

## Fr. Joseph's Corner

### "Grains of Sand: The Beggar's Rags"

A BEGGAR LIVED near the king's palace. One day he saw a proclamation posted outside the palace gate. The king was giving a great dinner. Anyone dressed in royal garments was invited to the party. The beggar was on his way. He looked at the rags he was wearing and sighed. Surely only kings and their families wore royal robes, he thought. Slowly an idea crept into his mind. The audacity of it made him tremble. Would he dare?

He made his way back to the palace. He approached the guard at the gate. "Please, sire, I would like to speak with the king."

"Wait here," the guard replied. In a few minutes, he was back. "His majesty will see you," he said, and led the beggar in.

"You wish to see me?" asked the king. "Yes, your majesty. I want so much to attend the banquet, but I have no royal robes to wear. Please, sire, if I may be so bold, may I have one of your old garments so that I, too, may come to the banquet?"



The beggar shook so hard that he could not see the faint smile that was on the king's face. "You have been wise in coming to me," the king said. He called to his son, the young prince. "Take this man to your room and array him in some of your clothes."

The prince did as he was told, and soon the beggar was standing before a mirror, clothed in garments that he had never dared hoped for. "You are now eligible to attend the king's banquet tomorrow night," said the prince. "But even more important, you will never need any other clothes. These garments will last forever."

"Oh, thank you," the beggar cried. But as he started to leave, he looked back at his pile of dirty rags on the floor. He hesitated. What if the prince was wrong? What if he would need his old clothes again? And so, he quickly gathered them up.

The banquet was far greater than he had ever imagined, but he could not enjoy himself as he should. He had made a small bundle of his old rags, and it kept falling off his lap. The food was passed quickly, and the beggar missed some of the greatest delicacies.

Time proved that the prince was right. The clothes lasted forever. Still the poor beggar grew fonder and fonder of his old rags. As time passed people seemed to forget the royal robes he was wearing. They only saw the little bundle of filthy rags he clung to wherever he went. They even spoke of him as the old man with the rags.

One day as the beggar lay dying, the king visited him. The beggar saw the sad look on the king's face when he looked at the small bundle of rags by the bed. Suddenly the beggar remembered the prince's words, and he realized that his bundle of rags had cost him a lifetime of true royalty. He wept bitterly at his folly. And the king wept with him.

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph

### 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 ♦ Chuck Renwick ♦ Reba McDermott  
 Stella Kirker ♦ John Huthmacher ♦ Ed McNamara ♦ Karen Evans ♦ Brittany  
 Duncan Osgood ♦ Doni Bachand ♦ Julie Bither ♦ Mary Bither ♦ Terri Hintze  
 Donna Bailey ♦ Fred Vandehey ♦ Ralph Lee ♦ Mary Lee ♦ Jeanne Hackett

## St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754  
 August 4, 2024 † 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B

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**  
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 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	08/05/2024	8:00 a.m.	Beth Short (L)	Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday	08/06/2024	8:00 a.m.	Diane Franks (L)	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10
Wednesday	08/07/2024	12:00 p.m.	Joyce Venjohn (L)	Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday	08/08/2024	8:00 a.m.	Jody Streetman (L)	Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23
Friday	08/09/2024	12:00 p.m.	Mary Putnam (D)	Na 2:1,3,3:1-3, 6-7; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday	08/10/2024	5:00 p.m.	Ensley Edgerly (L)	1 Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51
Sunday	08/11/2024	9:00 a.m.	Ron Lattin (D)	1 Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51
Sunday	08/11/2024	12:00 p.m.	Parishioners of St Joseph (D)	1 Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51

(L) Living ♦ (D) = Deceased



## Today's Homily

**I**n today's Gospel, we encounter Jesus shortly after the miraculous feeding of the five thousand. The crowd, eager for more signs and wonders, follows Him across the Sea of Galilee. When they find Him, Jesus confronts them, saying, "You are looking for me not because you saw signs, but because you ate the loaves and were filled." He recognizes that their pursuit is driven by physical hunger and the desire for material satisfaction.

Jesus then redirects their focus, urging them, "Do not work for food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you." Here, Jesus introduces a profound truth: while our physical needs are important, there is a deeper, spiritual hunger that only He can satisfy.

The crowd asks, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus responds, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one He sent."

Faith in Jesus is the foundation of our spiritual nourishment. It is through believing in Him that we receive the true bread from heaven.

The people then demand a sign, referencing the manna their ancestors received in the desert. Jesus corrects them, explaining that it was not Moses, but God who provided the manna.

He declares, "The bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

At this point, Jesus makes a powerful statement: "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."



Jesus Himself is the sustenance that fulfills our deepest desires and needs. He is the source of eternal life, offering Himself to us in the Eucharist.

