

## Fr. Joseph's Corner

### A Story About Self-Worth

A well-known speaker started off his seminar holding up a \$20 bill.

In the room of about 200 or more people, he asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill?"

The people nodded and all their hands went up.

Then the speaker said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you—but first, let me do this to it."

He proceeded to crumple up the \$20 bill. He then asked, "Who still wants it?"

Again, all the hands were up in the air.

"Well then," he replied, "What if I do this to it?"

And he dropped the money on the ground and proceeded to grind it into the floor with his shoe. Then he picked it up—all crumpled and dirty—and asked, "Now, who still wants it?"

The hands once again all went up in the air.

"My friends, we have all just learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to that money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20!

Many times in our lives, we, too, may be dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make or the circumstances that come our way.

We may feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value."

Dirty or clean, crumpled or creased, you are still priceless to those who LOVE you.

The worth of our lives comes not in what we do, or who we know, but by WHO WE ARE!

You are special—don't EVER forget that!  
"Count your blessings, not your problems.!"

—*Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph*

### Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List:

David Leonard ♦ Steve Forrester ♦ Carl Johnson ♦ Dolores Koivisto  
Anita Marquez ♦ Ben Guyer ♦ 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



## St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754

July 7, 2024 † 14th 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.

Parish Office Telephone: (541) 447-6475

Fr. Joseph: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. ♦ (541) 420-4458

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Facebook: St. Joseph Parish / Instagram: [st\\_josephparish](https://www.instagram.com/st_josephparish)

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	07/08/2024	8:00 a.m.	Lu Streetman (D)	Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday	07/09/2024	8:00 a.m.	Ron Lattin (D)	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday	07/10/2024	12:00 p.m.	Fr. Joseph (L)	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday	07/11/2024	8:00 a.m.	Amanda Benson (L)	Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Mt 10:7-15
Friday	07/12/2024	12:30 p.m.	Jessica Lewis (L)	Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday	07/13/2024	5:00 p.m.	Selmer Swanson (D)	Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mt 6:7-13
Sunday	07/14/2024	9:00 a.m.	Kari McKay (D) Sheena Hahn (L)	Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mt 6:7-13
Sunday	07/14/2024	12:00 p.m.	Parishioners of St Joseph (D)	Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mt 6:7-13

(L) Living ♦ (D) = Deceased



## Today's Homily

### TODAY'S READINGS

introduce Jesus as a prophet, and they explain how prophets and other messengers from God inevitably suffer rejection. The readings challenge us to face rejection and hardship with prophetic courage.

**Today's Gospel passage** shows how many people in Jesus' hometown of Nazareth did not accept Him as a prophet—because they “knew” Him and His family. They knew that He was a carpenter with no schooling in Mosaic Law, and that He could not be the promised Messiah who was to come from Bethlehem as a descendant of the royal family of David.

Besides, they were angry when Jesus did not work any miracles in Nazareth, chided them with prophetic courage for their lack of Faith, and warned that He would go to other people to do His preaching and healing ministry.

The story of Jesus' rejection by fellow townsmen in Nazareth is a story that we can identify with because it is a story that has happened to most of us. We might have experienced the pain of rejection caused by hurts, wounds, betrayal, divorce, abandonment, violated trust, trauma, neglect, or abuse in its various forms.

What about rejection by those closest to us? Often our friends, families, or childhood companions fail to listen to, and refuse to accept, the words of grace, love, and encouragement that we offer to them because they are so familiar with us as we are that they are unable to see us as God's appointed instruments—the agents of God's healing and saving grace.

Let us check also the other side of the coin. How often do we discount God's agents through prejudice? How often have we failed to see God's image in them because of our own hardheartedness? We must realize that God's power is always



available to transform even the most unlikely people. We can handle rejection with respect—respect for ourselves and respect for others. Our first reaction to rejection is most often anger—anger at ourselves for assuming we

deserve what we got, and bitterness toward others who perpetuate the rejection.

In the face of rejection, we would be wise to follow the advice of St. Paul who said, “Be angry and sin not. Let not the sun go down on your anger.” We need to learn from our rejections. We are not perfect, and we don't always get it right, but we need to keep coming back until we do get it right.

Every rejection can be a lesson if we stay open to new possibilities and new opportunities. What can I do differently? How can I improve? What needs can I meet? These are the questions we need to ask if we are to prevent “a trouble” from going to waste.

By our Baptism, God calls us to be prophets like Jesus, sharing Jesus' prophetic mission. The task of a prophet is to speak God's truth. We must never be afraid of this call.

We may rely on Jesus to supply us with the courage to oppose the many evils in our society. We must never remain silent in the face of evil for fear of being thought “politically incorrect.”

Jesus was not against conflict, if it promoted Truth. Jesus taught us to give respect and freedom to others, without condoning or encouraging sinful behavior.

Love does not tolerate destructive behavior but, nevertheless, it sometimes causes pain—just as a surgeon must sometimes hurt in order to heal. We can be kind, charitable, and honest and forgiving as we speak forth our own convictions—as Jesus did in the synagogue.

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

### The Precious Blood of Jesus



The entire month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

“The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Savior shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it.”

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### Potluck Birthday Party

We are having a Potluck Birthday Party for **Fr. Joseph on Wednesday, July 10th, at 6 p.m.** Bring your favorite summer dish (we will be supplying the pulled pork, the fixin's and beverages) and come celebrate with him!

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### Diocesan Summer Events / Dates

**Our Lady of Angels, Hermiston: JULY 12–14, Annual Symposium. Camp White Branch, McKenzie Bridge: JULY 27–30, Family Camp A. August 1st–4th, Family Camp B.** For more details, visit [DioceseofBaker.org](http://DioceseofBaker.org).

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### St. Thomas Rummage Sale

St. Thomas Church in Redmond is once again planning for its annual Altar Society Rummage Sale in the Parish Center Gym, on **Friday July 12th, 9 a.m. till 3 p.m., and Saturday July 13th (\$1 bag sale) from 9 a.m. till 12 pm.** The church is located at 1720 NW 19th Street in Redmond,



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### Knights of Columbus Meeting

**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 on **Monday, August 26th**. Please keep **Fr. Joseph** in your prayers for a safe journey.

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### Retrouvaille

#### **Four Stages of Marriage:**

1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening.

Many marriages experience the first 3 Stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th Stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening.

If your marriage suffers from disillusionment or misery, please contact Retrouvaille. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Visit <https://helpourmarriage.org/> for testimonials, confidential information, or to register for the **August 23–25** Retreat in Canby, OR, or email [portland@retrouvaille.org](mailto:portland@retrouvaille.org) or call (503) 225-9191.

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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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### Encountering Jesus:

“A Call to Holiness, Healing and Mission.”

Come join us for a day with **Dr. Mary Healy**, Author, Speaker, and Catholic Biblical Scholar, on **Saturday, September 21st, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**, at St. Francis Church in Bend. Registration is now open. Please go to <https://www.stfrancisbend.org/mary-healy-event.html> for details and registration.

