

## Fr. Joseph's Corner

### “A Day in God's Court (author unknown)”

After living a “decent” life, my time on earth came to an end. The first thing I remember is sitting on a bench in a waiting room of what I thought to be a court house. The doors finally opened, and I was instructed to come in and have a seat by the defense table. As I looked around I saw the “prosecutor”—he was a villainous looking gent who snarled as he stared at me. He definitely was the most evil-looking guy I had ever seen.

I sat down and looked to my left, and there sat my “lawyer,” a kind and gentle-looking man whose appearance seemed very familiar to me. Then the corner door flew open, and there appeared the judge in full, flowing robes. He commanded an awesome presence as he moved across the room, and I couldn't take my eyes off him. He took his seat behind the bench and said “Let us begin.”

The prosecutor rose and said, “My name is Satan, and I am here to show you why this man belongs in hell.” He proceeded to tell of lies that I told, things that I had stolen, and when I had cheated others in the past. Satan told of other horrible perversions that were once in my life. The more he spoke, the further down in my seat I sank. I was so embarrassed that I couldn't look at anyone, even my own lawyer, as the prosecutor told of sins that even I had completely forgotten about.

As upset as I was at this Satan guy for telling all these things about me, I was equally upset at my representative who sat there silently, not offering any form of defense at all. I knew I had been guilty of those things, but I had done some good in my life, too. Couldn't that at least equal out part of the harm I'd done?

Satan finished with a fury and said, “This man belongs in hell! He is guilty of all that I have charged, and there is not a person who can prove otherwise. Justice will finally be served this day.”

When it was his turn, my lawyer first asked if he might approach the bench. The judge allowed this—over the strong objection of Satan—and beckoned him to come for-



ward. As he got up and started walking, I was able to see him now in his full splendor and majesty. I realized why he seemed so familiar. This was Jesus representing me—my Lord and Savior!

He stopped at the bench and softly said to the judge, “Hi, Dad.” Then He turned to address the court:

“Satan was correct in saying that this man has sinned. I won't deny any of these allegations. And, yes, the wages of sin should be death, and this man deserves to be punished.”

Then Jesus took a very deep breath, turned to His Father, and with His arms outstretched, He proclaimed to the court:

“However, I died on the cross so that this person might have eternal life, and he has accepted me as his Savior, so he is mine.” My Lord continued, “His name is written in the *Book of Life*, and no one can snatch him away from me. Satan still does not yet understand that this man is not to be given justice—but, rather, mercy.”

As Jesus sat down, He quietly paused, turned to look at His Father, and went on, “There is nothing else that needs to be done—I've done it all.”

The Judge lifted His mighty hand and slammed down the gavel as He bellowed the following words:

“This man is free—the penalty for him has already been paid in full. CASE DISMISSED!”

As my Lord led me away, I could hear Satan ranting and raving, exclaiming:

“I won't give up! I'll win the next one!”

I asked Jesus, as He gave me my instructions for where to go next, “Have you ever lost a case?” Jesus lovingly smiled and said, “Everyone who has come to me and asked me to represent them has received the same verdict as you did: PAID IN FULL.”

Oh what a blessing! There is no greater commandment than to love your neighbor as yourself!

—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	\$2,732.00
July 17, 2022	\$4,400.00	
July 24, 2022	\$4,400.00	
July 31, 2022	\$4,400.00	



## St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754  
July 17, 2022 † 16th 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.

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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	07/18/2022	8:00 a.m.	Anne Weigand (D)	Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Matthew 12:38-42
Tuesday	07/19/2022	8:00 a.m.	Edwin Weigand (D)	Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Matthew 12:46-50
Wednesday	07/20/2022	12:00 p.m.	Barbara Burrus (D)	Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10; Matthew 13:1-9
Thursday	07/21/2022	8:00 a.m.	Dolores Koivisto (L)	Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Matthew 13:10-17
Friday	07/22/2022	12:00 p.m.	Ashley Walton (L)	Song of Songs 3:1-4b; John 20:1-2, 11-18 [F]
Saturday	07/23/2022	5:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Swanson (D)	Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13
Sunday	07/24/2022	9:00 a.m.	Walter Husar (D)	Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13
Sunday	07/24/2022	12:00 p.m.	Paul Jones (L)	Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13

