

## Fr. Joseph's Corner "A Short Story"

This is a short story about a runaway boy named David. He is writing a letter to his mother at home to express his hope that his old-fashioned father would forgive him and accept him again as his son.

The boy writes: "In a few days I will be passing our property. If Dad will take me back, ask him to tie a red strip of cloth on the banyan tree in the field next to our house."

Days later, David is seated on a bus which is rapidly approaching his house. Soon the tree will be visible around the next bend, but David can't bring himself to look at it. He is so afraid the red strip of cloth won't be there.

Turning to the man sitting next to him, he says nervously, "Sir? Will you do me a favor?"

"Sure, son, what is it?" the man answered.

"Around the bend on the right you will see a tree. Will you tell me if there is a strip of red cloth tied to it?"

As the bus was passing the tree, David stares straight ahead. Then in a quaking voice, he asks the man, "Mister, was there a red strip of cloth tied to one of the branches of the tree?"

And the man answered in a surprised voice, "Why, son, there was a red cloth tied to practically every inch of every single branch!"

—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 11, 2024 † 19th 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.  
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Parish Office Hours ♦ Monday – Thursday ♦ 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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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	08/12/2024	8:00 a.m.	Marie Smith (D)	Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday	08/13/2024	8:00 a.m.	Peggy Kasberger (D)	Ez 2:8-3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday	08/14/2024	12:00 p.m.	Sami Pedersen (L)	Ez 9:1-7, 10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday	08/15/2024	8:00 a.m.	Faye Counts (L)	Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Thursday	08/15/2024	6:00 p.m.	The Tocher Family (L)	Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Friday	08/16/2024	12:00 p.m.	Robert Koivisto (D)	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday	08/17/2024	5:00 p.m.	Jim Hamill (L)	Prv 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58
Sunday	08/18/2024	9:00 a.m.	Bob Leonard (L)	Prv 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58
Sunday	08/18/2024	12:00 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Joseph	Prv 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

(L) Living ♦ (D) = Deceased



## Today's Homily

### Jesus - The Bread of Life

John 6:41-51

19th Sunday in Ordinary Times



**LIFE IS ABOUT SURVIVAL**—the desire to live in spite of setbacks. Many sick patients recover and continue to live because they desire to live. They love life and live it to the fullest. They never give up on themselves or others. Most of all, they have faith in God.

**Our first reading** is a story of hardship from the Book of Kings. Elijah becomes discouraged, tired and depressed. Although he had defeated the prophets of the pagan god, Baal, his victory was short-lived.

Queen Jezebel was a follower of Baal and had threatened Elijah's life, so he fled. We find him wandering in the desert, tired, hungry, and praying for death.

But God has other things in mind for Elijah—who has remained faithful when all others had turned away from God. Rather than allow him to die, God sends an angel to take care of Elijah. Twice Elijah is fed before continuing his long journey to the mountain of God, Horeb (or Sinai), where he will have an intimate encounter with God.

**Today's Gospel of John** deepens the theme of life and hope. It is no longer an angel who comes speaking words of life and hope. It is the Son of God, the one who came down from Heaven, sent by the Father to draw all people to God.

The food He offers for our journey is not mere bread and water. It is "Bread from Heaven," which alone is able to satisfy that deepest of all human hungers, the hunger for life. Jesus is the one offering us life—offering new meaning and purpose—offering new hope. As food for our journey, He offers His very self.

It is through Jesus that our deepest longings and hopes are fulfilled. We hunger and thirst for so

much—for love, for acceptance, for forgiveness, for meaning. In a word, we long for life.

Jesus said: "I came that they may have life and have it to the fullest." Jesus is the only one able to offer us real life—eternal life.

Jesus says that He is truly the "Bread of Life," reminding the people that the manna in the desert provided nourishment only for a day, not for eternity. But the bread of Jesus gives life forever. If we feed on Christ, if we believe in Him, and learn from Him, His life will become part of our life.

We are called to allow His love to continue to work through us, and His love will go out into the world and touch people's lives, to let the hope Christ offers to shine and allow His peace and forgiveness to be extended to others, to allow His concern for the poor and the weak, the outcast and despised.

Jesus offers to let us participate in His life now. He invites us to be part of Him, for He wants His flesh to give life to the world now, through us. He seeks to help people on their journey toward God, toward fullness of life, to sustain people, to offer new hope, to bring purpose and confidence to a bruised and often battered people.

This is the life Jesus offers, and He offers it, not just to us, but through us to the world.

The journey we make and the time we set aside to celebrate the Eucharist each Sunday is important for the development of our faith.

If we are to imitate God **as Paul asks us to do in the second reading**, then we need to become encouraged and challenged by his words and be fed by the Bread of Life. This gift is freely given, not because we are the holiest of people, but because we are trying to be holy in spite of the troubles and struggles we experience along the way.

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

### Youth Group

We're excited to announce our Youth Group Bible Study, kicking off with the Book of Genesis! We'll be using "The Great Adventure Bible Reading Plan," designed specifically for kids. It's a fantastic opportunity for families to explore the Bible together and grow in faith.

**Parents, we encourage you to bring your kids and make this a special time for family bonding and spiritual growth. Let's embark on this journey through God's Word as a community!**

**Our first meeting is on Monday, August 12th, from 6 to 7 pm.,** in the church basement. We will then be meeting on the 2nd Monday of every month. We can't wait to see you there!

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### The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



"Finally, the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, **when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory**, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of Lords, and conqueror of sin and death." (CCC 996)

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin on **Thursday, August 15th, a Holy Day of Obligation**, is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians.

**Mass times are at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.**

The Feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on **Thursday, August 22nd**.

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### ACTS Bible Study

We are starting a new series, "Holy Is His Name," by Scott Hahn, beginning on **Wednesday, August 21st, at 1:30 p.m.**, in the Parish Hall, Rm 2. Everyone is welcome!

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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.

### 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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### 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 will both start in September.** The sign-up dates will be announced in this Parish 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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### RCIA

- † Do you know anyone who would like to become a Catholic?
- † Do you know a Catholic who needs Confirmation?
- † Do you want to know more about the Catholic religion?



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Classes begin in **September**. Stop at the parish office for a registration form, contact **Jim Friese**, (541) 991-2814 or [kkpeaches2@msn.com](mailto:kkpeaches2@msn.com) to register or for information.

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### St. Vincent de Paul

In this Gospel, the love that Jesus reveals through the symbol of the cross is: self-giving, sacrificial, healing, forgiving in solidarity with the weak, confident in the power of God.