

## Fr. Joseph's Corner

### "Recall Notice" (Author Unknown)

THE MANUFACTURER OF all human beings is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to a serious defect in the primary power component (heart). This is due to a willful malfunction in the original prototype units (code named Adam and Eve), resulting in the duplication of the same defect in all subsequent units.

This defect has been technically termed "Substandard Internal Non-Morality," or more commonly referred to by its acronym, SIN.

Symptoms include [a] loss of direction, [b] foul vocal emissions, [c] amnesia of origin, [d] lack of peace / joy, [e] selfish or violent behavior, [f] depression / confusion in the mental component, [g] fearfulness, [h] idolatry, and [i] rebellion.

The Manufacturer, Who is neither at fault, nor liable for this defect, is providing factory authorized repair and service free of charge to correct this defect. The Repair Technician, Jesus, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of these repairs. There is no additional fee required.

The Toll-Free number to call for repair in all areas is: P-R-A-Y-E-R. Once connected, please upload your burden of SIN through the REPENTANCE procedure.

Next, download ATONEMENT from Jesus into the heart component. No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, Jesus will replace it with [a] Love, [b] Joy, [c]

Peace, [d] Patience, [e] Kindness, [f] Goodness, [g] Faithfulness, [h] Gentleness, and [i] Self-control.

Please see the operating manual (HOLY BIBLE) for further details on the use of these fixes. As an added upgrade, the Manufacturer has made available to all of the repaired units a resident Maintenance Technician (Holy Spirit). Repaired units need only make Him welcome, and He will take up permanent residence on the premises!

WARNING: Continuing to operate the human unit without correction voids the Manufacturer's warranty, exposing the unit to dangers and problems too numerous to list, and thus will result in the human unit being permanently impounded.

—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

**LADDER:** Noun—a series of usually ascending steps or stages.

The ladder is an especially fitting image for us during Lent as it foreshadows so well the cross to which we are all journeying in this liturgical season.

Most scholars interpret Jacob's Ladder as a connection between heaven and earth, with God taking the initiative to reach out to humans.

The perfect "ladder" is Jesus Christ,  
who was God come to earth to save humanity.

## St. Joseph Catholic Church

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

March 5, 2023 † 2nd 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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Secretary ♦ Karin Jones

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RCIA ♦ Garilynn Tocher & Laura Lang

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 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	03/06/2023	8:00 a.m.	Elaine McNamara (D)	Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38
Tuesday	03/07/2023	8:00 a.m.	Rev. Fr. Gerald Condon (D)	Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12
Wednesday	03/08/2023	12:00 p.m.	Gloria Wilcox (D)	Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28
Thursday	03/09/2023	8:00 a.m.	Charlene McMann (D)	Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31
Friday	03/10/2023	12:00 p.m.	Peggy Jones (D)	Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday	03/11/2023	5:00 p.m.	Kathie Leonard (D)	Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2,5-8; John 4:5-42
Sunday	03/12/2023	9:00 a.m.	Rev. Fr. Joseph Reeves (L)	Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2,5-8; John 4:5-42
Sunday	03/12/2023	12:00 p.m.	Blaine Tocher (L)	Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2,5-8; John 4:5-42

(L) = Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

## Today's Homily

**T**he readings for the Second Sunday of Lent highlight Jesus' identity as *God's beloved Son* (revealed at His baptism and Transfiguration) and confront us with the mystery of His death on the cross. Hence, the main theme of today's readings is an invitation as well as a challenge to us to do what Abraham did: put our Faith in the loving promises of the merciful God who sent His Son to die for us, and to transform our lives by renewing them during Lent. Our transformed lives will enable us to radiate the glory and grace of the transfigured Lord to all around us by our Spirit-filled lives.

**In the Transfiguration account in today's Gospel,** Jesus is revealed as a glorious figure, superior to Moses and Elijah who appear with him. He is identified by the Heavenly Voice as the Son of God. Thus, the Transfiguration experience is a *Christophany*, that is, a manifestation or revelation of who Jesus really is. Describing Jesus' Transfiguration, the Gospel shows us a glimpse of the Heavenly glory waiting for those who do God's will by putting their trusting Faith in Him.

**The "transfiguration" in the Holy Mass is the source of our strength:** In each Holy Mass, the bread and wine we offer on the altar become "transfigured" or transformed into the living Body and Blood of the crucified, risen, and glorified Jesus.

