

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"You Are Not a Monk" (author unknown)

A MAN'S CAR broke down as he was driving past a beautiful old monastery. He walked up to the drive and knocked on the front door. A monk answered, listened to the man's story, and graciously invited him to spend the night.

The monks fed him and led him to a tiny chamber in which to sleep. The man slept serenely until a strange and beautiful sound awakened him. The next morning, as the monks were repairing his car, he asked about the sound that had woke him.

"We're sorry," the monks said. "We can't tell you about the sound. You're not a monk."

Disappointed, the man went on his way and pondered the source of the alluring sound for several years.

One day he again stopped at the monastery and explained to the monks that he had so enjoyed his previous stay. So he asked for permission to spend another night under their peaceful roof. Late that night, he again heard the strange, beautiful sound.

The following morning he begged the monks to explain the sound, but the monks gave him the same answer as before. "We're sorry. We can't tell you about the sound. You're not a monk."

By now the man's curiosity had turned to obsession. He decided to give up everything to become a monk, for that was the only way he could learn about the sound.

He informed the monks of his decision and began the long and arduous task of becoming one of them. Seventeen long years later, the man finally became a true member of the order. When the celebration ended, he humbly went to the leader of the order and asked to be told the source of the sound.

Silently, the old monk led the new monk to a huge wooden door. He opened the door with a golden key.

The door swung open to reveal a second door, this one of silver, then a third of gold, and so on. Until they had passed through twelve doors—each more magnificent than the last.

The new monk's face was awash with tears of joy as he finally beheld the wondrous source of the beautiful and mysterious sound he had heard so many years before. But I can't tell you what it was because you are not a monk!

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph



What Is a Deanery?

A deanery is a subdivision of a diocese, consisting of a number of parishes, over which presides a dean appointed by a bishop. He summons the conference of the deanery and presides over it. Periodically he makes a report to the bishop on conditions in the deanery.

In areas where there are many Catholics stretched over a large area, deaneries are an effective tool that help the bishop maintain unity among his flock.

Please Pray for Those on Our 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, Joan Holland, Jordan Ortega, Chuck Renwick, John Huthmacher, and Ed McNamara



St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754
July 16, 2023 † 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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	07/17/2023	8:00 a.m.	Englin Edgerly (L)	Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34, 11:1
Tuesday	07/18/2023	8:00 a.m.	Selmer J. Swanson (D)	Ex 2:1-15 ^o ; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday	07/19/2023	12:00 p.m.	Fr. Arsenius (L)	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday	07/20/2023	8:00 a.m.	Jerry Pimental (D)	Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30
Friday	07/21/2023	12:00 p.m.	Paul Jones (L)	Ex 11:10, 12:14; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday	07/22/2023	5:00 p.m.	Angus & Lucille Leffler (D)	Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43
Sunday	07/23/2023	9:00 a.m.	Ashley Walton (L)	Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43
Sunday	07/23/2023	12:00 p.m.	Norberto Vargas (D)	Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

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

Today's Homily

TODAY'S readings are about the transforming power of the word of God when read, preached, and lived. They also warn us not to be disappointed at the absence of immediate results. We must take a positive and optimistic view of our missionary efforts as we keep on bearing witness to Christ's Gospel. The Parable of the Sower in today's Gospel challenges us to listen intently to God's Word, to be open to it, and to shape our lives by its power. The parable reminds us that man's reception of God's Word is determined by the condition of his heart.

Today's Gospel teaches us that the word of the Lord is the seed—our hearts and minds are the soil. A good spiritual yield in life depends on how much a person willingly accepts and responds to the word of the Lord. The yield arising from the positive response will be abundant beyond all imagination. The parable tells us to do our part by preparing fertile soil in our hearts for the word of God to germinate, grow, and yield 30-, 60-, or 100-fold.

We have to read the word of God every day, starting with a prayer to the Holy Spirit for the gifts of attentive reading and the ability and willingness to apply the message we receive to our daily lives. When we listen to the word of God as read and preached in the Church during the Holy Mass, we need to pay full attention to the message given by God, using the priest as His instrument.

