

## Fr. Joseph's Corner

**"Is God a Biker?" (author unknown)**

**A** little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six-pack of root-beer, and he started his journey. When he had gone about three blocks, he met a long-haired, bearded biker sitting by his motorcycle. He was in the park just relaxing amongst nature and staring at some gulls. The boy sat down next to the handsome biker and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink of his root-beer when he noticed that the bearded man looked a little hungry, so he offered him a Twinkie.

The biker gratefully accepted it and smiled warmly at the little boy. His smile was so pretty, and his eyes gleamed so warmly that the boy wished to see the smile again, so he offered him a root-beer. Again, the friendly man smiled nicely at the boy. The child was delighted!

**The two of them sat there all afternoon** munching on twinkies and smiling happily, but they never exchanged a word.

**As darkness came**, the boy realized how tired he was, and he got up to leave. But before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the biker man and gave him a hug. The biker gave the boy his biggest, warmest smile ever, and the boy ran off to his home. When the boy opened the door of his house a short time later his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face.

**She asked him**, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" **He replied**, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? He's got the coolest motorcycle I've ever seen!" **His Mom just stood there with her mouth wide open!**

**Meanwhile, the lonely, bearded man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home.** His pet mouse was so awestruck by the look of peace on his face that he asked, "Hey, what did you do today that made you so happy?" **He replied**, "I ate Twinkies in the park today with God." And before the mouse responded, he added, "You know, Mouse, God is much younger than I expected."

**Moral:** Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. Embrace all equally!

- When we share laughter, there is twice the fun.
- When we share success, we have surpassed what we have done.
- When we share problems, there is half the pain.
- When we share tears, a rainbow follows rain.
- When we share dreams, they become more real.
- When we share secrets, we reveal our hearts.
- If we share a smile, that is when our love shows.
- If we share a hug, that is when our love grows.
- If we share with someone on whom we depend, that person is always Family or friend.

In addition, what draws us closer and makes us all care is not what we have, but the things that we share.

*—Love and Prayers, Fr. Joseph*



### 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	\$2,389.00
October 30, 2022	\$4,400.00	



## St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754  
**October 30, 2022 † 31st 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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#### 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	10/31/2022	8:00 a.m.	All Bishops, Priests, & Religious	Philippians 2:1-4; Luke 14:12-14
Tuesday	11/01/2022	8:00 a.m.	Marilyn Gilday (D)	Rev. 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a [S] (HDO)
Wednesday	11/02/2022	12:00 p.m.	Kathy Leonard (L)	Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11; John 6:37-40 [C]
Thursday	11/03/2022	8:00 a.m.	All Souls in Purgatory (D)	Philippians 3:3-8a; Luke 15:1-10
Friday	11/04/2022	12:00 p.m.	Betty Bailey (D)	Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 16:1-8
Saturday	11/05/2022	5:00 p.m.	Mary Sutton (L)	2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thes. 2:16–3.5; Luke 20:27-38
Sunday	11/06/2022	9:00 a.m.	Mildred Kappel (D)	2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thes. 2:16–3.5; Luke 20:27-38
Sunday	11/06/2022	12:00 p.m.	Romero Villagomez (D)	2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thes. 2:16–3.5; Luke 20:27-38

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

## Today's Homily

THE COMMON THEME of today's readings is the benevolent, forgiving mercy of God for sinners, and the response of repentance and conversion expected from us.

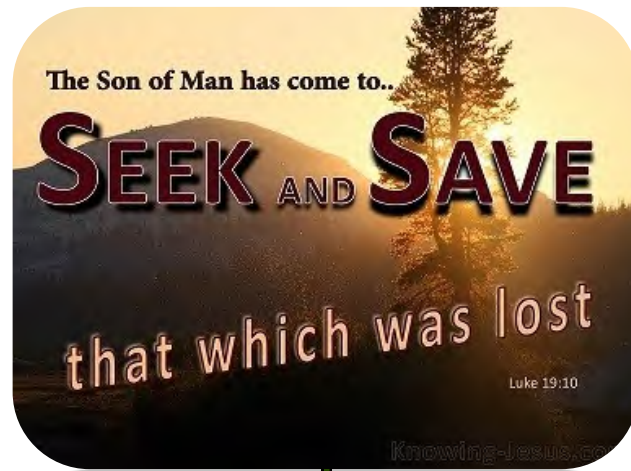
The first reading reminds us that God's Almighty Power includes His strength to be merciful. That is why God, Who created the universe, mercifully waits

for sinners to repent. He "rebukes the offenders little by little," "warns them of their sins," and reminds them to "abandon their wickedness." God continues to love us even when we do not love Him in return. The reading focuses on the love God has for all He has created—the love that overlooks sin to give us time for repentance.

