

## Fr. Joseph's Corner

### “I Will Move the Rock” by Sheilah Manuel

A man was sleeping one night in his cabin when suddenly his room filled with light and the Savior appeared. The Lord told the man he had work for him to do and showed him a large rock in front of his cabin. The Lord explained that the man was to push against the rock with all his might.

This the man did, day after day. For many years he toiled from sunup to sundown, his shoulders set squarely against the cold, massive surface of the un-moving rock, pushing with all his might. Each night the man returned to his cabin sore and worn out, feeling that his whole day had been spent in vain.

Seeing that the man was showing signs of discouragement, Satan decided to enter the picture by placing thoughts into the man's mind such as: “You have been pushing against that rock for a long time, and it hasn't budged. Why kill yourself over this? You are never going to move it.”

Thus giving the man the impression that the task was impossible and that he was a failure, these thoughts discouraged and disheartened the man even more. “Why kill myself over this?” he thought. “I'll just put in my time, giving just the minimum effort, and that will be good enough.”

And that is what he planned to do until one day he decided to make it a matter of prayer and take his troubled thoughts to the Lord.

“Lord,” he said, “I have labored long and hard in your service, putting all my strength to do that which you have asked. Yet, after all this time, I have not even budged that rock by even an inch. What is wrong? Why am I failing?”

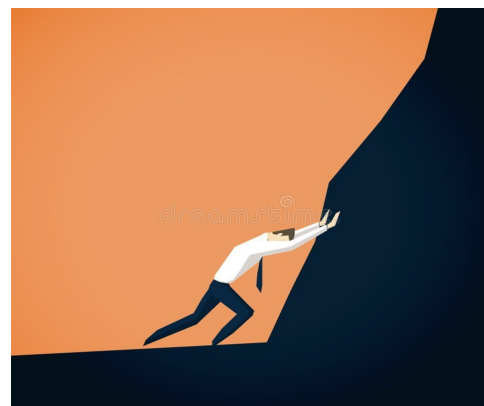
To this the Lord responded compassionately, “My friend, when I asked you to serve me and you accepted,

I told you that your task was to push against the rock with all your strength, which you have done. Never once did I mention to you that I expected you to move it. Your task was to push. And now you come to me, with your strength spent, thinking that you have failed. But is that really so? Look at yourself. Your arms are strong and muscled, your back sinewy and brown, your hands are callused from constant pressure, and your legs have become massive and hard. Through opposition you have grown much, and your abilities now surpass those which you used to have. Yet you haven't moved the rock. But your calling was to be obedient, and to push, and to exercise your faith and trust in my wisdom. And this you have done. I, my friend, will move the rock.”

At times when we hear a word from God, we tend to use our own intellect to decipher what He wants, when actually what God wants is just simple obedience and faith in Him. . . .

“By all means, exercise the faith that moves mountains; but it is still God who moves the mountain.”

—*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 Vandehy ♦ Ralph Lee ♦ Mary Lee

## St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754  
 July 14, 2024 † 15th 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**  
 Parish Office Hours ♦ Monday – Thursday ♦ 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
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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	07/15/2024	8:00 a.m.	Frank J Vetter (D)	Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday	07/16/2024	8:00 a.m.	Brady Bofman (D)	Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday	07/17/2024	12:00 p.m.	Englin Ederly (L)	Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday	07/18/2024	8:00 a.m.	Pat Meyer (D)	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30
Friday	07/19/2024	12:00 p.m.	Ashley Walton (L)	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday	07/20/2024	5:00 p.m.	Walter Husar (D)	Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday	07/21/2024	9:00 a.m.	Theresa Davis (L)	Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday	07/21/2024	12:00 p.m.	Norberto Vargas/Gilberto Lopez (D)	Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

(L) Living ♦ (D) = Deceased



## Today's Homily

JESUS, LIKE THE prophets before Him, was rejected by the people of his hometown as he corrected the people of Nazareth for their prejudice. But instead of getting discouraged, Jesus went with his disciples to the neighboring towns and villages, preaching and healing all who believe. Jesus then prepared the apostles to go serve as heralds to announce to the towns the Master would soon visit, bringing the Good News of the salvation. Today's Gospel repeats for us the instruction Jesus gave the apostles for their first mission.

Just as God sent the prophet Amos to preach repentance to ancient Israel and St. Paul to preach the Good News of salvation to the Gentiles, so Jesus sends forth his followers to proclaim the Good News of God's Kingdom and to bring healing to those who need it most.

Today's Gospel reports the instruction Jesus gave his disciples for their first mission. They should be walking illustrations of God's love and providence in action. They should preach repentance—a change of heart and a change of action taking people from a self-centered life to a God-centered life. They have to preach the “Good News” of repentance, forgiveness of sins, liberation and salvation through Jesus.

Each Christian is called not only to be a disciple but also to be an apostle. As disciples, we are to follow Jesus and imitate Jesus. As apostles, we are to evangelize the world. We are called to share with others not just words, or ideas, or doctrines but an experience, our experience of God and His Son, Jesus. Like the apostles, like St. Francis of Assisi, like St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa), we are all chosen and sent to proclaim the Gospel through our living.

