

Fr. Joseph's Corner

“Two Traveling Angels (author unknown)”

Two traveling angels stopped to spend the night in the home of a wealthy family. The family was rude and refused to let the angels stay in the mansion's guest room. Instead, the angels were given a small space in the cold basement. As they made their bed on the hard floor, the older angel saw a hole in the wall and repaired it.

When the younger angel asked why, the older angel replied, “Things aren't always what they seem.” The next night, the pair came to rest at the house of a very poor, but very hospitable farmer and his wife. After sharing what little food they had, the couple let the angels sleep in their bed where they would have a good night's rest.

When the sun came up the next morning, the angels found the farmer and his wife in tears. Their only cow, whose milk had been their sole income, lay dead in the field.

The younger angel was infuriated and asked, “How could you have let this happen? The first man had everything, yet you helped him,” she accused. “The second family had little but was willing to share everything, and you let their cow die!”

“Things aren't always what they seem,” the older angel replied. “When we stayed in the basement of the mansion, I noticed there was gold stored in that hole in the wall. Because the owner was so obsessed with greed and unwilling to share his good fortune, I sealed the wall so he wouldn't find it. Then last night, as we slept in the farmers' bed, the Angel of Death came for his wife. I gave him the cow instead. Things aren't always what they seem.”

That is exactly what happens sometimes when things don't turn out the way they should. If you have faith, you just need to trust that every outcome is always to your advantage. You just might not know it until sometime

later. Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some people become friends and stay for a while, leaving beautiful footprints on our hearts, and we are never quite the same because we have made a good friend!

Yesterday is history—tomorrow a mystery. Today is a gift—that's why it's called the present! Live and savor every moment—this is not a dress rehearsal! Right now somebody is thinking of you . . . somebody is caring about you . . . somebody misses you . . . somebody wants to talk to you . . . somebody wants to be with you . . . somebody hopes you aren't in trouble . . . somebody is thankful for the support you have provided . . . somebody wants to hold your hand . . . somebody hopes everything turns out all right . . . somebody wants you to be happy . . . somebody wants you to find him or her . . . somebody is celebrating your successes . . . somebody wants to give you a gift . . . somebody thinks that you are a gift . . . somebody loves you . . . somebody admires your strength . . . somebody is thinking of you and smiling . . . somebody wants to be your shoulder to cry on.

*—God Bless You and
Prayerful Wishes, Fr. Joseph*



July 2022 Weekly Offertory



Date	Needed	Offering
July 3, 2022	\$4,400.00	\$4,943.00
July 10, 2022	\$4,400.00	
July 17, 2022	\$4,400.00	
July 24, 2022	\$4,400.00	
July 31, 2022	\$4,400.00	



June Offertory \$13,077.04—Needed \$17,600.00—Difference -\$4,522.96

St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754
July 10, 2022 † 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
Parish Website: <https://stjosephsprineville.org>
Email: stjosephparish@bendbroadband.com
Pastor: fatherjoseph@bendbroadband.com
(Fr. Joseph's personal email address: joekunel55@gmail.com)

Director of Religious Education ♦ Barbara Dalton
RCIA ♦ Garilynn 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	07/11/2022	8:00 a.m.	Duayne Mulvihill (D)	Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:34-11:1 [M]
Tuesday	07/12/2022	8:00 a.m.	Helen Morris (D)	Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 11:20-24
Wednesday	07/13/2022	12:00 p.m.	Dorice Ordway (D)	Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16; Matthew 11:25-27
Thursday	07/14/2022	8:00 a.m.	Elizabeth Vetter (D)	Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Matthew 11:28-30 [M]
Friday	07/15/2022	12:00 p.m.	Josephine Yozamp (D)	Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Matthew 12: 1-8 [M]
Saturday	07/16/2022	5:00 p.m.	Patricia Carroll (D)	Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42
Sunday	07/17/2022	9:00 a.m.	Englin Ederly (L)	Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42
Sunday	07/17/2022	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Parish Family (L)	Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42

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

Today's Homily

THE CENTRAL THEME of today's Scripture readings is that we gain eternal life through loving God living in our neighbors by becoming good neighbors.

The first reading, taken from Deuteronomy, reminds us that God not only

gives us His Commandments in Holy Scriptures, but that they are also written in our hearts so that we may obey them and inherit eternal life with God. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds the Colossians, and us, that just as Christ Jesus is the "visible image of the invisible God," so our neighbors are the visible image of Christ living in our midst.

In today's Gospel, a scribe asks Jesus a very basic religious question: "What should I do to inherit eternal life?" In answer to the question, Jesus directs the scribe's attention to the Sacred Scriptures. The Scriptural answer is, "Love God and express it by loving your neighbor." However, to the scribe, the word "neighbor" means another scribe or Pharisee—never a Samaritan or a Gentile. Hence, the scribe insists on clarification of the word "neighbor." So, Jesus tells him the parable of the Good Samaritan. The parable clearly indicates that a "neighbor" is anyone who needs help. Thus, the correct approach is not to ask, "Who is my neighbor?" but rather to ask, "Am I a good neighbor to others?"

