

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"A Short Story"

This is a short story about a runaway boy named David. He is writing a letter to his mother at home to express his hope that his old-fashioned father would forgive him and accept him again as his son.

The boy writes: "In a few days I will be passing our property. If Dad will take me back, ask him to tie a white cloth on the apple tree in the field next to our house."

Days later, David is seated on a train which is rapidly approaching his house. Soon the tree will be visible around the next bend, but David can't bring himself to look at it. He is afraid the white cloth won't be there.

Turning to the man sitting next to him, he says nervously, "Sir? Will you do me a favor?"

"Sure, son, what is it?" the man answers.

"Around the bend on the right you will see a tree. Will you tell me if there is a white cloth tied to it?"

As the train rumbles past the tree, David stares straight ahead. Then in a quaking voice he asks the man, "Mister, is there a white cloth tied to one of the branches of the tree?"

And the man answers in a surprised voice, "Why, son, there is a white cloth tied to practically every branch!"

—Prayerful Wishes, Fr. Joseph



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Fr. Joseph will celebrate his birthday on Sunday, July 10th.
He will be 67 years young!
Everyone is invited to the Parish Hall at 6 p.m.

June 2022 Weekly Offertory

Date	Needed	Offering
June 5, 2022	\$4,400.00	\$3,181.04
June 12, 2022	\$4,400.00	\$5,165.00
June 19, 2022	\$4,400.00	\$2,398.00
June 26, 2022	\$4,400.00	\$2,333.00



St. Joseph Catholic Church

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

June 3, 2022 † 14th 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

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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	07/04/2022	8:00 a.m.	Lu Streetman (D)	Hosea 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Matthew 9:18-26
Tuesday	07/05/2022	8:00 a.m.	Barbara Burris (D)	Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:32-38
Wednesday	07/06/2022	12:00 p.m.	Loretta Lang (L)	Hosea 10:1-3, 7-12, 12; Matthew 10:1-7
Thursday	07/07/2022	8:00 a.m.	Jean Kmiebik (D)	Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9; Matthew 10:7-15
Friday	07/08/2022	12:00 p.m.	Julee Abe (L)	Hosea 14:2-10; Matthew 10:16-23
Saturday	07/09/2022	5:00 p.m.	Ann Mitchell MacDonald (D)	Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37
Sunday	07/10/2022	9:00 a.m.	Nancy MacDonald (L)	Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37
Sunday	07/10/2022	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Parish Family (L)	Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37

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

Today's Homily

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES are about announcing the Good News. They remind us that announcing the Good News of the Kingdom by words, deeds, and life is not the task of only a few. Rather, it is a task for all baptized Christians.

In the first reading, Isaiah announces the good news to the returned Babylonian exiles that the ruined and desolate Jerusalem will take care of them "as a mother comforts her baby son." Isaiah assures the returned Jews that they will live in the certainty of Yahweh's promises of love, protection, prosperity, and salvation.

In today's second reading, Paul removes the confusion created by the Judaizers in the minds of the new Gentile Christians of Galatia. He clearly conveys the good news that it is Jesus' death on the cross which brings one's salvation and not Jewish heritage or practice of Torah laws. Paul reminds us that the mission of each member of the Church is to bear witness to the saving power of the cross of Christ through a life of sacrificial, self-giving service.

In today's Gospel, Luke describes the fulfillment of the prophetic promise made by Isaiah in Jesus' commissioning of 72 disciples to preach the Gospel or the good news of God's love and salvation in towns and villages in preparation for his own visit. Jesus gives the paired disciples "travel tips" for their missionary journey. They must be walking witnesses of God's providence, relying on the hospitality of others, living very simple lives, preaching the Good News, and healing the sick. Today's Gospel reminds us that we, the 1.5 billion Christians in the world today, have the mission of the 72, to preach the Gospel of Christ to the rest of world's 4.5 billion non-Christians.

