

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"An Unspoken Sermon" (Author Unknown)

His name is Bill. He has wild hair, and wears a T-shirt with holes in it, jeans, and no shoes. This was literally his wardrobe for his entire four years of college. And he is brilliant—kind of esoteric—and very, very bright. He became a Christian while attending college.

Across the street from the college campus is a church, and the members are very well-dressed and very conservative. They also want to develop a ministry that reaches out to the students, but they are not sure how to go about it.

So, one day, Bill decides to go the church. He walks inside with no shoes on, wearing his jeans, his T-shirt, and wild hair. The service has already started, and so Bill starts down the aisle looking for a place to sit. But the church is completely packed, and he can't find a seat.

By now, people are looking a bit uncomfortable, but no one says anything. Bill gets closer and closer to the pulpit, and when he realizes there are no seats, he just squats down right in the aisle on the carpet. (Although this was perfectly acceptable behavior at a college fellowship, it had never happened in this church before!)

Now the people are really uptight, and the tension in the air is thick. About this time, the pastor realizes that from way at the back of the church, the deacon is slowly making his way toward Bill.

The deacon is in his eighties. He has silver-gray hair, he wears a three-piece suit, and he has a pocket watch. He is a godly man—very elegant, very dignified—and very courtly. He walks with a cane, and as he starts walking toward this boy, everyone is thinking to themselves, you can't blame him for what he's going to do. How can you expect a man of his age and of his background to understand some college kid on the floor?

It takes a long time for the man to reach the boy. The people in the church are utterly silent—the only sound is the clicking of the deacon's cane. All eyes are focused on them. You can't even hear anyone breathing.

Meanwhile, most of the people are thinking, The pastor can't even preach his sermon until after the deacon does what he must do.

But wait! Now, they see this elderly man drop his cane on the floor. Then with great difficulty, he lowers himself to sit down next to Bill and worships with him so that the boy won't be alone.

Everyone chokes up with emotion. When the pastor gains control, he says to the congregation, "What I'm about to preach, you will never remember. But what you have just seen, you will never forget."

—*Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph*

Holy Humor

A woman refused help during the recent flood. She was on the roof of her house when a rescue boat came to help her. "No," she yelled. "The Lord will save me."

Then another boat, filled with rescued pets was floating by, and the man in the boat told her to jump down into it. Again, she refused. "The Lord will save me."

Finally, a chopper hovered over her roof, dropped a rope, and told her to grab it so he could pull her up. And once again, she refused, saying "No. The Lord will save me."

When the water came up above the roof, the woman unfortunately drowned.

Then when she got to the heavenly "pearly gates," St. Peter looked at her and said, "What are you doing here? God sent two boats and a helicopter!"

St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754
October 20, 2024 † 29th 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.



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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 GENACLE 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	10/21/2024	8:00 a.m.	
Tuesday	10/22/2024	8:00 a.m.	Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21
Wednesday	10/23/2024	12:00 p.m.	Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38
Thursday	10/24/2024	8:00 a.m.	Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48
Friday	10/25/2024	12:00 p.m.	Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53
Saturday	10/26/2024	5:00 p.m.	Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59
Sunday	10/27/2024	9:00 a.m.	Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52
Sunday	10/27/2024	12:00 p.m.	Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

(L) Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

Today's Homily

MONEY AND POWER

tempt human beings. Last Sunday, we saw how the rich youth chose to retain his wealth and reject following Jesus.

Today's Scripture readings describe leadership as the sacrificial service done for others and offer Jesus as the best example.

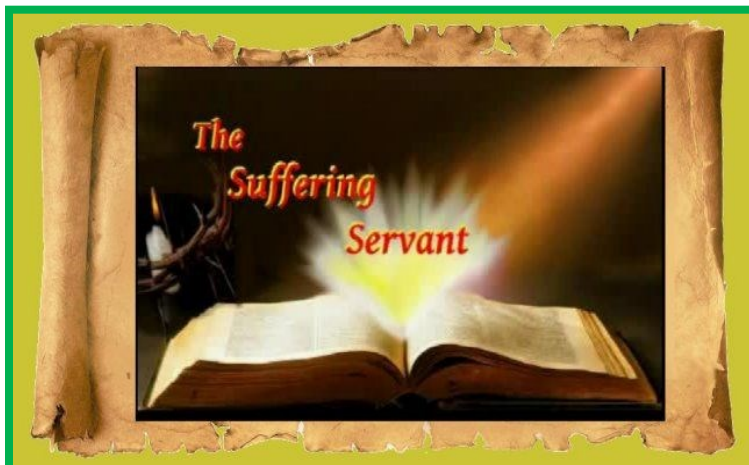
They also explain the servant leadership of Jesus, pinpointing service and sacrifice as the criteria of greatness in Christ's Kingdom.

