

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"The Circle of a Good Deed" (author unknown)

Once upon a time Arjun and a friend went for a walk around a city in India, when they saw a poor-looking fellow begging. Arjun felt pity for him and gave the man a bag full of 100 gold coins. The beggar became so very happy, thanked Arjun profusely, and left for his home.

On the way to his home, the man saw another fellow who was begging for help. He could have spared a coin or two, but he chose not to. Then, as he neared his home, a thief robbed him of his bag of coins and ran away.

The beggar became very dejected, and so he went back out again for more begging. The next day, when Arjun saw the same man again, he was very surprised. After getting the bag full of coins that could last a lifetime, the fellow was still begging! Arjun asked him for the reason for this, and the beggar told him about the whole robbery incident. Arjun again felt sorry for him, and so this time he gave the man a diamond.

The beggar was so very happy and left for his home. Then he saw someone who needed help, but again he chose to ignore him. Upon reaching his home, he put the diamond in an empty pot for safe-keeping, with a plan to cash it out later and live a wealthy life. His wife was not at home, and he was very tired, so he decided to take a nap.

Then his wife came home, picked up that empty pot, and walked down to the river to fill it up with water. She had not noticed the diamond that was in the pot. Upon arriving at the river, she put the whole pot into the running water to fill it up. She filled the pot, but the diamond was now gone into the river with the water flow!

When the beggar woke up from his nap, he went to see the diamond, but it was gone! So he asked his wife about it. She told him she had not noticed it, and that it must have been lost in the river. He could not believe his bad luck, and so again he went back to begging.



Again Arjun and his friend saw the fellow begging and asked him about it. Then Arjun felt bad when he heard the diamond story and wondered if the beggar was ever to have a happy life. But his friend, who was an Angel of God, smiled and gave that beggar just one coin, which was not even enough to buy a lunch or dinner for one person. Arjun asked, "Lord, I gave him gold coins and a diamond, that should have given him a wealthy life, yet it didn't help him. How will just one

coin help this poor guy?" His friend, the Angel, said to follow that beggar and find out.

On the way, the beggar was thinking about the coin he was given. He could not even buy a lunch with it. Why would he be given so little? Then the beggar saw a fisherman who was getting a fish out of his net. The fish was struggling, and the man felt pity for the poor fish. He thought, "This one coin won't solve my problem, but why not save that fish?" So, the beggar paid the fisherman and took the fish. He put the fish in his small pot of water that he always carried with him. The fish was now struggling in the small pot of water, and then it suddenly threw a diamond from out of its mouth! The man saw it and screamed with joy, "I got it, I got it!"

And at that same point, the thief who had robbed the beggar's bag of 100 gold coins, was passing by. He thought that the beggar recognized him and would have him arrested. He got so nervous, he ran up to the beggar and apologized. Then he returned to him the bag full of 100 gold coins. The beggar couldn't believe what had just happened!

Arjun and the Angel saw all of this, and so Arjun exclaimed, "Oh, Lord! Now I understand your play."

Moral: When you have enough to help others, don't let that chance go by. Your good deeds will always be repaid to you.

—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	\$2,577.00
July 24, 2022	\$4,400.00	\$1,989.00
July 31, 2022	\$4,400.00	



St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754
July 31, 2022 † 18th 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.

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Secretary ♦ Karin Jones

Parish Office Hours ♦ Monday–Thursday ♦ 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

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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	08/01/2022	8:00 a.m.	Lu Streetman (D)	Jeremiah 28:1-17; Matthew 14:13-21 [M]
Tuesday	08/02/2022	8:00 a.m.	John MacDonald (D)	Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Matthew 14:22-36
Wednesday	08/03/2022	12:00 p.m.	Meghan Nash (L)	Jeremiah 31:1-7; Matthew 15:21-28
Thursday	08/04/2022	8:00 a.m.	Curtis Morris (D)	Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 16:13-23 [M]
Friday	08/05/2022	12:00 p.m.	Alan Bowlin (D)	Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Matthew 16:24-28
Saturday	08/06/2022	5:00 p.m.	Charlene McMann (D)	Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48
Sunday	08/07/2022	10:00 a.m.	Robert Fowls (D)	Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48

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

Today's Homily

THE COMMON THEME of today's readings is the futility of the greedy acquisition of wealth and power because everything and everyone is "here today and gone tomorrow."

So, the meaning of life cannot be found in selfishly hoarding our wealth and possessions, but only in sharing these with the needy.

The first reading, taken from Ecclesiastes, reminds us that the greedy acquisition and hoarding of material wealth is useless because when the hoarder dies, he goes to eternity empty-handed, and his heirs gain, and perhaps squander, his riches.

In the second reading, Paul directs our attention to lasting, heavenly treasures and warns us that greed (pleonexia) for wealth and influence is idolatry. He advises, "Put to death, your parts that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry" (Colossians 3:5).

In today's Gospel, Jesus, in telling the parable of the foolish rich man, warns us against all types of greed, because greed takes our life's focus away from God and away from serving and loving Him in Himself and in other people. Jesus says that God calls the greedy rich man a fool because the man thought he would not die soon, and that he was not accountable for the way he used his riches. Besides, the rich man forgot the fact that his wealth had been lent to him by God for sharing with the needy. Jesus also warns us that our eternal life does not consist of

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."



earthly possessions (Luke 12:15).

