

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"I Found Jesus There" (Author Unknown)

The surgeon sat beside the boy's bed; his parents sat across from him.

"Tomorrow morning," the surgeon began, "I'm going to open up your heart . . ." "You'll find Jesus there," the boy interrupted. The surgeon looked up at him, annoyed. "I'll cut your heart open," he continued, "to see how much damage has been done . . ."

"But, when you open up my heart, you'll find Jesus in there." The surgeon looked to the parents, who sat quietly. "When I see how much damage has been done, I'll sew your heart and chest back up, and I'll plan what to do next." "But you'll find Jesus in my heart. The Bible says He lives there. The hymns all say He lives there. You'll find Him in my heart."

The surgeon had had enough. "I'll tell you what I'll find in your heart. I'll find damaged muscle, low blood supply, and weakened vessels. And I'll find out if I can make you well." "And you'll find Jesus there, too. He lives there." And so the surgeon left.



After the surgery, the surgeon sat in his office, recording his notes: ". . . damaged aorta, damaged pulmonary vein, widespread muscle degeneration. No hope for transplant, no hope for cure. Therapy: painkillers and bed rest. Prognosis:" here he paused, "death within the year."

He stopped the recorder, but there was more to be said. "Why?" he asked aloud. "Why did You do this? You've put him here; You've put him in this pain; and You've cursed him to an early death. Why?"

The Lord answered, "The boy, My lamb, was not meant for your flock for long, for he is a part of My flock, and he will forever be. Here, in My flock, he will feel no pain, and he will be comforted as you cannot even imagine. His parents will one day join him here, and they will know peace—and My flock will continue to grow."

The surgeon's tears were hot, but his anger was hotter. "You created that boy, and You created that heart. He'll be dead within months. Why?"

Again, the Lord answered, "The boy, My lamb, shall return to My flock, for he has done his duty—I did not put My lamb with your flock to lose him—but to retrieve another lost lamb." The surgeon wept.

Later, the surgeon sat beside the boy's bed; his parents sat across from him. When the boy awoke and saw the surgeon, he whispered, "Did you cut open my heart?"

"Yes," said the surgeon.

"What did you find?" asked the boy.

"I found Jesus there," said the surgeon.

—*Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph*

Register Now for the Diocesan Summer Family Camp

Thursday, August 3rd, to Sunday, 6th

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 through the Diocese website at: DioceseofBaker.org

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, Ken Dalton, Joan Holland, Jordan Ortega, Chuck Renwick, and John Huthmacher



St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754
July 2, 2023 † 13th 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	07/03/2023	8:00 a.m.	Lucille Leffler (D)	Eph 2:19-22; John 20:24-29
Tuesday	07/04/2023	8:00 a.m.	Eunice K Thompson (D)	Gn 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday	07/05/2023	12:00 p.m.	Barbara Dalton (L)	Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Mt 8:28-34
Thursday	07/06/2023	8:00 a.m.	Barbara Barrus (D)	Gn 22:1b-19; Mt 9:1-8
Friday	07/07/2023	12:00 p.m.	Karen Geiman (D)	Gn 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67; Mt 9:9-13
Saturday	07/08/2023	5:00 p.m.	Kathie Leonard (D)	Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30
Sunday	07/09/2023	9:00 a.m.	Colleen Budde (D)	Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30
Sunday	07/09/2023	12:00 p.m.	Fr. A.J. Fischer (D)	Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

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

Today's Homily

THE COMMON THEME of today's readings is the work God gives us to do as the followers of Jesus: to love God and our brothers and sisters through hospitality, generosity, commitment, and charity. The readings also remind us of the sacrifice demanded of Jesus' disciples, and the suffering they will endure for their Faith when they bear witness to Him.

In our first reading, we see Elijah, welcomed by a childless woman who lived in Shunem, a radical illustration of all four works. The woman recognized the holiness of Elisha. She showed him reverence and hospitality by inviting him to dine with her and her husband and by allowing the prophet to occupy an upper room of her house. In response, Elisha promised her, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son." The promise was fulfilled by God.

The second reading, taken from Paul's letter to the Romans, explains why those who care for the followers of Jesus are caring for Jesus Himself, and those who show hospitality to any one of them are eligible for reward. By our Baptism, we have been baptized into Jesus' death and buried with Him, and we look forward to resurrection with Him (Rom 6:5). Since Baptism is our entrée into this new life, it makes us part of the Body of Christ, and Christ is truly present in us. That is why the one who welcomes us welcomes Christ and becomes eligible for reward.

Today's Gospel lesson concludes Jesus' great "missionary discourse" in which He instructs His twelve disciples on the cost and the reward of the commitment required of a disciple. The first half of these sayings of Jesus details the be-



havior expected from His disciples, and the second half speaks of the behavior of others toward the disciples. Even the shameful death on the cross is not too high a price to pay if one is to be a true disciple because the reward is great. Jesus assures His disciples that whoever shows them hospitality will be blessed. Those who receive Jesus receive the One who sent Him. So, too, those who help the "little ones" (messengers) will be amply rewarded.

Be hospitable and generous: Hospitality means acknowledging the presence of God in others and serving Him, especially in those whom we least expect to find Him. We as a community are to look for opportunities to be hospitable—and, of course, there are plenty of ways of offering hospitality.

Maybe hospitality is offered through a kind word to a stranger—or even a smile. A kind smile or a "hello" to someone waiting with us in a grocery line may be the only kindness that person encounters all day. We become fully alive as Christians through the generous giving of ourselves. What is more important than sending checks for charitable causes is giving of ourselves to people—in the way we speak to them and about them, in the way we forgive their failings, in the way we encourage them, console them and help them, and even in the way we think about them. These types of generosity reflect warmth radiating from the very love of God.

To conclude His teaching, Jesus encourages the people to be generous with His messengers. Let us take these words of Jesus to heart and act on them to the best of our ability.

July: The Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus

Independence Day

 In observance of Independence Day, **Tuesday, July 4th**, the Parish Office will be closed. There will still be the Daily Mass at 8 a.m.

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St. Thomas Church Rummage Sale

The St. Thomas Altar Society in Redmond is having their Annual Rummage Sale in the Parish Center Gym, located at 1720 NW 19th St., on **Friday, July 7th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Saturday, July 8th, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (\$1 bag sale).**

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Birthday Party

In honor of Fr. Joseph's birthday, we will be having a party on **Sunday, July 9th, at 1:30 p.m., in the Parish hall.** We hope everyone can come and join us for a fun celebration.



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Housekeeper Position Available



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

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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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Holy Hour

The Holy hour will be on **Sunday, July 16th, at 5 p.m.**

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: dioceseofbaker.org/symposium.



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2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal Pledge

As of **June 27th**, 42 parish families have pledged **\$18,480** toward our goal of 48 families pledging **\$21,826**.

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"Married Singles Lifestyle"

The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples who may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages.

Visit helpourmarriage.org for testimonials, confidential information, or to register for the program from **Friday, August 25th, to Sunday, August 27th**, in Canby, Oregon, or call (503) 225-9191.

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House Blessings

We still have some openings available this summer for **Fr. Joseph** to bless your home. Please call the Parish Office at (541)447-6475 to make an appointment to have Father come out on either a Tuesday or Wednesday at 3 p.m. or any time he is available.



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ACTS Study Group

ACTS study group will be taking a short hiatus. We will let everyone know when we will resume.