

Fr. Joseph's Corner
 "The Slave and the Lion" (author unknown)



Once upon a time there was a slave, who was treated very poorly by his master. So, the slave runs away to the forest.

There in the forest he comes across a lion that was in a great deal of pain because of a thorn in its paw. The slave felt sorry for it, and he bravely went forward and removed the thorn very gently. The lion goes on its way without hurting the slave.

Several days later, the slave's master goes hunting in the forest. He catches many animals and puts them in cages. Then the slave is spotted by the masters' servants, who catch him and bring him to the cruel master.

The master tells his servants to throw that runaway slave into one of the cages. And, in fact, he was thrown into the lion's cage!

The slave was awaiting his death in the cage when he realized that it was the same lion that he had helped. The slave then rescued the lion again and all the other caged animals.

Moral of the Story:

We should always help others in need because we will receive the rewards of our helpful acts in return.

—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	\$3,076.00



St. Joseph Catholic Church
 150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754
 August 7, 2022 † 19th 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
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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	08/08/2022	8:00 a.m.	Walter Husar (D)	Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c; Matthew 17:22-27 [M]
Tuesday	08/09/2022	8:00 a.m.	Bob Maska (D)	Ezekiel 2:8-3:4; Matthew 18:1-5,10, 12-14
Wednesday	08/10/2022	12:00 p.m.	Ensley Edgerly (L)	2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26 [F]
Thursday	08/11/2022	8:00 a.m.	Edward Ordway (D)	Ezekiel 12:1-12; Matthew 18:21-19:1 [M]
Friday	08/12/2022	12:00 p.m.	Odes Jennings (D)	Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63; Matthew 19:3-12
Saturday	08/13/2022	5:00 p.m.	Peg Ontko (D)	Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53
Sunday	08/14/2022	9:00 a.m.	Kathi Jell (D)	Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53
Sunday	08/14/2022	12:00 p.m.	Beby Winslow (D)	Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

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

Today's Homily

Luke 12:32-48
Parable of The Servants



JESUS OFTEN TAUGHT by telling parables. He would take a common subject or event that the people would know about and weave in the lesson He wanted them to hear. Many times, He would give the story a bit of a quirky ending or include something that would turn the story upside down to get the crowd's attention. He did this in the story of the servants waiting on their master to return from a wedding. In Jesus' day, servants were slaves, even though in the Roman Empire the higher class of slaves shared the household of the master and often had excellent educations. But they were still owned by their master and were expected to serve them.

In the parable of the vigilant servants, the twist Jesus threw in was that when the master returned from the wedding, those servants who were prepared for his return were in for a big surprise. Instead of ordering them to feed him, prepare his bath or whatever else he might want, the story says that he will seat them at table and begin to wait on them instead. This is a new and unexpected twist that His listeners would not expect to hear. Ordinarily, no master of an Eastern household would ever wait on his servants. He would expect them to wait on him, no matter how tired they were or how hard they had worked. Then, when the master was satisfied, they could sit down and eat for themselves.

This was a whole new concept for Jesus' listeners to grasp, but it introduced the new Christian concepts of values. Christ is showing that he will come and be of service and wait on His followers. Remember: He told His disciples, "I have not come to be served, but to serve," and at the Last Supper, He washed the feet of the Apostles. He would make His life a life of service to them, preaching to them, curing them of sickness and helping them in every way—even to the point of giving His life for them. This new and startling concept turned their cultural value system upside down. By telling this story, Jesus was giving a vision of

the wonders that await those who are prepared at His second coming.

Normally, when we think of being ready, we usually think of being prepared for the worst thing that could happen—such as putting locks on the doors in case of thieves, or life jackets in the boat in the event of an accident, etc. However, in the parable, it is a case of getting ready for the best. It was a wedding festival with friends, music, dancing, and good food.

The Kingdom of God is like a wedding feast—only it's better! It is a joyous occasion filled with all good things, and where Jesus wants us to join Him in the celebration.

This parable focuses on the unpredictable return of Jesus and our need to be prepared for His return. He's saying to us, "Ready or not, here I come." Isn't it interesting that most of us believe in preparation for many uncertainties, but not with the most important event of our lives?

The return of Jesus IS a certainty. We can never know precisely when He will return or when we will die, but His return is certain. We must constantly watch, being always faithful and ready so that we may be found worthy to share in the heavenly banquet He has prepared for us. So, the question of the parable is not whether Christ is coming again, or when He is coming, or even how He is coming. The point is about being prepared for His coming and ready to receive Him whenever He comes—now or later.

In the road of life which we follow, there are many uncertainties and distractions. We don't know where the road will take us; we don't know when it will end. But one thing is certain. At the end of the journey, our Lord will be there to meet us—to welcome us into the heavenly kingdom . . . IF we have prepared ourselves. Preparation cannot be a "sometime" thing but living each moment of our life for Jesus. If we can do that, we will be prepared to greet our Master whenever He comes.

Inspiring Quote

"The best way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing."

—Walt Disney

August—The Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Father Joseph/Vacation



Fr. Joseph will be gone on a short vacation starting **Tuesday, August 6th 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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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



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Senior Center

The Senior Center in Prineville has asked that we post the schedule of events and the luncheon menu for the month of August for all seniors 60+. Please check out the bulletin board in the Narthex.

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Something New



Does Bingo pay off? Well, yes it does! Thanks to the Knights of Columbus and their weekly Bingo, we now have a new refrigerator in the Parish Hall kitchen. We had to put the old refrigerator to "rest," as it was no longer cooling off, and the

cost to fix it was just not worth it. So, this is just one more reason why you should support the K of C Bingo on Wednesday Nights!

Liturgical Ministry



All those involved in the Liturgical Ministry had a great opportunity to attend training with **Bishop Liam Cary** and **Fr. Victor Mena**.

It was a good refresher for those who have, maybe, forgotten the reasoning behind the "why" at Mass.

There are so many roles that need to be filled within any Parish, and it is the members of the Church who make this happen. As stated before, we are currently in great need of the following ministries:

- ✠ **Acolyte:** A person assisting the celebrant in a religious service or procession.
- ✠ **Altar Server:** A lay assistant to a member of the clergy during a Christian liturgy.
- ✠ **Sacristan:** The person who sets up for Mass and cleans up after Mass.
- ✠ **Lector:** The lector participates in Liturgies by singing or reciting selected biblical texts.
- ✠ **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** A lay person who distributes Holy Communion.
- ✠ **Choir:** Those who sing the Mass.

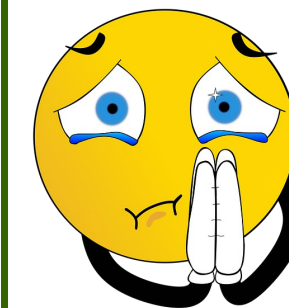
Take another step forward—and commit to not only attending Mass—but being a part of the Mass by joining one the Liturgical Ministries.

Please call the Parish Office at (541) 447-6475 to sign up to be part of your own Parish.

All Ministries require a Background Check and a Safe Environment Class through the Catholic Mutual Group.

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Please Help If You Can



David Herman is a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, and he resides at the Carriage Place, 150 SE Williamson Dr.

His brother, **Peter**, brings him to Church on Sundays for the 9 a.m. Mass. However, he would like to know if anyone would be willing to take David back to the Carriage Place afterward because Peter is a member of another Church, and the times do not coordinate. If you can help, please call the Parish Office at (541) 447-6475.