

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"Angels in the Classroom" (author unknown)

A pastor read a letter that he had received from an elementary school teacher, the gist which was as follows:

Last school year, her classroom was made up of little third graders, every one of which came from either a single-parent family, or a dysfunctional family, was undernourished and/or uncared for, lived in an abusive home and was either beaten, bruised, or raped by other family members; one little girl's dad died of Aids, and the list goes on. Her heart bled for these kids.

Before the school year started, she and her husband went to her classroom and prayed over each desk in the room. They prayed that God would place an angel behind each and every child throughout the coming year to watch over them and protect them.

A month or so after the year had started, she gave the children an assignment to write about what they would like to be when they grew up. Everybody was busy with his or her assignment, when Andrew raised his hand. When she asked him what he needed, he asked how to spell "mighty."

After telling him how to spell that word, she asked him why he needed to know.

Andrew said it was because when he grew up, he wanted to be a "mighty man of God."

When he said this, little Mark sitting next to him asked, "So, what's a mighty man of God?"

The teacher, swallowing back her tears, and knowing she could not say anything in the classroom, told Andrew to go ahead and tell Mark what it was.

So, Andrew said, "It's a man who puts on the armor of God and is a soldier for God."

After observing some conversation between Andrew and Mark, the teacher, with a lump in her throat, started to walk away when Andrew motioned with his little forefinger for her to come closer. He whispered to her, asking if she believed in angels.

She told him that she did.

Then he asked her if she thought people could see angels, and she said she thought some people probably could.

Andrew said that he did, and he could see an angel standing behind each kid in the room. . . .

I don't think there was a dry eye in the church that night! We need to remember to pray for all of the teachers, although there is no prayer in school, that they are dedicated enough to pray for the protection of God's angels over the lives of their students. Maybe it wouldn't hurt—even at work.

—Prayerful Wishes, Fr. Joseph



St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754
October 16, 2022 † 29th 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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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	10/17/2022	8:00 a.m.	Elind Egerly (L)	Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21 [M]
Tuesday	10/18/2022	8:00 a.m.	Noel GoodPaster (L)	2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9 [F]
Wednesday	10/19/2022	12:00 p.m.	Mitch Bailey (D)	Ephesians 3:2-12; Luke 12:39-48 [M]
Thursday	10/20/2022	8:00 a.m.	Paula Hobeck (L)	Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 12:49-53
Friday	10/21/2022	12:00 p.m.	Charles Popish (D)	Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59
Saturday	10/22/2022	5:00 p.m.	Gary Bailey (D)	Sirach 35:12-14,16-18; 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18; Luke 18:9-14
Sunday	10/23/2022	9:00 a.m.	Victoria Maska (L)	Sirach 35:12-14,16-18; 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18; Luke 18:9-14
Sunday	10/23/2022	12:00 p.m.	Rhia & Eli Newsome (L)	Sirach 35:12-14,16-18; 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18; Luke 18:9-14

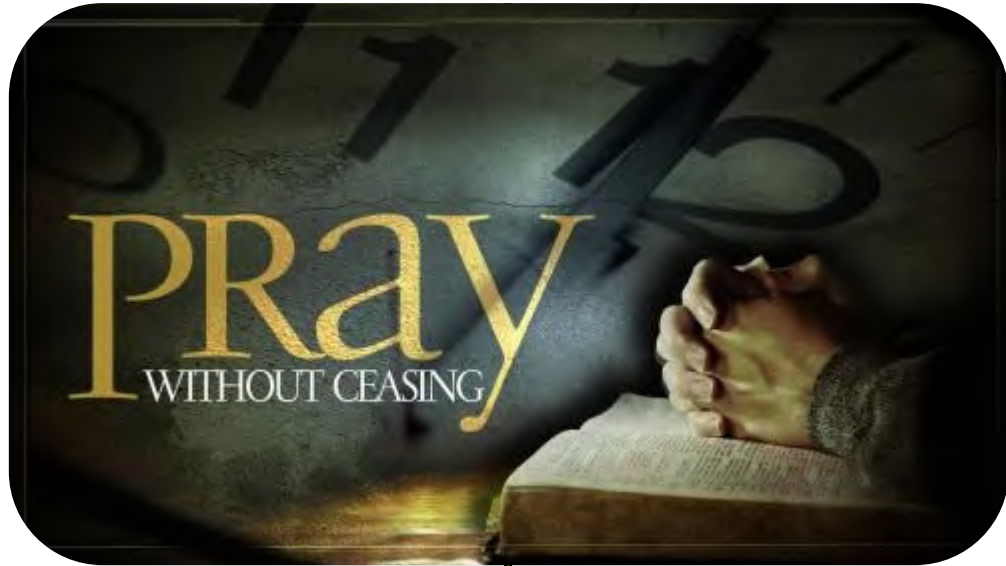
[F] = Feast Day ♦ [M] = Memorial ♦ [S] = Solemnity ♦ (L) = Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

October 2022 Weekly Offertory

Date	Needed	Offering
October 02, 2022	\$4,400.00	\$4,563.50
October 09, 2022	\$4,400.00	\$2,638.04
October 16, 2022	\$4,400.00	
October 23, 2022	\$4,400.00	
October 30, 2022	\$4,400.00	



Today's Homily



TODAY'S READINGS are mainly about prayer—perseverance in prayer in living faith, constancy in prayer, and trust in God as we pray. They are also about the Trustworthiness and Justice of God, the type of

Justice that reaches out to the poor and the weak, enabling them to fight against injustice.

