

## Fr. Joseph's Corner "Children" (Author Unknown)

We can often learn the most valuable lessons from our children.

Some time ago, a friend of mine punished his 3-year-old daughter for wasting a roll of gold-colored wrapping paper.

Money was tight, and he became infuriated when the child tried to decorate a box to put under the Christmas tree.

Nevertheless, the little girl brought the gift to her father on Christmas morning and said, "This is for you, Daddy."

He was embarrassed by his earlier overreaction, but his anger flared again when he found that the box was empty. He yelled at her, "Don't you know that when you give someone a box as a present, there's supposed to be something inside of it?"

The little girl looked up at him with tears in her eyes and said, "Oh, Daddy, it's not empty. I blew kisses into the box. And all of them are for you, Daddy!"

The father was absolutely crushed. He put his arms around his little girl, and he begged her for her forgiveness.

My friend told me that he kept that box by his bed for years. And whenever he was feeling discouraged, he would take out an imaginary kiss, and remember the love of the child who had put it there.

In a very real sense, each of us, as parents, has been given a gold container filled with unconditional love and kisses from our children. There is no more precious possession that anyone could hold.

—Prayerful Wishes, Fr. Joseph



### What Does "Happy New Year" Even Really Mean?

The New Year symbolizes the ending of one year and the beginning of another.

We celebrate this event—yet it is only a moment in time—like any other day.

But it is also considered a time when new beginnings can happen.

Be determined to have a Happy New Year!

Don't go into the New Year holding a grudge from last year.

The Catholic Church encourages us to pray for peace, health, and prosperity during the New Year.

Happy New Year!

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

🙏 David Leonard 🙏 Steve Forrester 🙏 Carl Johnson 🙏 Rick Nolte  
 🙏 Mike Mulvihill 🙏 Margaret Halsey 🙏 Lyn Rodgers 🙏 Lloyd Rodgers  
 🙏 Dolores Koivisto 🙏 Jerry Pimentel 🙏 Ben and Fulvia Guyger  
 🙏 Sammi Pedersen 🙏 Anita Marquez 🙏 Georgia Fitzgerald 🙏 Sue Gerke  
 🙏 Mary Beth McCauley 🙏 Pierre Jones 🙏 Kathy Thompson 🙏 Joan Holland

## St. Joseph Catholic Church

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January 1, 2023 † The Solemnity of Mary

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.
Mondays • Tuesdays • Thursdays	8:00 a.m.
Wednesdays • Fridays	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	01/02/2022	8:00 a.m.	Daniel Husar (L)	1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28 [M]
Tuesday	01/03/2022	8:00 a.m.	Linda Arian (D)	1 John 2:29-3:6; John 1:29-34
Wednesday	01/04/2022	12:00 p.m.	Betteye Steber (D)	1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42 [M]
Thursday	01/05/2022	8:00 a.m.	Bertha Thaler (D)	1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51 [M]
Friday	01/06/2022	12:00 p.m.	Dorothy Dumouchelle (D)	1 John 5:5-13; Mark 1:7-11
Saturday	01/07/2022	5:00 p.m.	Skye Rickerson (L)	Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12
Sunday	01/08/2023	9:00 a.m.	Lu Streetman (D)	Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12
Sunday	01/09/2023	12:00 p.m.	Ladislado Robles (D)	Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

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

## Today's Homily

Happy  
New  
Year

WISHING YOU  
A YEAR OF  
IMMEASURABLE  
BLESSINGS  
AND JOY!

THANK YOU FOR being God's instrument of blessing in my life by your valuable prayers and encouraging support in the past six years. I assure you of my special prayers every day in the New Year 2023 during my Holy Masses. May the Holy Spirit of God continue to empower you and guide you in your life and strengthen you in your weakness. May God bless you every day of the New Year!

Prayerful New Year Greetings. Since we celebrate the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God on New Year's Day, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Peaceful New Year? I pray that the Lord Jesus and His Mother Mary may enrich your lives during the New Year with an abundance of Divine blessings. Today's Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, is a very appropriate way to begin a new year, reminding us to rely on the powerful intercession of our Heavenly Mother. The Church also observes the World Day of Peace on this day and invites us to pray specially for lasting peace in the world throughout the New Year.

**Today's first reading** gives us the beautiful Divine blessing from the book of Numbers for the New Year, and the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 67) begs for that blessing.

**In the second reading**, Paul reminds the Galatians and us that God's Son has become one of us through Mary and that it is through her son, Jesus, that we have become the children of God.

**Today's Gospel** describes how the shepherds spread to all their neighbors the Good News surrounding the birth of Jesus which the angel had revealed to them, and how Mary treasured "all these things" in her heart. The Gospel also tells us that on the day of Jesus' Circumcision, the Child received the name Jesus that had been chosen by God Himself.

