

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"A Burden of My Own"
(Author Unknown)

A MONARCH OF long ago had twin sons, and there was some confusion about which one was born first. As they grew to young manhood, the king sought a fair way to designate one of them as crown prince. All who knew the young men thought them to be equal in intelligence, wit, personal charm, health, and physical strength. Being a keenly observant king, though, he thought he detected a trait in one, which was not shared by the other.

Calling the twins to his council chamber one day, he said, "My sons, the day will come when one of you must succeed me as king. The burdens of sovereignty are very heavy. To find out which of you is better able to bear them cheerfully, I'm sending you both to a far corner of the kingdom. One of my advisors there will place equal burdens on your shoulders. My crown will one day go to the one who first returns, bearing his burden like a king should."

In a spirit of friendly competition, the brothers set out together. Soon they overtook an aged woman struggling

under a burden that seemed far too heavy for her frail body. One boy suggested that they stop to help her. The other protested: "We have a burden of our own to worry about. Let us be on our way." So, the objector hurried on while the other stayed behind to aid the aged woman.

Along the road, from day to day, the boy found others who also needed help. A blind man took him miles out of his way, and a lame man slowed him down to a cripple's walk. Eventually, the boy did reach his father's advisor, who secured the boy's own burden, and the boy headed home with it safely on his shoulders.

When he arrived at the palace, his brother met him at the gate and greeted him with dismay. He said, "I don't understand. I told our father the burden was too heavy to carry. How did you do it?"

The future king replied, "I suppose when I helped others carry their burdens, I found the strength to carry my own."

—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

May 7, 2023 † 5th Sunday of Easter

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| 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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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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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 👈

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| Monday | 05/08/2023 | 8:00 a.m. | No Daily Mass | Acts 11:1-18; John 10:11-18 |
| Tuesday | 05/09/2023 | 8:00 a.m. | Family of Andy Vandehey (L) | Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30 [M] |
| Wednesday | 05/10/2023 | 12:00 p.m. | Howard Tocher (D) | 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14 [F] |
| Thursday | 05/11/2023 | 8:00 a.m. | The Holy Soul in Purgatory in need of prayer (D) | Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20 |
| Friday | 05/12/2023 | 12:00 p.m. | Maria Walwork (D) | Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6 |
| Saturday | 05/13/2023 | 5:00 p.m. | Anne MacDonald (D) | Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12 |
| Sunday | 05/14/2023 | 9:00 a.m. | Dannie Carwley (D) | Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12 |
| Sunday | 05/14/2023 | 12:00 p.m. | Evelyn Walwork (D) | Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12 |

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

Today's Homily

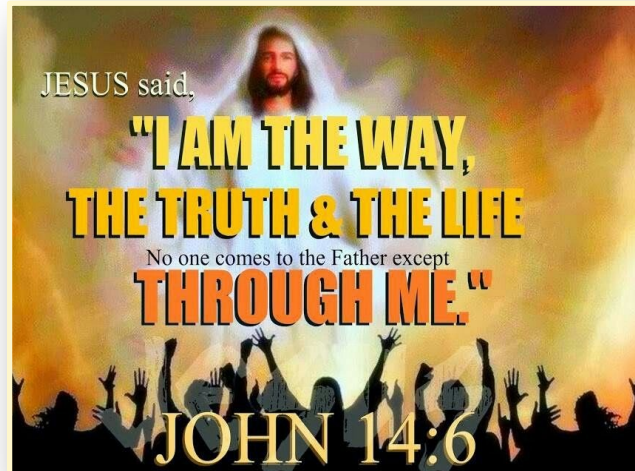
Today's readings tell us how the early Church accepted the challenge of keeping Jesus' memory alive by remaining a dynamic Christian community, bearing witness to Christ by their unity, fidelity in worship, and spirit of loving, humble service. Today's Gospel introduces Jesus as the Way to God, the Truth to be accepted, and the Life to be shared and lived.

The first reading, taken from Acts, shows us the early Church as a loving, serving, and worshipping community (Acts 6:1-7). Hence, it easily solved the problem of perceived discrimination by instituting the diaconate for the service of the community.

