).

He gives eternal life to us, His sheep, by receiving us into His sheepfold, and giving us Faith through Baptism, and then He strengthens that Faith in Confirmation. He supplies food for our souls in the Holy Eucharist and in the Divine words of the Holy Bible. He makes our society holy by the Sacraments of Matrimony and the priesthood (Holy Orders).

He protects his sheep by placing them in the loving hands of His Almighty Father. Without Him to guide us and protect us, we are an easy prey for the spiritual wolves of this world, including Satan and his minions.

In Chapter 10 of John's Gospel, Jesus adds two more roles to those of the Good Shepherd. He goes in search of stray lambs and heals the sick ones. Jesus heals the wounds of our souls through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and strengthens us in illness and old age with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Jesus dies for His sheep: Just as the shepherds of ancient days protected their sheep from wild animals and thieves by risking their own lives, so Jesus died in expiation for the sins of all people.

Let us become good shepherds and good sheep—good leaders and good followers. Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence, pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials, etc., are all shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time and talents for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers.

Parents must be especially careful of their duties, thus giving their children a good example through the way they live their Christian lives.

Let us be good sheep in the fold of Jesus, the Good Shepherd: Our local parish is our sheepfold, and our pastors are our shepherds. Jesus is the High Priest, the bishops are the successors of the apostles, the pastors are their helpers, and the parishioners are the sheep. Hence, as the good sheep of the parish, parishioners are expected to a) hear and follow the voice of their shepherds through their homilies, Bible classes, counseling and advice; b) receive the spiritual food our pastors provide by regular participation in the Holy Mass, by frequenting the Sacraments, and by attending prayer services, renewal programs and missions;

Let us pray for vocations to priestly and religious life so that we may have more good shepherds to lead, feed, and protect the Catholic community. Let us remember that the duty of fostering vocations is the concern of the whole believing community, and we discharge that responsibility primarily by living exemplary Christian lives.

May—The Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mother's Day



The word "mother" has become synonymous to love and care! When we talk about mother, it's a general notion that we think of our biological mother, but the phenomenon of being a mother is much more than that.

The world is full of various types of Mothers! Some mothers have not given birth to a child but take up the duty in how they care for others. And on Mother's Day there's this chance to celebrate the silent efforts of all the mothers out there, who have made our life a celebration.

Happy Mother's Day to all who have a Mothering Heart!

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Sacraments of First Holy Communion/Confirmation

Today 16 children received the Body of Christ for the first time. They studied all year so they would be prepared to make their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.



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

Please take the time to congratulate all the children and to keep them in your prayers as they continue their faith journey.

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Coats for Kids Program

Did you know that many children across these United States go without a coat each winter?

Many families use their limited resources to meet the most basic essentials (housing), and they need help to provide this vital winter necessity.

That's why the Knights of Columbus developed the "Coats for Kids" Program in 2009. Councils across North America have the opportunity to purchase new winter coats for children at a discount and to distribute them to children in need in their local communities.

Our Order of Knights will be collecting donations from our Parish in many different ways this year in order to ensure that no child in Prineville goes without a coat during this coming winter season.

Thank you in advance for generously supporting this great program.

—*The Knights of Columbus*

Maintenance Fund

Reminder that on **May 15th**, there will be an additional envelope for the Maintenance Fund. We are currently working to upgrade the Rectory with air conditioning, so any and all donations will help immensely.

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Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List:

- ◆ Fulvia & Ben Guyger ◆ Peggy Jones
- ◆ Andrea Vandehey ◆ Steve Forrester
- ◆ David Leonard ◆ Margaret Halsey
- ◆ Linda Arian ◆ Sandi Shriver
- ◆ Sue Gerke ◆ Lyn Rodgers
- ◆ Jerry Pimentel



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Christmas Bazaar 2022

We know it sounds funny to bring up the Christmas Bazaar in May, but it truly is not that far away. It will be held on **Saturday, November 12th**. Now is the time to start planning your projects. We are looking forward to another successful bazaar, thanks to everyone's help.

—*Thank you, Nancy Redfern*

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Inspiring Quote

"True charity consists in doing good to those who do us evil, and in thus winning them over."

—*St. Alphonsus Liguori*

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Diocese of Baker



The Diocese of Baker Cascade Retreat Center in Powell Butte is hiring a part-time maintenance person as well as occasional housekeeping/janitorial duties. Qualifications include: Practicing Catholic, 18 years old or older, and able to operate powered outdoor equipment. Limited experience is acceptable but must be willing to learn and complete tasks in a timely manner. Availability for 15 hours a week.

Please email **Curt Boutin** at curt@dioceseofbaker.org or call (541) 388-4004 and ask for **Curt**.

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U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking

Catholic Health Association, St. Louis, offers a variety of free resources that may be of interest to the Parish.

Don't forget the WA toll-free help line: (888) 373-7888.