

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"How to Change a Meaningless Life into a Meaningful Life"

This story is about a beautiful, expensively dressed lady who complained that she felt that her whole life was empty—that it had no meaning. So, she went to visit a counsellor to seek out happiness.

The counsellor smiled and called over to the old lady who cleaned the office floors. Then he said to the rich lady, "I'm going to ask Mary here to tell you how she found happiness. All I want you to do is listen to her."

So, Mary put down her broom, sat down on a chair and told her story:

"Well, my husband died of malaria. And then three months later, my only son was killed by a car. I had nobody . . . I had nothing left. I couldn't sleep. I couldn't eat. I never smiled at anyone. I even thought of taking my own life.

"Then one evening a little kitten followed me home from work. Somehow, I felt sorry for that kitten. It was cold outside, and so I decided to let the kitten in. I got it some milk, and the kitten licked the plate clean. Then it purred and rubbed against my leg. For the first time in months, I smiled! And then I stopped to think . . . if helping a little *kitten* could make me smile—maybe doing something for *people* could make me happy.

"So, the next day I baked a batch of biscuits and took them to a neighbor who was sick in bed.

"And then, every day after that, I tried to do something nice for someone. It made *me* so very happy to see someone *else* happy.

"Today, I don't know anybody who sleeps and eats better than I do! I've found so much happiness by giving it to others!"

When the rich lady heard Mary's story, she cried. She had everything that money could buy, but she had lost the things that money *cannot* buy.

Learning From This Story:

The beauty of life does not depend on how happy you are! Rather, it depends on how happy others can be because of you!

—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
- ◆ 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	\$3,065.00
September 25, 2022	\$4,400.00	\$2,479.00

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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

October 2, 2022 † 27th 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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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	10/03/2022	8:00 a.m.	No Mass	Galatians 1:6-12; Luke 10:25-37
Tuesday	10/04/2022	8:00 a.m.	No Mass	Galatians 1:13-24; Luke 10:38-42 [M]
Wednesday	10/05/2022	12:00 p.m.	No Mass	Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14; Luke 11:1-4
Thursday	10/06/2022	8:00 a.m.	No Mass	Galatians 3:1-5; Luke 11:5-13
Friday	10/07/2022	12:00 p.m.	Kathleen Ferguson (L)	Galatians 3:7-14; Luke 11:15-26 [M]
Saturday	10/08/2022	5:00 p.m.	Amber Davis (L)	2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19
Sunday	10/09/2022	9:00 a.m.	Lu Streetman (D)	2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19
Sunday	10/09/2022	12:00 p.m.	Haley Newsome (L)	2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19

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

Today's Homily—27th Sunday of Ordinary Time—Year C

FOR ANYONE WHO has ever felt weak or dull in faith, this week's readings offer a bracing tonic.

In the first reading, we listen in on a dialogue between the prophet Habakkuk, distraught with the violence and corruption around him, and the Lord God responds by dictating a message for His people to the prophet—a message that combines encouragement with exhortation, conveying a sense of divine tough love. Rashness will not win the prize, we learn; only through tenacious faith and just living can one live.

In the second reading, Paul is writing to his younger colleague, Timothy, a companion on his previous missions. Timothy is still at work evangelizing, while Paul awaits an uncertain future in prison. Paul knows well the hardships of the missionary life and exhorts Timothy to summon from within the spiritual strength imparted to him when he was commissioned by Paul for his work. Timothy must “bear [his] share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God” (2 Tm 1:8). Even at this discouraging moment, Paul knows that they share a “rich trust” of faith (1:14). This knowledge should encourage us, as it must have encouraged Timothy.

Finally, in the Gospel of today, we hear Jesus describe the rigors of faithful discipleship as merely what is expected. When the disciples ask for increased faith, he astonishes them with



“... the spirit... of power and love and self-control” (2 Tm 1:7) available to all of us.

The call that Jesus puts out in today's Gospel sounds exhausting. After a long day of labor in the field (or office or home), is Jesus really suggesting we continue working into the night, preparing food and waiting tables—and without any accolades, no less? Jesus is not trying to turn us all into workaholics. Rather, He wants us to be willing to give of ourselves freely in service of others—and to do so not because it will make others think more highly of us, but because it's the right thing to do.

How often do we place a lot of our self-worth in our work? Jesus reminds us today that He does not care how much money you rake in or who you beat out for a promotion. He just wants you, in your most authentic form, ready to lend a hand.

