

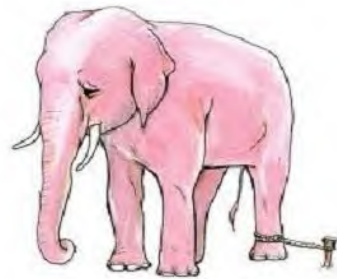
## Fr. Joseph's Corner "The Elephant Rope"

A gentleman was walking through an elephant camp when he noticed that the elephants weren't being kept in cages or held by the use of chains. All that was holding them back from escaping the camp was a small piece of rope tied to one of their legs.

As the man gazed upon the elephants, he was completely confused as to why the elephants did not just use their strength to break the rope and escape the camp. They could easily have done so, but instead, they didn't even try to at all.

Curious and wanting to know the answer, he decided to ask a trainer nearby why they were just standing there and never tried to escape. The trainer replied:

"When they are very young and much smaller, we use the same size rope to tie them. And, at that age, it's enough to hold them. As they grow up, they are conditioned to believe that they cannot break away. They believe the rope can still hold them, so they never try to break free."



### ELEPHANT ROPE

The only reason that the elephants weren't breaking free and escaping from the camp was that, over time, they adopted the belief that it was just not possible!

#### Moral of the Story:

No matter how much the world tries to hold you back, always continue with the belief that what you want to achieve is possible. Believing that you can become successful is the most important step in actually achieving it.

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph

### 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

### August 2022 Weekly Offertory

Date	Needed	Offering
August 07, 2022	\$4,400.00	\$3,369.00
August 14, 2022	\$4,400.00	\$3,115.00
August 21, 2022	\$4,400.00	\$2,532.00
August 28, 2022	\$4,400.00	\$2,955.00



#### Inspiring Quote:

"Never lose sight of the fact that the most important yardstick to your success is how you treat other people."  
—Barbara Bush

## St. Joseph Catholic Church

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

September 4, 2022 † 23rd 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.

Parish Office Telephone: (541) 447-6475

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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	09/05/2022	8:00 a.m.	Patrick Carroll (D)	1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11
Tuesday	09/06/2022	8:00 a.m.	No Mass	1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Luke 6:12-19
Wednesday	09/07/2022	12:00 p.m.	No Mass	1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26
Thursday	09/08/2022	8:00 a.m.	No Mass	Micah 5:1-4a; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 [P]
Friday	09/09/2022	12:00 p.m.	No Mass	1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27; Luke 6:39-42 [M]
Saturday	09/10/2022	5:00 p.m.	Paul C Jones (D)	Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32
Sunday	09/11/2022	9:00 a.m.	Charlie McDermott (L)	Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32
Sunday	09/11/2022	12:00 p.m.	Caroline Williamson (D)	Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32

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

## Today's Homily—23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time—Year C

MANY OF US have heard about beloved Mother Teresa of Calcutta. She lived her life as a witness to this generation of Catholics, and on September 4, 2016, she was canonized by Pope Francis. Today we call her St. Mother Theresa of Calcutta.

We have witnessed her dedication to serving Christ by giving her life to the poorest of the poor. We have watched her embrace everyone—from lepers and abandoned babies—to leaders of nations and the Popes of her time. We have been blessed to hear her give speeches that range from accepting the Nobel Peace Prize to the National Prayers Breakfast in 1994. We have even been given the gift of reading some of her most intimate thoughts and struggles so that we may overcome times of darkness in our own spiritual life.

Today's readings challenge us to the true Christian discipleship of total commitment to the will of God—putting God first in our lives.

Mother Teresa was a true disciple of Jesus, and today's readings challenge us to be a true disciple of Jesus, by putting our total commitment to the Will of God, putting God first in our lives, and seeing Jesus in the poorest of the poor. This is what Mother (St.) Teresa did in her life.

There are some conditions that Jesus put forward to us. If you want to be my disciple, deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow me.

We must renounce family relationships, giving priority to God. When Jesus said, “. . . hate your family,” He was talking about spiritual detachment—the ability to put God first—before other relationships and before self-interest.



