

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"When I Say . . . 'I'm a Christian;" (by Carol Wimmer)

When I say . . . "I'm a Christian,"
I'm not shouting "I am saved!"
I'm whispering, "I get lost!"
"That's why I chose this way."

When I say . . . "I'm a Christian,"
I'm not claiming to be perfect.
My flaws are all too visible,
but God believes I'm worth it!

When I say . . . "I'm a Christian,"
I don't speak of this with pride.
I'm confessing that I stumble,
and need someone to be my guide.

When I say . . . "I'm a Christian,"
I still feel the sting of pain.
I have my share of heartaches,
which is why I seek His name.

When I say . . . "I'm a Christian,"
I'm not trying to be strong.
I'm professing that I'm weak,
and pray for strength to carry on.

When I say . . . "I'm a Christian,"
I do not wish to judge.
I have no authority—
I only know I'm loved!

When I say . . . "I'm a Christian,"
I'm not bragging of success.
I'm admitting I have failed
and cannot ever pay the debt.

—Prayerful wishes,
Fr. Joseph



Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

David Leonard 🌹 Steve Forrester 🌹 Carl Johnson 🌹 Mike Mulvihill
Lyn Rodgers 🌹 Lloyd Rodgers 🌹 Sammi Pedersen 🌹 Steven Clifton
Dolores Koivisto 🌹 Jerry Pimentel 🌹 Ben Guyger 🌹 Anita Marquez
Georgia Fitzgerald 🌹 Pierre Jones 🌹 Joan Holland

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God's Dictionary

Discernment: Noun—the ability to judge well—perception in the absence of judgment with a view to obtaining spiritual guidance and understanding:

Discernment helps us navigate every area of our lives through Scriptural lenses, so we don't conform to the world but to the image of Christ.

Discernment is a gift from God. If we want to grow in it, we must ask Him.

James 1:5-8 tells us that God delights in such prayers.

He will give us wisdom generously and without reproach when we ask in faith.

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Client Service Coordinator

Ruby Ruiz is now the Client Service Coordinator at our local Latino Community Association (LCA) Office located at 185 NE 4th Street, Prineville, OR 97754. LCA is a local resource center for our Latino Community. Office hours are: Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, please call **Ruby** at (541) 350-8910.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754

March 12, 2023 † 3rd Sunday of Lent

Vigil Mass Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass (English)*	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass (Spanish)	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	03/13/2023	8:00 a.m.	Edward Ordway (D)	2 Kings 5:1-15b; Luke 4:24-30
Tuesday	03/14/2023	8:00 a.m.	Cathy Friese (L)	Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35
Wednesday	03/15/2023	12:00 p.m.	Edward Walwork (L)	Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday	03/16/2023	8:00 a.m.	Clint Giovanini (D)	Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23
Friday	03/17/2023	12:00 p.m.	Ryan Penhollow (L)	Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34
Saturday	03/18/2023	5:00 p.m.	Tom & Mary Norton (L)	1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41
Sunday	03/19/2023	9:00 a.m.	Frank Davis, Jr. (D)	1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41
Sunday	03/19/2023	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph parish Family (L)	1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

(L) = Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

Today's Homily

TODAY'S READINGS are centered on Baptism and new life. *Living water* represents God's Holy Spirit Who comes to us in Baptism, penetrating every aspect of our lives and quenching our spiritual thirst. The Holy Spirit of God, the Word of God, and the Sacraments of God, in the Church, are the primary sources of the *Living Water* of Divine Grace. We are assembled here in the Church to drink this *Water* of eternal life and salvation. Washed in it at Baptism, renewed by its abundance at each Eucharist, invited to it in every proclamation of the Word, and daily empowered by the anointing of the Holy Spirit, we are challenged by today's Gospel to remain thirsty for the *Living Water*, which only God can give.

In today's Gospel, an unclean, ostracized Samaritan woman is given an opportunity to receive the *living water*. Jesus awakened in the woman at the well a thirst for the wholeness and integrity which she had lost—a thirst which He had come to satisfy. This Gospel passage also gives us Jesus' revelation about Himself as the Source of *Living Water* and teaches us that we need the grace of Jesus Christ for eternal life because He is that *life-giving water*.

