

Fr. Joseph's Corner "Recall Notice" (Author Unknown)

The Manufacturer of all human beings is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to a serious defect in the primary power component (the Heart). This recall is due to a willful malfunction in the original prototype units (code-named "Adam and Eve"), resulting in the duplication of the same defect in all subsequent units.

This defect has been technically termed "Sub-standard Internal Non-morality," or more commonly referred to by its acronym—SIN.

The Symptoms include:

- [a] Loss of Direction
- [b] Foul Vocal Emissions
- [c] Amnesia of Origin
- [d] Lack of Peace/Joy
- [e] Selfish, or Violent Behavior
- [f] Depression/Confusion in the Mental component
- [g] Fearfulness
- [h] Idolatry
- [i] Rebellion

The Manufacturer, Who is neither at fault, nor liable for this defect, is providing factory authorized repair and service free of charge to correct this defect. The Repair Technician, Jesus, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of these repairs. There is no additional fee required.



The toll-free number to call for repair in all areas is P-R-A-Y-E-R. Once you are connected, upload your burden of SIN through the REPENTANCE procedure.

Next, download ATONEMENT from Jesus into the Heart component.

No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, Jesus will replace it with:

- [a] Love
- [b] Joy
- [c] Peace
- [d] Patience
- [e] Kindness
- [f] Goodness
- [g] Faithfulness
- [h] Gentleness
- [i] Self-Control

Please see the operating manual (Holy Bible) for further details on the use of these fixes. As an added upgrade, the Manufacturer has made available to all repaired units a resident Maintenance Technician (the Holy Spirit). Repaired units need only make Him welcome, and He will take up permanent residence on the premises!

WARNING: Continuing to operate the human unit without correction will void the Manufacturer's warranty, and expose the unit to dangers and problems too numerous to list, and will result in the human unit being permanently impounded.

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph

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 ♦ Doni Bachand



St. Joseph Catholic Church 150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754 September 17, 2023 † 24th 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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Secretary ♦ Darlene Counts

Parish Office Hours ♦ Monday – Thursday ♦ 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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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 Saturdays.

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	09/18/2023	No Daily Mass	—	1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday	09/19/2023	No Daily Mass	—	1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday	09/20/2023	No Daily Mass	—	1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday	09/21/2023	No Daily Mass.	—	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13
Friday	09/22/2023	No Daily Mass	—	1 Tm 6:2-12; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday	09/23/2023	5:00 p.m.	Howard Tocher (D)	Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16
Sunday	09/24/2023	9:00 a.m.	Lu Streetman (D)	Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16
Sunday	09/24/2023	12:00 p.m.	Estanilao Contreras Vasquez (D)	Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16

(L) = Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

Today's Homily



THERE ARE TWO WAYS to play the game of Dominoes. One is to divide the tiles and start with one in the middle. Players then take turns matching up tiles, adding on to the growing configuration.

Another way is to stand the dominoes up in a row, then tip the first to cause them to fall—one by one—in a chain reaction. It is captivating to watch them fall in a wave, especially if there are curves and loops. But if they are not lined up just right, or if there are gaps, the chain reaction stops and the rest will not fall.

Stopping up a chain reaction of mercy is what the debtor does in today's Gospel parable. The debtor owes his master a huge amount, so much so that the master orders the debtor, his family, and all his property to be sold off in payment of the debt. The debtor begs his master for patience. The master is moved to compassion, and he forgives him the entirety of his huge debt.

Having experienced that much mercy, we might think that the debtor would then show such mercy to others. Instead, the debtor imprisons a fellow servant who owes him a much smaller amount. Other servants see this and are deeply disturbed; probably, they are in debt as well. They report the debtor's merciless behavior to the master. The master calls the debtor back, scolds him, and hands him over to torturers until he pays back his whole debt.

Had the debtor showed the same mercy he received from the master with his fellow debtors, how different a story this could have been!

Such a great show of mercy could have affected one debtor after another, allowing a wave of forgiveness to fall across the entire community. There could have been forgiveness not seven times but seventy-seven times, as Jesus called for. But rather than a chain reaction of forgiveness and compassion, there is anger, imprisonment, and torture.

Jesus' parable illustrates the Old Testament wisdom of Sirach. How can we expect pardon and healing for ourselves, yet nourish vengeance and refuse mercy to others?

We all are of the same flesh: fellow sinners, servants, and debtors, and we have all been shown God's mercy. As sung in the psalm, God has redeemed our lives from destruction—He has crowned us with compassion. We lined up for a chain reaction. God's mercy is a wave that falls across us all.

In the community of God's covenant, mercy is shared. Like the intricate configuration of a Dominos game, God's mercy touches and connects us all. No one lives or dies for oneself; we are the Lord's—redeemed together in His mercy and love.

We celebrate this in the Eucharist—it is the memorial of His great love and mercy.

September—The Month of the Seven Sorrows of Mary

Meetings

- ◆ The next Right 2 Life Meeting is on **Tuesday, September 19th, at 6 p.m., in Room #4.**
- ◆ The Knights of Columbus will also be meeting on **Tuesday, September 19th, at 7 p.m.**

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Christmas Bazaar



Please join us to share ideas and planning for our **Annual St. Joseph Christmas Bazaar** at the meeting on **Thursday, September 21st, at 10:30 a.m.** EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

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Daily Mass

Fr. Joseph will return from his vacation on **Wednesday, September 27th**, so the daily Mass will resume on **Friday, September 29th.**

Fr. Joe Reeves will be here for Confession on Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., the Saturday Vigil Mass at 5 p.m., and the Sunday Masses at 9 a.m. in English, and 12 p.m. in Spanish.

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Acolyte Volunteers

St. Joseph Parish is requesting applications from male parishioners who would like to become Acolytes. The applicants must also be parish members who are in good standing. This is a commitment that requires participation in several workshops or private/online classes.



The primary purpose of an Acolyte is to be an aid to the Priest during the celebration of the Mass.

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Message from the Maintenance Department

As the cooler weather moves in, we will be having our heating systems serviced. There should not be anything blocking these areas or on the stage stairs. If you are currently using these areas for storage, please find somewhere else.

Pray-4-Life

Bishop Cary is asking for everyone's participation in a "Pray-4-Life" Prayer Vigil for 40 days—beginning on **Wednesday, September 27th, through Friday, November 3rd.**



Please participate in our organized Prayer Vigil Pilgrimage in Ontario—while also praying daily at our parish. It is our mission to call on the Holy Spirit to close the Ontario Planned Parenthood!

Registration is required. You can register online at www.dioceseofbaker.org or at the Parish Office.

St. Joseph Parish has chosen the following days for the Mass and Vigil in Ontario:

- **Friday, September 29th, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., at Blessed Sacrament Church, 829 SW 2nd Ave., Ontario**
- **9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Planned Parenthood Vigil**
- **10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Lunch (optional)**

Meet at **St. Joseph's at 8 a.m. on Thursday, September 28th**, to travel to Ontario. (Carpooling by request. Contact **Gari Lynn** at (541) 815-5823 for more information.

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Just One Volunteer Needed!

We need someone to take over cleaning the brass candlesticks in the Church. Please contact the Parish Office if you can volunteer or for more information.

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St. Vincent de Paul



The challenge in today's Gospel, is to forget how others have behaved toward us, and to look to God's way of loving and forgiving. Our focus must be on God.

Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul . . . we want to help!