We also have to ask God's special grace to remove all types of blocks—like laziness, anxiety, worries, and the burden of unrepented sins which prevent the word of God from influencing and transforming our lives.



When we receive Jesus in Holy Communion, we receive the Word of God and the Source of the Word of God. We need to ask God to transform our lives so that we may see Jesus in everyone (for all are our brothers and sisters in Him), and share with each of them Jesus' unconditional love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness.

The Word of God is meant to transform us and help us live a better and healthier life. Above all, it is supposed to help us affect others positively. God does not send and sow his Word so that plants and trees are able to grow and live but, rather, so that we are able to grow and live. His Word gives and sustains new life in us. Yes, his Word brings "new life" because without that Word, we were dead in sin. Yes, without the knowledge of Jesus as our Savior, we were dead people.

We need to keep our spiritual soil fertile and prepared for the word of God: We need to keep our hearts open to the word of God instead of closing it with pride, prejudice, fear, or laziness. We have to remove from our hearts the weeds—like evil habits, addictions and evil tendencies, hatred, jealousy, fear, and greed. We should not allow the trials and tribulations of this world, the cares of this world, our ambitions, or our desires for worldly success and happiness to choke out the messages that God gives through His word.

Jesus challenges us in the Parable of the Sower to sow seeds of encouragement, joy and reconciliation—regardless of the "soil" on which it is scattered—and to imitate the seed's total giving of self that becomes the harvest of Gospel justice and mercy.

July: The Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus

A Message from Father Joseph

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, and gifts on the occasion of my birthday.

—*With love, Father Joseph*

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Holy Hour

HOLY HOUR IS THIS SUNDAY, JULY 16TH, AT 5 P.M.

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Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Story



The Knights of Columbus will present the "Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose" on **Wednesday, July 19th, after the 12 p.m. Mass.** Please come and enjoy this celebration.

In 1960, a group of Knights of Columbus Squires from Monterrey Council in Mexico wanted to do something special in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. They invited the KC Squires from Laredo, TX, to London, Ontario, Canada, to join in running a rose from Canada, across the U.S., and transfer it at the International Bridge in Texas. After being blessed by **Bishop John Cody** in London, Ontario, in June 1960, the Rose started on its journey. The interest it created was high, so the Pilgrimage was done again in 1961 but, instead of a live rose, a silver rose made by a jeweler in Monterrey was used. Then in 1990, **Sup. Knight Virgil Dechant** initiated this pilgrimage as a Supreme Program.

In 2001, **Sup. Knight Carl Anderson** saw the Pilgrimage "as a perfect symbol that not only honored Our Lady of Guadalupe as Patroness of all the Americas but reaffirms the Order's dedication to the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death." What began in 1960 as a single route from Canada to Mexico evolved and, currently, there are eight separate routes.

Our **Silver Rose Pilgrimage** began in Alaska, journeyed to British Columbia, then to Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Nevada, California, and then it is transferred at the International Border. The Silver Rose arrives with the other seven roses at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico, on December 12th, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

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ACTS Study Group

We have resumed the ACTS study group on **Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. We are currently watching "The Chosen," Season 3. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Eucharistic Ministers

There will be a Training/Refresher Course on **Wednesday, July 19th, at 1:15 p.m.** for all new and current Eucharistic Ministers. If you have any questions or if you are interested in joining this ministry, please call **Cathy Baxter** at (541) 233-3888.

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2023 Parish Picnic

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.



Those fabulous KofC chefs will be barbecuing hamburgers, hot dogs and *carne asada*, 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!

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2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal Pledge

As of **July 11th**, 44 parish families have pledged **\$18,880** toward our goal of 48 families pledging **\$21,826**.

For more information, visit dioceseofbaker.org.

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A Lifeline for Marriage

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track, the opportunity to rediscover each other, and to examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples. It is for any couple who wants to rediscover their marriage and improve communication.

To register for the **August 25–27 weekend** in Canby, Oregon, send an email to: portland@retrouvaille.org or call (503) 225-9191.

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Father Joseph

BISHOP CARY HAS APPOINTED FATHER JOSEPH DEAN OF CENTRAL DEANERY.

(See back cover for more information.)