We need to allow Jesus free entry into our personal lives. A sign that God is active in our lives is His entering into our personal, "private" lives. Jesus wants to "get personal" with us, especially during this Lenten season. Jesus wants to get into our "private" lives because we have a "private" personal life which is contrary to the will of God. Christ wishes to come into that "private" life, not to embarrass us, not to judge or condemn us, not to be unkind or malicious to us, but to free us, to change us, and to offer us what we really need: *living water*. The *living water* is God, the Holy Spirit, Who enters the soul of the woman through Jesus and His love. We human beings are composed of four parts: mind, body, emotions, and spirit. When we let God, the Holy Spirit, come into us and take control of our thinking, our physical activity, our emotions, and our spirit, He can bring harmony to all four parts of our humanity, and so to the way we live. We can find this *living water* in the Sacraments, in prayer, and in the Holy Bible.

We need to be witnesses to God's work in us, just as the Samaritan woman was, proclaiming Jesus as God and Savior through our loving lives. Let us have the courage to "be" Jesus for others, especially in those "unexpected" places for "unwanted" people. Let us also have the courage of our Christian convictions to stand for truth and justice in our day-to-day life. Today, the invitation of the Samaritan woman to "Come and

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see," reminds all thirsty sinners that we are daily called to be cleansed, taught, renewed, and satisfied by Jesus' great gift.

We need to be open to others and to accept others as they are—just as Jesus did. We have been baptized into a community of Faith so that we may become one with each other as brothers and sisters of Jesus and as children of God. To live this oneness demands that we open ourselves to others and listen to one another. We need to provide the atmosphere, the room, for all to be honestly what they really are—the children of God. It is the ministry of Jesus that we inherit and share. Jesus did not allow the woman's status, past, attitude, or anything else to obstruct His ability to love her. And loving her, He freed her, and made her whole—He made her the child of God she already was.

Let us also open our hearts to one another and accept each other as God's gifts to us. Thus, we shall experience resurrection in our own lives and in the lives of our brothers and sisters.

Today's Gospel message challenges us to get rid of our unholy attachments and the evil habits that keep us enslaved and idolatrous. Lent is the time to learn from our mistakes of over-indulgence in food, drink, drugs, gambling, promiscuity, or any other addiction that may keep us from coming to the *living waters* of a right relationship with God. We all have our "short list," don't we? And we all know, honest to God, what it is we need to leave behind before we come to the *Living Water* and the Bread of Heaven. Let us make an earnest attempt to do so during this Lenten season.

We need to turn to Jesus Who loves us with non-judgmental, unconditional love: We all face moments when guilt plagues us; when we are upset for falling for the same temptations again and again; when we make choices that turn out to be all wrong; when our relationships with others fall in a heap; when we feel lonely, sick, and tired of the way people are treating us; when we are depressed and upset and can't see anything good in ourselves; when our Faith is at rock bottom, and we feel as if the Church and religion aren't doing anything for us; when we beat ourselves up for lack of enthusiasm to be true disciples of Jesus ready to do anything for Him; when we survey the days that have gone by without a word of prayer; when all we feel is failure and defeat. During such moments, it is great to read a story about Jesus and His love and acceptance of the woman at the well. Let us rest, assured that Jesus is there to accept us warmly and help us to see that He will give us the strength and the power we need to overcome whatever it is that is grieving us.

March —The Month of St. Joseph

Sunday Catechism on Mass—March 12th "Penitential Act"

Acknowledgement of Sin: Acknowledging our sins, praying for healing and forgiveness. "The priest invites those present to take part in the Act of Penitence, which, after a brief pause for silence, the entire community carries out through a formula of general confession."

Sins against God, neighbor, self: The Penitential Rite, at the beginning of Mass, "Favors the attitude with which to dispose oneself to worthily celebrate the holy mysteries; that is, recognizing our sins before God and our brothers, recognizing that we are sinners."