It is through our transparent Christian lives that we must show in our own actions the love, mercy and concern of Jesus for the people around us. Since we are baptized, Jesus is calling us in our working and living environment to evangelize, to invite people to know Jesus, to love him, to serve him and to follow him. An important part of evangelism is the simple act of inviting a friend or family member to join us in worship. This is where reconciliation between persons and God

### *The Mission of The Twelve*

Mark 6:7-13

15th Sunday in Ordinary Times



is most likely to take place. We do not have to commit verbal assault on someone with our convictions. A simple invitation

offered out of a loving and joyful heart is the most powerful evangelistic message of all.

Although many people don't believe in real demonic possession in our day and age, there are many demons which can control the lives of people around us making them helpless slaves. For example, there are the demons of nicotine, alcohol, drugs and many other activities which somehow can take control of people's lives and become an addiction over which they have no control. All of these, or any one of them, can turn people into slaves. We need the help of Jesus to liberate us and others from these things. Jesus is inviting us today to cooperate with him. He wants us to be his instruments of liberation, to help others recover their freedom. We are meant to help people to cure their sicknesses—not only the bodily sicknesses but psychological and emotional illnesses as well. As a family member, a friend, a colleague, an evangelizer, when we work with Jesus, we can truly have a healing influence.

Realization of our dignity as children of God should change our outlook on life. We are to be children filled with love, rather than selfishness and disobedience. We are to respect our brothers and sisters in Christ. As God's children, we should live a life of absolute trust in the goodness of our Heavenly Father, who knows what is best for us. The realization that we are the children of God should bring us great comfort, peace and joy—even in our worst moments.

It is in the Church—principally through the seven Sacraments—that our Divine adoption is made possible. We are chosen by God in Christ, we are baptized into Christ's death and Christ's Church, or Mystical Body. We are healed by Jesus' forgiveness, and we are nourished at the Eucharistic table on Jesus' Body and Blood as our Food and Drink. Today, when we gather as His adopted sons and daughters at this table of Christ's sacrificial banquet, we can rightly address God as our Divine Father and ask Him for the special anointing of the Holy Spirit that we may grow daily in the true spirit and practice of our Divine adoption.

## July—The Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus



### Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Story

The Knights of Columbus will present the “Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose” **after the 8 a.m. Mass on Monday, July 15th.** Please come and enjoy this celebration!

In 1960 a group of Knights of Columbus Squires from Monterrey Council in Mexico wanted to do something special in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. They invited the KC Squires from Laredo, TX, to London, Ontario, Canada, to join in running a “live rose” from Canada, across the U.S., and transfer it at the International Bridge in Texas.

After being blessed by **Bishop John Cody** in London, Ontario, in June of 1960, the rose started on its journey. The interest it created was high, so the Pilgrimage was done again in 1961 but, instead of a live rose, a “silver rose” made by a jeweler in Monterrey was used.

In 1990, **Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant** initiated this Silver Rose Pilgrimage as a Supreme Program.

In 2001, **Supreme Knight Carl Anderson** saw the Pilgrimage “as a perfect symbol that not only honored Our Lady of Guadalupe as Patroness of all the Americas but reaffirms the Order's dedication to the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death.” What began in 1960 as a single route from Canada to Mexico evolved, and currently there are eight separate routes.

Our Silver Rose Pilgrimage began in Alaska, journeyed the British Columbia, Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Nevada, California, and is transferred at the International Border. It arrives with the other seven roses at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico, on December 12th, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

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### Knights of Columbus Meeting

Tuesday, July 16th, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

### Upcoming Schedule Change

**Fr. Joseph** will be going to India later this month, so beginning on **Monday, July 22nd**, there will be NO weekday Masses. However, **Fr. Joe Reeves** will be here for all the WEEKEND Masses while **Fr. Joseph** is gone.

Weekday Mass will resume **Monday, August 26th**. Please keep **Fr. Joseph** in your prayers for a safe journey.

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### Diocesan Summer Events / Dates

**Camp A: Saturday, July 27–Tuesday, July 30.**

**Camp B: Thursday, August 1–Sunday, August 4.**

Both Camp A and Camp B are at Camp White Branch in McKenzie Bridge, OR, for family adventures, games, crafts, worship, men's/women's sessions, campfires, and “S'mores!” For details visit: [DioceseofBaker.org](http://DioceseofBaker.org).

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### A Lifeline for Marriage

Retrouaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track, the opportunity to rediscover each other, and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples. Retrouaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Visit <https://helpourmarriage.org/> for testimonials, confidential info or to register for the **August 23–25 Retreat in Canby**, or email [portland@retroville.com](mailto:portland@retroville.com).

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### RCIA

Do you know 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 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.

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### St Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, we see how Jesus sent His Apostles out two by two. From the beginning, SVdP members visit in pairs (“2 x 2”) those who are poor and needy in their homes. It is there in the family setting that Vincentians listen, offer humble advice, and render assistance. **Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?**