Fr. Joseph's Corner

"The Many Names of Christ"

(Author Unknown)

To the ARTIST He is the One Altogether Lovely.

To the ARCHITECT He is the Chief Corner Stone.

To the BAKER He is the Living Bread.

To the BANKER He is the Hidden Treasure.

To the BIOLOGIST He is the Life.

To the BUILDER He is the Sure Foundation.

To the CARPENTER He is the Door.

To the DOCTOR He is the Great Physician.

To the EDUCATOR He is the Great Teacher.

To the ENGINEER He is the New and Living Way.

To the FLORIST He is the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley.

To the GEOLOGIST He is the Rock of Ages.

To the HORTICULTURIST He is the True Vine.

To the JUDGE He is the Righteous Judge, Judge of All Men.

To the JEWELER He is the Pearl of Great Price.

To the LAWYER He is the Counselor, the Lawgiver, the Advocate.

To the NEWSPAPER He is the Good Tidings of Great Joy.

To the OCULIST He is the Light of the Eyes.

To the PHILANTHROPIST He is the Unspeakable Gift.

To the PHILOSOPHER He is the Wisdom of God.

To the PREACHER He is the Word of God.

To the SCULPTOR He is the Living Stone.

To the SERVANT He is the Good Master.

To the STATESMAN He is the Desire of All Nations.

To the STUDENT He is the Incarnate Truth.

To the THEOLOGIAN He is the Author and Finisher of our Faith.

To the TOILER He is the Giver of Rest.

To the SINNER He is the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the World.

To the CHRISTIAN He is the Son of the Living God, the Savior, the Redeemer, and the Lord.

-Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph

Prayer List

David Leonard, Steve Forrester, Carl Johnson, Lyn Rodgers, Mike Mulvihill, Dolores Koivisto, Jerry Pimentel, Anita Marquez, Georgia Fitzgerald, Ben Guyger, Lloyd Rodgers, Pierre Jones, Sammi Pedersen, Steven Clifton, Ken Dalton, Debi Allan, and Joan Holland.

Attending Mass

Every effort should be made to be on time for Mass. If we are not able to be present in time to be seated for the readings from the Word of God, then it might be better to plan to attend the next available Mass on that day. If we rush in just in time for Communion, then we will not have truly experienced the transforming sacrifice of Jesus. We will not have been completely nourished by the Lord's Word and his Body. It is our celebration of the paschal mystery, the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the salvation of the world.

If we leave Mass before the dismissal, we miss out on celebrating and being taught why we celebrate the Eucharist in the first place. We are fed and strengthened on the body and blood of Christ not only for ourselves but also for all those he gave his life for. We are dismissed from Mass not because it's over, but because we have work to do. We are to go to the world to proclaim Christ. And so we stay to the end of Mass to be blessed and commissioned:

"Go and announce the gospel of the Lord." "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life."

Job Opening

St. Joseph Parish has a job opening for a Secretary/Bookkeeper. Skills required are: Computer, Excel, Word, Publisher, Phone, and a great personality. Hours are 9 to 5, Monday through Thursday. If you are interested, please send a resume to **Fr. Joseph Kunnelaya** at fatherjoseph@bendbroadband.com.

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April 23, 2023 † 3rd Sunday of Easter

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 ADDRATION 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 <u>mandatory</u> for both parents and godparents.

For more information, call the Parish Office.

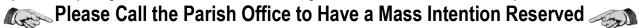
Marriages

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.





(L) = Living ◆ (D) = Deceased ◆ [F] = Feast Day

Today's Homily "A Gospel Within the Gospel"



he Emmaus story is like a gospel within the gospel. It is so rich a lesson that it serves as a summary of our own bonding with Jesus Christ. For these disciples on the road to Emmaus, the future looked grim indeed.

For the previous few years, life had been exciting, and they were captivated by the Gospel message of Jesus. But it emerges that they hadn't grasped some vital parts of what He had said. We can empathize with them, because mostly we too tend to pick and choose the parts of His message that please us and fail to take other words of the Lord seriously.

After His death on the cross, they felt all was lost. But Jesus used the Jewish scriptures to enlighten them. The prophecies declare the divine promises and reveal the saving plan of God. The Scriptures have power like an electric current and are inspired by the Spirit of God. When he opened the meaning of God's Word to them, they began to understand His cross in a totally new light.

They saw it not as a total disaster but as the start of a new age of grace.

