

## Fr. Joseph's Corner

"I will never die . . ."

A SCOTTISH BISHOP was hiking in the mountains, and as it was beginning to get dark, he came across a small cottage and knocked on the door.

When it was opened, he realized that it was a poor family, and they seemed very distressed.

He asked what was troubling them, and they told him that their elderly father was dying. But they also said that he did not want to prepare himself for his last journey.

The bishop—still wrapped in his overcoat—asked if he could talk to their father. They still didn't know who he was, but the man's relatives welcomed him and led him to their sick father.

As the bishop greeted the man, he encouraged him to be strong, but to be prepared for death. The sick man objected vehemently: "No, I will never die!"

The bishop continued with his insistence, calming the patient, and telling him that he was no exception, and that every human is born to die.

"No, I am not going to die! Don't waste my time," the man growled.



The bishop then asked him why he thought that he was never going to die.

The man replied by saying, "I am a Catholic, and ever since I made my First Holy Communion, I have prayed to the Blessed Mother that she would not let me die before I could speak to a priest. So, do you think Mary would not grant me this request? Impossible!"

The Scottish bishop said to him, "My son, then you should know that this man, who is speaking to you, is even more than a priest—I am a bishop." At that, the bishop opened his coat and showed him the pectoral cross.



The bishop heard the man's confession, and then he stood up to leave.

At that moment, he heard the patient say, "Mary, my Mother, I thank you. I believe that I can now die in peace."

Within a few minutes, surrounded by his happy family, he was in Heaven.

—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

prayer requests

## St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754  
October 22, 2023 † 29th 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.

Pastor ♦ Very Rev. Fr. Joseph Kunnelaya T.  
Secretary ♦ Darlene Counts

Parish Office Hours ♦ Monday – Thursday ♦ 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 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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Director of Religious Education ♦ Barbara Dalton

RCIA ♦ Jim Friese

Parish Bulletin Designer / Editor ♦ Tina Hill



### 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	10/23/2023	8:00 a.m.	Lu Streetman (D)	Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday	10/24/2023	8:00 a.m.	Malcolm Arian (D)	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday	10/25/2023	12:00 p.m.	Thad Davis (L)	Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday	10/26/2023	8:00 a.m.	Aaron Kurtz (L)	Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53
Friday	10/27/2023	12:00 p.m.	Kathleen Ferguson (L)	Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday	10/28/2023	5:00 p.m.	Bernard Bachand (D)	Ex 22:20-26; 1Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40
Sunday	10/29/2023	9:00 a.m.	Juvenal Robles Ortiz (D)	Ex 22:20-26; 1Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40
Sunday	10/29/2023	12:00 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Joseph	Ex 22:20-26; 1Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

(L) = Living ♦ (D) = Deceased



## Today's Homily

Matthew 22:15-21

*"So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's,  
and to God what is God's"*



The common theme of today's readings is the nature of our obligations to God and to our country. The readings show us how, with God's help, we can be ideal citizens of both earth and Heaven.

In the first reading, Isaiah the prophet foretells how, unintentionally, the policies of the great Persian Emperor Cyrus will be made part of God's saving plan for His chosen people.

In the second reading, Paul praises his converts in Thessalonica for their fidelity to God and to Christ, His Son, *Our Lord Jesus Christ*, and for their practice, with the help of the Holy Spirit, of the Theological virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity.

In the Gospel, Jesus escapes from the trap in the question, "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" by stating, "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." With this answer, Jesus reminds His questioners that, if they are so concerned and careful about paying taxes to the State, they should be much more concerned and careful about their service to God and their obligations to Him as their Creator and Lord. We fulfill our duties to our country by loyally obeying the just laws of the State and working for the welfare of all citizens. We become good Heavenly citizens by obeying God's laws.

**We need to "give to Caesar what is Caesar's."**

**How?** It is the duty of Christians, as citizens of the country, to pay for the services and the privileges that

government provides, such as paved roads, police and fire departments, banks, schools, and other necessities. If we refuse to pay taxes, how will these needs be met?

We "give to Caesar what is Caesar's" when we actively participate in running the government by electing the most suitable candidates and influencing them through frequent contacts. We must also submit to the civil authorities and respect the just laws of our country in order to live in peace. As loyal citizens, we must see to it that our elected representatives are faithful in maintaining law and order in the country and in promoting the welfare of all its citizens without violating God's laws.

