

## Fr. Joseph's Corner "God's Embroidery" (Author Unknown)

**W**hen I was a little boy, my mother used to embroider a great deal. I would sit at her knee and look up from the floor and ask what she was doing.

She would inform me that she was embroidering, and I would tell her that it looked like a mess from where I was. As I watched her work from the underside within the boundaries of the little round hoop that she held in her hand, I complained to her that it sure looked messy from where I sat.

She would smile at me, look down and gently say, "My son, you go about your playing for a while, and when I am finished with my embroidering, I will put you on my knee, and let you see it from my side."

I would wonder why she was using some dark threads—along with the bright ones—and why they seemed so jumbled from my view.

A few minutes would pass, and then I would hear Mother's voice say, "Son, come and sit on my knee."

This I did only, to be surprised and thrilled to see a beautiful flower or a sunset or whatever she was working on. I could not believe it, because from underneath it looked so messy!

Then Mother would say to me, "My son, from underneath it did look messy and jumbled, but you did not realize that there was a pre-drawn plan on the top. It was a design, and I was only following it. Now look at it from my side, and you will see what I was doing."

Many times, through the years, I have looked up to my Heavenly Father and said, "Father, what are You doing?"

And He has answered, "I am embroidering your life."

I say, "But it looks like a mess to me. It seems so jumbled. The threads seem so dark. Why can't they all be bright?"

The Father seems to tell me, "My child, you go about your business of doing My business—and one day I will bring you to Heaven and put you on My knee—and you will see the plan from My side."

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph



## St. Joseph Catholic Church 150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754 February 4, 2024 † The 5th 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 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	02/05/2024	8:00 a.m.	Kathie Leonard (D)	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday	02/06/2024	8:00 a.m.	Rita Rodgers (D)	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday	02/07/2024	12:00 p.m.	Bud Redfern (D)	1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday	02/08/2024	8:00 a.m.	Dale Geiman (L)	1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
Friday	02/09/2024	12:00 p.m.	Delores Myers (D)	1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday	02/10/2024	5:00 p.m.	Karen Bushnell (L)	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45
Sunday	02/11/2024	9:00 a.m.	Cheyenne Edgerly (L)	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45
Sunday	02/11/2024	12:00 p.m.	Leobardo Ortiz (D)	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

(L) Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

## Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List:

David Leonard ♦ Steve Forrester ♦ Carl Johnson ♦ Dolores Koivisto ♦ Anita Marquez  
Ben Guyger ♦ Georgia Fitzgerald ♦ Lloyd Rodgers ♦ Pierre Jones ♦ Sammi Pedersen  
Jordan Ortega ♦ Chuck Renwick ♦ John Huthmacher ♦ Ed McNamara  
Duncan Osgood ♦ Doni Bachand ♦ Karen Evans ♦ Brittany



## Today's Homily

**T**HE READINGS TODAY challenge us to go courageously beyond people's expectations by doing good as Jesus did—instead of brooding over all the pain and suffering in the world that we cannot end.

The first reading details Job's attitude in a striking contrast: in the midst of his long suffering, Job speaks of the tedium and futility of life. Job's words describe the miseries of human existence. Eventually, Job arrived at a place in his life where, in trust and in Faith, he surrendered himself, his suffering, his work, and everything he had had and lost to the greater wisdom of God (Job 42:1-6).

Today's Gospel teaches us that true discipleship means getting involved in giving selfless service to others. Mark presents Jesus enthusiastically living out His first day of public ministry at Capernaum on a typical Sabbath day.

He shows us Jesus' ministry by taking part in the synagogue worship, teaching with authority, exorcising a demon, healing Simon's mother-in-law—and, after sundown, curing "many who were sick with various diseases, and [driving] out many demons"—a full day and evening of selfless ministry.

Thus, Jesus spent Himself and most of His time ministering to the needs of others, bringing healing, forgiveness, and a new beginning to many. Yet, Jesus was well aware that even the most important work had to be continually refueled and evaluated before God, His Father.

Hence, Jesus rose early the next morning and went off "to a deserted place" to pray in order to



assess His work for His Father's glory and to "recharge His spiritual batteries."

Pointing out the spontaneous response of Peter's mother-in-law after she had been healed by Jesus,

today's Gospel teaches us that true discipleship means giving selfless, loving service to others. We need to be instruments for Jesus' healing work.