Once they arrived in Emmaus, they recognized Him also in the breaking of bread. The prayerful sharing of a

meal among friends was a living symbol of friendship and trust. What was special about the way Jesus broke the bread is an intriguing question.

Perhaps it was the spirit of self-giving that Jesus had invested in the act that showed them who He really was. There was a level of focus, of sharing, and of sacredness unique to Jesus—something they had experienced previously, before His passion.

His presence touched their deepest hungers, and the bread He broke was not just physical. It was food that they opened their hearts for as well as their mouths to receive.

The Emmaus story speaks to people of all ages. We can see ourselves in these two weary travelers on their journey, the faith and hope they have lost, the future they have hoped for fallen apart. And yet they met an unknown friend walking the road with them, who gave them a fresh insight, and connected the new world with the world they knew.

And, of course, Jesus is present in a particular way in the Eucharist—in the breaking of bread—full of the many meanings that breaking bread had for Jesus Himself, during His life and after the resurrection.

April: The Month of the Holy Eucharist

2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal Pledge

The 2023 Bishop's Appeal, "The Mystery of Faith," which begins this week, coincides with the national Eucharistic Revival. The theme for this year's Appeal nicely captures the connection between the two. Participation in the Appeal helps us hand onto others what was handed on to us: The Mystery of Faith, the Eucharist.

This year, the diocesan-wide Appeal participation goal is 21% and the supporting financial target is \$675,000. For our Parish the participation goal is **48 families** with a supporting target of **\$21,826**.

Many important diocesan and parish programs that help thousands in our diocese every year are made possible by your generosity. Parishioners in every parish are asked to contribute directly to diocesan ministries that individual parishes cannot sustain on their own.

Registered parishioners will receive Appeal information this week from **Bishop Liam Cary**.

For more information, visit https://dioceseofbaker.org/bishops-annual-appeal.

St. Mark the Evangelist

He lived in the Middle East during the 1st Century, and his feast day is celebrated on **Tuesday, April 25th.**

Mark was one of Jesus Christ's original disciples, and he wrote the Gospel of Mark in the Bible. After Jesus' ascension to heaven, St. Peter and St. Mark traveled together to many places in the ancient world, ending up in Rome, Italy. Mark wrote down many of the sermons that Peter delivered in speeches to people during their travels, and historians believe that Mark used some of the content of Peter's speeches in the Gospel book that he wrote.

Mark is one of the four evangelists that the prophet Ezekiel saw in a miraculous vision of the future many years before Jesus came to earth. In 68 AD, pagans who persecuted Christians captured, tortured, and imprisoned Mark. They placed a rope around his neck and dragged him through the streets until he was dead. He reportedly saw visions of angels and heard the voice of Jesus speaking to him before he died. His relics were kept in Egypt until they were transferred to Venice, where they are venerated till this day.

Religious Education

Wednesday, April 26th, will be the last day for Grades 1 through 5 for Religious Education. It has been a very successful year for our children to learn about their faith. Wednesday, May 17th, will be the last day for our Confirmation students. Please remember to register for the 2023–2024 term in August.

On **May 7th, at the 9 a.m. Mass,** our 2nd-grade students will make their First Holy Communion. They have worked so very hard to prepare for this Sacrament. All our invited to this joyous celebration.

Benediction

At all Masses on the weekend of **April 29th/30th**, per the request of **Bishop Cary**, we will now schedule Benediction. The songs and prayers associated with it are on the back cover of your Missal. Benediction is a great blessing for souls and for the honor of Jesus Christ Who is Truly Present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

50 Anniversary Celebration

Next **Sunday, April 30th,** we will have the Anniversary Celebration for those couples who have been married 50 or more years at St. Joseph Parish. The celebration will begin with Mass at 10 a.m. We will then have a luncheon served in the Parish Hall.

The Feast of St. Joseph the Worker

While we celebrate those married for 50 years or more. We will celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, our Patron Saint, on **Sunday, April 30th,** as well. Again, there will be cake and refreshments in the Parish Hall.

+ + + World Day of Prayer

The 60th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is on **Sunday, April 30th.** The purpose is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life.

Holy Hour for Life

St. Thomas Parish in Redmond will host a Holy Hour for Life on Sunday, April 30th, from 3 to 4 p.m. The hour will include Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, a period of silent reflection and Adoration, a pro-life Rosary, and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Please join us in praying that all people will choose life in all its stages and for all those involved in all facets of the Pro-Life Movement. "Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you." In the name of God, respect, love and serve life—every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness.