

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"I Took Your Place"

(Author Unknown)

ONE SUNDAY, A man went to visit a church. He arrived early, parked his car, and got out. Another car pulled up near him, and then the driver told him, "I always park there. You took my place!"

The visitor went inside the church, found an empty seat, and sat down.

Just then, a young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!"

The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but he said nothing.

After that, the visitor went into the church sanctuary and sat down.

Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit. You took my place!"

The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still he said absolutely nothing.

Later, as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood, and his appearance began to change.

Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet.

Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?"

The visitor replied, "I took your place."

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph

Register Now for Diocesan Summer Camps

Youth Camp: July 9–13, current 4th-12th Grade

Come discover JOY at Catholic Youth Camp and meet new friends, have adventures, campfires, time with Jesus, and just being Catholic! Registration Fee: \$150

Youth Camp Leaders: 10th–12th Graders are invited to apply.

Zoom training begins in late May! Registration fee: \$75

Two Family Camps: July 27–30 & August 3–6

Catholic families coming together, having fun, and celebrating what it means to be families fully alive in Christ! Family outing adventures, prayer, learning, games, crafts, men's & women's sessions, campfire, and s'more!

Registration is open for all camps through the Diocese website at: DioceseofBaker.org

Youth Camp Adult Volunteers Openings

Summer Catholic Youth Camp, July 9–13, is seeking:

10–15 Adult Chaperones (camp is free!)

1–2 Camp Nurses / EMTs (stipend available)

1–2 Camp Musicians (stipend available)

For Info, email: Marie@DioceseofBaker.org

Amazing, P/T Catholic Summer Opportunity:

The Diocesan Evangelization and Catechesis Team is seeking a P/T Summer Event Assistant, ~6/19–8/11. Position details on DioceseofBaker.org, or email Marie@DioceseofBaker.org.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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

April 30, 2023 † 4th 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.

Pastor ♦ Rev. Fr. Joseph Kunnelaya T.

Secretary ♦ Karin Jones

Parish Office Hours ♦ Monday – Thursday ♦ 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Parish Office Telephone: (541) 447-6475

Fr. Joseph: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. ♦ (541) 420-4458

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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	05/01/2023	8:00 a.m.	Lu Streetman (D)	Acts 11:1-18; John 10:11-18
Tuesday	05/02/2023	8:00 a.m.	Mike Mulvihill (L)	Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30
Wednesday	05/03/2023	12:00 p.m.	Matthew Pentkowski (L)	1 Cor 15:1-8; John 14:6-14 [F]
Thursday	05/04/2023	8:00 a.m.	Agnetta Jones (L)	Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20
Friday	05/05/2023	12:00 p.m.	Karin Davis (L)	Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6
Saturday	05/06/2023	5:00 p.m.	Paul Abe (D)	Acts 2:14a,36-41; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10
Sunday	05/07/2023	9:00 a.m.	Jana Osterlund Miller (L)	Acts 2:14a,36-41; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10
Sunday	05/07/2023	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Parish Family (L)	Acts 2:14a,36-41; 1Pt 2:20b-25; John 10:10-10

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

Today's Homily "Good Shepherd Sunday"

The fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday, and it is the "World Day of Prayer for Vocations." Each year on this Sunday, we reflect



on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who devotedly and kindly takes care of His flock. The priest in charge of a parish is called Pastor because "pastor" means "shepherd of Christ's sheep." As a shepherd, he leads, feeds, nurtures, comforts, corrects, and protects Christ's sheep in the parish.

Introducing Himself as the good shepherd of His flock, Jesus makes three claims in today's Gospel. I would like to share with you some of the qualities of this good shepherd and the things He does for us.

He knows His sheep and His sheep hear His voice: Just as the Palestinian shepherds knew each sheep of their flock by name, and the sheep knew their shepherd and his voice, even so Jesus knows each one of us, our needs, our merits, and our faults. He loves us as we are, with all our limitations, and He expects us to receive and return His love by keeping His words. He speaks to us at every Mass, through the Bible, through our pastors, through our parents, family, and friends and through the events of our lives. "God whispers to us in our pleasures, He speaks to us in our consciences, and He SHOUTS to us in our pain!" (C.S. Lewis).

He gives eternal life to His sheep by receiving us into His sheepfold through Baptism. He strengthens our faith by giving us His Holy Spirit in Confirmation. He supplies food for our souls by the Holy Eucharist and by the divine words of the holy Bible. He makes our society holy by the sacraments of matrimony and the priesthood.