Just as Jesus' transfiguration strengthened the Apostles in their time of trial, each holy Mass should be our source of Heavenly strength against temptations, and our renewal during Lent. In addition, our Holy Communion with the living Jesus should be the source of our daily



"transfiguration," transforming our minds and hearts, so that we may do more good by humble and selfless service to others.

**Each time we receive one of the Sacraments, we are transformed:** For example, Baptism transforms us into sons and daughters of God and heirs of Heaven. Confirmation makes us temples of the Holy Spirit and warriors of God. By the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God brings back the sinner to the path of holiness.

**The Transfiguration offers us a message of encouragement and hope:** In moments of doubt and during our dark moments of despair and hopelessness, the thought of our transfiguration in Heaven will help us to reach out to God and to listen to His consoling words: "This is My beloved Son." Let us offer our Lenten sacrifices to our Lord, that through these practices of Lent, and through the acceptance of our daily crosses, we may become closer to Him in His suffering, and we may share in the carrying of His cross so that we may finally share the glory of His Transfiguration.

**We need "mountain-top experiences" in our lives:** We share the mountain-top experience of Peter, James, and John when we spend extra time in prayer during Lent. Fasting for one day can help the body to store up spiritual energy. This spiritual energy can help us have thoughts that are far higher and nobler than our usual mundane thinking. The hunger we experience can put us more closely in touch with God and make us more willing to help the hungry. The crosses of our daily lives also can lead us to the glory of transfiguration and resurrection.

## March —The Month of St. Joseph

### Saint of the Week



#### ST. TERESA OF AVILA:

There are few who have made such an impact on the Church, or the lives of believers, as St. Teresa of Avila. If it were only her mysticism, her writings, or her reforms of the Carmelite order alone, it would suffice to place her with the saints. But the combination of all of these gives her a much-honored place among the saints. Looking at her biography, her writings, her mysticism, and her reforms will help anybody grow in holiness.

St. Teresa received great gifts from God. She also wrote many books on Mystical Theology, considered by Popes to be equal to those of a Doctor of the Church. Accordingly, on September 27, 1970, Pope Paul VI added her to the roll of Doctors of the Church.

St. Teresa of Avila can serve as an inspiration for Lent. She trusted in God—despite years of spiritual desolation. In your prayers this week, ask for her intercession as you strive to place greater trust in God.

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### Help Needed!

**On Tuesday, March 7th, at 10:30 a.m.,** we will be having a cleaning of the parish hall kitchen in preparation for our Ham Dinner. Please come join us as we do general cleaning and polishing of the silver.

For more information, please call **Nancy Redfern** at (541) 508-9872 or **Diane Giovanini** at (541) 447-4086.

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### Lenten Schedule

† **Stations of the Cross: Every Friday Night at 6 p.m., until Friday, March 31st. Followed by Soup Dinner 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:** The objective of the Stations is to help the Christian faithful to make a spiritual pilgrimage through contemplation of the Passion of Christ.



### Sunday Catechism on Mass—March 5th "Introductory Rites"

**Sign of the Cross:** In the Sign of the Cross, we profess the deepest mysteries of the Christian Faith: the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—and the saving work of Christ on the Cross on **Good Friday**. The combination of the words and the action are a **creed**—a statement of belief. We mark ourselves as Christians through the Sign of the Cross.

**Greeting "The Lord be with you/and with your spirit":** By greeting the people with the words "The Lord be with you," the priest expresses his desire that the dynamic activity of God's spirit be given to the people of God, enabling them to do the work of transforming the world that God has entrusted to them. In response, the people assure the priest of the same divine assistance of God's spirit and, more specifically, help for the priest to use the charismatic gifts given to him in ordination and in so doing to fulfill his prophetic function in the Church.

**To prepare ourselves to celebrate the Sacred Mysteries:** The Penitential Act—The priest invites everyone present to acknowledge their sins in order to prepare themselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries of the Mass. When we become believers, we don't stop being sinners; the battle against temptation and sin will be waged until the last day of our earthly life.

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### Diocese of Baker Men's Conference

The Conference is **Saturday, March 18th, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., in Redmond**. Join Catholic men from around the diocese for talks that inspire, conversations that give strength, and prayer that will help us become the husbands, fathers, and sons God is calling us to be. For information and to register, go to: [dioceseofbaker.org](http://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 continue the celebration Holy Hours of Adoration on the 3rd Sunday of every other month. **Please Note: On Sunday, March 19th, we will have Adoration from 5 to 6 p.m.**

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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](mailto:curt@dioceseofbaker.org) for more information.