We need to continue Christ's mission by proclaiming the Good News: Just as Jesus in today's Gospel gives instructions to the 72 missionaries, He also gives each one of us a mission to carry out. There were just a handful of followers in Jesus' day to preach the Good News, but today there are more than one billion Roman Catholics and about a half billion other Christians (in 30,000 denominations!) who accept Jesus as their "Lord" and "Savior." So, there are 1.5 billion missionaries in a world of six billion people. A recent survey asked the question, "Why do adults join the Catholic Church in spite of the scandals publicized in the media?" Seventy-five percent of new adult converts to the Catholic Church reported that they were attracted by a personal invitation from a

Luke 10:1-12; 17-20

Let the peace of Christ control your hearts, let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Catholic who had a lively relationship with Christ and with His Church. As faithful Catholics, we will attract others to the Catholic Church—just as a rose attracts people by its beauty and fragrance. It's our job. It's our responsibility. We must not miss the current

opportunities to be apostles in our everyday life by our words and deeds.

We also need to avoid giving counter-witness: The Church is founded on the rock of Peter, a humble, uneducated fisherman who died for the Lord he professed. We should not be "Catholics for a Free Choice" who oppose anything proposed by the Church, including the most basic right to life. Nor should we be "armchair" Catholics, spiritual "weekend warriors," "cafeteria" Catholics, or "barely-make-it-to-Mass" members of the Church, who bear counter-witness to Christ. Instead of giving counter-witness, let us become heralds of the Kingdom in our own homes by treating each other with profound respect. When spouses respect each other and, thus, teach their children to do the same, our neighbors will experience the Kingdom in our families, because the Kingdom of God is God's rule in our hearts, enabling us to do His will.

The modern world needs the heroic witnessing of martyrs. The early writers of the Church never called the first Christians "martyrs" in the modern sense of the word—but, rather, they gave that name to those who died "giving witness" (*martyrein*) to Christ. The most important element wasn't their deaths; it was their fidelity to their Faith until the last moment of their lives. Martyrs are not people to be relegated to the distant past. Recent history abounds with examples of martyrdom: civil war in Spain, religious persecution in Poland, Mexico, Vietnam, Russia, China, and Africa. The names of Edith Stein (Germany), Maximilian Kolbe (Poland), Miguel Pro (Mexico), and Pedro Poveda (Spain) are only the beginning of a long list of innocent victims, witnesses for their Faith. Even today, religious freedom is still denied in various countries and, in fact, several Muslim nations forbid the celebration of the Sacraments. In our day, there are also "moral martyrs" who, although they are never physically killed, die an ignominious death, persecuted in the press, defamed in the media, and falsely accused of faults they never committed. As successors of the 72 disciples, we are called upon to do Christ's work with the courage of these martyrs.

July—The Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus

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The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

"The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Savior shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it."

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Independence Day

The 4th of July—also known as Independence Day, or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th Century and the American Revolution.



On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson.

From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades, and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.

The 4th of July is on Monday, July 4, 2022.

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Project 2022

As of last Tuesday, June 28th, we have had \$7,333 donated to Project 2022, which is 14.67% of our goal of \$50,000. Thanks to all who have helped in our mission!

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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

Rummage Sale

St. Thomas Catholic Church in Redmond, 1720 NW 19th Street (corner of NW Maple), will have their Annual Rummage Sale this Friday, July 8th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and on Saturday, July 9th (Bag Sale), from 9 a.m. until noon, in the Parish Center Gym. Proceeds help with Charity Donations plus Altar Society Projects, such as St. Vincent de Paul, Funeral Luncheons, Parish Feast Days, and Scholarships.



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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

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2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal

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. To date, we thank the 39 St. Joseph Parish families who have pledged a total of \$17,660.

For more information, go to: dioceseofbaker.org.

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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!"



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U.S. Sisters Against Human Trafficking

Check to see if there are residences around you that serve survivors of trafficking. The staff in these residences help to restore the lives of survivors and can use your support.

U.S. Sisters against Human Trafficking is a 501 c (3) organization, located at 2039 N. Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 (sistersagainsttrafficking.org).