As we reflect on this passage, we are invited to examine our own lives. What are we seeking? Are we focused solely on the material aspects of life—our jobs, possessions, and physical comfort? Or are we also attentive to our spiritual well-being?

In our modern world, it's easy to be consumed by the pursuit of material success and security. While these things are not inherently wrong, they can

never fully satisfy the deeper longings of our hearts. True fulfillment comes from a relationship with Jesus, who offers us the bread of life.

Let us also consider the Eucharist, the sacrament in which we receive Jesus, the true bread from heaven. In the Eucharist, we are united with Christ, and through Him, with one another. It is a profound mystery and a source of grace that sustains us on our spiritual journey.

As we approach the altar today, let us do so with faith and gratitude, recognizing the gift of Jesus, who nourishes and strengthens us. May we be transformed by His love and go forth to share that love with others.

In this week ahead, let us seek to prioritize our spiritual nourishment. Let us spend time in prayer, reflect on God's Word, and receive the sacraments with devotion. By doing so, we open ourselves to the grace and strength that only Jesus can provide.

May we always remember that Jesus is the bread of life. In Him, we find true satisfaction and the promise of eternal life. **Amen.**

## August—The Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

### St John Mary Vianney



**This Sunday, August 4th**, the Church celebrates the feast day of St. John Vianney, patron of priests.

John Vianney, also known as the Holy Curé de Ars, was ordained a priest in 1815. He was sent to the remote French community of Ars in 1818 to be a parish priest. Upon his arrival, the priest immediately began praying and working for the conversion of his parishioners.

Although he saw himself as unworthy of his mission as pastor, he allowed himself to be consumed by the love of God as he served the people. He gave powerful homilies on the mercy and love of God, and it is said that even staunch sinners were converted upon hearing him. In addition, he restored his church, formed an orphanage, "La Providence," and cared for the poor.

Firmly committed to the conversion of the people, he would spend up to 16 hours a day in the confessional.

Plagued by many trials and besieged by the devil, St. John Vianney remained firm in his faith and lived a life of devotion to God.

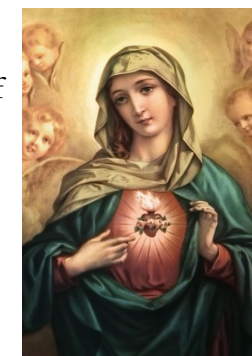
Dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament, he spent much time in prayer and practiced much mortification. He lived on little food and sleep, while working without rest in unflinching humility, gentleness, patience and cheerfulness, until he was well into his 70s.

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### The Immaculate Heart of Mary

August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. There is no feast for this dedication, but the month of August contains other Marian feasts:

- ♥ The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major (also remembering Our Lady of the Snows) on **Monday, August 5th**
- ♥ **The main celebration is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Thursday, August 15th—a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.**
- ♥ The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on **Thursday, August 22nd.**



### Annual Parish Picnic

On **Sunday, August 25th**, St. Joseph Parish will celebrate a bilingual Mass at 10 a.m., immediately followed by the traditional Potluck Picnic on the lawn, east of the church. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs and carne asada, supplied by those fabulous Knights of Columbus chefs. We are asking everyone to bring their favorite picnic side dish or dessert. Game and outdoor activities for children of all ages will be set up on the lawn adjacent to the Parish Hall. This year we extend a special welcome to all Crook County Catholics from Prineville, Powell Butte, and all surrounding areas. Mark your calendars for **August 25th** and join us for Mass, followed by good food and fun!



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### RCIA

RCIA classes will begin in **September**. Come by the Parish Office for a registration form, call **Jim Friese** at (541) 991-2814, or email: [kkpeaches2@msn.com](mailto:kkpeaches2@msn.com) to register or for more information.

**There will be an introductory/information meeting on Wednesday, August 7th, at 6 p.m., in Classroom #2 in the Parish Hall.**

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### Religious Education News

Parents, please start thinking about your child's education. Sacraments are not the only time your child can attend Religious Education Classes. We offer Wednesday Classes for 1st through 5th Grades, and upper-class Confirmation Classes in the evening. Holy Communion and Confirmation are each a two-year course. They both start this fall. Sign-up dates will be announced in this Bulletin soon.

We are in need of a 5th Grade, Upper-Class Teacher. Please send inquires to **Barb Dalton** at [barblikes2read@outlook.com](mailto:barblikes2read@outlook.com) or call (541) 410-3720.

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### St. Vincent de Paul

The Gospel tells us "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." By "listening" we are able to live the gospel. Gospel living is something as simple as taking the time to listen to those who need to spill out their hearts when seeking help.

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### Gift Cards Available

The Express Eco Laundromat has gifted our parish with gift cards to give out to our parishioners. If you would like one, please come by the Parish Office to pick it up.