

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"A Letter From a Friend"

Dear Friend,

As you got up this morning, I watched you and hoped you would talk to me even if it was just a few words to ask my opinion or to thank me for something good that happened in your life yesterday. But I noticed you were too busy trying to find the right outfit to put on and wear to work. I waited again. When you ran around the house getting ready, I knew there would be a few minutes for you to stop and say hello, but you were too busy. At one point you had to wait 15 minutes with nothing to do except sit in a chair. Then I saw you spring to your feet. I thought you wanted to talk to me, but you ran to the phone and called a friend to get the latest gossip.

I watched as you went to work and waited patiently all day long. With all your activities, I guess you were too busy to say anything to me. I noticed that before lunch you looked around. Maybe you felt embarrassed to talk to me—that is why you didn't bow your head. You glanced three or four tables over, and you noticed some of your friends talking to me briefly before they ate, but you didn't. That's okay. There is still more time left, and I have hope that you will talk to me even yet.

You went home, and it seems as if you had lots of things to do. After a few of them were done, you turned on the TV. I don't know if I like TV or not. Just about

anything goes there, and you spend a lot of time each day in front of it—not thinking about anything—just enjoying a show. I waited patiently again as you ate your meal, but again you didn't talk to me. As you did your paperwork, I waited again as you did what you had to do.

At bedtime I guess you felt too tired. After you said goodnight to your family, you plopped into bed and fell asleep in no time. That's okay because maybe you don't realize that I am always there for you. I've got patience more than you will ever know. I even want to teach you how to be patient with others as well.

Because I love you so much, a long time ago, I left a wonderful place called Heaven and came to Earth. I gave it up so that I could be ridiculed and made fun of, and I even died so you wouldn't have to take my place. I love you so much that I wait every day for a nod, a prayer, a thought, or a thankful part of your heart. It's hard to have a one-sided conversation.

Well, you're getting up again, so I'll wait with my love for you, hoping that today you will give me some time.

Have a nice day!
Your friend,

Jesus

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph



Fr. Joseph and the First Holy Communicants on May 7th. What a wonderful day!

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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

May 21, 2023 † The Resurrection of the Lord 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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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	05/22/2023	8:00 a.m.	Lu Streetman (D)	Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33
Tuesday	05/23/2023	8:00 a.m.	Tuff Pennhollow (L)	Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a
Wednesday	05/24/2023	12:00 p.m.	Father Charles Fisher (D)	Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19
Thursday	05/25/2023	8:00 a.m.	Soul Most Devoted to Mary (D)	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26
Friday	05/26/2023	12:00 p.m.	Soul In Purgatory Most Bound to Pray	Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19
Saturday	05/27/2023	5:00 p.m.	Nancy Redfern (L)	Acts 2:1-11/1; Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23
Sunday	05/28/2023	9:00 a.m.	Dolores Meyers (D)	Acts 2:1-11/1; Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23
Sunday	05/28/2023	12:00 p.m.	Pablo Reynaso/Maria Valeria (D)	Acts 2:1-11/1; Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

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

