

Fr. Joseph's Corner "The Foolish Donkey"

A salt seller used to carry the salt bag on his donkey to the market every day.

On the way they had to cross a stream.

One day the donkey suddenly tumbled down the stream, and the salt bag also fell into the water. The salt dissolved in the water and, hence, the bag became very light to carry. The donkey was happy.

Then the donkey started to play that same trick every day.

The salt seller came to understand the trick, and he decided to teach a lesson to the donkey.



The next day, the salt seller loaded a bag full of cotton on the donkey. And again, it played the same trick, hoping that the cotton bag would become even

lighter still. But the dampened cotton became very heavy to carry, and the donkey suffered. It also learned a good lesson, and it didn't play the trick anymore. And the seller was very happy.

Moral of the story:

Luck won't favor always!

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List:

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



September 2022 Weekly Offertory



Date	Needed	Offering
September 04, 2022	\$4,400.00	\$4,503.00
September 11, 2022	\$4,400.00	
September 18, 2022	\$4,400.00	
September 25, 2022	\$4,400.00	

Inspiring Quote:

"Believe in yourself, and there will come a day when others will have no choice but to believe with you."

—Mufasa, "The Lion King"

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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

September 11, 2022 † 24th 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	09/12/2022	8:00 a.m.	No Mass	1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33; Luke 7:1-10
Tuesday	09/13/2022	8:00 a.m.	No Mass	1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a; Luke 7:11-17 [M]
Wednesday	09/14/2022	12:00 p.m.	No Mass	Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17 [F]
Thursday	09/15/2022	8:00 a.m.	No Mass	1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 19:25-27 [M]
Friday	09/16/2022	12:00 p.m.	No Mass	1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 8:1-3 [M]
Saturday	09/17/2022	5:00 p.m.	Malcolm Arian (D)	Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13
Sunday	09/18/2022	9:00 a.m.	Edwin Weigand (D)	Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13
Sunday	09/18/2022	12:00 p.m.	Robert Schoales (D)	Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13

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



TODAY'S GOSPEL combines three parables that explore God's abundant mercy. The parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin show God's mercy, contradicting conventional human wisdom.

Leaving 99 sheep to find one who strayed is a bad business decision for a human shepherd, and the woman's party to celebrate the found coin might cost more than the coin. Both parables present God's mercy as hopelessly foolish. Why? Because, as the parables explain in vivid narrative, God's mercy is greater than human wisdom.

The "Parable of the Lost Son" best elaborates Jesus' saving ministry. The younger son's demands to receive his inheritance early equates to dismissing his father. His misuse of the funds on parties and prostitutes shows him in an even worse light. It is, however, while suffering the consequences of his decisions that the lost son "sees the light" and returns home.

The father, who parallels God, celebrates the return of the ungrateful son, much to the surprise of everyone in the story. Most surprised is the older, good son who has followed all of his father's instructions. The story closes when he indignantly confronts their father.

In its original setting, the parable represents as the "good son" those Palestinian Jews, such as the Pharisees, who strictly kept the law. It pictured the "lost son" as those who had slipped

away from Jewish customs, as well as the Gentiles, who had never known them.

In Luke's view, Jesus gears his entire ministry toward winning back those who are lost. This was controversial information for those who had never left, but the meaning of the story is clear: God's mercy is inclusive, powerful, and beyond human wisdom. In God's view, the fatted calf dinner celebrates not so much good works as a resurrection from death to new life.

Today we are treated to a story-soaked Gospel. Jesus offers three parables that each point to the deep worth God sees in each individual—whether that be a person, a sheep, or even a coin. God cares about all and is concerned when even one goes missing or astray. God values all of creation with divine love. There is no being for whom God will not search high and low to find and call back home.

Which character do you connect with in today's Gospel? Are you like the prodigal son, feeling lost and unsure, hoping your loved ones will take you back? Are you like the father, eager to forgive a loved one and yearning for your family to be reunited? Are you like the elder son, trying to please everyone and pining for attention?

The Prodigal Son is a story of reconciliation. To be reconciled with another does not dismiss the hurt. Rather, to reconcile is to embrace God's steadfast mercy and work toward healing. Where is reconciliation needed in your life?

Bingo Night Is Moving



Please note that the Knights of Columbus Bingo will be moving to **Thursday Night** starting on **September 15th**. Please come and support our parish with some good fun and great camaraderie.

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Women of St. Joseph Parish Are Invited

Ladies of St. Joseph Parish: Please mark your calendars for a special event on **Saturday, September 17th**, at the St. Joseph Parish Hall:

- ◆ **9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast: Rolls, Scones, Fruit, and Beverages**
- ◆ **10 a.m. Guest Speaker: Marie Becker from the Diocese of Baker Office of Evangelization & Catechesis Team.**

This is a great opportunity to see how you can give of yourself and enhance your spirituality. And—there will be "Door Prizes!"

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Mexico Independence Day Celebration

On **Saturday, September 17th, between 12 to 7 p.m.**, at Pioneer Park, the Prineville Hispanic Family Council invites you to enjoy some history about Mexico's Independence Day (Sept. 16th). There will be live music, dancing, piñatas, delicious food, and activities for the family. Posters are in the Narthex on the Bulletin Board.



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Mother Teresa: "No Greater Love"

In Theaters Monday, October 3rd, and Tuesday, October 4th, at the Regal Old Mill 16, 680 SW Powerhouse Dr, Bend, OR 97702

Twenty-Five years have passed since the death of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, sparking a renewed interest in this spiritual giant of the 20th Century. Filmed on five continents and featuring unprecedented access to institutional archives and the apostolates of the Missionaries of Charity, this film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today.

RCIA / RCIC

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process in which adults become full, participating members of the Catholic Church.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) is intended for children, not baptized as infants, or who are baptized but have not received any formal catechesis, who have attained the use of reason (age 7+), and are of catechetical age.

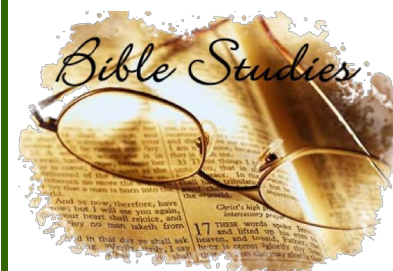
The Church extends an invitation to all who wish to become members of the Catholic faith. Those who go through the RCIA process fall under one of the following categories:

- ◆ Someone who has never been baptized.
- ◆ An individual who was baptized in another Christian denomination and wishes to become a member of the Catholic faith.
- ◆ Someone who was baptized in the Catholic Church, but never received the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.
- ◆ Someone who has been away from the Catholic Church and would like a renewal.

Once someone becomes a member of the Church, his or her journey doesn't end there. The journey of faith lasts a lifetime. If you, or someone you know, would like to take this journey, please contact the Parish Office at (541) 447-6475. Classes will begin on **September 20th** for RCIA and RCIC, **from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

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Bible Study



Many have asked if we will be having Bible Study again.

Fr. Joseph and Sue Godat have met, and they have decided that it will begin when he returns from his trip to India.

The first class will be held on **Wednesday, November 2nd, at 1:30 p.m.** There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex on the table. There must be at least 10 people in attendance to move forward. More information will follow as time gets closer. Please call **Sue Godat** if you have any questions at (406) 439-6582.