

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"The Story of the Rainbow" (Author Unknown)

ONCE UPON A TIME, all the Colors in the world started to quarrel. Each claimed that he or she was the best, the most important, the most useful, the favorite.

Green said: "Clearly I am the most important. I am the sign of life and hope. I was chosen for grass, trees, and leaves. Without me all the animals would die. Look out over the countryside, and you will see that I am in the majority."

Then Blue interrupted: "You only think about the earth, but consider the sky and the sea. It is water that is the basis of life, and this is drawn up by the clouds from the blue sea. The sky gives space and peace and serenity. Without my peace, you would all be nothing but busy-bodies."

Yellow chuckled: "You are all so serious. I bring laughter, gaiety, and warmth into the world. The sun is Yellow, the moon is Yellow, all the stars are Yellow. Every time you look at a sunflower, the whole world starts to smile. Without me there would be no fun."

Orange now started next to blow her own trumpet: "I am the color of health and strength. I may be scarce, but I'm precious for I serve the inner needs of human life. I carry all the most important vitamins. Think of carrots and pumpkins, oranges and mangoes. I don't hang around all the time, but when I fill the sky at sunrise or sunset, my beauty is so striking that no one gives another thought to any of you."

Red could stand it no longer. He shouted out: "I am the ruler of you all—blood—life's blood. I'm the color of danger and bravery. I'm willing to fight for a cause. I am Red—the color of passion and of love."

Then Purple rose up to his full height. He was very tall, and he spoke with great pomp. "I am the color of royalty and

power. Kings, chiefs, and bishops have always chosen me, for I am a sign of authority and wisdom. People do not question me—they listen and obey."

Indigo then spoke much more quietly than all the others, but just as determinedly: "Think of me! I am the color of silence. You hardly notice me but, without me, you all become superficial. It is I who represent thought, and reflection, and deep waters. You need me for balance and for contrast, for prayer, and for inner peace."

And so the Colors went on boasting, each one convinced that they were the best. Their quarreling became louder and louder until, suddenly, there was a startling flash of brilliant white lightning. Thunder rolled and boomed! Rain started to pour down relentlessly. The Colors all crouched down in fear, drawing close to one another for comfort.

Then Rain spoke: "You foolish Colors, all fighting among yourselves—each trying to dominate the rest. Do you not know that God made you all? Each of you were made for a special purpose, each of you are unique and different. God loves you all! He wants you all!

"So join hands with each other now, and come with me. God will stretch you across the sky in a great bow of color as a reminder that He loves all of you, and that you can live together in peace and harmony—a promise that He is with you—a sign of hope for tomorrow."

And so whenever God has used a good rain to wash the world, He puts the rainbow in the sky. And when we see it, let us remember to appreciate one another!

—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

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:

We are seeking a Summer Event Assistant, from 6/19 to 8/11.

Email Marie at: Marie@DioceseofBaker.org.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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

June 11, 2023 † Corpus Christi 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.

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	06/12/2023	8:00 a.m.	Lu Streetman (D)	2 Cor 1:1-7; Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday	06/13/2023	8:00 a.m.	Janet Andrew (D)	2 Cor 1:18-22; Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday	06/14/2023	12:00 p.m.	No Mass	2 Cor 3:4-11; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	06/15/2023	8:00 a.m.	No Mass	2 Cor 3:15-4:1,3-6; Mt 5:20-26
Friday	06/16/2023	12:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Vetter (D)	Dt 7:6-11; John 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30
Saturday	06/17/2023	5:00 p.m.	Rev. Fr. Charles Dreisbach (D)	Ex 19:2-6a; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36-10:8
Sunday	06/18/2023	9:00 a.m.	Bud Redfern (D)	Ex 19:2-6a; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36-10:8
Sunday	06/18/2023	12:00 p.m.	Parishioners of St Joseph (L)	Ex 19:2-6a; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36-10:8

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

Today's Homily: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

The last two precious gifts given to us by Jesus are the Holy Eucharist as our spiritual food on Holy Thursday and Jesus' mother Mary as our spiritual Mother on Good Friday.

Corpus Christi is the celebration of the abiding presence of a loving God as *Emmanuel*—God-with-us—in order to give collective thanks to our Lord for His living with us in the Eucharist.

The feast also gives us an occasion to learn more about the importance and value of the “Real Presence” so that we may appreciate it better and receive maximum benefit from the Sacrament.

We believe in the “Real Presence” of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist because:

- 1) Jesus promised it after miraculously feeding the five thousand.
- 2) Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist during His Last Supper.
- 3) Jesus commanded His disciples to repeat it in His memory, and
- 4) “Nothing is impossible for God.”