In the second reading, St. Peter advises the early Christians to renew the memory of Jesus by allowing God to make of them "living stones" and build them into a spiritual edifice, a community of believers, with Christ for its "Living Cornerstone" (I Pt 2:4-5). Peter praises Christians, both Gentile and Jewish, as "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and God's own people."

In today's Gospel, Jesus consoles His apostles—who are sad and disheartened at His announcement that He will be leaving them soon—by assuring them that he is going to prepare an everlasting accommodation for them in His Father's House in Heaven. He gives them the assurance that He will come back to take them to their Heavenly abodes. It is then that Thomas says, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus answers Thomas' question with, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me."

The basic doctrine of Judaism is that Yahweh is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Hence, Jesus is making a revolutionary claim that He is equivalent to Yahweh. Jesus also declares that He, Himself, is the safest and surest way to God, discrediting the notions that all religions are equally sure ways to reach God, and that no organized religion, but only living a good life of sharing love, is necessary to reach God. But Jesus is the Way, which He calls narrow, because it is the way of focused, loving, humble, sacrificial service. Jesus is the Truth who teaches revealed truths about God and God's rela-



tion to man. Jesus also teaches moral truths and demonstrates them in His life. Jesus is the Life because, as God, He possesses the eternal life of God and shares His Divine life with His disciples through the Word of God and the Sacraments. In short, Jesus reveals the Father in the Way He lives, in the Truth of His word, and in the new Life that He brings.

We need to *know* Jesus the

Truth and to walk Jesus the Way: Jesus asked Philip: "Have I been with you all this time, and you still do not know me?" He is asking us the same question: "Have I been with you all this time—in the Mass, in the Sacraments, the Bible, in the worshipping community—and you still do not know me?" If we really believe that Jesus is the Way and the Truth and the Life, then we will find fresh and creative ways to keep alive His memory. Jesus asks us to keep alive His memory by reading and praying the Scriptures, by gathering in Jesus' name, and celebrating the Eucharist "in memory" of Him, by handing on the great tradition of Christian Faith and by living according to His wise teachings. Jesus says, "If you believe in me, you will do the work I do." This is the work He's talking about: creating safe, secure, happy places for one another in which the really important work of life—transformation and big-family building—can happen. We can help one another "get a life" in the same way Jesus did: by recognizing the powerful effect we have on one another, for good or ill, and by consciously deciding to make even our smallest choices add up to safe, secure, happy spaces where every member of our big family can grow whole.

We need to possess, and live out, Jesus the Life. We share the Divine life of God by making use of the means Jesus established in His Church: a) by actively participating in the Eucharistic celebration and properly receiving the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion; b) by the worthy reception of the other Sacraments; c) by the meditative and daily reading of the Word of God; d) by following the guidance of the life-giving Spirit of God, living within us; and e) by communicating with God, the Source of Life, in personal and family prayers.

May—The Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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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No Mass

Please note that there will be no Daily Mass on **Monday, May 8th**. Fr. Joseph will be out of town. The Mass schedule will resume on **Tuesday, May 9th, at 8 a.m.**

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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>.

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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.

God's Dictionary

Idol – Noun: A person or thing that is greatly admired, loved, or revered:

Yes, it's easy to scoff and say, "No way would I place an idol over God. Those people must have been so easily influenced!" But the truth is, we have a long list of idols today.

Idolatry, by its definition, is when someone or something becomes No. 1 in our life, surpassing God. Idols are formed when we substitute time with God. Even good things can become idols if we aren't careful.

There is nothing wrong with enjoying a hobby or working out. There is nothing wrong with earning money or purchasing trinkets. There is nothing wrong with sitting in first class rather than coach. Or owning a Coach purse. But when these things come first in our lives, we've created an idol.

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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 Foster 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 raffle 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

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U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking

Pope Francis says: "Human Trafficking is an open wound on the body of contemporary society, a scourge upon the body of Christ. It is a crime against humanity." Remember in your prayers those who are in slavery to this crime. For more information, please contact:

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