In the first reading, Moses, after sending Joshua to fight against Amalek, is presented as making tireless intercession with constancy for the victory of Israel's army. Both Moses and the widow in today's Gospel story teach us how we should pray with trusting Faith and perseverance.

By introducing the parable of the unjust judge and the persistent widow in today's Gospel, Jesus emphasizes the *necessity of praying always and not losing heart*. Constancy in prayer is Faith in action. Jesus presents the widow in today's Gospel as a model of the trust and tenacity with which His disciples are to pray. The widow was asking for something which God would certainly want for her—justice.

We need to combine formal prayers with action prayer: It is ideal that we start our prayers by reading from the Bible, especially the Psalms and the Gospels. Formal, memorized, and liturgical prayers are also essential for the Christian prayer life. Personal prayer is of great importance in our life of prayer.

Talking to God in our own words—praising Him, thanking Him, and presenting our needs before Him—transforms our whole life into prayer. We should perfect our prayers by bringing our-

selves into God's presence during our work several times during the day, and by offering all that we are, that we have, and that we do to God.

Along with formal and memorized prayers, this type of prayer life enables us to pray always, and to pray with constancy and with trusting perseverance.

However, we should not expect to get whatever we pray for. This parable does not suggest that God writes a blank check—guaranteeing whatever we want, whenever we want it, and in the form we ask for..

We conveniently forget the fact that, often, a loving father has to refuse the request of a child, because he knows that what the child asks for would hurt rather than help him (e.g., a knife). God is like that. He knows what to give, when to give, and how to give it. Only God sees time whole, and, therefore, only God knows what is good for us in the long run. That is why Jesus said we must never be discouraged in prayer. Instead, we have to leave the answer to God's decision saying, "Thy will be done." Sincere and persistent prayer makes us ready to accept His will.

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
- ◆ Lyn Rodgers ◆ Jerry Pimentel ◆ Arlene Mura

October—The Month of the Holy Rosary

Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus Meeting will be held this **Tuesday, October 18th, at 7 p.m.** in the Parish Hall.

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World Mission Sunday—October 23rd

World Mission Sunday is celebrated in every Catholic community in the world. It's a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression.

At Mass, we recommit ourselves to our common vocation, through Baptism to be missionaries, through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and by giving generously to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Pope Francis' message for World Mission Sunday this year reflects on the theme: "You shall be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). He reminds us that, "every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ. And the Church, the community of Christ's disciples, has no other mission than that of bringing the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ. To evangelize is the very identity of the Church."

Together, through our prayers and financial support, we bring the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions.

Envelopes are on the table in the Narthex.

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Bingo *** Bingo

Just a reminder that St. Joseph Parish has Bingo **every Thursday evening from 6 to 8 p.m.** There are always specials and drawings and popcorn. Please support the Parish by coming to Bingo.

Holy Days of Obligation

Holy days of obligation are feast days on which Catholics are required to attend Mass and to avoid (to the extent that they are able) servile work. The observance of Holy Days of Obligation is part of the Sunday Duty, the first of the Precepts of the Church, and are listed in Canon 1246 of the 1983 Code of Canon Law. Holy Days of Obligation are days other than Sundays on which Catholics are required to participate in the Mass, the primary form of worship.

Any feast celebrated on a Sunday, such as Easter, falls under normal Sunday Duty and thus isn't included in a list of Holy Days of Obligation.

There are currently 10 Holy Days of Obligation in the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church and five in the Eastern Catholic Churches; in the United States, only six Holy Days of Obligation are observed.

- † January 1st, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- † Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter, the Solemnity of the Ascension
- † August 15th, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- † **November 1st, is the Solemnity of All Saints**
- † December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
- † December 25th, is the Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

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St. Thomas Altar Society



On **Saturday, November 12th**, St. Thomas Catholic Church in Redmond will have their "Homespun Holiday Bazaar." The Parish Center will be open **from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

There will be a Country Store, Grandma's Attic, Handmade items, Quilts, and "Keep Christ in Christmas" gifts. Lunch will also be available: homemade soups, sandwiches, and homemade pies.

Inspiring Quote

Kindness is the only service that will stand the storm of life and not wash out. It will wear well and will be remembered long after the prism of politeness or the complexion of courtesy has faded away.

—Abraham Lincoln