

Fr. Joseph's Corner

“Attitude Determines Altitude” (Author Unknown)

I woke up early today, excited over all that I get to do before the clock strikes midnight. I have responsibilities to fulfill today. I am important. My job is to choose what kind of day to have.

- ◆ Today I can complain because the weather is rainy—or I can be thankful that the grass is getting watered for free.
- ◆ Today I can feel sad that I don't have more money—or I can be glad that my finances encourage me to plan my purchases wisely and guide me away from waste.
- ◆ Today I can grumble about my health—or I can rejoice that I am alive.
- ◆ Today I can lament over all that my parents didn't give me when I was growing up—or I can feel grateful that they allowed me to be born.
- ◆ Today I can cry because roses have thorns—or I can celebrate that thorns have roses.
- ◆ Today I can mourn my lack of friends—or I can excitedly embark on a quest to discover new relationships.
- ◆ Today I can whine because I have to go to work—or I can shout for joy because I have a job to do.
- ◆ Today I can complain because I have to go to school—or eagerly open my mind and fill it with rich new tidbits of knowledge.
- ◆ Today I can murmur dejectedly because I have to do housework—or I can feel honored because the Lord has provided shelter for my mind, body and soul.

Today stretches ahead of me, waiting to be shaped. And here I am, the sculptor who gets to do the shaping! What today will be like is up to me. I get to choose what kind of day I will have! Have a great day! . . . Unless you have other plans.

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

David Leonard ☩ Steve Forrester ☩ Carl Johnson ☩ Lloyd Rodgers ☩ Ken Dalton ☩ Mike Mulvihill
Sammi Pedersen ☩ Steven Clifton ☩ Dolores Koivisto ☩ Jerry Pimentel ☩ Ben Guyger ☩ Anita Marquez
Georgia Fitzgerald ☩ Pierre Jones ☩ Joan Holland ☩ Suzie LaBelle ☩ Max Hernandez

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Holy Week Special Collections

There will be two special collection taking place this coming Holy Week.

Holy Thursday—April 6th is to support St. Vincent de Paul.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's work is unique in that Vincentians offer tangible assistance to those in need on a person-to-person basis.

This aid may take the form of intervention, consultation, or through direct financial or in-kind service.

Good Friday—April 7th is to support Christians in the Holy Land.

A donation to the Holy Father's annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in the war, violence, and instability in this region.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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

April 2, 2023 ✝ Palm Sunday

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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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	04/03/2023	8:00 a.m.	Ken Dalton (L)	Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11
Tuesday	04/04/2023	8:00 a.m.	Lauren Cavanagh (D)	Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-3, 36-38
Wednesday	04/05/2023	12:00 p.m.	Sally Pentkowski (L)	Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25
Thursday	04/06/2023	6:00 p.m.	Fred Kappel (D)	Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15
Friday	04/07/2023	—No MASS—		
Saturday	04/08/2023	7:00 p.m.	Steve Meager (L)	Gen. 1:1-2:2; Ex. 14:15-15:1; Ez. 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ro. 6:3-11; Mt 28:1-10
Sunday	04/09/2023	9:00 a.m.	Stuart MacDonald (D)	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9
Sunday	04/09/2023	12:00 p.m.	Martiniano Lopez Gonzalez (D)	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

(L) = Living ◆ (D) = Deceased



Palm Sunday commemorated the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Acclaimed as king and hailed as a conquering hero by the cheering crowd, He seemed to have arrived at the fulfilment of His earthly mission.

For Jesus, it's the beginning of the last week of His life—a week of violent contrasts, which will end in grief and will turn into jeers calling for His death.

Throughout the Passion of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, our attention is focused on Him. He appears as a person who is completely absorbed in prayer, responding quietly and sensitively to each new moment of sorrow.

Before His triumphant Resurrection, Jesus has to go through a disgraceful death. In the Garden of Gethsemane, He is deeply troubled and sweats blood as He prays for the Father to remove the chalice of suffering and death from Him.

Betrayed and taken prisoner, He is mocked, blindfolded, beaten and spat upon, while a convicted murderer is set free. He undergoes a final wrench of pain when Peter denies Him, and the Apostles forsake Him. His sense of abandonment by God is increased by the desertion of His friends.

On Calvary, Jesus is crucified between two thieves, and He dies as a “common criminal.” Mary alone stands at the foot of the cross, faithful to the last.

During this most solemn Holy Week of the Church's Liturgical Year, we are invited to take

the road with Mary—and those few friends who follow Christ to Calvary—and to be silently at Jesus' side. He wants the work of His cross to touch our lives—to break our sinful ways—so that we may be changed and that we may know God.

The decisive test of our faith is to one day reach the point where we are ready to accompany Jesus to Calvary—along that same path into destruction and death.

