

# Fr. Joseph's Corner

## Parish Picnic

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Parish Picnic.  
It was a day of good food, fun, games, and great socializing.  
Big thanks go to: Knights of Columbus, Barbara Dalton, and Apolonio Villagomez.



## August 2022 Weekly Offertory

Date	Needed	Offering
August 07, 2022	\$4,400.00	\$3,369.00
August 14, 2022	\$4,400.00	
August 21, 2022	\$4,400.00	
August 28, 2022	\$4,400.00	



# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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

August 14, 2022 † 20th 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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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	08/15/2022	8:00 a.m.	Stuart MacDonald (D)	Rev. 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor. 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56 [S]
Tuesday	08/16/2022	8:00 a.m.	No Mass	Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30
Wednesday	08/17/2022	12:00 p.m.	No Mass	Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16
Thursday	08/18/2022	8:00 a.m.	No Mass	Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14
Friday	08/19/2022	12:00 p.m.	No Mass	Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22:34-40
Saturday	08/20/2022	5:00 p.m.	Bob Leonard (L)	Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30
Sunday	08/21/2022	9:00 a.m.	Jerrold Williams (D)	Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30
Sunday	08/21/2022	12:00 p.m.	Anneliese Sanchez (L)	Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30

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

## Today's Homily

I HAVE COME  
TO BRING

*Fire* TO THE EARTH  
LUKE 12:49

THE CENTRAL THEME of today's readings is that we should courageously live out our religious convictions and principles in our lives, as Jeremiah, Paul, and Jesus did, even if doing so should result in our martyrdom and turn society upside down. If no one is ever offended by the quality of our commitment to Christ, then perhaps we are practicing "inoffensive Christianity."

Jeremiah, in our first reading, is presented as experiencing the consequences of the burning word of God within him. Jeremiah's preaching divided the city and incited such opposition that people sought his death. He showed the courage of his prophetic conviction by telling the king that he had to surrender to the mighty army of Babylonian empire to save Israel. The result was that Jeremiah was thrown into a deep, muddy unused cistern to die for his "treason."

Standing in this prophetic tradition, Paul, in the second reading, challenges the Judeo-Christians to stand firm in their Faith in Jesus, ignoring the ostracism imposed on them by their own former Jewish community.

In today's Gospel, Jesus, too, preaches the word of God which continues to divide families, a word which, He knew, would lead ultimately to His death. The fire Jesus brings is the fire of love and the fire of hope. The disruption, division, and revolution, which Jesus and his true followers cause in society by the fire of sacrificial love and the fire of justice, are necessary to re-set what's fractured, put right what's dislocated, and cleanse what's infected.

In other words, the curative pain caused by Jesus' ideas and ideals is necessary for the establishment of real *shalom* of God. Even though Jesus brings a sword and causes division, He is the bringer of true and lasting peace. In pursuing His mission, Jesus brings division because some follow Him and others oppose Him. We must make a decision to follow Him or not—to share His "baptism" or not. This choice can result in division, even within families.

Let us learn to appreciate the contemporary prophets in the Church: The Jesuit Cardinal, Avery Dulles, writing about the role of prophecy in the modern Church, communities in his book *Models of the Church*, remarks: "Christianity is not healthy unless there is room in it for prophetic protest against abuses of authority."

God continues to send such prophets to every parish community, and it is the duty of the bishop, pastor, and parish council to listen to the well-intended, constructive criticisms of such "Jeremiahs."

We should have fire in our hearts: On the day of our Baptism, we received the light of Christ and were instructed to keep that torch burning brightly until Christ Jesus returns.

In addition, the Holy Spirit was sent into our hearts at Confirmation to help set us "on fire." *One who is on fire cannot sit on a chair!*

So, as Christians on fire, we have to inflame people to care, to serve, and to bless one another with all the gifts of Faith. We should allow that fire to burn off the impurities in us, and bring out the purity of the gold and silver within us.

### Inspiring Quote

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."  
—Leo Buscaglia (AKA "Dr. Love"—author, speaker, and university professor)

## August—The Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

### The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Monday, August 15th



The Assumption of Mary is one of the four Marian dogmas of the Catholic Church. (The word "assumption" derives from the Latin word *assumptio* meaning "taking up"). Pope Pius XII defined it in 1950 in his apostolic constitution *Munificentissimus Deus* as follows:

We proclaim and define it to be a dogma revealed by God that the immaculate Mother of God, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven. Because she belonged to Christ, Mary, our queen is raised on high, a great sign for all who believe in her son.

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### Father Joseph on Vacation

Fr. Joseph will be gone on a short vacation starting on Tuesday, August 16th, to Wednesday, August 24th.

There will be NO daily Mass during this time. Fr. Joe Reeves will be here for the weekend Masses on August 20th and the 21st. Please keep both priests in your prayers.



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### Calling All Parishioners Ages 18 to 35!



Fr. Sibi, Pastor of St. Edward the Martyr, in Sisters, invites all young adults to a B-B-Q at St. Edward's on Sunday, August 28th, at 4 p.m. This will be a social event with food, music, yard games, and the chance to make new friends!

This is a perfect opportunity for young people to find fellowship here in Central Oregon. We especially welcome those who have not yet introduced themselves to the group. We are a growing community, and we can't wait to meet you!

Contact Kelly Jones at: [kelly@stfrancisbend.org](mailto:kelly@stfrancisbend.org) or Julianne Robinson at: [j19.robinson@gmail.com](mailto:j19.robinson@gmail.com) for additional information.

### Religious Education News

For all those who have children who will be attending Religious Education at St. Joseph Catholic Church, the following is some important information:



- ◆ Open Registration is August 30th, 31st, and September 1st, from 12 to 6 p.m. After these dates, you will need to call Barbara Dalton at (541) 410-3720 to schedule an appointment to register. Registration is \$40 per student.
- ◆ Please make sure you have your child's Baptismal Certificate and any Sacramental Certificates.
- ◆ "Meet and Greet" will be held on Wednesday, September 14th, from 3 to 3:30 p.m., for all grades. This will give all parents and students an opportunity to meet their teacher.
- ◆ First day of class will be on Wednesday, September 21st, from 3:30 to 5 p.m., for Grades 1 through 5.
- ◆ Confirmation Students will also be on Wednesday, September 21st, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me.

—Thank you, Barbara Dalton DRE

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### Women of St. Joseph

Ladies of St. Joseph Parish, please mark your calendars for a special event on Saturday, September 17th, at 10 a.m.



There going to be a "Guest Speaker" and refreshments. This is a great opportunity to see how

you can give of yourself and enhance your spirituality. More information will be forthcoming.

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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

