

# Fr. Joseph's Corner

## "Grains of Sand: The Beggar's Rags"

A beggar lived near the king's palace. One day he saw a proclamation posted outside the palace gate. The king was giving a great dinner. Anyone dressed in royal garments was invited to the party. The beggar was on his way. He looked at the rags he was wearing and sighed. Surely only kings and their families wore royal robes, he thought. Slowly an idea crept into his mind. The audacity of it made him tremble. Would he dare?

He made his way back to the palace. He approached the guard at the gate. "Please, sir, I would like to speak with the king." "Wait here," the guard replied. In a few minutes, he was back. "His majesty will see you," he said and led the beggar in. "You wish to see me?" asked the king.

"Yes, your majesty. I want so much to attend the banquet, but I have no royal robes to wear. Please, sir, if I may be so bold, may I have one of your old garments so that I, too, may come to the banquet?"

The beggar shook so hard that he could not see the faint smile that was on the king's face. "You have been wise in coming to me," the king said. He called to his son, the young prince and said, "Take this man to your room and array him in some of your clothes." The prince did as he was told, and soon the beggar was standing before a mirror, clothed in garments that he had never dared hoped for. "You are now eligible to attend the king's banquet tomorrow night," said the prince. "But even more important, you will never need any other clothes. These garments will last forever. "Oh, thank

you," he cried. But as he started to leave, he looked back at his pile of dirty rags on the floor. He hesitated. What if the prince was wrong? What if he should need his old clothes again? Quickly he gathered them up.

The banquet was far greater than he had ever imagined, but he could not enjoy himself as he should. He had made a small bundle of his old rags, and it kept falling off his lap. The food was passed around quickly, and the beggar missed some of the greatest delicacies.

Time proved that the prince was right. The clothes lasted forever. Still the poor beggar grew fonder and fonder of his old rags. As time passed, people seemed to forget the royal robes he was wearing. They only saw the little bundle of filthy rags he clung to wherever he went. They even spoke of him as "the old man with the rags."

One day as he lay dying, the king visited him. The beggar saw the sad look on the king's face when he looked at the small bundle of rags by the bed. Suddenly the beggar remembered the prince's words, and he realized that his bundle of rags had cost him a lifetime of true royalty.

He wept bitterly at his folly. And the king wept with him.

—(Author Unknown)

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"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph



Join us via livestream for this joyous occasion at [www.dioceseofbaker.org](http://www.dioceseofbaker.org)!

With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God the Diocese of Baker in Oregon together with the family of

**Caleb Joshua Cunningham**  
Invite you to this

### Ordination to the Holy Priesthood

Through the laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by

**The Most Reverend Liam Cary**  
Bishop of Baker

on  
Thursday the Fifteenth of June  
in the year of our Lord 2023  
at 11:00 AM Pacific Time

Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales  
Baker City, Oregon

Reception to follow

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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

May 28, 2023 † Pentecost 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	05/29/2023	8:00 a.m.	Charles Fischer (D)	Acts 1:12-14; John 19:25-34
Tuesday	05/30/2023	8:00 a.m.	Lewis Smith (D)	Sir 35:1-12; Mark 10:28-31
Wednesday	05/31/2023	12:00 p.m.	Albina Stagnoli (L)	Zep3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-56
Thursday	06/01/2023	8:00 a.m.	Souls In Purgatory (D)	Sir 42:15-25; Mark 10:46-52
Friday	06/02/2023	12:00 p.m.	Paul C Jones (D)	Sir 44:1, 9-13; Mark 11:11-26
Saturday	06/03/2023	5:00 p.m.	Rita Rodgers (D)	Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2; Cor 13:11; John 3:16-18
Sunday	06/04/2023	9:00 a.m.	Irene Kutcher (D)	Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2; Cor 13:11; John 3:16-18
Sunday	06/05/2023	12:00 p.m.	Guadalupe Ramirez (D)	Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2; Cor 13:11; John 3:16-18

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

## Today's Homily

**P**entecost literally means 50th. It is a feast celebrated on the 50th day after the Passover feast by the Jews and a feast celebrated on the 50th day after the feast of the Resurrection of Jesus by the Christians. The Jewish Pentecost was originally a post-harvest thanksgiving feast. Later, the Jews included in it the remembrance of God's Covenants with Noah after the Deluge and with Moses at Mt. Sinai.

### On the day of Pentecost:

- 1) The Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary as fiery tongues.
- 2) The frightened apostles were transformed into fiery preachers and evangelizers and were given the gift of tongues by a special anointing of the Holy Spirit.
- 3) The listeners experienced a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit through the apostles' gift of tongues: they heard Peter speaking in their native languages.
- 4) The early Christians became powerful witnesses and brave martyrs for their Faith in Jesus.

