

Fr. Joseph's Corner "The Best Friends"

A story tells about the two friends who were walking together through the desert. During some point of the journey, they had an argument—and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, he wrote in the sand:

"Today my best friend slapped me in the face."

They kept on walking until they found an oasis where they decided to take a swim. But the one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire, and he started to drown! However, the friend saved him. After the boy recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone:

"Today my best friend saved my life."

The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him:

*"After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand.
And now you write on a stone—why?"*

The other friend replied, "When someone hurts us, we should write it down in sand where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it."



MORAL OF THE STORY:

Don't value the THINGS you have in your life. But value WHO you have in your life.

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List:

- ◆ David Leonard ◆ Margaret Halsey ◆ Kathie Leonard
- ◆ Anita Marquez ◆ Mike Mulvihill ◆ Dolores Koivisto
- ◆ Carl Johnson ◆ Sue Gerke ◆ Steve Forrester
- ◆ Fulvia & Ben Guyger ◆ Bill O'Brien
- ◆ 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	\$2,515.00
September 18, 2022	\$4,400.00	
September 25, 2022	\$4,400.00	



Inspiring Quote:

"When one door of happiness closes, another opens, but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one that has been opened for us." —Dr. Seuss

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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

September 18, 2022 † 25th 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

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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	09/19/2022	8:00 a.m.	No Mass	Proverbs 3:27-34; Luke 8:16-18
Tuesday	09/20/2022	8:00 a.m.	No Mass	Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Luke 8:19-21 [M]
Wednesday	09/21/2022	12:00 p.m.	No Mass	Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13 [F]
Thursday	09/22/2022	8:00 a.m.	No Mass	Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9
Friday	09/23/2022	12:00 p.m.	No Mass	Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22 [M]
Saturday	09/24/2022	5:00 p.m.	Henry Yozamp (D)	Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31
Sunday	09/25/2022	9:00 a.m.	John Arian (D)	Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31
Sunday	09/25/2022	12:00 p.m.	Ron & Shirley Lattin (L)	Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31

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

Today's Homily—25th Sunday of Ordinary Time—Year C

IN MY hometown a few years ago, a man took his own life as, sadly, often happens. He was a great family man—he was involved in his local parish, he was well known and respected—and he had also become very wealthy. Everyone was shocked.

After his death, it was discovered that he gained much of his wealth through fraud, and it was about to come to light. He couldn't face it and took his life—a terrible tragedy that no one would want to happen.

One of my sisters-in-law, Claire, used to work as a stenographer (one of the people in court who records every word spoken in each case). She witnessed many court cases, and I remember her saying that many of the cases of fraud and corruption, especially on a large scale, become so complicated that no one can follow them, and they eventually get rejected. It seems that the bigger the crime, the more likely you are to get away with it. One of the judges said to her one time, 'If you want to get away with a crime, don't steal something from Dunnes Stores (Walmart equivalent in the U.S.), steal Dunnes Stores itself!'

We are used to hearing many stories of corruption, and it is always so frustrating because there is usually little or nothing we can do about it. The world economic crash came about because of greed and dishonesty. The prophet Amos refers to the same problem in the first reading, which was written about 800 years before Christ. Humanity doesn't change. However, the good thing is that everyone will be held accountable when they come before God—and why I say that is good news is that even if people get away with corruption now, they will not get away with it when they come before God. We will all be held accountable for our actions.

There is nothing wrong with having wealth, so long as we realize that we have a responsibility



ity to use it properly. I have often heard it said from people who have done very well, "I worked very hard for my money!" No doubt they did, but the poor work hard, too. However, their circumstances are different from the beginning, and they're often trapped at the bottom. If we have done well, thank God for it, but remember Who gave us the opportunities, the health, the education, the abilities, the intelligence. Everything is a gift from God. If God has blessed us in this way, it means that we also have a responsibility to use it well.

Perhaps the Lord gave you money specifically to help people in various situations, but that is where we must be careful to do just that. Money is a very useful thing, but it is only a tool that we can use for good or evil.