The first reading is a Messianic prophecy taken from the "Fourth Servant Song" in the second part of the *Book of the Prophet Isaiah*. It tells how the promised Messiah will save mankind by dying in atonement for our sins.

Jesus has done this out of love for us, becoming the Suffering Servant, crucified as an offering for sin, interceding for us, and taking our punishment upon Himself.

The second reading, taken from the "Letter to the Hebrews," tells us that, as God-man and Mediator-High Priest, Jesus offered a fitting sacrifice to God to ransom us—liberating us from enslavement to sin. In the time of Jesus, ransom was the price paid to free someone from slavery. Sometimes, there would be someone who would give himself as ransom by offering himself as a substitute for a slave, as Jesus did. The reading also speaks of a High Priest who can sympathize with us in our weakness because Jesus has been tested in every way—though sinless—and so we can "confidently" hope for God's mercy.

Today's Gospel explains how Jesus has accomplished the Messianic mission of saving mankind from the slavery of sin by becoming the "Suffering Servant."



In the context of the selfish request made by James and John for key positions in the Messianic political kingdom that Jesus would establish after overthrowing the Roman rule, Jesus challenged his followers to become great by

serving others with sacrificial agape love: Whoever wishes to be great must be a servant. Jesus commands us to give ourselves to others in loving and humble service, and so to liberate them, just as we were freed by Jesus' death. We are challenged to give our lives in loving service to others.

As Christians, we are all invited to serve others—and to serve with a smile! We are challenged to drink the cup of Jesus by laying down our lives in humble, sacrificial service for others, just as Jesus did.

The best place to begin the process of service by "self-giving" is in our own homes and workplaces. When parents sacrifice their time, talents, health, and blessings for the welfare of others in the family, they are serving God.

Service always involves suffering, because we can't help another without some sacrifice on our part. We are rendering great service to others also when we present them and their needs before God daily in our prayers.

We are invited to servant leadership: In order to become an effective Christian community, we need lay leaders with the courage of their Christian convictions to work for social justice. We need spiritual leaders who can break open the Word for us, lead us in our prayer, offer us on the altar, and draw us together as sacrament.

Amen.

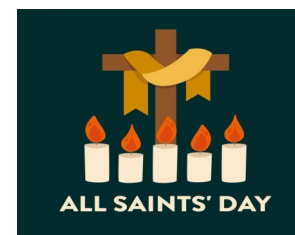
October—The Month of the Holy Rosary

The Saints Carnival

We are now accepting donations of CANDY for the "Saints Carnival" for our Religious Ed students on **Wednesday, October 30th**. Thank you!

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All Saints Day



On **Friday, November 1st**, the Masses will be at **8 a.m.** and **6 p.m.** in observance of **All Saints Day—a Holy Day of Obligation**.

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**Tuesday
November 5th is
Fr. Joseph's 40th
Priestly Ordination Anniversary!**

Please pray that he is having a wonderful vacation and for a safe journey upon his return next month.

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Coats for Kids

Thank you to all who donated for our annual "Coats for Kids" drive. With the help of your generosity, we will be able to provide coats for 100 kids in our community!

—Thank you,
Grand Knight Jim Friese

Annual Christmas Bazaar

Have you heard about:

- * Nancy's Pepper Jam?
- * Diane's Cinnamon Rolls?
- * Cathys Aprons?
- * Amys Cards?



This is your chance to come and experience these and other wonderful crafts and goodies for yourself. While you're there, plan on staying for lunch (or taking it "to go"). For only \$8, you will get:

- ◆ Pulled-Pork Sliders,
- ◆ "Super Sides" and
- ◆ Home-made Dessert!

★★★ MARK YOUR CALENDARS ★★★
FOR **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH**,
FROM **9 A.M. TO 2 P.M.**

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St Joseph's Thanksgiving Dinner

Fr. Joseph is hosting the Second Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for our parishioners on **Thursday, November 28th**. If you aren't going away—if you aren't having a large family gathering, if you are alone—you are welcome! We don't want anyone to be alone this Thanksgiving.

There is no charge; however, we do need to know by **Tuesday, November 19th**, if you can attend so that we prepare enough food.

Please call or email **Darlene** at the Parish Office: (541) 447-6475 or send an email to: stjosephparish@bendbroadband.com.

COME CELEBRATE WITH OUR FAMILY!

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 ♦ Roy Beyer