### The Role of the Holy Spirit in Christian Life:

- 1) As an **indwelling** God, He makes us His Living Temples (I Cor 3:16).
- 2) As a **strengthening** God, He strengthens us in our fight against temptations and in our mission of bearing witness to Christ by transparent Christian lives.
- 3) As a **sanctifying** God, He makes us holy through the Sacraments: **a)** He makes us children of God and heirs of Heaven through Baptism. **b)** He makes us temples of God, warriors, and defenders of the Faith, through Confirmation. **c)** He enables us to be reconciled with God by pardoning our sins through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **d)** He gives us spiritual nourishment via the Holy Eucharist by converting bread and wine into Jesus' Body and Blood through Epiclesis.
- 4) As a **teaching and guiding** God, He clarifies and constantly reminds us of Christ's teachings.
- 5) As a **listening and talking** God, He listens to our prayers and enables us to pray, and He speaks to us mainly through the Bible.
- 6) As a **giver of gifts**, He gives us His gifts, fruits, and charisms.



1) **We need to permit the Holy Spirit to direct our lives:** **a)** by constantly remembering and appreciating His Holy Presence within us, especially through the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation; **b)** by fortifying ourselves with the help of the Holy Spirit against all types of temptations; **c)** by seeking the assistance of the Holy Spirit in our thoughts, words, and deeds, and in the breaking of our evil habits; **d)** by listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit speaking to us through the Bible and through the good counsel of others; **e)** by fervently praying for the gifts, fruits and charisms of the Holy Spirit; **f)** by renewing our lives through the anointing of the Holy Spirit; and **g)** by living our lives in

the Holy Spirit as lives of commitment, of sacrifice, and of joy. We are called to love as Jesus loved, not counting the cost. As St. Paul exhorts us, "Walk by the Spirit, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit" (Galatians 5:16, 25).

2) **We need to cultivate the spirit of forgiveness.** The feast of the Pentecost offers us the chance to look at the role which forgiveness should play in our dealings with others. Thus, we are challenged to examine our sense of compassion, patience, tolerance, and magnanimity.

Learning to forgive is a lifelong task, but the Holy Spirit is with us to make us agents of forgiveness. If we are prepared on this day of Pentecost to *receive* the Holy Spirit into our lives, we can have confidence that our lives will be marked by the Spirit of forgiveness.

Today is a great day to ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle in us the spirit of new life and enthusiasm, the fire of God's love. Let us repeat Bl. John Henry Cardinal Newman's favorite little prayer, *Come Holy Spirit*:

"Come Holy Spirit  
Make our ears to hear  
Make our eyes to see  
Make our mouths to speak  
Make our hearts to seek  
Make our hands to reach out  
And touch the world with your love. AMEN.

## May—The Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### Pastoral Council Meeting

There is a Pastoral Council Meeting on **Wednesday, May 31st, at 4 p.m.**, in the Parish Hall. Questions? Please call **Darlene** at the Parish Office (541) 447-6475.

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### Knights of Columbus "Coats for Kids" Raffle



Raffle tickets for two nights at Foster Lake Resort are on sale in the Parish Office. This is the last week to support this fundraiser for our youth. The tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for 6 tickets.

The drawing will be held on **Sunday, June 4th**, at the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast.

—Thank you, **Jim Friese, Grand Knight**

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### Mass Intentions

As we celebrate **Father's Day on June 18th**, 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 schedule a Mass Intention at the Parish Office, or mail a request (include name and how many Masses) to P.O. Box 1315, Prineville, OR 97754.

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### Respect Life Fundraiser

The St. Joseph Respect Life Committee's Annual Baby Bottle Campaign is asking that you please fill a baby bottle with cash, checks, etc., and return it to the Parish Office by **Father's Day, June 18th**. For questions or for more information, call **Gari Lynn** at: (541) 815-5823. The proceeds go to benefit Pro-Life organizations.

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### Word of Life

"Even the weakest and most vulnerable—the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor—are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect."

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### House Blessings

If you would like to have your house blessed, call the Parish Office to make an appointment for **Fr. Joseph** to come out on either a **Tuesday or Wednesday at 3 p.m.**, or at any time he is available.

### 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal Pledge

The **Bishop's Appeal, "The Mystery of Faith,"** coincides with the national Eucharistic Revival. 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**.

Parishioners in each parish are asked to contribute directly to diocesan ministries that individual parishes cannot sustain on their own.

For more information, go to the Diocese Website at: <https://dioceseofbaker.org/bishops-annual-appeal>.

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### Annual Catechetical Symposium

#### "I Have Seen the Lord"

The 2023 Annual Catechetical Symposium will be from **Wednesday, July 21st, to Friday, July 23rd**, presented in English and Spanish.

Inviting all parents, catechists, and parish leaders to join **Bishop Cary** and his guests for this unique opportunity to be inspired, connect, learn, and grow.

Come and walk with Mary Magdalene and remember your encounters with God's glory in your faith story at the Cascade View Retreat Center in Powell Butte.

For more information and/or to register, please visit: [dioceseofbaker.org/symposium](https://dioceseofbaker.org/symposium) or call (541) 388-4004.

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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, Joan Holland, and Thomas Cook**

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### Amazing P/T Catholic Summer Opportunity!

The Diocesan Evangelization and Catechesis Team seeks a part-time Summer Event Assistant from **Monday, June 19th, to Friday, August 11th**. For the details, visit: [dioceseofbaker.org](https://dioceseofbaker.org) or email [Marie@DioceseofBaker.org](mailto:Marie@DioceseofBaker.org).



In Our  
Thoughts  
and Prayers