

## Fr. Joseph's Corner

### "A Useless life" (Author Unknown)

A farmer had finally gotten so old that he could not work in the fields anymore. So he would spend the day just sitting on the porch.

His son, who was still there working the farm, would look up from time to time and see that his father was just sitting there.

"He's of no use any more," the son thought to himself, "He doesn't do anything!"

One day the son got so frustrated by this, that he built a wood coffin, dragged it over to the porch, and told his father to get in it.

Without saying a word, his father climbed inside. And then after closing the lid, the son dragged the coffin to the edge of the farm where there was a high cliff.

As he approached the drop, he heard a light tapping on the lid from inside the coffin.

He opened the coffin up, and there was his father still lying there peacefully. Then his father looked up at his son and said:

"I know you are planning to throw me over the cliff, but before you do it, may I suggest something?"

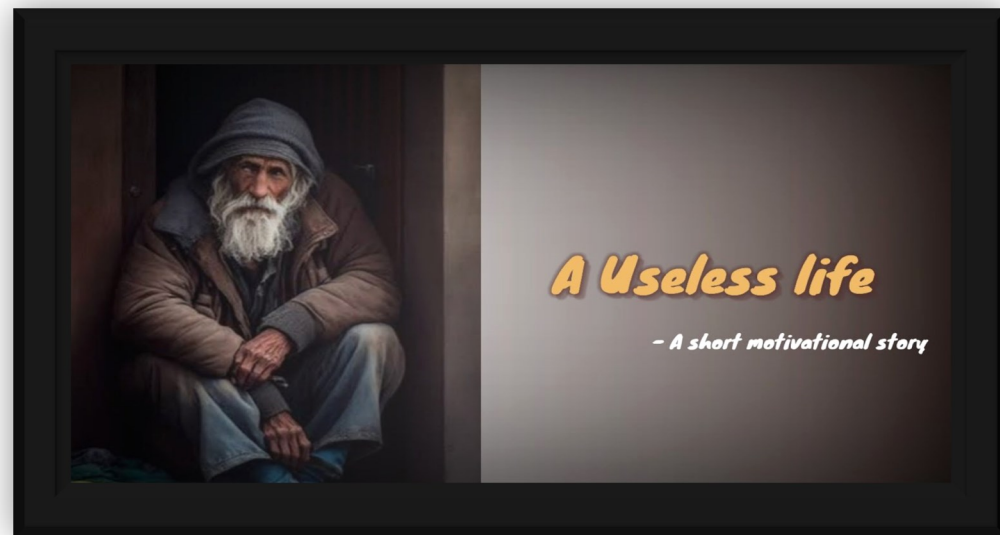
"What is it?" replied the son.

"Throw me over the cliff, if you like," said the father, "but save this good wood coffin. Your children might need to use it."



There is almost no limit to the compassion parents have for their children. Having kids makes you care for your family beyond your own death.

—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  
 John Huthmacher ♦ Ed McNamara ♦ Brittany ♦ Duncan Osgood  
 Doni Bachand ♦ Julie Bither ♦ Mary Bither ♦ Terri Hintze  
 Fred Vandehey ♦ Ralph Lee ♦ Mary Lee ♦ Jeanne Hackett

## St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754  
 September 29, 2024 † 26th 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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### 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	09/30/2024			Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50
Tuesday	10/01/2024			Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23
Wednesday	10/02/2024			Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Matthew 18:1-5, 10
Thursday	10/03/2024			Job 19:21-27; Luke 10:1-12
Friday	10/04/2024			Job 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Luke 10:13-16
Saturday	10/05/2024	5:00 p.m.	Ken & Phyllis Tocher (D)	Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16
Sunday	10/06/2024	9:00 a.m.	Betty Bailey (D)	Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16
Sunday	10/06/2024	12:00 a.m.	Rev. John B. O'Conner (D)	Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16

(L) Living ♦ (D) = Deceased



## Today's Homily

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

**READINGS** give us a strong warning against jealousy, intolerance, and giving scandal.

#### Our Gospel Reading

shows us how John approached Jesus and said to him, "We saw someone driving out demons in your name."

The disciples had observed that the person who was driving

out the demons did not belong to their group. And seeing this, they had prevented him from doing so. When the disciples told Jesus this, the Lord did not like what He heard because He did not think this was the right thing to do, nor the appropriate action to take. This was intolerance. And, how could the Lord approve of the intolerance, or the small mindedness, that His disciples were showing?

From the beginnings of its existence, our Church has taught that no single group, no single person, has a monopoly on Christian spirituality. People who are intolerant, who show favoritism, or who have a desire for power should not be allowed to enter into Christian communities. But, if they do enter, they should be shown that in our Church all of us have to act as Jesus did.

**The Gospel Reading today** makes this clear. We should always remember that the Church belongs to all of us and that all of us have rights and responsibilities. We cannot reject people simply because they do not share our same spirituality or do not follow Jesus in the same way we do.

Being exclusive in any place, but especially in Church communities, can lead to sin. In our communities, in our groups, in the universal Catholic Church, we should act as Jesus showed us: we are all part of the Body of Christ, the Church. We are all equal, no matter what the color of our skin, our ethnic group, our language, or from which continent we come. We have the obligation to be kind to others and to welcome everyone equally.