Today's second reading and Gospel draw on elements of nature like fire and seeds to convey Jesus' message. How does the natural world influence your relationship with Jesus?

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His response about how little faith it would take to propel a mulberry tree into the sea. Disciples of all times have much to ponder in this image. How could we cultivate such faith? Yet the mulberry tree analogy hints at the same hidden treasure that Paul was describing:

Inspiring Quote

“Sing like no one's listening, love like you've never been hurt, dance like nobody's watching, and live like it's heaven on earth.” —Attributed to various sources

October—The Month of the Holy Rosary

Coats for Kids



Our Knights of Columbus breakfast this **Sunday, October 2nd**, is dedicated to “Coats for Kids.” All proceeds and donations will go toward purchasing coats for those in need within our parish and community.

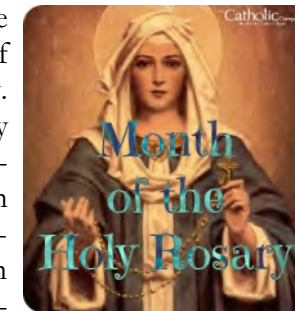
Your Parish Knights of Columbus Council appreciates your support in this most needed charity for our youth in need.

—Thank you, *Vivat Jesus*

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October—Month of the Holy Rosary

This Friday, October 7th, the Church celebrates the feast day of Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary. The feast day was established by Pope St. Pius V on the anniversary of the victory at Lepanto on October 7, 1571. The naval victory was attributed to the Virgin Mary whose intercession was entreated through the recitation of the Holy Rosary.



The Church then proceeded to dedicate the entire month of October to the Holy Rosary so that individuals, families, and communities would pray the Holy Rosary, if possible, on a daily basis for peace in the world. “Not only do we earnestly exhort all Christians to give themselves to the recital of the pious devotion of the Rosary publicly, or privately in their own house and family—and that unceasingly—but we also desire that the whole of the month of October (in this year) should be consecrated to the Holy Queen of the Rosary” (Pope Leo XII; *On Devotion of the Rosary*, September 1, 1883).

“Because Mary is our mother, devotion to her teaches us to be authentic sons: to love truly, without limit; to be simple, without the complications which come from selfishly thinking only about ourselves; to be happy, knowing that nothing can destroy our hope. “The beginning of the way, at the end of which you will find yourself completely carried away by love for Jesus, is a trusting love for Mary.”

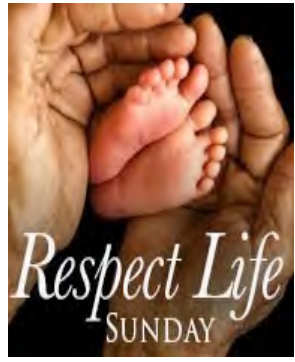
“I wrote that many years ago, in the introduction to a short book on the rosary, and since then I have often experienced the truth of those words. I am not going to complete that thought here with all sorts of reasons. I invite you to discover it for yourself, showing your love for Mary, opening your heart to her, confiding to her your joys and sorrows, asking her to help you recognize and follow Jesus.”

—*St. Josemaria Escriva; Christ is Passing By, no. 143*

Respect Life Sunday

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the **first Sunday of October** is observed as “Respect Life Sunday.”

As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable—from the beginning of life to its end—and at every point in between.



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Annual Clergy Assembly



Fr. Joseph will be attending the Annual Clergy Assembly at Powell Butte from **Monday, October 10th, through Friday, October 14th.**

There will be NO Daily Mass during those dates. The Mass schedule will resume on **Saturday, October 15th, with the 5 p.m. Mass.**

Please pray for our bishop and priests who will be attending the Assembly.

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“Seen”

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance

If you have lost a baby due to miscarriage, abortion, still-birth, premature labor or for any other reason, we want you to know that you are not alone.

On this special evening we will commemorate your baby, and bring a voice to the silent grief by remembering together on **Saturday, October 15th, at 6 p.m.** (doors open at 5:30 p.m.), at Riverview High School Theater, in Redmond, Oregon.

Seating is limited; reserve your free tickets online at: PRCCO.ORG/SEEN.

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U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking



It's “Trick or Treat” time, and tricking potential victims into promising them something they may never be able to get on their own is a given for traffickers, and it is the way they make their money.

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