We honor Mary primarily because God honored her by choosing her to become the mother of Jesus—the Second Person of the Holy Trinity—when He took on human flesh and became man, as stated in the

the Bible. The angel said to Mary: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you shall call His Name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most

High . . ." (Lk 1:30–32)

After the Angel had received her consent to become the mother of Jesus, the Blessed Virgin Mary visited Elizabeth. At Mary's greeting, Elizabeth said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me, that the Mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Lk 1:42–43; RSV 2 Catholic) Hence, the Council of Ephesus affirmed in AD 431 that Mary was truly the Mother of God (Theotokos), and in AD 451, the Council of Chalcedon affirmed the Divine Motherhood of Mary as a dogma, an official doctrine of the Holy Catholic Church.

Let us strive to be pure and holy like our Heavenly Mother. All mothers want their children to inherit or acquire their good qualities. Hence, let us honor Mary, our Heavenly Mother, by practicing her virtues of trusting Faith, obedience to the word of God, purity and humble, selfless, committed service.

Let us make the New Year meaningful by having every day a) some noble thing to dream, b) something good to do, and c) Someone to love, the first person being Jesus.

Let us sanctify every day of the New Year: a) by offering every morning, all the activities of the day for God's glory, thus transforming them into prayers, b) by asking for the anointing and strengthening of the Holy Spirit to do good to others and to avoid evil, c) by remaining faithful to our family prayers and Bible reading at night, d) by asking God's pardon and forgiveness for our sins committed during the day, and e) by seeking God's special protection during our sleep. But before we sleep, let us say, "Good night, Lord," repeating Jesus' last words from the cross, "Father, into Your hands I commend my spirit."

## January—The Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

### MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 56th WORLD DAY OF PEACE

1 JANUARY 2023

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### The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God



Today, **January 1st**, is the feast day of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We honor her motherhood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It reminds Christians of the role she played as the Blessed Virgin, which eventually led to their salvation. After all, the birth of Christ wouldn't have been possible without Mary!

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### Coffee & Donuts

Reminder that coffee and donuts are being served in the Parish Hall after the 9 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

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### RCIC and Religious Education

Please make note that **RCIC** will resume on **Tuesday, January 3rd**, and all Religious Education Classes will resume on **Wednesday, January 4th**.

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### Saint of the Week

On **Wednesday, January 4th**, we celebrate the **Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**.

As a young New Yorker, Elizabeth—an Episcopalian—married a wealthy merchant and bore five children. Illness took her husband's life, but the faith and generosity of her husband's friends and business associates drew her to Catholicism, and she was received into the Church.

After her husband's death, she was destitute, with no one to turn to for help. To support her children, Elizabeth first attempted to start a hospital, which failed. She then accepted the invitation of the Sulpicians to start a school, St. Joseph's Academy, in Emmitsburg, Maryland. This was the first free Catholic School in the U.S.A. And it was staffed by the newly founded Sisters of Charity, the first community of religious women founded in the new nation.

Elizabeth's only goal was to do God's will, as God willed it, and because God willed it.



### Retreat with the Eucharist

All are invited to join **Fr. Richard Roemer** of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, for a one-day Retreat, focusing on the Holy Eucharist at the 27th Street St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Bend, on **Saturday, January 7th, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. There is no cost, but a freewill collection will be taken to support the Mission of the Franciscan. You can register online at [stfrancisbend.org/retreat](http://stfrancisbend.org/retreat).

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### The Epiphany of the Lord

The Epiphany of Our Lord is observed next Sunday, on **January 8th**. The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek *epiphainen*, a verb that means "to shine upon," "to manifest," or "to make known." Thus, the Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world, mainly the three events that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ: the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1–12), the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9–11), and the miracle at Cana (John 2:1–11).



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### Eucharistic Revival

Also on **Sunday, January 8th, at 5:30 p.m.**, throughout the Diocese of Baker, parishes will open their church doors for a special **Holy Hour of Adoration** before the Blessed Sacrament as we launch the National Eucharistic Revival in the Diocese of Baker. Come and take part as we all seek to enrich our lives anew with the Bread that comes down from heaven. Everyone is encouraged to come.

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### Bingo Celebration



For anyone who has not been to Bingo lately, well, let me tell you—this has become the best social group of friends! On **Thursday, December 22nd**, all those who come to Bingo regularly from our parish and Prineville surprised even the Knights of Columbus with an array of snacks, and sandwiches, and desserts to make it a very festive evening for all.

**Kathy Friese** made beautiful Christmas arrangements that were given away in a special drawing, along with some yummy chocolate-covered cherries. **WOW!** Our KOC Bingo group really knows how to party! If you have not partaken in Bingo, make this part of your New Year plans.