

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"Keep Moving"
(by Joel Osteen)

LOW TIDES COME in our lives and leave us stunned, broken, and hopeless. But that doesn't mean that we must stop living our life and become inert. Even if you stop, life won't stop for you—it will go on. You must remember that after every low tide, there is a high tide as well. You just have to keep moving.

Take one step at a time, follow your routine, set goals for yourself, and steer clear of negativity. Go out and have some fun, take a break, go for a vacation, and just do something exciting. Read inspirational articles, spend time with your family, indulge in activities that make you feel happy.

Just remember to keep moving. Don't wrap yourself in your sorrows, or you will drown in them. Keep moving with the tide. Bear in mind that if you keep moving, this particular phase will pass away, and one day you will realize that your life is not falling apart anymore. Instead, everything that happened, happened for a reason. While things may look bleak right now, not everything might be going wrong. There will be things that are going right.

When life takes a turn for the worse, we become negative about everything and end up forgetting what we have been blessed with. This ungratefulness will not take you anywhere—

you have to take charge of your life and learn to show gratitude. Think about it! You've been blessed with so much in life. Be grateful for what you've been blessed with, and don't take those blessings lightly.

Recall memories of all the happy and blessed moments in your life. Write them down in your diary, and feel the joy that those blessings brought you in your life when you first got them. This approach will help you focus on the brighter ends in life and give a boost to your self-confidence. Your blessings will give you the power that is hidden within you to deal with the hassles in your life.

Gratitude will heal your soul and relieve the pain of life's wounds. "Choosing to be positive and having a grateful attitude is going to determine how you're going to live your life."

If you are in pain, if your dreams have been shattered, if your heart has been broken, try these five things and observe the change that they will bring in your life. With the help of these tips, the first thing that will change is your outlook on life, and with that, your whole life will take a turn for the better!

—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.

Happy Mother's Day

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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

May 14, 2023 † 6th Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day

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 ♦ Darlene Counts

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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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	05/15/2023	8:00 a.m.	Garnett Vermillion (L)	Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16a
Tuesday	05/16/2023	8:00 a.m.	The Soul in Purgatory Most Forsaken (D)	Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11
Wednesday	05/17/2023	12:00 p.m.	Confirmation Children (L)	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; John 16:12-15
Thursday	05/18/2023	8:00 a.m.	Julia & Adam Geiman (D)	Acts 18:1; John 16:16-20
Friday	05/19/2023	12:00 p.m.	Karin Davis (L)	Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23
Saturday	05/20/2023	5:00 p.m.	Fred Kappel (D)	Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17/Mt 28:16-20
Sunday	05/21/2023	9:00 a.m.	Linda Arian (D)	Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17/Mt 28:16-20
Sunday	05/21/2023	12:00 p.m.	Ladirlada Villagomez (D)	Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17/Mt 28:16-20

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

Today's Homily



Sixth Sunday in Easter

YEAR A

From Easter to Pentecost our readings focus on the early apostolic preaching of the Good News of salvation and on the promises of Jesus to His disciples, especially His promise of the Holy Spirit. Today's readings explain Who the Holy Spirit is, what His roles are, and how we can experience Him in our daily lives.

The first reading describes how the Holy Spirit helped the Deacon, Philip, to preach powerfully and convert the Samaritans in large numbers. It also explains how the baptized Samaritans received a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit through the imposition of hands by the apostles Peter and John.

In the second reading, Peter shows us the God-fearing lives, which the Holy Spirit makes it possible for believers, including ourselves, to live in the midst of opposition and persecution.

Today's Gospel, taken from Jesus' "Last Supper Discourse," describes the gift He will send, the Holy Spirit, Who will live as the *Paraclete*, the Divine Advocate, in those who obey Jesus' commandments, especially the commandment of love. Thus, Jesus will continue to live in His believers with the Father and the Holy Spirit, and they will not be left as orphans.

The risen Jesus' continued presence in us and in the Church through the Holy Spirit gives meaning and purpose to all we are and all we do in his Name. As the Divine Advocate, the Holy Spirit will instruct us in Jesus' doctrines and illumine our minds to receive deeper knowledge of our Faith. In addition, the Divine Advocate will

empower us to defend our Faith powerfully and guide us properly in the practice of true Christian love. Thus, we will be able to recognize Jesus in the in the poor, in the sick, in the homeless, in the marginalized, in the outcast, in the drug addicts, and even in the criminals ("I was in prison . . ."), thus becoming agents of healing and reconciliation in a broken and divided world.

We need to be open to the Holy Spirit, our Paraclete. The purpose of the indwelling Holy Spirit is to help us grow toward maturity and wholeness. We all have faults that prevent our growth: blocks of sin and imperfection, blocks due to childhood conflicts, blocks due to deeply ingrained personality traits and habits, blocks caused by addictions, and blocks resulting from bad choices we have made.

We all have these blocks within us, and they keep us from becoming what God wants us to be. They prevent us from growing into maturity and wholeness. God, the Holy Spirit, helps us see the truth about ourselves, to discern the blocks that inhibit our growth and to allow Him to transform us. Like the good counselor He is, the Spirit enables us to become stronger. The Holy Spirit also comes to our aid and gives us the strength to make difficult and painful decisions.

God's Spirit actually lives in us, and we hear the voice of the Spirit, counseling and guiding us in the way of truth. Let us open the ears of our minds to hear Him and to obey His promptings.

May—The Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Respect Life Fundraiser



St. Joseph's "Respect Life" Committee will be having our Annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser **this weekend**. Please take a baby bottle and fill it with cash, checks, etc. and return to the Parish Office by **Father's Day, June 18th**.

For any questions, please call **Gari Lynn** at (541)815-5823. Proceeds benefit the Pro-Life organizations.

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Mass Intentions

As we celebrate **Mother's Day today, and Father's Day next month**, let us remember our loved ones, living or deceased, and pray for them. Anyone who may be going through a difficult time will also need extra prayers. The best way is to offer a Mass for them.

Please come to the Parish Office to schedule a Mass Intention or mail your request (include name and how many Masses) to P.O. Box 1315, Prineville, OR 97754.

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Word of Life

"O blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties."

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Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Next Sunday, May 21st, is the Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ. This Solemnity commemorates our Christian belief of the bodily Ascension of Jesus into heaven. It is one of the ecumenical feasts of Christian churches, ranking with the feasts of the Passion, Easter, and Pentecost.

"Jesus is taken up to Heaven" (Mark 16:19–20). After the Lord Jesus had talked with them, He was taken up to heaven and sat at the right side of God. The disciples went and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and proved that their preaching was true by the miracles that were performed. This is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics.

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Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at St. Joseph Catholic Church in the Parish Hall on **Wednesday, May 24th**. There are 4 Vital Screenings that will take 60–90 minutes to complete. Register by calling toll free 1 (844) 591-7160, text the word "circle" to (216) 279-1607, or online at <https://llsa.social/HC>.

House Blessings

If you would like to have your house blessed, please call the Parish Office at (541) 447-6475 to make an appointment to have Fr. Joseph come out on either a Tuesday or Wednesday at 3 p.m. or any time Father is available.

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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**. Visit sacredliturgy.org for more details and to register. Also, see the poster on the bulletin board.

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2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal Pledge

The Bishop's Appeal, "The Mystery of Faith," coincides with the national Eucharistic Revival. The theme for this year's Appeal 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. For more information, visit the website at: <https://dioceseofbaker.org/bishops-annual-appeal>.

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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