He protects His sheep by placing them in the loving hands of His mighty Father. Without Him

to guide us and protect us, we are easy prey for the spiritual wolves of this world: that includes Satan, as well as the seven deadly sins of pride, avarice, envy, gluttony, anger,

lust, and sloth. He goes in search of stray lambs and heals the sick ones. Jesus heals the wounds of our souls by the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and He strengthens us in illness and old age by the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Jesus dies for His sheep: Just as the shepherds of ancient days protected their sheep from wild animals and thieves by risking their own lives, so Jesus died in expiation for the sins of all people.

What does Jesus want us to do?

Let us become good shepherds: Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence, pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials, and politicians are all shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, by praying for them, by spending our time and talents for their welfare, and by guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers.

Parents must be especially careful of their duties as shepherds by becoming role models for their children by leading exemplary lives.

As sheep we are weak, often defenseless, and reliant on others. This would be incredibly bad news if we were being sent out into the world alone, or if we chose to try to do it all on our own. But we are never alone because Jesus is our Good Shepherd. As sheep we are weak, but Jesus our Shepherd is strong. As sheep we are defenseless, but Jesus our Shepherd is our protection. As sheep we cannot succeed on our own, but Jesus is with us as the Good Shepherd to give us the guidance and strength to succeed in this life and reach the pastures of eternal life.

April The Month of the Holy Eucharist

2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal Pledge

The 2023 Bishop's Appeal, "The Mystery of Faith," which began last 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 should have received Appeal information last week from **Bishop Liam Cary**.

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

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National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance held on **Thursday, May 4th, the 1st Sunday of May**, designated by the United States Congress, when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation."

The president is required by law to sign a proclamation each year, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day.

Please join us with all the churches in Prineville to prayer on **Thursday, May 4th, at 10 a.m.**, in front of the Court House.

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First Holy Communion

On **Saturday, May 6th, at 9 a.m.**, there will be a Penance Service for all children. Parents are also invited.

There will also be a "Dress Rehearsal" of the Holy Communion Ceremony. You will be able to then pick up your children by **11 a.m.**

On **Sunday, May 7th**, the children need to **arrive at 8:15 a.m.** We will meet in the basement for a recap of the ceremony. The children will lead the **Rosary at 8:30 a.m. sharp!**

After the Rosary, the children will go outside to form the procession with **Fr Joseph** in front of the church. They will all walk to their assigned seats and sit with their families.

Pictures will be taken after Mass—a group photo with **Fr. Joseph** and then individual photos.

Attire

Boys: Black Slacks, White Shirt, Black Tie

Girls: A White Dress

Event for Catechist of the Central Deanery

The pastors of the Central Deanery and the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis have partnered to bring you an in-person event designed to Energize, Empower, and Encourage your Catechetical Team on **Saturday, May 6th, from 9 a.m. to noon**, at St. Thomas Church in Redmond. Refreshments and registration will begin at **8:30 a.m.** This will be a bilingual event to "go beyond" the Catechetical Symposium.

There will also be opportunities for networking, sharing experiences, asking questions, and taking back practical tips to the parish.

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Sacred Liturgy Conference

A 2023 Conference, "The Mother of God in the Eucharist," will be held in Ferndale, CA, from **Sunday, May 28th, to Wednesday, May 31st**. It will explore the inseparable bond between Mary Immaculate and the Sacrament of Unity, the Most Holy Eucharist. "The mission of this conference from its inception has been to foster greater devotion, understanding, and love for the beauty and meaning of the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Through a deeper understanding of the Eucharist as the source and summit of our faith and life in Christ, we find our mission, vocation, and the true meaning of life."

Registration information: Lay Person: \$325; Priest, Religious, Deacon, Seminarian: \$275. The fee includes 15 conference sessions, reserved seating at the liturgies, an opening reception, three catered lunches, coffee breaks and a concluding banquet dinner. An optional chant workshop is also available on **Saturday, May 27th**. Please visit sacredliturgy.org for more details and to register. See the poster on the bulletin board.

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"Coats for Kids" Raffle

St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets for a two-night stay at the Forest Lake RV Resort. Please refer to the bulletin insert for more details and location. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. You can purchase tickets from the Parish Office, any Knights of Columbus member, or at the May and June K of C Breakfasts.

The drawing will be held at the **Sunday, June 4th**, Knights of Columbus Breakfast. All proceeds will go to the "Coats for Kids" Program this fall. Your Parish Knights of Columbus appreciate your support in this great youth charity.

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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**