

# Fr. Joseph's Corner

## "Installing LOVE"

The following is an imaginary conversation of an individual with a Spiritual Master (in computer language):



**Tech Support:** Yes, how can I help you?

**Customer:** Well, after much consideration, I've decided to install LOVE. Can you guide me through the process?

**Tech Support:** Yes, I can help you. Are you ready to proceed?

**Customer:** Well, I'm not very technical, but I think I'm ready. What do I do first?

**Tech Support:** The first step is to open your HEART. Have you located your HEART?

**Customer:** Yes, but several other programs running now. Is it okay to install LOVE while they are running?

**Tech Support:** What programs are running?

**Customer:** Well, I have PAST HURT, LOW SELF-ESTEEM, GRUDGE, and RESENTMENT running right now.

**Tech Support:** No problem. LOVE will gradually erase PAST HURT from your current operating system. It may remain in your permanent memory, but it will no longer disrupt other programs. LOVE will eventually override LOW SELF-ESTEEM with a module of its own called HIGH SELF-ESTEEM. But you must completely turn off GRUDGE and RESENTMENT. Those programs prevent LOVE from being properly installed. Can you turn those off?

**Customer:** I don't know how to turn them off. Can you tell me how?

**Tech Support:** With pleasure. Go to your START MENU and invoke FORGIVENESS. Do this as many times as necessary until GRUDGE and RESENTMENT have been completely erased.

**Customer:** Okay, done! LOVE has started installing itself. Is that normal?

**Tech Support:** Yes, but remember that you have only the base program. You need to begin connecting to other HEARTS in order to get the upgrades.

**Customer:** Oops! I have an error message already. It says: "Error—Program not run on external components." What should I do?

**Tech Support:** Don't worry. It means that the LOVE program is set up to run on INTERNAL HEARTS, but it has not yet been run on your HEART. In nontechnical terms, it simply means that you have to LOVE yourself before you can LOVE others.

**Customer:** So, then, what should I do now?

**Tech Support:** Pull down SELF-ACCEPTANCE. Then click on the following files: FORGIVE SELF, REALIZE YOUR WORTH, and ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR LIMITATIONS.

**Customer:** Okay, done!

**Tech Support:** Now, copy them to the MY HEART directory. The system will overwrite any conflicting files and it will begin patching up faulty programming. Also, you need to delete VERBOSE SELF-CRITICISM from all of your directories, and empty your RECYCLE BIN to make sure it is completely gone and never comes back.

**Customer:** Got it. Hey! Now my HEART is filling up with new files. SMILE is playing on my monitor. Also, PEACE and CONTENTMENT are copying themselves all over MY HEART. Is this normal?

**Tech Support:** Sometimes. For others it takes awhile, but eventually everything gets it at the proper time. So LOVE is now properly installed and running.

One more thing before we hang up. LOVE is "Free-ware." Be sure to give it and its various modules to everyone you meet. They will, in turn, share it with others and return some cool modules back to you.

**Customer:** Thank you—and thank God!

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph

### October 2022 Weekly Offertory

Date	Needed	Offering
October 02, 2022	\$4,400.00	\$4,563.50
October 09, 2022	\$4,400.00	
October 16, 2022	\$4,400.00	
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 9, 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.

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	10/10/2022	8:00 a.m.	No Mass	Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Luke 11:29-32
Tuesday	10/11/2022	8:00 a.m.	No Mass	Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41
Wednesday	10/12/2022	12:00 p.m.	No Mass	Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46
Thursday	10/13/2022	8:00 a.m.	No Mass	Ephesians 1:1-10; Luke 11:47-54
Friday	10/14/2022	12:00 p.m.	No Mass	Ephesians 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7
Saturday	10/15/2022	5:00 p.m.	Esther Bailey (D)	Exodus 17:8-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8
Sunday	10/16/2022	9:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Kunnelaya (L)	Exodus 17:8-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8
Sunday	10/16/2022	12:00 p.m.	Trinidad Vargas (D)	Exodus 17:8-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8

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

## Today's Homily

THE FIRST READING presents an unusual story from the Old Testament in which God heals the Syrian military man, Naaman. This Gentile trusted the Israelite prophet, Elisha, to heal his leprosy in the water of the river Jordan, and then he professed faith in the God of Israel.



This story offers a scriptural precedent for Luke's theological perspective that Gentiles will have a covenant relationship with God along with Israel.