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

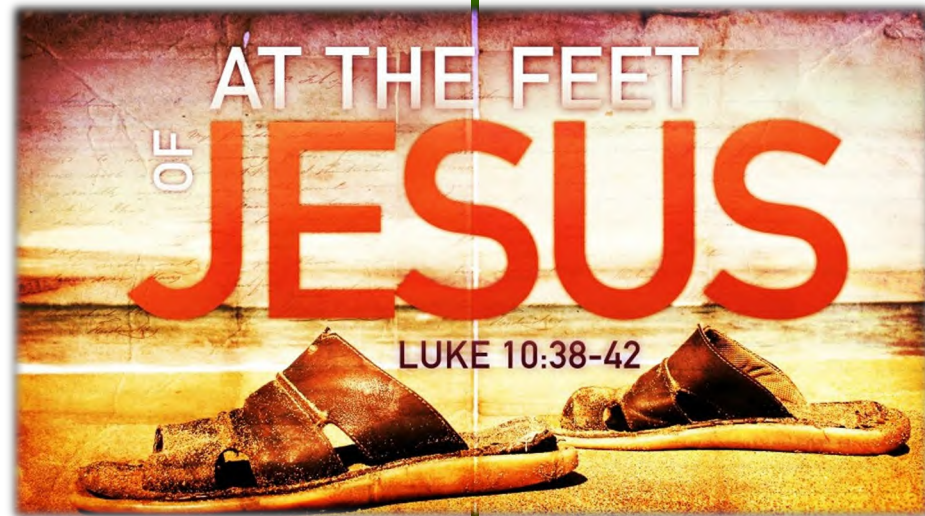
## Today's Homily

THE CENTRAL themes of today's readings are the importance of hospitality in Christian life and the necessity of listening to God before acting. The key to the Christian life is

setting priorities: Jesus Christ first, then everything else. The only way really to learn that lesson is to spend some time every day, "sitting at the feet of Jesus."

Today's first reading describes how Abraham and Sarah's hospitality to angels in the guise of strangers was rewarded by God, who blessed them with a son in their old age. In the second reading, Paul declares that he was commissioned by God to minister to the Church, as the revealer of the *mystery* of salvation and the preacher of the word in its *fullness* (v. 25). He invites believers to open their hearts and minds and to show their hospitality to the mystery of Christ which he preaches. Paul also challenges us to cultivate that quality of hospitality which welcomes all others in Christ.

Today's Gospel passage describes how Martha, a genuine child of Abraham, wanted to extend the traditional generous hospitality of her people to Jesus, the true Messiah, by preparing an elaborate meal for Him (while her sister Mary spent her time in talking to Jesus and listening to Him; It invites us to serve others with Martha's diligence after recharging our spiritual batteries every day by prayer—listening to God and talk-



ing to God—as Mary did. We can minister truly to the needs of others only after welcoming God's Word into our hearts and minds.

We need to recharge our spiritual batteries:

We should put aside the work we do for the Lord in serving others and just spend some time being with Him, talking to Him and listening to Him, fully aware of His holy presence in our souls. We may also recharge our spiritual energy by means of our personal and family prayers, our meditative reading of the Bible and our participation in the celebration of the Holy Mass.

We need "listening Marthas" and "serving Marys" Martha has become a symbol of action-oriented, responsible people who get the job done. Our world and our parish churches need such dynamic and generous men, women, boys and girls. We need them to sing in the choir, to help in the Church, to teach in Sunday school, to visit the sick and the shut-ins, and to serve in all other ministries of the parish community.

We need to be good listeners, like Mary, at home and in the workplace. Active and busy as we are, we must find time every day to listen to God, to our spouse, kids, and neighbors. Listening and quiet caring are essential for the success of married life, of family life, and of the rearing of children with love, affection, and a gentle, firm discipline. Human love begins at home, and it begins with listening.