**We need to "give to God what is God's."**

**How?** Because everything is God's, we must give ourselves to Him 100 percent—not just 10 percent on Sundays. We should be generous in fulfilling our Sunday obligations, and we should find time every day for prayer and worship in the family, for the reading of the Bible, and for the proper training of our children in Faith and morals.

We are invited each year to make a Stewardship pledge of our financial offering to the local Church for the coming year. Our contribution to the Parish Church should be an expression of our gratitude to God by giving back to God all that He has given us. Active participation in the various ministries of the Parish is an offering to God of our time and talents, yet another way of giving to God His due, our whole self.

### Word of Life

"I would like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors that may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. . . . But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. The Father of mercies is ready to give you His forgiveness and His peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation."

—Pope St. John Paul II

## October—The Month of the Holy Rosary

### Event for Catechists of the Central Deanery

The Pastors of the Central Deanery and Office of Evangelization and Catechesis have partnered to bring you an in-person event designed to: "*Energize, Empower and Encourage your Catechetical Team*" on **October 28th, from 9 a.m. to noon at St. Thomas in Redmond.**

Refreshments and registration will begin at **8:30 a.m.** This will be an event to "go beyond" the Catechetical Symposium. There will be opportunities for networking, sharing experiences, asking questions, and taking back practical tips to the parish.

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### All Saints Day—A Holy Day of Obligation

**Wednesday, November 1st, is All Saints Day. Mass will be at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.**

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### Saints Carnival

We are now accepting donations of candy (or money) for our "Saints Carnival" for our Religious Ed students on **Wednesday, November 1st.**



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### All Souls Day

**Thursday, November 2nd, is All Souls Day** when we remember and pray for all those who have died. There are Mass Intension envelopes in the Narthex to honor your loved ones, and **Fr. Joseph** will bless gravesites at Juniper Cemetery at **3 p.m.** Please call the parish office at (541) 447-6475 to add your loved ones.

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### "Saturday Night Live—Catholic Style!"

Following the Vigil Mass on **Saturday, November 4th**, St. Thomas Church has its Annual "Oktoberfest," serving up a delicious German meal including a "Beer Garden," for \$15 per person. It includes the meal, beverage, and speaker! Call the St. Thomas Parish Office for "Will-Call" tickets.

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### Fr. Joseph's Anniversary

**Sunday, November 5th, is Fr. Joseph's 39th Anniversary** of his Priestly Ordination. Please join us at the Knights' **Pancake Breakfast** where we will be having cake and celebrating him and his upcoming 40th year!

### Annual Christmas Bazaar

The Annual Christmas Bazaar is on **Saturday, November 11th.** And it's time to start thinking about donating your handmade items, crafts, handiwork (woodwork, flower art, knitted and crocheted items, paintings, etc.), baked goodies, candies, jams and jelly, etc., and gently used Christmas items. We are also serving a lunch of enchiladas and tamales, along with chips and salsa, all prepared by our Ladies of the Parish. If you would like to donate, please call or text **Nancy** at **(541) 508-9872.**



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### 1st Annual St. Joseph's Thanksgiving

We are hosting our first Thanksgiving dinner on **Thursday, November 23rd.** If you aren't going away, if you aren't having a large family gathering, if you are alone, you are welcome. We don't want anyone to be alone this Thanksgiving. There is no charge; however, we do need to know by **Wednesday, November 15th**, if you can attend so that we prepare enough food. Please call or email **Darlene** in the Parish Office at (541) 447-6475 / [stjosephparish@bendbroadband.com](mailto:stjosephparish@bendbroadband.com). Join us to celebrate with our family!

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### NOW HIRING!



The Diocese of Baker is looking for an integral, collaborative, dynamic team player who can bring the necessary skillset to provide creativity, organization, and a passion for managing the sites God has blessed us with.

This role provides a unique, full-time opportunity for an employee who is able to multitask—while hosting/managing our Retreat Center business—while providing building maintenance of our three sites—while hiring/managing support services and effectively communicating to leadership.

Working in alignment with the Chief Operating Officer and Staff, this person will have relationship, administrative, and project-management responsibilities.

The candidate must also be a practicing Catholic in good standing.

For more information, go to [DioceseofBaker.org](http://DioceseofBaker.org) or contact **Mark French** at [Mark@DioceseofBaker.org](mailto:Mark@DioceseofBaker.org).