

## Fr. Joseph's Corner

"A Glass of Milk"

One day, a poor young boy who was selling goods from door to door to pay his way through school, found he had only one thin dime left, and he was hungry. So, he decided he would ask for a meal at the next house. However, he lost his nerve when a lovely young woman opened the door. Instead of a meal, he asked for a drink of water. She thought he looked hungry, so she brought him a large glass of milk. He drank it slowly, and then asked, "How much do I owe you?"

"You do not owe me anything," she replied. "Mother has taught us never to accept pay for a kindness." The boy said, "Then I thank you from the bottom of my heart."

As Howard Kelly left that house, he not only felt stronger physically, but his faith in God and man was strong also. He had been ready to give up and quit.

Years later, that same young woman became critically ill. The local doctors were baffled, and so they finally sent her to the big city, where they called in specialists to study her rare disease.

Dr. Howard Kelly was called in for the consultation. When he heard the name of the town she came from, a strange light filled his eyes. Immediately he rose and went down the hall of the hospital to her room. Dressed in his doctor's gown he went in to see her. He recognized her at once.

He went back to the consultation room, determined to do his best to save her life. From that day on, he gave special attention to the case.

After a long struggle, the battle was won. Dr. Kelly requested that the business office pass the final bill to him for approval. He looked at it, then wrote something on the edge, and the bill was sent to her room.

She feared to open it, for she was sure it would take the rest of her life to pay for it all. Finally, she looked, and something caught her attention on the side of the bill. She read these words:

"Paid in full with one glass of milk!"

(Signed)

Dr. Howard Kelly

Tears of joy flooded her eyes as her happy heart prayed: "Thank You, God, that Your love has spread abroad through human hearts and hands!"

—Prayerful Wishes, Fr. Joseph

**"You don't owe me anything," she replied with happiness.**  
**Mother has taught us never to accept pay for kindness."**



### 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	\$2,938.00
October 23, 2022	\$4,400.00	
October 30, 2022	\$4,400.00	



## St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754  
 October 23, 2022 † 30th 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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 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	10/24/2022	8:00 a.m.	Howard Tocher (D)	Ephesians 4:32-5:8; Luke 13:10-17
Tuesday	10/25/2022	8:00 a.m.	Abandoned Souls in Purgatory (D)	Ephesians 5:21-33; Luke 13:18-21
Wednesday	10/26/2022	12:00 p.m.	Aaron Kurtz (L)	Ephesians 6:1-9; Luke 13:22-30
Thursday	10/27/2022	8:00 a.m.	Marilyn Gilday (D)	Ephesians 6:10-20; Luke 13:31-35
Friday	10/28/2022	12:00 p.m.	Amelia Caraveo (L)	Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16 [F]
Saturday	10/29/2022	5:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory (D)	Wisdom 11:22-12:2; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2; Luke 19:1-10
Sunday	10/30/2022	9:00 a.m.	Garilynn Tocher (L)	Wisdom 11:22-12:2; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2; Luke 19:1-10
Sunday	10/30/2022	12:00 p.m.	Haley Newsome (L)	Wisdom 11:22-12:2; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2; Luke 19:1-10

## Today's Homily

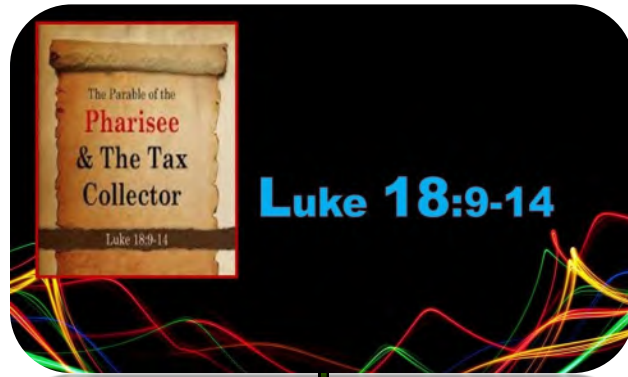
TODAY'S GOSPEL is one to which every believer needs to pay close attention. It is the story of two believers, a Pharisee, and a tax collector. It is important to underline the facts that both men were believers in the same God, both belonged to the same religion, and both worshipped in the same temple.

Both men were active believers who participated in temple worship and said their daily prayers. But what do we see? At the end of the worship one of them went home at peace with God but the other did not. We all, believers in God, need to pay attention to this story not only to learn the secret of offering a worship acceptable to God but also of leading a life of faith that leads to justification and not disappointment at the end of the day.

It will help us to appreciate the point of this parable if we try to understand a little bit more of who the Pharisees were. It often comes to us as a surprise to hear that the Pharisees were, in fact, very disciplined and devout men of religion. Pharisees were serious-minded believers who had committed themselves to a life of regular prayer and observance of God's Law. In fact, they went beyond the requirements of the law. They fasted twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays, even though the law only required people to fast once a year, on the Day of Atonement. They gave tithes of all their income and not just of the required parts.