Sin makes us unworthy to receive the One who saves us from our sins: Presenting oneself to receive Holy Communion should be a conscious decision, based on a reasoned judgment regarding one's worthiness to do so, according to the Church's objective criteria, asking such questions as: "Am I in full communion with the Catholic Church? Am I guilty of grave sin? Have I incurred a penalty (e.g., excommunication, interdict) that forbids me to receive Holy Communion? Have I prepared myself by fasting for at least an hour?"

Preparing to receive the Body of Christ, we ask for His mercy to make us worthy: "Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." In this instance, we are asking the Lord to heal not our servant, but our very soul, our inmost being. We are acknowledging that we are about to receive Him under the "roof" of our mouths and thus to welcome Him into our physical abode; into our bodies, the dwelling place of the soul.

Kyrie eleison / "Lord have Mercy" = Jesus is Lord, Jesus is God: One of the key liturgical prayers in the Mass of the Catholic Church, the *Kyrie* is a simple request for mercy.

No one can say, "Jesus is Lord" Except the Holy Spirit: "Except by the Holy Spirit" thus means that no one can sincerely say "Jesus is Lord" unless the Holy Spirit has shown them this.

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Saint of the Week



ST. PATRICK—His Feast day is March 17th, patron saint of Ireland. Born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, he was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but returned about 432 CE to convert the Irish to Christianity. By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established monasteries, churches, and schools. Many legends grew up around him—for example, that he drove the snakes out of Ireland and used the shamrock to explain the Trinity. Ireland came to celebrate his day with religious services and feasts. It was emigrants, particularly to the United States, who transformed St. Patrick's Day into a largely secular holiday of revelry and celebration of things Irish.

St. Patrick's Day Ham Dinner

St. Joseph's Parish welcomes everyone to their annual St. Patrick's Ham Dinner on **Sunday, March 19th, from Noon to 5 p.m.**, in the Parish Hall. Prices are: Adults \$12, Children (6 to 12) \$8, and Family (2 adults – 2 children) for \$35. Please bring you family and friends. Reminder that desserts are needed.

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Lenten Schedule

- ✠ Stations of the Cross: Every Friday Night at 6 p.m., until Friday, March 31st. Soup following in the Parish Hall.
- ✠ Lenten Penance: Wednesday, March 22nd, beginning at 6 p.m.
- ✠ Chrism Mass in Baker City: Thursday, March 30th, starting at 11 a.m. Invitations are on the table in the narthex.



Stations of the Cross has its origins with the Blessed Mother. It is said that she, who pondered all the mysteries of Christ in her heart, retraced the steps of her Son's Passion and the significant events that happened along the way, keeping in her memory, and for the memory of the Church, the sacred path on which the Son of God trod to accomplish our redemption.

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Diocese of Baker Men's Conference

The Conference is **Saturday, March 18th, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** For info and to register, go to: dioceseofbaker.org or call Bryce at (541) 388-4004.

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Holy Hours of Adoration

In order to continue our unity and identity as a diocese, **Bishop Cary** and the Eucharistic Revival Committee have asked that we celebrate Holy Hours of Adoration on the 3rd Sunday of every other month. **Note: On Sunday, March 19th, we will have Adoration from 5 to 6 p.m.**

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Choir for Easter Vigil

The Easter Season is coming upon us. **Gari Lynn Tocher** will be conducting Choir Rehearsal for all those interested in being part of the Easter Vigil Mass. Please call (541) 815-5823 if you are interested.

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Transgender Policy—Diocese of Baker

Please refer to "A Body You Prepared for Me" on the bulletin board in the narthex. **Bishop Liam Cary** has asked that we all review this. This policy is also available on the Diocese of Baker Website at: dioceseofbaker.org. If you would like a copy, please stop by the parish office.

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Diocese of Baker Job Opportunity

The diocese needs a part-time housekeeper at the Cascade View Retreat Center in Powell Butte. Please email **Curt Boutin** at curt@dioceseofbaker.org for more information.