## July—The Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus

### Meetings

- ◆ The Executive Committee will have its monthly meeting on **Tuesday, July 19th, at 5 p.m.** in the Parish Hall.
- ◆ The Knights of Columbus will have their monthly meeting also on **Tuesday, July 19th, at 7 p.m.** in the Parish Hall.

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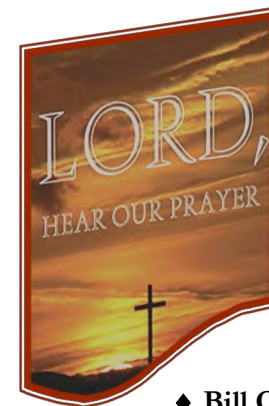
### Inspiring Quote

"I am not capable of doing big things, but I want to do everything, even the smallest things, for the greater glory of God."

—*St. Dominic Savio*

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



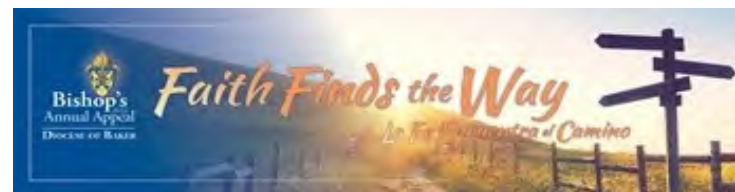
- ◆ David Leonard
- ◆ Margaret Halsey
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- ◆ Sue Gerke
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- ◆ Linda Arian
- ◆ Lyn Rodgers
- ◆ Jerry Pimentel
- ◆ Arlene Mura
- ◆ Kathie Leonard
- ◆ Mike Mulvihill
- ◆ Dolores Koivisto
- ◆ Bill O'Brien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

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### Invitation

**Bishop Cary** invites all parents, catechists, and parish leaders to come and be "Refreshed for Mission" at this year's Catechetical Symposium, **August 5th–7th**, at the Cascade View Retreat Center in Powell Butte. Visit the website: [dioceseofbaker.org](http://dioceseofbaker.org) to register or to learn more.

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### 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 **42 St. Joseph Parish families who have pledged a total of \$20,910**. Go to: [dioceseofbaker.org](http://dioceseofbaker.org) for more information.

### Silver Rose

On **Wednesday, July 20th**, the "Silver Rose" will be on display at St. Joseph Catholic Church for the **12 Noon Mass**.

Our Lady of Guadalupe had done so much for her people in Mexico that, in 1960, the Columbian Squires, the official youth organization of the Knights of Columbus, wanted to give something back to her.

The group, headed by Brother Miguel Martinez Estrada, Grand Knight Andreas Saucedo, and Fray Margil de Jesus of the Knights of Columbus Nuestra Senora de Monterrey Council #2312 in Monterrey, Mexico, came up with the idea of running a rose to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico.

The Squires were so full of inspiration that they decided to make yet another relay run in 1961. But due to the condition of the Rose, it could not be used again. After contacting Grand Knight Arthur Mount at Council #1134, Reverend Edward Gatfield and Bishop John C. Cody decided to make a bronze rose and send it to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico.

When Fray Antonio de Jesus Sacedon and the Squires of Circle #660 in Monterrey heard of the bronze rose, they decided to call upon Brother Miguel Martinez Montoya in Monterrey to make for them a similar rose. The idea was to make a silver rose because silver is one of Mexico's precious metals.

The jeweler saw a beautiful bed of roses in a garden owned by Mrs. Shirla Ostwowk. He asked if he could have a rose as a model for the making of the Silver Rose. Mr. Montoya explained what had happened to the original rose in 1960.

The rose bush from which the rose was removed was called "Rose of Peace." The first Silver Rose was blessed by Bishop Alfonso Espino Silva. This tradition symbolizes unity—and especially the international brotherhood that has been jointly nurtured in three countries.

After 1961, the program was then conducted by the Knights of Texas and Mexico and the Our Lady of Guadalupe Province of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus until the mid-1990s, when it was adopted as a Supreme Council program that grew to encompass three Silver Rose Routes.