The sufferings of Christ, which we recall in a special way during Holy Week, have been a source of strength to countless numbers of people throughout the ages. His Passion gives us at least a tiny glimpse into the mystery of suffering that surrounds us on all sides.

In times of trials, suffering, and mental torture and stress, often what keeps people going and gives them the strength and inspiration is the knowledge that they are at one with Jesus who suffered in that way before them.

During Holy Week, we are confronted with the primary Christian symbol—the Cross—without which we cannot become His disciples. It affords us an opportunity to ponder as to what is the cross that we are taking up daily or refusing to face? Where is our sharing in His passion?

There is not much point in dwelling on the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ during this solemn Holy Week if it is an isolated event—and an event that is not linked with the drama of suffering that goes on in our lives for the rest of the year.

Schedule for Holy Week and Easter Sunday

- † Holy Thursday, April 6th, at 6 p.m., with Washing of the Feet.
- † Good Friday, April 7th, Stations of the Cross at 3 p.m.; Veneration of the Cross at 6 p.m.
- † Holy Saturday, April 8th, at 7 p.m.
- † Easter Sunday, April 9th, at 9 a.m. & 12 p.m. (Spanish).

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Easter Sunday



Easter is not only the greatest Christian feast, Easter Sunday symbolizes the fulfillment of our faith as Christians. Through His Death, Christ destroyed our bondage to sin. Through His

Resurrection, He brought us the promise of new life, both in Heaven and on earth. His own prayer, “Thy Kingdom come, on earth as it is in Heaven,” begins to be fulfilled on Easter Sunday.

The true meaning of Easter has deep significance in our lives as Catholics. The resurrection of Jesus is a magnificent event that shows the realization of our Christian faith. In *1 Corinthians 15:17*, St. Paul wrote that, “Unless Christ rose from the dead, our faith is in vain.” By sacrificing Himself, Jesus Christ saved humanity from the shackles of sin. His eventual resurrection is a promise of a new life. It shows us that our faith in him is alive and powerful.

Christ Is Risen!

One practice of commemorating Easter is the joyous greeting of “Christ Is Risen” and a response of “He Is Risen indeed!” It reminds us that Jesus is alive and, in our midst, and He welcomes us in a new life with Him. That is the true meaning of Easter.

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Safe Environment

Throughout the Gospel, Christ calls upon His followers to care for the most vulnerable among us. Child Abuse Prevention Month reminds us to be instruments of justice, working for the common good of all, which includes the protection of children. Please refer to the postings on the bulletin board in the narthex on Child Abuse and Reporting from the Diocese of Baker.

Diocesan Youth and Family Camps 2023!

- ◆ **Youth Camp: July 9th to July 13th**, Current 4th–12th grade. Cost \$150 before June 4th—after \$175.
- ◆ Current 10th–12th graders are invited to apply to be Camp Youth Leaders.
- ◆ **Many Adult Volunteers are also needed!**
- ◆ Two Family Camps: **July 27th to July 30th** and **August 3rd to August 6th**. Cost: \$150 + Lodging (Tent: \$30, RV \$75, or Cabin: \$150).
- ◆ Registration is open for all camps through the Diocese website: <http://dioceseofbaker.org>

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Amazing, P/T Summer Opportunity

The Diocese Evangelization and Catechesis Team is seeking a P/T Summer Event Assistant. Position details are available on the website: <http://dioceseofbaker.org>.

For more information, email **Marie Becker** at: marie@dioceseofbaker.org.

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50 Anniversary Celebration

On **April 30th**, we will have an Anniversary Celebration for couples who have been married 50 or more years at St. Joseph Parish. The celebration will begin **with Mass at 10 a.m.**, and then a luncheon in the Parish Hall. Our emcee for this event will be **George Gerke** who will shower each couple with questions and, of course, a “Certificate.”

To this day, this golden anniversary is still a powerful reminder of the joys of married life. It's important not to let your 50th or more wedding anniversary slip by unnoticed. **Karin Davis** will contact you to get some history of your time together. We would also like a picture of your wedding day for the celebration. Should you have any questions, please call **Karin Davis** at (541) 416-1112.

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Ham Dinner Update

Thanks to the effort of over 100 volunteers, the 2023 St. Joseph Ham Dinner was an outstanding success with 270 dinners served, and we took in \$3,152. After expenses we were able to donate to the Church \$1734.49. Unfortunately, we had more expenses than anticipated with inflation of food and supplies. Once again, we came together to enjoy each other's company and share this special event. Plans are already in the works for next year's 76th annual St. Patrick's Day Ham Dinner. If you have any suggestions, contact **Gary Thompson, Nancy Redfern, Tom Burke, Diane Giovanini** or **Apolonio Villagomez**. Many thanks to all our volunteers, for the fabulous desserts, and the anonymous donation of the pea soup, raisin soup, and rolls.