We are invited to share our blessings with others. The parable of the rich fool gives us a warning as well as an invitation. It reminds us that our possessions are merely lent to us by God, and that we are accountable for their use.

We must be generous in sharing our time, with our treasure, and with our talents in Christian stewardship.

Even if we are poor financially, we may be blessed with intelligence, good will, a sense of humor, or the ability to console, encourage, inspire, support, and help others. God expects us to give our thanks to Him for all these blessings by sharing them with others for His glory.

The Old Testament Scriptures are clear about tithing—giving 10% of our income for God's cause and for helping the needy. God never allows tithers to regret their generosity.

Let us control our greed. Our greed takes different shapes and forms. For some, it may be the desire for the approval and praise of others. For others, it is the uncontrolled desire for power, control, or fame. For still others, greed takes the form of excessive and sinful indulgence in eating, drinking, gambling, drugs, or sexual activities. Greed also turns our life away from God and away from loving and serving Him in Himself and in other people. As greed directs all our energy and attention to fulfilling the self, its objects become our false gods, and they will consume us, unless we become rich in the sight of God.

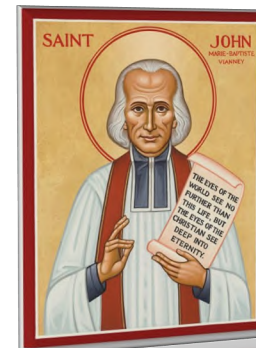
Inspiring Quote

"Father, I am seeking: I am hesitant and uncertain, but will you, O God, watch over each step of mine and guide me."
—St. Augustine of Hippo

July—The Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus

St. John Vianney—Feast Day August 4th

Patron Saint of Parish Priests



John Vianney (born Jean-Baptiste-Marie Vianney on May 8, 1786 and died on August 4, 1859 at the age of 73), was a French Catholic priest who is venerated in the Catholic Church as a saint and as *the patron saint of parish priests*. Internationally known for his priestly and pastoral work in his parish in Ars, France, because of the radical spiritual transformation of the community and its surroundings. Catholics attribute this to his saintly life, mortification, persevering ministry in the sacrament of confession, and ardent devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. During the last 10 years of his life, he spent 16 to 18 hours a day in the confessional. Even the bishop forbade him to attend the annual retreats of the diocesan clergy "because of the souls awaiting him yonder."

A woman told Vianney that she was devastated because her husband had committed suicide. She wanted to approach the great priest, but his line often lasted for hours, and she could not reach him. She was ready to give up and, in a moment of mystical insight that only a great saint can receive, Vianney exclaimed through the crowd, "He is saved!" The woman was incredulous, so the saint repeated, stressing each word, "I tell you he is saved. He is in Purgatory, and you must pray for him. Between the parapet of the bridge and the water, he had time to make an act of contrition."

The bishop presided over Vianney's funeral with 300 priests and more than 6,000 people in attendance. Before he was buried, Vianney's body was fitted with a wax mask.

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Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List:

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



2022 St. Joseph Parish Picnic

On Sunday, August 7th, at 10 a.m., St. Joseph's Parish will celebrate a bilingual Mass followed by the Annual Parish Picnic. There will be burgers, hot dogs, and *carne asada*, barbecued by those fabulous **Knights of Columbus** chefs. Bring your favorite main dish, salad or desert.



Games and outdoor activities for children of all ages will be set up on the lot adjacent to the Parish. Hall, and there will be a cupcake walk, so we need volunteers to make cupcakes. Call **Barbara Dalton at (541) 410-3720**.

This year we extend a special welcome to all Crook County Catholics from Prineville, Juniper Heights, Powell Butte, Brasada Ranch—and all surrounding areas. After several years of COVID-19 restrictions on gatherings, we look forward to this celebration. Picnic activities will begin immediately following Mass and continue into the afternoon. **Mark your calendars for August 7th** so you can join us for a day of fun and celebration!

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Altar Servers

The primary role of the altar server is to assist the priest during Mass. Altar servers carry the cross, the processional candles (some Masses), hold the book for the priest celebrant when he is not at the altar, and assist the priest at the preparation of the altar during the offertory.

Altar servers are chosen from among the faithful who display a desire to participate in an intimate way during the Mass. It is an extreme privilege to kneel so close to the altar as our loving Savior, Jesus Christ, becomes truly present—Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity upon the altar.

Boys and girls who have made their First Communion are eligible and encouraged to be altar servers. Each candidate must complete a period of training before serving.

An altar server must be willing and interested to participate on their own accord and not by parental or peer pressure. A reluctant or disinterested server is a distraction to the celebrant, other servers, and the entire community. Parents must take an active role of support in this ministry by ensuring that their child arrives to their assigned Mass on time. An altar server performs all assigned duties with attention, dignity, and reverence because they are serving in the presence of Our Lord.

We need Altar Servers at all the Masses but especially the 5 p.m. Vigil Mass and the Spanish Mass at 12 p.m. Forms are in the Narthex. Please complete and place in the basket or bring to the office. **Questions? Call (541) 447-6475.** This is a great opportunity for our young to be involved! Training is provided by **George Gerke**.