

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"Grains of Sand: The Beggar's Rags" (Author Unknown)

A BEGGAR LIVED near the king's palace. One day he saw a proclamation posted outside the palace gate. The king was giving a great dinner. Anyone dressed in royal garments was invited to the party. The beggar was on his way. He looked at the rags he was wearing and sighed. Surely only kings and their families wore royal robes, he thought. Slowly an idea crept into his mind. The audacity of it made him tremble. Would he dare?

He made his way back to the palace. He approached the guard at the gate. "Please, sire, I would like to speak with the king."

"Wait here," the guard replied. In a few minutes, he was back. "His majesty will see you," he said, and led the beggar in.

"You wish to see me?" asked the king.

"Yes, your majesty. I want so much to attend the banquet, but I have no royal robes to wear. Please, sire, if I may be so bold, may I have one of your old garments so that I, too, may come to the banquet?"

The beggar shook so hard that he could not see the faint smile that was on the king's face. "You have been wise in coming to me," the king said. He called to his son, the young prince. "Take this man to your room and array him in some of your clothes."

The prince did as he was told, and soon the beggar was standing before a mirror, clothed in garments that he had never dared hoped for. "You are now eligible to attend the king's banquet tomorrow night," said the prince. "But even more important, you will never need any other clothes. These garments will last forever."

"Oh, thank you," the beggar cried.

But as he started to leave, he looked back at his pile of dirty rags on the floor. He hesitated. What if the prince was wrong? What if he would need his old clothes again? And so, he quickly gathered them up.

The banquet was far greater than he had ever imagined, but he could not enjoy himself as he should. He had made a small bundle of his old rags, and it kept falling off his lap. The food was passed quickly, and the beggar missed some of the greatest delicacies.

Time proved that the prince was right. The clothes lasted forever. Still the poor beggar grew fonder and fonder of his old rags. As time passed people seemed to forget the royal robes he was wearing. They only saw the little bundle of filthy rags he clung to wherever he went. They even spoke of him as the old man with the rags.

One day as the beggar lay dying, the king visited him. The beggar saw the sad look on the king's face when he looked at the small bundle of rags by the bed. Suddenly the beggar remembered the prince's words, and he realized that his bundle of rags had cost him a lifetime of true royalty.

He wept bitterly at his folly. And the king wept with him.

—Prayerful Wishes, Fr. Joseph



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 🕯 Joan Holland

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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January 22, 2023 † 3rd 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.
Mondays • Tuesdays • Thursdays	8:00 a.m.
Wednesdays • Fridays	12:00 p.m.

*Coffee and Donuts are served after the 9 a.m. Mass.

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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 AND CENACLE GROUP: Every Monday after the 8 a.m. Mass.
- ♦ FRIDAY ROSARY at 11:30 a.m., MASS at 12:00 p.m., EXPOSITION of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following Mass, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 1–2 p.m., BENEDICTION AND REPOSITION



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	01/23/2022	8:00 a.m.	Daniel Husar (L)	Hebrews 9:15, 24-28; Mark 3:22-30
Tuesday	01/24/2022	8:00 a.m.	Tina Hill (L)	Hebrews 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35 [M]
Wednesday	01/25/2022	12:00 p.m.	Anna Olsen (D)	Acts 22:3-16; Mark 16:15-18 [F]
Thursday	01/26/2022	8:00 a.m.	Haley Newsome (L)	2 Timothy 1:1-8; Mark 4:21-25 [M]
Friday	01/27/2022	12:00 p.m.	Caroline Williamson (D)	Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34
Saturday	01/28/2022	5:00 p.m.	Kathie Leonard (D)	Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12a
Sunday	01/29/2023	9:00 a.m.	Mary Ellen Kelly (D)	Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12a
Sunday	01/29/2023	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Parish Family (L)	Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12a

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

Today's Homily

Today's readings show that the early Christians understood how Jesus had fulfilled the expectations of ancient Israel. Describing the humble beginning of the public ministry of Jesus, today's Scripture readings teach us that Christ has brought us from the darkness of sin into the Light of God (4:16) by calling us to repentance (4:17) and the acceptance of God's rule over us.

The first reading contains the prophetic reference to Christ as the Light that dispels darkness. Matthew wanted his readers to recognize that the Light of which Isaiah spoke had finally appeared with the coming of Jesus. The refrain for today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 27) reminds us. *The Lord is my Light and my Salvation.* The second reading advises the Corinthians to live as children of the Light, avoiding divisions and rivalries, because several factions had arisen among the Corinthian Christians, each claiming allegiance to its first Christian teacher or to a particular Apostle.

In today's Gospel passage (Mt 4:12-23), Matthew explains that what Isaiah prophesied has been fulfilled through the preaching and healing ministry of Jesus. By his ministry of inviting people to the Kingdom of God through repentance, Jesus has brought Light to peoples living in darkness, thus fulfilling God's original promise. In addition, the Gospel describes the call of the first disciples (4:18-22), and Jesus' own preaching, teaching, and healing ministry which has led people to repent of their sins and accept the Good News of God's rule (the Kingdom of God). He has also chosen ordinary fishermen with no formal training in Mosaic Law to preach the Good News, and they have been very effective instruments in the hands of the Holy Spirit, continuing Jesus' mission to the world.

We need to appreciate our call to be Christ's disciples: Every one of us is called by God, both individually and as Church members. The mission of preaching, teaching, and healing which Jesus began in Galilee is now the responsibility of the Church. Our own unique vocation and relationship with the risen Lord is never separated from the Body of the universal Church. Be we monk, priest, married, or single lay persons, male or female, we are all called, and in this call we become what God wants us to be. Our response to the call begins with our Baptism and Confirmation, the Sacraments of Initiation.