Jesus, the Heavenly Good Samaritan, gives us a final commandment during the Last Supper, "Love one another as I have loved you," because the invisible God dwells in every human being.

We need to remember that the road from Jerusalem to Jericho passes right through our home, parish, school and workplace. The Jericho Road is any place where people are being robbed of their dignity, their material goods or their value as human beings. It is any place where there is suffering and oppression. As a matter of fact, the Jericho Road may be our own home, the place where we are taking care of a mother or father, husband or wife, or even our own children.



We may find our spouse, children or parents lying "wounded" by bitter words, scathing criticism or other, more blatant forms of verbal, emotional or physical abuse. Hence, Jesus invites us to have hearts of love. What God wants more than anything is for us to

show our love to others, in our own home and in school, in the workplace, and in the neighborhood, as the Good Samaritan did. Jesus is inviting us to have hearts of mercy for those who are being left hurt or mistreated on any of the "Jericho Roads" of life.

Are we good neighbors? A good neighbor does not say, "I do what I want to do," or even, "I do what I have to do," but, "I do what I ought to do." The lawyer's question—"Who is my neighbor?"—reveals that he was really self-centered. The parable makes us realize that every human person is our neighbor.

How have we been good neighbors this week? To whom did we behave in a neighborly way? The parable is a condemnation of our non-involvement as well as an invitation for us to be merciful and kind to those in need, including those in our family, school, neighborhood, and parish.

We are invited to be people of generosity, kindness, and mercy toward all who are suffering. A sincere smile, a cheery greeting, an encouraging word of appreciation, or a heartfelt "thank you" can work wonders for a suffering soul.

Within every society, there is fear of those who are "different," who differ from us in religion, skin-color, dress or language. The parable invites us to make them neighbors. Why? Because, "One's neighbor is the living image of God the Father, redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ, and placed under the permanent action of the Holy Spirit.

"One's neighbor must therefore be loved, even if he or she is an enemy, with the same love with which the Lord loves him or her." (Pope St. John Paul II, *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*, 1987).

July—The Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

FR. JOSEPH IS CELEBRATING HIS BIRTHDAY THIS SUNDAY, JULY 10TH! HE IS 67 YEARS YOUNG! EVERYONE IS INVITED TO A PIZZA PARTY AT 6 P.M. IN THE PARISH HALL.

+++

Inspiring Quote

"You will never be happy if your happiness depends on getting solely what you want. Change the focus. Get a new center. Will what God wills, and your joy no man shall take from you."

—Venerable Fulton Sheen

+++

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List:

- ◆ David Leonard
- ◆ Margaret Halsey
- ◆ Fulvia & Ben Guyger
- ◆ Sue Gerke
- ◆ Steve Forrester
- ◆ Linda Arian
- ◆ Lyn Rodgers
- ◆ Jerry Pimentel
- ◆ Bill O'Brien ◆ Ezra Early ◆ Carl Johnson
- ◆ Arlene Mura ◆ Kathie Leonard
- ◆ Mike Mulvihill ◆ Dolores Koivisto

+++

Safety



Catholic Mutual and the Diocese of Baker are requesting that with the decision from the Supreme Court, in regards to overturning **Roe vs. Wade**, that we take extra precautions while attending Mass.

Try not to engage with protestors, make no comments to the media, do not argue with or debate with protestors, and always pray for peace. All parishioners need to have situational awareness: "If you see something, say something!"

Reasons to Attend Daily Mass

† **The Word of God:** Hearing the Word of God proclaimed every day fosters a deeper understanding of scripture and the desire to know more.



† **Breakfast with Jesus:** The Lord wants to feed you. He loves you so much, He wants to become a part of you, and to give you daily bread. What better way to start the day?

† **God is calling you to a deeper relationship:** The Holy Spirit awakens you.

† **Quiet Time:** The Church is your sanctuary. Spend time in prayer

† **Example:** Do not be afraid to profess your faith to others.

† **Humility:** Reminder that without God, you can do nothing.

† **The Saints:** Special Memorials, Solemnities, Feast Days, and Commemorations.

† **Community:** Being there to help others in the community to attend Mass and other Church functions.

+++



2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal

For our parish, the participation goal is **55 families** with a supporting target of **\$20,465**.

To date, we thank the **40 St. Joseph Parish families who have pledged a total of \$17,860**. Go to: dioceseofbaker.org for more information.

+++

Refreshed for Mission—Annual Catechetical Symposium

Inviting all parents, catechists, and parish leaders to join Bishop Liam Cary and his guests for an opportunity to be inspired, connect, learn, and grow. How is Jesus inviting you to join Him as He calls, forms, and sends? Come to the Well, Go Deeper, and Become Springs of Living Water this **August 5–7** at the Cascade View Retreat Center in Powell Butte. Presented in both English and Spanish. For information and to register, go to: dioceseofbaker.org/symposium or call (541) 388-4004.