Christians will be known if in the community, or in whatever group they identify themselves with, they know how to welcome, to be kind and accepting, of



### TOLERANCE

Try It, It Makes You Feel Fluffy Inside

personalities or opinions that are contrary to their own. There will only be peace in our communities when we can act humbly without trying to impose our own will on others—in a word, when we stop trying to dominate everyone and everything.

The Apostles learned very well the lesson that Christ gave

them about tolerance and acceptance. No one should try to give us lessons on this. Remember that the Apostles were the ones who led and unified the early Church by following the norms they had learned from the Master.

The Apostle, St. James, was the head of the Christian community in Jerusalem. **In our Second Reading**, St. James warns us against the type of power that can lead us to avarice, small-mindedness, and a desire to dominate. He seriously warns us about the desires that many people have to enrich themselves, taking advantage of others, cheating their brother and their sister. He exhorts us to cast aside this inordinate, and sinful, desire for money and power. He tells the rich that if they only worry about their riches, they run the risk of losing their souls.

What the Apostle is saying is reason enough for us to think about what we are doing, to start to detach ourselves from material things, instead of trying to obtain more, especially more of those things that are not necessary for us. The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that we should practice the charity of the Lord in good and fraternal acts that will lead to heaven.

Even though Our Lord always preached against intolerance, He did not say that we had to consent to or be in agreement with sin. Respecting the opinions of others—even though they may not be the same as ours—shows the tolerance that Christ taught. What we cannot tolerate is sin in whatever form it takes. Christ Himself pardoned the sins of many people but He never made excuses for sinfulness. What the Lord really asks us to do is to follow the road that separates us from sin.

## September—The Month of the Sorrows of Mary

### A Special Note from Fr Joseph

I would like to thank all who have taken part in making my Jubilee such a special and beautiful day. Thanks to **Bishop Cary**; the Organizing Committee, and all who helped decorate and cook: **Roy Beyer**, Master of Ceremony; **Tom MacDonald**, speech giver extraordinaire; Grand Knight **Jim Friese**, and all the fabulous Knights of Columbus for the beautiful chasubles in memory of my Jubilee. Thank you very much!

—Fr. Joseph

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### Schedule Change

There will not be Mass from **Monday, September 30th, through Friday, October 4th**. **Fr. Joseph** will be attending the Annual Clergy Assembly at St. Thomas Church in Redmond.

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### Pro-Life Conference

Join us for the Diocese of Baker Pro-Life Conference on **Saturday, October 12th, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, at St. Francis Church in Bend. The cost is \$25 per adult (scholarships are available), and teens and children are FREE. Bring the whole family!

Continental breakfast and B-B-Q lunch will be provided. Childcare is available at no charge. (Live interpretation in Spanish will also be available.)

For more information and/or to register, go to: [dioceseofbaker.org](http://dioceseofbaker.org) or call **Rosa** at (541) 388-4004.

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### Public Square Rosary

Please join us in praying a "Public Square" Rosary on **Saturday, October 12th, at 12 noon**, at the Public Square, located west of City Hall and north of the Courthouse.

**Who:** Catholics from St. Joseph's joining 22,500 similar rallies nationwide.

**Why:** To offer reparation for the waves of sacrilege, blasphemy, anti-religious hatred within our society and countless sins which are committed against the most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the most Immaculate Heart of Mary.

For more information, call **Gary** at (541) 447-5001.

### St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples, "Anyone who gives you a drink of water because you belong to Christ will not, I assure you, go without his reward."

On September 27th, the Church celebrated the feast of St. Vincent de Paul. The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are on the front line in laboring for the poor; they are among the first to know their real needs."

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### Vacation Time

**Fr. Joseph** will be on vacation starting on **Monday, October 14th, through Wednesday, November 20th**.

**Fr. Unger** will be filling in on all weekend Masses while **Fr. Joseph** is gone.

Confession and Mass will resume on **Saturday, November 23rd**.

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### Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

The next retreat is from **Tuesday, October 15th, to Thursday, October 17th**, in Eugene for those whose lives have been impacted by abortion(s). The weekday timing provides an opportunity for those not able to attend on a weekend. Lodging, meals, and materials are included in the cost of \$300. Financial assistance is also available!

For more information, call Project Aurora at (541) 942-2861, or visit the website: [www.RachelsVineyard.org](http://www.RachelsVineyard.org).

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### Christmas Bazaar

St. Joseph's Annual Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon will be on **Saturday, November 9th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

We are asking for handmade items: crafts, handiwork, woodwork, baked goods, candies, jams, etc. All donations are greatly appreciated.

For questions, please contact **Nancy Redfern** at (541) 508-9872 or email to: [nncyrdfrn@gmail.com](mailto:nncyrdfrn@gmail.com).

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### "Holy Humor"

Last week, a woman came home from Mass and found her husband brewing coffee in the kitchen. She walked up to him and gave him a huge hug. "What's this about?" he asked. "You never do that!" She answered, "Today's homily said that we must embrace our cross."