

Fr. Joseph's Corner

“An Inspirational Frog Story” (author unknown)

A GROUP OF FROGS were hopping contentedly through the woods, going about their froggy business, when two of them fell into a deep pit. All of the other frogs gathered around the pit to see what could be done to help their companions. When they saw how deep the pit was, the rest of the dismayed group agreed that it was hopeless, and they told the two frogs in the pit that they should prepare themselves for their fate—because they were as good as dead.

Unwilling to accept this terrible fate, the two frogs began to jump with all of their might.

Some of the frogs shouted into the pit that it was hopeless, and that the two frogs wouldn't be in that situation if they had been more careful—more obedient to the froggy rules—and more responsible.

The other frogs continued to sorrowfully shout that they should save their energy and just give up because they were already “as good as dead!” But the two frogs continued to jump as hard and as high as they possibly could. After several hours of desperate efforts, were quite weary.

Finally, one of the frogs took heed of the calls of his fellow frogs. Spent and disheartened, he quietly resolved himself to his fate. He laid down at the bottom of the pit and died while the others looked on in helpless grief.

However, the other frog continued to jump with every ounce of energy he had, although his body was wracked with pain, and he was completely exhausted.

His companions began anew, yelling for him to accept his fate, to stop the pain, and just lay down and die.

The weary frog jumped even harder and higher and—wonder of wonders—he leapt so high that he sprang from the pit!

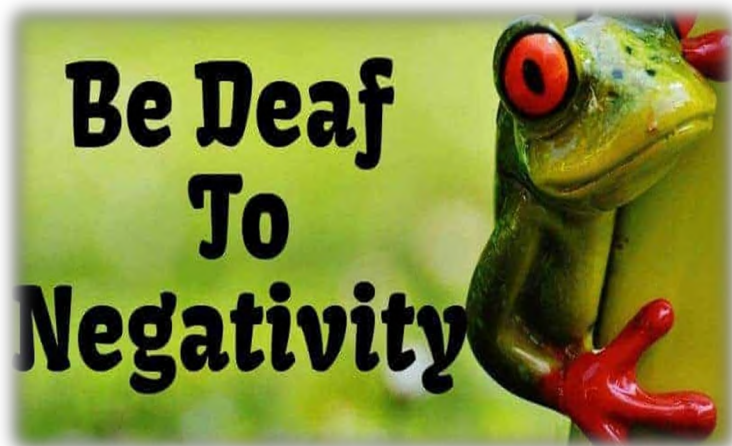
Amazed, the other frogs celebrated his miraculous freedom and then, gathering around him asked, “Why did you continue jumping when we told you it was impossible?”

Reading their lips, the astonished frog explained to them that he was deaf, and that when he saw their gestures and shouting, he thought they were cheering him on! What he had perceived as encouragement inspired him to try harder and to succeed against all odds.

This simple story contains a powerful lesson. Your encouraging words can lift someone up and help him or her make it through the day.

Your destructive words can cause deep wounds. They may even be the weapons that destroy someone's desire to continue trying—or even destroy their life. Your destructive, careless words can diminish someone in the eyes of others, destroy their influence, and have a lasting impact on the way others respond to them.

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph



Be Deaf To Negativity

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 ♦ Ed McNamara ♦ Duncan Osgood



St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754
August 13, 2023 † 19th 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	08/14/2023	8:00 a.m.	Lu Streetman (D)	Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday	08/15/2023	8:00 a.m.	Faye Counts (D)	Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday	08/15/2023	6:00 p.m.	Edna & Harold Godat (D)	Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday	08/16/2023	12:00 p.m.	James Stuart MacDonald (D)	Dt 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday	08/17/2023	8:00 a.m.	Robert Thompson (D)	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday	08/18/2023	12:00 p.m.	Marissa Lowes (L)	Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday	08/19/2023	5:00 p.m.	Lloyd Parker (D)	Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28
Sunday	08/20/2023	9:00 a.m.	Bob Leonard (L)	Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28
Sunday	08/20/2023	12:00 p.m.	Kim Hendrickson (L)	Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

(L) = Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

Today's Homily

Visitors to the Holy Land like to take a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee—the sea upon which Jesus walked. A certain tourist wanted such a ride, and the boatman told him the fare was a hundred dollars. “A hundred dollars!” exclaimed the tourist, “No wonder Jesus walked!” A proper understanding of the gospel story of Jesus walking on the sea has a lot to teach us about who Jesus is, but also about the Church in its journey through the world, and about the life of faith of the individual believer.



storm His soft, gentle voice whispering in the wind, **“Take heart! It is I! Do not be afraid”** (verse 27).