Without such detachment, one does not have the ability to truly follow Jesus. We have to sacrifice our egos—give our lives for others. Taking up one's cross means, not only accepting gracefully from God our pains and suffering, but also

accepting the pain involved in serving others, in sharing our blessings with them, and in controlling our evil tendencies. Carrying one's cross becomes easier when we compare our light crosses with the heavier ones given to terminally ill patients and to the exploited people living in sub-human conditions. The realization that Jesus carries with us the heavier part of our cross also makes our cross-bearing easier and more salvific.

“Follow Me” means to follow Jesus by obeying the word of God and adjusting one's life accordingly. The disciple should be ever ready to obey as Jesus directs him or her through His words in the Bible and through the teaching authority He has instituted in the Church.

Jesus says, in order to become a good disciple, we have to surrender ourselves totally to Him—all that we are and all that we have, sharing our lives with others.

Sometimes giving is very difficult. As St. Mother Teresa said, “Give, but give until it hurts,” because that is what Jesus did, He gave His life for us totally and fully so that we will have life eternal.”

Real discipleship demands true commitment to the duties entrusted to us by life, circumstances, the community or directed by God himself. Let us pray that by loving acts of selfless, humble, and sacrificial live offered to all around us we become true disciples of Jesus.

## September—The Month of the Seven Dolours of Mary

### The Seven Dolours of Mary



Catholics have long associated the Latin term *dolor*, meaning “sorrow” or “pain” with the sorrows of Mary, the Mother of God. She is often pictured with seven swords, representing seven sorrows piercing her sinless heart.

Below are the Seven Sorrows of Mary:

1. The Prophecy of Simeon
2. The Flight into Egypt
3. The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple
4. Mary meeting Jesus as He carried His Cross
5. The Crucifixion
6. Mary receiving the Body of Jesus from the Cross
7. Jesus' Body being placed in the tomb

Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows became a standard devotion in the Church around the 14th Century. It was revealed to St. Bridget of Sweden (1303–1373) that devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary's Seven Sorrows would bring great signal graces. The devotion consists in praying seven Hail Marys while meditating on her Seven Sorrows.

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### Monday, September 5th: Labor Day

“Labor Day” is a federal holiday in the United States, celebrated on the 1st Monday in September to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements of the United States. Labor Day was promoted by the Central Labor Union and Knights of Labor, which organized the first parade in New York City.

In 1887, Oregon was the first State of the United States to make it an official public holiday. By the time it became an official federal holiday in 1894, 30 states in the U.S. officially celebrated Labor Day.

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### Diocese of Baker

If you received a letter or email from the Parish Office in regard to Safe Environment, Background Checks, and/or Classes, please comply ASAP! We must be compliant to the Diocese of Baker and the Catholic Mutual Group. All Volunteers and Liturgists must comply. If you have any questions regarding this mandate, please call the Parish Office at (541) 447-6475. **Final Request:** If you do not complete this by **September 4th**, you cannot teach or serve in any ministry until it is completed.

### Religious Education News—Update

Open Registration was this past week. If you were not able to register your child/children, please be sure to call **Barbara Dalton** at (541) 410-3720 to schedule an appointment for registration. Registration is \$40 per student—cash or checks only.

Please make sure you have your child's Baptismal Certificate and any Sacramental Certificates.



- ◆ A “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 1–5.**
- ◆ **Confirmation students will also be on Wednesday, September 21st, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.**

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

—*Thank you, Barbara Dalton, DRE*

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### Fr. Joseph to Visit India



**Fr. Joseph** will be leaving to go to India to visit his family. He will be gone from **Tuesday, September 6th, to Thursday, October 7th.**

**Fr. Joe Reeves** will be here for the weekend Masses and Saturday Confessions.

Please keep **Fr. Joseph** in your prayers while he is gone, and welcome **Fr. Joe Reeves** as you always do.

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### Women of Saint Joseph—Update

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

**Marie Becker** from the Diocese Office of Evangelization & Catechesis Team is our guest speaker, and refreshments will be served. Don't miss this chance to see how you can give of yourself and enhance your spirituality!

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### Bible Study

Many have asked if we will be having Bible Study again. **Fr. Joseph** and **Sue Godat** met and have decided it will begin upon his return from India. 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. We must have at least 10 people to move forward.

More information will follow closer to the time.