Today's Gospel describes Jesus' miraculous feeding of five thousand people by multiplying five loaves of bread and two fish. Theologically, this feeding is a prefiguring of Jesus' gift of the Eucharistic bread that would spiritually nourish those who believe in him.



The Eucharist, (the Body and Blood of Christ), teaches us the importance of community, the bond that results from this sacrifice. John Chrysostom says: “What is the Bread actually? The Body of Christ. What do communicants become? The Body of Christ.

Just as the bread comes from many grains, which remain themselves and are not distinguished from one another because they are united, so we are united with Christ.”

Just as many grains of wheat are pounded together to make the host, and numerous grapes are crushed together to make the wine, so we become unified in this sacrifice.

Our Lord chose these elements in order to show us that we ought to seek union with one another, to allow the Holy Spirit to transform us into Our Lord Jesus Christ, and to work with Him in the process.

Christ is the Head, and we are the Body—the members. Together we are one. That which unites us is our willingness to sacrifice our time and talents to God in our fellow members in Christ's Mystical Body.

This is symbolized by our sharing in the same Bread and the same Cup. Hence, Holy Communion should strengthen our sense of unity and love.

By receiving Holy Communion, we become Christ-bearers—as Mary was—with the duty of conveying Christ to others at home and in the workplace, as love, mercy, forgiveness and humble and sacrificial service.

June: The Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Prayer List

David Leonard, Steve Forrester, Carl Johnson, Lyn Rodgers, Mike Mulvihill, Dolores Koivisto, Anita Marquez, Ben Guyger, Georgia Fitzgerald, Lloyd Rodgers, Pierre Jones, Sammi Pedersen, Steven Clifton, Ken Dalton, Joan Holland, Debi Allan, and Jordan Ortega

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No Daily Mass

There will be no daily Mass on **Wednesday, June 14th, and Thursday, June 15th.** Fr. Joseph will be participating in the Ordination to the Holy Priesthood of **Caleb Joshua Cunningham**, in Baker City. (See below).

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Ordination Ceremony

Everyone is invited to the Ordination to the Priesthood of **Deacon Caleb Cunningham** by **Bishop Liam Cary.**

The Ordination Mass will be on **Thursday, June 15th, at 11 a.m.,** at the St. Francis Cathedral in Baker City, or you may join us via livestream for this joyous occasion on the diocese website at: dioceseofbaker.org. A reception will follow immediately after the ceremony.

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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 Annual Baby Bottle Campaign asks that you fill a baby bottle with cash/checks and return it to the Parish Office by **Father's Day, June 18th.** Questions? Call **Gari Lynn** at: (541) 815-5823. The proceeds go to benefit Pro-Life organizations.

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Housekeeper Position Available

If you are interested in the position of Housekeeper for the Rectory, please call **Darlene** at the Parish Office: (541) 447-6475.

Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows

Registration is going on now for the Our Lady of Peace Institute in Catholic Teaching, from **Monday, July 10th, to Friday, July 14th,** at Our Lady of Peace Retreat in Beaverton. The theme is “Be Still and Know that I Am God,” and the presenters are: Catholic Answers Apologist **Tim Staples**, Fr. **Theodore Lange**, Mother **Mary Assumpta Long**, OP, and Sr. **Joseph Andrew**, OP, of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, and **Bishop Peter Smith.** Attend as a resident, day student, or register for our virtual option. For rates, to register, and the address, call (831) 432-8093, ext. 5, or visit: olpretreat.org/summer-institute-2022.

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Annual Catechetical Symposium

The 2023 Annual Catechetical Symposium is 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, call (541) 388-4004 or go to the website at: dioceseofbaker.org/symposium.

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2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal Pledge

As of June 6th, 34 families have pledged \$16,635 toward our parish goal of 48 families pledging \$21,826.

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2023 Parish Picnic

Welcome Home to all Crook County Catholics! On **Sunday, August 13th,** St. Joseph Parish will celebrate a bilingual Mass at **10 a.m.,** immediately followed by the traditional picnic on the Parish Hall lawn east of the Church. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs, and carne asada—barbecued by those fabulous Knights of Columbus chefs, along with traditional picnic fare provided by our St. Joseph parishioners. Games and outdoor activities for children of all ages will be set up on the lawn adjacent to the Parish Hall. This year we extend a special welcome to all Crook County Catholics from Prineville, Juniper Heights, Powell Butte, and all surrounding areas. Mark your calendars and join us for Mass followed by good food and fun!