When the Pharisee in the parable said, **"I am not like other people—thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income"** (Luke 18:11-12), he wasn't kidding. Few Christians today can measure up to the visible moral standards of the Pharisees.

Tax collectors, on the other hand, were generally regarded as people of low moral standards. Because tax collectors worked for the pagan Romans, mixed up with them, and constantly handled their unclean money. They were said to be in a state of ritual uncleanness. As far as the religion of the day was concerned, tax collectors were public sinners on the highway to hell. But the tax collectors knew that the voice of people was not always



**Luke 18:9-14**

is what people believe about God and how their faith in God affects their view of themselves and of others. The Pharisees believed in a discriminating God who loves good people and hates bad people. People behave like the God they believe in. So, the Pharisees quickly learn to love only good people like themselves and look down with contempt on bad people and sinners like the tax collectors.

Jesus told this parable against the Pharisees because they **"trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt"** (verse 9).

The tax collector, on the other hand, trusted not in himself or in anything he had done but only in God's mercy. Standing far off, he would not even look up to heaven but beat his breast and he prayed, **"God, be merciful to me—a sinner!"** (verse 13). This is the man who went home at peace with God and not the self-righteous Pharisee.

Like the Pharisee and the tax collector, we too have come to God's house to offer worship and prayers. Like them, we too hope to go home at the end of this Holy Mass reconciled and at peace with God. Then let us learn from the tax collector the secret of worshipping in a manner that is acceptable to God: firstly, we should not listen to other people or even to our own consciences when they tell us that God is so angry with us that He cannot possibly forgive us; secondly, we must acknowledge our sinfulness and entrust ourselves to the generous mercy of God which is bigger than any sins we might have committed; and finally, we promise God to never look down on our fellow sinners but to help them in their search for God, just as the tax collector is helping us today in our search for God. Remember: God always opposes the proud, but He gives grace to the humble.

the voice of God. They still hoped for salvation—not on the merit of any religious or moral achievements of theirs—but on the gracious mercy of God. Believing in God does not really save anybody. James tells us that the devil himself believes in God and trembles with fear (James 2:19). Rather, what really matters

### 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

### All Saints Day



**November 1st is the Solemnity of All Saints—a Holy Day of Obligation.**

Let us rejoice in all the men and women, blest in the eyes of the Lord, who celebrate the heavenly liturgy. They stand in God's

holy place and sing of the love the Father has bestowed upon them through the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, as we celebrate all those who are with God already, our hope is that we too, by being faithful to our baptismal call, may one day join them in complete union with God. **Please note that Mass times are 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.**

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### All Souls Day

**November 2nd is All Souls Day—the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed.**

On this day we remember and pray for all those who have died. We believe that our love relationship with God endures for all eternity, with God always ready to welcome and embrace us. We also believe that death does not separate the living from those who have died. Just as we ask each other for prayers during our lifetime, we continue that practice even beyond death. If you do not receive Church envelopes, there are envelopes in the Narthex on the table to commemorate someone on this special day.

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### Bible Study



Bible Study will return on **Wednesday, November 2nd, at 1:30 p.m.**, in the Parish Hall Kitchen. You will be exploring a series called, "The Bible and the Church Fathers," presented by Matthew Leonard and Scott Hahn.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call **Sue Godat** at (406) 439-6582.

### Oktoberfest

St. Thomas Catholic Church in Redmond will sponsor "Saturday Night Live—Catholic Style," with an Oktoberfest, on **Saturday, November 5th, starting at 5:30 p.m.** German sausage, potato salad, sauerkraut and dessert will be served. Guest speaker will be Keith Nester. "Why Catholicism is Awesome!" a former Protestant Pastor's Journey and Perspective. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased via a phone call to St. Thomas Parish Office at (541) 923-3390. Refer to the flyer on the Bulletin Board.



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### Christmas Bazaar

The Christmas Bazaar is on **Saturday, November 12th**. Please refer to the insert in today's bulletin. If you have any questions or concerns, please call **Nancy Redfern** at (541) 508-9872. Everyone's help is greatly appreciated.



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### The Precepts of the Catholic Church

The Precepts of the Church, sometimes called the Commandments of the Church, are certain laws considered binding on the faithful. In modern times there are five: 1) Attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Mass begins and ends with the Sign of the Cross. Try not to come late or leave early. 2) Confession of serious sin at least once a year. 3) Reception of Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter season. 4) Observance of the days of fast and abstinence, and 5) Providing for the needs of the Church.

Always remember: these precepts are minimum levels of participation in the life of the Church. Out of love for Christ and a desire to advance in the spiritual life, you will normally try to do far more than they require: 1) Attend Mass at least one more time a week; 2) Go to confession at least once a month; 3) Receive the Eucharist at every Mass if you meet the guidelines for reception.; 4) Make a habit of practicing penitential and charitable acts beyond those required by the precepts of the Catholic Church.

### Inspiring Quote

Never chase love, affection, or attention. If it isn't given freely by another person, it isn't worth having.

—Unknown