As Christians who try to follow the way of the Lord, we must be especially careful that we don't become slaves to money, or see money as an end in itself. It is a tool, and we must use it wisely. This applies to me as a priest as much as to everyone else. People are very generous to us priests, and I have to be careful that I don't just line my pockets instead of making good use of it. I, too, will be accountable before God.

If we are living in luxury, it probably means that others are doing without. Usually when couples have families, they are pressed for cash as they try and provide for their children. But then later on, when children have grown up, you may find that you have more of a surplus, and that's when we must remember to try to provide for the next generation—and for those around us—as others did for us.

Wealth (if we have wealth) and talents have been entrusted to us for a reason. It is up to us to use it well. You cannot serve both God and money.'

—Fr. O'Madagáin, Diocese of Venice, FL

September—The Month of the Seven Dolors of Mary

Catechetical Sunday—September 18th



Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith, and being a witness to

the Gospel. Today, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday, and the theme is: "This is my body given for you."

With these words from the Gospel (Luke 22: 19), the Lord Jesus offers us the gift of himself in the Eucharist. This theme reminds us that the object of all catechesis is Jesus Himself.

The role of the Catechist is, first of all, to be a disciple—and one who draws close to Jesus in the Eucharist—and then to be a witness to others and a companion as they, too, come to know Jesus and to encounter Him in the sacraments.

May we who aspire to be effective catechists—to have unwavering faith in the real presence of Christ—and lead others by teaching and example to encounter Jesus with us at the Eucharistic table.

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Meeting

The Knights of Columbus will have their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, September 20th, at 7 p.m.**, in the Parish Hall.



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Pregnancy Resource Center (PRCCO)



Please come to the Central Oregon Pregnancy Resource Center's Annual "Fall Dessert" Fundraiser to enjoy a dessert and listen to the stories of life changes that have been happening at the Center.

This is a free and unique opportunity to hear about all the miracles that have happened, the lives that have been saved, and the families that have been changed because the PRCCO was available to help. This year, the PRCCO also celebrates the opening of the Madras Center! And it will be a story you will not want to miss!

Details: **Friday, September 30th, at 6:30 p.m.**, at Eastmont Church, 62425 Eagle Rd, Bend, OR 97701. To RSVP, go to: www.centraloregonforlife.org/dessert.

Coats for Kids



Through the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus, the KOC can purchase new, cold-weather, insulated coats in various colors at a special 2-for-1 cost.

For each box of 12 coats, we get 1 box of 12 coats free. We have chosen to purchase 2 boxes (4 total), giving us 48 coats. Half of the coats will be for youth ranging from 2nd- to 9th-Grade boys and girls. The other half will be for teens ranging from 9th- to 12th-Grade boys and girls. We will receive the coats the first week of November. The distribution date and time will be announced at a later date.

At our Knights of Columbus Breakfast on **October 2nd**, we are dedicating this breakfast to "Coats for Kids." All proceeds and donations will go toward the purchase of these coats. You can also make a donation at the Parish Office from **September 19th to the 29th** and, of course, at our Pancake Breakfast. You can also make a donation in a separate envelope with your name and "Coats for Kids" at the offertory at Mass.

Your Parish Knights of Columbus Council appreciates your support in this most needed charity for our youth in need.

—Thank you, *Vivat Jesus*

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"Reflecting the Heart of God"

On **Friday and Saturday, October 14th and 15th**, at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Klamath Falls there will be a Young Women's Retreat. Sessions are planned for late high school and young adult women. There are guest speakers on Saturday, **Kayla Garrison**, and the Sisters of St. John Bosco from Bend. There will be time for Private Prayer, Finding Balance in Your Life, Crafts, *Visio Divina*, and time to chat with the Sisters. Additional information in on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex. Registration forms are on the table.

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Bible Study

The first class will be 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.

Please call **Sue Godat** at (406) 439-6582 if you have any questions.