In the second reading, St. Paul encourages the Thessalonians to persevere in their Christian Faith, giving glory to God without idly waiting for the "second coming" of Christ in their lifetime. He advises them to continue living good Christian lives every day, allowing God to work their lives so that they may be worthy of their vocation as Christians.

"We always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of His call and may fulfill every good resolve and work of Faith by His power" (2 Thessalonians 1:11). St. Paul advises his Christian community to place its trust in the Lord, and to rely on His love and mercy. He wants them to endure their daily circumstances patiently and to stop worrying about the next day's possible troubles—especially those rumors about the end-time.

Today's Gospel presents the beautiful story of the instantaneous conversion of the tax-collector, Zacchaeus, whom God's grace led to a moment of



conversion. In the account, it describes how Jesus recognized Zacchaeus for exactly what he was—a lost sinner in need of a Savior—and it shows us how God's grace worked in Zacchaeus to lead him from idle curiosity to repentance, conversion, and restitution. This episode emphasizes the fact that such a conversion can

only result from a person's fully receiving the love, acceptance, and grace offered to everyone by a merciful Lord.

We need to accept the Divine invitation for repentance. We are all sinners to a greater or lesser degree. Jesus is inviting each one of us to total conversion today. Let us remember that Jesus loves us in spite of our ugly thoughts, broken promises, sullied ideals, lack of prayer and Faith, resentments, and lusts. Hence, let us admit our sinfulness and accept God's call to repentance, conversion, and renewal of life.

Let us love others as Jesus loved Zacchaeus, despite his sins. Parents and teachers need to accept children lovingly, without first setting up standards of behavior as conditions for being loved. Husband and wife may have qualities that irritate each other. But they should not, because of that, withhold love from each other. Nor should they withhold their love from a rebellious teenager making stupid and even dangerous choices because of immaturity and peer-pressure.

We are called to generosity: Jesus wants us to move from our small and feeble Faith to a greater and more powerful Faith, just as Zacchaeus did. He also wants us to be financially and spiritually generous.

## October—The Month of the Holy Rosary



### Month of November

The month of November is dedicated to the *Holy Souls in Purgatory*. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven:

☛ **Tuesday, 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.**

☛ **Wednesday, November 2nd**, is the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (all Soul's Day). 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.

It is a dogma of our faith that the suffering souls are relieved by the intercession of the Saints in heaven and by the prayers of the faithful upon earth. To pray for the dead is therefore an act of charity and of piety, certainly obligatory for a Christian who professes to have charity in his heart. We read in Holy Scripture: "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins" (2 Maccabees 12:46).

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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.

### Anniversary for Fr. Joseph

The Priestly Ordination of **Fr. Joseph Kunnelaya** took place at **10 a.m. on Monday, November 5, 1984**. What a blessed day for all!

Fr. Joseph has just completed his 38th year as a Roman Catholic Priest. He has had the privilege to be a: Resident Priest, Parish Priest, Pastor, Director of Seminarians, Principal of Loyola High School, Member of Diocesan Consult, and a Visiting Professor—and that is just to name of few of his accomplishments. He has several degrees and has written many papers for the Priests in his home Diocese. It is our blessing to have this dedicated Pastor with us at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Prineville.

Please join us on **Saturday, November 5th, and Sunday, November 6th, after Mass**, to celebrate **Fr. Joseph's Ordination** with cake and refreshments and many blessings from his Parish Family.

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### Christmas Bazaar



Just a reminder that the Christmas Bazaar will be held on **Saturday, November 12th**. The doors open at **9 a.m.** Cinnamon rolls and coffee will be available for \$4. **Note: All items need to be dropped off on Friday, November 11th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** We are looking forward to another successful bazaar, thanks to everyone's help.

—*Thank you Nancy Redfern*

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### Coffee and Donuts

Do you miss Sunday morning coffee and donuts and a time to chat with your friends? Well, the Knights of Columbus and our St. Joseph Ladies want to bring this back with no cost to the parish.



How is this possible? The Knights of Columbus are collecting aluminum cans and plastic **bottles (no glass) to use just for the coffee and donuts. This will supplement the cost, so donations are still needed. This will begin on Sunday, November 20th, after the 9 a.m. Mass.** Please bring your cans and plastic bottles to the Parish Hall, Monday through Thursday. There will be containers to place any loose cans or bottles and the balance in bags. Thank you so much for the support of this Ministry.

### 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 ◆ Anita Marquez

### Inspiring Quote

"You are the sum total of everything you've ever seen, heard, eaten, smelled, been told, forgot—it's all there. Everything influences each of us, and because of that, I try to make sure that my experiences are positive.

—*Maya Angelou*