Bringing *healing and wholeness* is Jesus' ministry even today. We all need healing for our minds, our memories, and our broken relationships, and now Jesus is also using counselors, doctors, friends, or even strangers in His healing ministry.

Let us ask for the ordinary healing we need in our own lives. When we are healed, let us not forget to thank Jesus for His goodness, mercy, and compassion by turning to serve others.

Our own healing process is completed only when we are ready to help others with their needs and to focus on things outside ourselves.

Let us also be instruments for Jesus' healing by visiting the sick and praying for their healing. But, let us remember that we need the Lord's strength—not only to make ourselves and others well—but to make us and others whole as well.

Jesus was a man for others, sharing what He had with others. In His life, He made time for prayer, time for healing, and for reconciliation.

Let us take up this challenge by sharing love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness with others. Instead of considering life as dull and pointless, let us live our lives as Jesus did—full of dynamism and zeal for the glory of God.

## February—The Month of the Holy Family

### Meetings

- Monday, February 5th—Youth Group Planning at 6 p.m., in the Parish Hall (*see below*)
- Tuesday, February 6th—Finance/Executive Meeting at 3 p.m. in the Parish Hall
- February 20th—Knights of Columbus at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall

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### Youth Group

Exciting times are ahead for our Youth Group, and we invite you to be a part of the planning process!

Join us for our upcoming Youth Group Planning Meeting on **Monday, February 5th, at 6 p.m.**, in the Parish Hall. We'll be reviewing and discussing the first drafts of our Youth Group Program. Your input and ideas are vital in shaping a dynamic and faith-filled experience for our young members. We are inviting our parish youth as we seek their input on fun and meaningful activities they would like to see in the Youth Group.

Your creativity will help shape the future events and gatherings. We'll be treating all who attend with a pizza night—join us for an enjoyable evening of fellowship!

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### Shrove Tuesday Community Pancake Supper



On Tuesday, February 13th, from 5 to 7 p.m., there will be a Pancake Supper held at the Prineville Presbyterian Church. There is no charge for this—but "Free-Will Offerings" are accepted—with all proceeds going to the Redemption House Ministries.

*Shrove*, derived from *shrive*, refers to the confession of sins as a preparation for Lent, a usual practice in Europe in the Middle Ages. Although the day is sometimes still used for self-examination and introspection, *Shrove Tuesday* eventually acquired the character of a festival in many places and is often celebrated with parades.

As the final day before the austerity of the Lenten fast, *Shrove Tuesday* also has many customs pertaining to food. Pancakes are traditional in a number of countries because eggs, sugar, and fat, commonly forbidden during the Lenten fast, are used up so they will not go to waste; the day is known as "Pancake Day" or "Pancake Tuesday" in Ireland and in many other countries.

### Lenten Schedule

- Ash Wednesday—the 1st day of Lent—is on February 14th. Masses are at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Stations of the Cross—are every Friday Night at 6 p.m., starting February 16th to March 29th, with a Soup Supper to follow.
- Lenten Penance is on Wednesday, March 13th, beginning at 6 p.m.
- Chrism Mass in Baker City is on Thursday, March 21st, at 11 a.m.—Invitations are on the table in the narthex.

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### Music Coordinator

We are looking for a Music Coordinator for the **5 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass**. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office at (541) 447-6475.

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### Benediction

This year, Benediction will be on the **last weekend of every month**—except for Easter weekend.

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### Young Adults, 18–39: Diocesan Lenten Retreat

Come begin your Lenten journey **February 17th & 18th\*** with engaging speakers, Eucharistic Adoration with an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, time for personal prayer and reflection, small group fellowship, and Sunday Mass celebrated by **Bishop Cary** at the Cascade View Retreat Center in Powell Butte.

For more information or to register, please visit: [dioceseofbaker.org](http://dioceseofbaker.org). (Supported by the BAA.)

\*early/late arrival/departure available by request.

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### Diocese of Baker Men's Conference

Join Catholic men from around the diocese for talks that inspire, conversations that give strength, and prayer that will help us become the husbands, fathers, and brothers God is calling us to be. Join us!

**IN SPANISH: February 24th in The Dalles**

**IN ENGLISH: March 16th in Redmond.**

For more info and/or to register: [dioceseofbaker.org/mens-conference](http://dioceseofbaker.org/mens-conference) or call **Bryce** at (541) 388-4004.