That response is strengthened through the years by the Eucharist and Reconciliation and is made manifest in Matrimony or Holy Orders.

We are healed and consoled in the Anointing which also prepares us for death. In addition, God is relentless in calling us back to Himself when we stray from Him. Let us make personal efforts, then, to see the Light of Christ and to grow in holiness by learning the truths that are revealed through the Holy Catholic Church and its Sacraments. Let us be shining lights in

the world as Christ was, and let us make a personal effort to bring others to the Truth and the Light, so that they may rejoice with us in the Church, the mystical Body of Christ, the present, developing form of the Kingdom of God.

God sends us to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom: "Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in the synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness among the people" (Mt 4:23). Equally today, the Word of God, the promoting of the Good News of the Kingdom of Heaven, heals all kinds of ills. The Word of God transforms hearts so that victims may forgive those who have harmed them, those who have physically, sexually, or psychologically abused them.

When we receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, we are sent forth to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom and to defend the Catholic Faith. Like Peter, James, and John, we are asked by Jesus to take on the work of discipleship; we are asked to leave our "fishing nets"—our own needs and wants—to follow the example of love and servanthood given us by Jesus; we are asked to rebuild our lives, homes, and cities in the justice and peace that Jesus proclaims. As we continue with the celebration of the Holy Mass, let us ask the Lord Jesus to give us the strength and perseverance to answer His calling so that we may faithfully serve the Lord according to His Divine Will.

We need to become the light of the world, as Jesus was the Light in darkness: The mission and role of Christians is to receive the light of Christ and radiate it to everyone as love, kindness, mercy, forgiveness, humble service, and respect for those with different ethnic backgrounds, different lifestyles, other faiths, or no faith at all. With a little bit of Christ's Light, we become a veritable lighthouse, illuminating the way for many and removing the darkness caused by hatred, spite and jealousy.

January—The Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

Friday Schedule

Beginning last Friday and all Fridays thereafter:

- ◆ *Rosary* at 11:30 a.m.
- ◆ *Mass* at 12:00 p.m.
- ◆ *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament* immediately following Mass
- ◆ *Adoration for 1 hour.*
- ◆ *Benediction*
- ◆ *Reposition*

Fr. Joseph would like to have Adoration in one-hour increments up to 5 p.m. We will need two adorers for each hour. Please sign up for a one-hour time or to be a substitute to spend one hour present with the Blessed Sacrament. The schedule will be posted once we have adorers. The Blessed Sacrament cannot be left alone. If you cannot make your scheduled time, you will need to find a replacement.

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Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children



The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 373, designates **Sunday, January 22nd**, as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children."

"Our prayers must continue in earnest for a greater respect for all human life. As Christians, we must respond with charity in support of the life of the child in the womb whose dignity deserves our respect and legal protection, to the mother who is afraid, alone or whose life may be in jeopardy, and with respect for all citizens who struggle with this most divisive issue in our country and our world. As Christians, we cannot react with violence and hatred toward those with whom we disagree. Only the virtue of charity can vanquish evil."

St. Joseph's Right to Life Committee invites you to participate in our Annual "March for Life" THIS SUNDAY, January 22nd, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., on 3rd Street in front of the Historic Crook County Courthouse. Please arrive 15 minutes early to pick up your signs and begin this Holy Hour of Prayer.

Let us continue to pray for and remember our unborn brothers and sisters in the womb. For all those affected by the horrific act of abortion, may the Lord bring His healing, love, and forgiveness to all.

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Prayer Group at St. Joseph

Many members of St. Joseph Parish would like to start a Prayer Group: Praying for the intentions of our parishioners, our young and old, and our nation. If you would like to take part, or if you have a prayer request, please contact **Chris Eason** at (970) 712-0906 or email Chris at dilecti@gmail.com.

Saint of the Week

Francis de Sales (August 21, 1567–December 28, 1622)— Feast day is Tuesday, January 24th. Francis was a Bishop of Geneva, a Doctor of the Church, and he is revered as a saint in the Catholic Church.

Francis became noted for his deep faith and his gentle approach to the religious divisions in his land that had resulted from the Protestant Reformation. He was active in the struggle against Calvinism, and he cofounded the order of Visitation Nuns. He is also known for his writings on the topic of spiritual direction and spiritual formation, particularly the *Introduction to the Devout Life* and the *Treatise on the Love of God*.

In 1923, Pope Pius XI named him the Patron Saint of Writers and Journalists.

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First Sunday Adoration

Starting on **Sunday, February 5th**, and **all 1st Sundays**, there will be a special Holy Hour of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament at **5:30 p.m.** Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament is a time we Catholics take to worship the true God in the person of Jesus Christ Who is really, truly present in the Eucharistic host. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your prayer for that particular hour. When we ask, seek, knock, the door is opened.

Please take part in this time of prayer, forgiveness, and finding resolutions.

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God's Dictionary

Fear: (verb) to be afraid of (someone or something) as likely to be dangerous, painful, or threatening; (noun) an unpleasant emotion caused by the belief that someone or something is dangerous, likely to cause pain, or a threat.

Everyone has fears, everyone becomes anxious, and everyone experiences stressful moments in their life. How can we overcome this fear? Through our faith.

Humble yourself. Change your focus. Surround yourself with people who edify. Seek the Lord—rest in the Lord. Remember God is always with you. Trust God.

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Eucharistic Revival

At the request of **Bishop Liam Cary**, please make the following prayer a part of your daily spiritual life:

O Sacrament most Holy!

O Sacrament Divine!

All praise and all thanksgiving,

Be every moment Thine!