If we believe His word and take Him on board, the storm will immediately subside, and the crisis is resolved.

About Jesus: The miracle story of Jesus walking on the sea, together with the one that goes before it, the multiplication of loaves, shows that Jesus is Lord and has authority over all forces natural and supernatural. The Jews believed that the sea was the domain of supernatural demonic forces. A rough and stormy sea was regarded as the work of these hostile spirits. By walking on the raging waves and calming the stormy sea, Jesus is showing Himself to be one who has power and total control over these hostile spiritual forces. Do you know Christians who have surrendered their lives to the Lord but who still live in constant fear of evil spirits, sorcery, witchcraft, potions, and curses? Today's gospel brings us the good news that these powers of darkness stand no chance at all when Jesus is present and active in our lives and affairs.

About the Church: The boat on the sea is one of the earliest Christian symbols for the Church in its journey through the world. Just as the boat is tossed about by the waves, so is the Church pounded from all sides by worldly and spiritual forces hostile to the kingdom of God. In the midst of crises, Jesus comes to restore peace and harmony in His church. But He comes in a form and manner in which He is easily

mistaken for the enemy. He comes in a way that makes many well-meaning Christians to cry out in fear: **“It is a ghost!”** (Matthew 14:26) as they try to keep Him out. But if we listen carefully, we shall hear through the

About the Individual Believer: From the point of view of the individual believer, the story of Jesus walking on the seas—especially the involvement of Peter in the story—is a lesson for disciples who are tempted to take their eyes off of Jesus and to take more notice of the threatening circumstances around them. Peter had said to Jesus, **“Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water”** (verse 28). Jesus gives him the word of command, **“Come”** (verse 29).

It would seem like Jesus is commanding the impossible. Yet whatever Jesus commands us to do, He gives us the power to do it. And the ordinary man, Peter, begins to walk on the seas, coming to Jesus. **“But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and began to sink”** (verse 30).

While Peter kept his eye fixed upon Jesus, and upon His word and power, he walked upon the water well enough; but when he took notice of the danger he was in, and focused on the waves, then he became afraid and began to sink. **“For we walk by faith; not by sight”** (2 Corinthians 5:7).

May the Lord increase our little faith so that in all the storms of life we shall have our eyes and our trust constantly fixed on Jesus and His power—and not on ourselves and our weaknesses.

August—The Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on **Tuesday, August 15th, a Holy Day of Obligation.** Mass will be held at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. “Finally, the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death.” *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians* (CCC 996).

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Parish Office

The Parish office will be closed on **Thursday, August 17th, in the afternoon.**

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Ride-4-Life Benediction

Please join us for Benediction on **Wednesday, August 16th, at 9:45 a.m.,** for Benediction. Daily Mass will be at 12 p.m. as usual.

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Fr. Joseph on Vacation

Fr. Joseph will be on vacation beginning on **Tuesday, August 22nd.** He will return by **Friday, September 29th** in time for the 12 p.m. Daily Mass. Please keep him in your prayers for a safe journey.

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Facebook and Instagram

We have a new Facebook and Instagram. Follow along and keep up to date with our Parish: Facebook:

[St. Joseph Parish](#) / Instagram [st. josephparish](#)

Stress in Your Marriage

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples who feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. To register for the weekend of **August 25th–27th,** in Canby, OR, email portland@retrovaille.com or call (503) 225-9191.

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Religious Education Resumes in the Fall

Please register your children in the Parish Hall, Room #4, **September 5th to the 8th, from 3 to 6 p.m.** You can also set up an appointment with **Mrs. Dalton** if these dates do not work for you. Call (541) 410-3720. Do not register in the office! Cash or check is accepted—no credit cards please. The fee is \$40 per child.

—Barbara Dalton, DRE

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RCIA

† Do you know of anyone who would like to become a Catholic?

† Do you know a Catholic who needs Confirmation?

† Would you like to know more about the Catholic religion?



RCIA classes will begin on **Tuesday, September 12th.** Come by the Parish Office for a registration form, or contact **Jim Friese** at (541) 991-2814.

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Acolyte Volunteers



Get Involved

St. Joseph Parish is requesting applications from parishioners who wish to become Acolytes. Applications must be from male parish members who are in good standing. This is a commitment requiring participation in several workshops or private/online classes. The primary purpose of an Acolyte is to aid the Priest in the celebration of the Mass.

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2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal Pledge

The diocesan participation goal for St. Joseph Parish is **48 families** with a supporting target of **\$21,826.**

So far, **47 families** have supported the Appeal with **\$19,410** toward our goal. For more information, please visit: <https://dioceseofbaker.org/bishops-annual-appeal>.