In Luke's earlier account of Jesus' rejection at Nazareth, the Lord had indicated His Father's inclusiveness by referring to the example of Naaman.

Later in the Gospel, Jesus heals a leper who is not a Jew—but a Samaritan. Samaritans were descendants of ancient Israelites who had intermarried with the Assyrians who invaded and destroyed the Northern Kingdom in the 8th Century BC. They were no longer considered part of God's people. Though they had adopted some Mosaic traditions, they did not worship at the Temple in Jerusalem. Thus they remained culturally and ritually separate. Violence was common between the neighboring peoples, and it was considered dangerous to travel through the other's territory. For a Samaritan to return to thank Jesus, a Jew, would have been a bold move.

The Samaritan leper and Naaman the Syrian exemplify Luke's theological outreach. Both are outsiders who show great fidelity to the God of Israel after a miracle touches them. These examples contrast with the Israelites who witnessed the exodus in Egypt but fell in the desert. The stories of the two outsiders also exemplify the scriptural tradition that God looks to reclaim all creation in a binding relationship.

While God gave Israel a special place of agency in his plan of salvation, that did not preclude His relationships with others. God created the entire universe. No people, custom, or earthly power can limit His love and mercy.

- ◆ Jesus shows that returning can be a sacred act in today's Gospel. So often, we focus on the forward—plans for next weekend, extra effort for a promotion, hopes for a future family life. There doesn't seem to be much value in looking back. But the thankful leper demonstrates how the acts of returning to past events and giving thanks build a strong foundation for the present and future. Returning enables us to move forward with greater confidence and purpose, trusting that the same God who came through for us before will grace us with compassion again.
- ◆ The leper not only faced a damaging health disease but was deemed ritually unclean and therefore ostracized from the community. There are too many modern-day lepers who face exclusion and disrespect: people of color, immigrants, and women, just to name a few.
- ◆ With the Lord there is His mercy and the fullness of redemption for all His people. And who are we to say who His people are? In today's readings, we hear of divine healings extended to those outside of the commonly held boundary of God's people. As we celebrate this Eucharist, in which Christ gives Himself for the life of the world, let us call to mind those people we consider outsiders or less deserving, and ask ourselves how we might extend God's mercy to them.

—2022 Sourcebook Year C

### Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List:

- ◆ Ben Guyger ◆ Bill O'Brien ◆ Linda Arian ◆ Joan Holland
- ◆ David Leonard ◆ Margaret Halsey ◆ Kathie Leonard
- ◆ Anita Marquez ◆ Mike Mulvihill ◆ Dolores Koivisto
- ◆ Carl Johnson ◆ Sue Gerke ◆ Steve Forrester
- ◆ Lyn Rodgers ◆ Jerry Pimentel ◆ Arlene Mura



## October—The Month of the Holy Rosary

### 6th Year Anniversary



Last week, on October 6, 2016, Fr. Joseph Kunnelaya came to St. Joseph Parish, here in Prineville, as not only our priest, but as our friend. We have been so very blessed to have such a wonderful and devoted Pastor.

The desire to be a Catholic Priest is born from the love of God—because only God can so thoroughly conquer the heart of man with a voice as soft, delicate, and forgiving as his. Fr. Joseph displays his love each and every day.

Thank you, Fr. Joseph, for your love and commitment to this Parish!

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### Christmas Bazaar Meeting

On Monday, October 10th, at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall, there will be a meeting for this year's Christmas Bazaar, which will be held on Saturday, November 12th.

We are looking for some brainstorming ideas for the Bazaar.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Nancy Redfern at (541) 508-9872.



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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 the priests who will be attending the Assembly.

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### Inspiring Quote

“Be the reason someone smiles.  
Be the reason someone feels loved  
and believes in the goodness in people.”

—Roy T. Bennett,  
in *Light in the Heart*

### “Seen”

#### Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance

If you have lost a baby due to miscarriage, abortion, stillbirth, 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](http://PRCCO.ORG/SEEN).

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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 Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Collection.

Pope Francis' message for World Mission Sunday for 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 available on the table in the Narthex.**

—St. Josemaria Escriva,  
“Christ is Passing By,” no. 143

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#### Coats for Kids

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all those parishioners who contributed to “Coats for Kids.” Because of your generosity, we were able to double our order, so that now we will have 96 coats to distribute to our parish family and the community of Prineville. More information will be forthcoming on the distribution date. Once again, a heartfelt thank you.

Vivat Jesus!  
—Knights of Columbus

