

## Fr. Joseph's Corner

### “Does God Still Speak to Us?” (Author Unknown)

A young man had been to Wednesday night Bible class. The Pastor shared about listening to God and obeying His voice. The young man couldn't help but wonder, “Does God still speak to people?”

After class, he went out with some friends for coffee, and they discussed the message. Several talked about how God had led them in different ways, and it was about 10 o'clock when the young man left to drive home. But while sitting in his car, he just began to pray, “God, if you still speak to people, speak to me. I will listen. And I will do my best to obey.”

As he drove down the main street of his town, he had the strangest thought: *Stop and buy a gallon of milk.* He shook his head and said out loud, “God is that you?” He didn't get a reply and started on toward home. But again, the thought: *Buy a gallon of milk.*

“Okay, God, in case that is you, I will buy the milk.” It didn't seem like it was too hard of a test of obedience—and he could always use the milk.

He stopped and purchased a gallon of milk and started off toward home again. As he passed Seventh Street, he again felt the urge: *Turn down that street.*

“This is crazy,” he thought, and he drove on past the intersection.

Again, though, he felt that he should turn down Seventh Street.

So, at the next intersection, he made a U-turn and headed down Seventh. Half jokingly, he said out loud, “Okay, God, I will.”

He drove for several blocks when suddenly he felt like he should stop. He pulled over to the curb and looked around. He was in a semi-commercial area of town. It wasn't the best, but it wasn't the worst of neighborhoods either. The businesses were closed, and most of the houses looked dark—like the people were already in bed. Again, he sensed something: *Go and give the milk to the people in the house across the street.*

The young man looked at the house. It was dark, and it looked like the people were either gone or they were

already asleep. He started to open the car door and then sat back in the seat.

“Lord, this is insane. Those people are asleep, and if I wake them up, they are going to be mad, and I will look stupid.” But, again, he felt like he should give the gallon of milk. Finally, he opened the car door.

“Okay, God, if this is you, I will go to the door and give them the milk. If you want me to look like a crazy person, okay. I want to be obedient. I guess that will count for something, but if they don't answer right away, I am out of here.”

He walked across the street and rang the bell. He could hear some noise inside. A man's voice yelled out, “Who is it? What do you want?” Then the door opened before the young man could get away. The man was standing there in his jeans and T-shirt. He looked like he just got out of bed. He had a strange look on his face, and he didn't seem too happy to have some stranger standing on his doorstep. “What is it?”

The young man thrust out the gallon of milk and said, “Here! I brought this to you.” The man took the milk and rushed down a hallway, speaking loudly in Spanish. Then from down the hall came a woman carrying the milk toward the kitchen. The man was following her holding a baby.

The baby was crying. The man had tears streaming down his face. The man began speaking and half crying, “We were just praying. We had some big bills this month, and we ran out of money. We didn't have any milk for our baby. I was just praying and asking God to show me how to get some milk.”

His wife in the kitchen yelled out, “I asked him to send an Angel with some. Are you an Angel?”

The young man reached into his wallet and pulled out all the money he had on him and put in the man's hand. He then turned and walked back toward his car with tears streaming down his face. He knew that God does answer prayers, and He still speaks to us!

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph

GOD  
STILL SPEAKS

## St. Joseph Catholic Church

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

October 6, 2024 † 27th 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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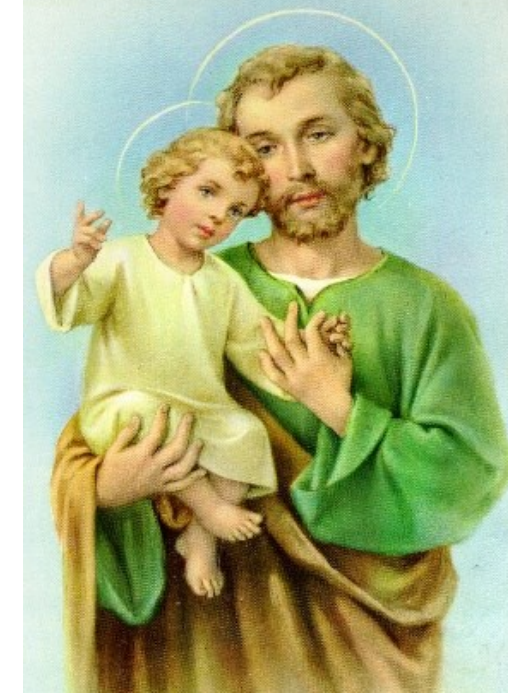
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### Confessions

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	10/07/2024	8:00 a.m.	Marie Smith (D)	Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday	10/08/2024	8:00 a.m.	Lu & Jody Streetman (D)	Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday	10/09/2024	12:00 p.m.	Ron Lattin (D)	Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday	10/10/2024	8:00 a.m.	Nancy Redfern (L)	Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13
Friday	10/11/2024	12:00 p.m.	Amber Davis (L)	Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday	10/12/2024	5:00 p.m.	Mike Budde (L)	Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30
Sunday	10/13/2024	9:00 a.m.	Esther Bailey (D)	Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30
Sunday	10/13/2024	12:00 p.m.	Rev. Msgr. William S. Stone (D)	Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30

(L) Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

## Today's Homily

A BRITISH COUPLE holds the Guinness World Record for the longest marriage. Percy and Florence Arrowsmith were married on June 1, 1925, and they celebrated their 80th anniversary on June 1, 2005.

"I think we're very blessed," Florence, 100, told the BBC. "We still love one another; that's the most important part."

Asked for the secret of their long marriage, Florence said you must never be afraid to say "sorry." "You must never go to sleep as bad friends," she said.

Of course, she's right. There are times in every marriage for forgiving and forgetting and saying, "I'm sorry" and going to sleep good friends. That's positive sentiment override.

By the way, Florence's husband Percy, 105, said his secret to marital bliss was just two words: "Yes, dear."

We are living in a world dominated by a throw-away culture. We look after things as long as they are of some use to us. Unfortunately, this kind of attitude has even crept into human relationships, be it among family members, friends, or even between married couples. As a result, the relationships are no longer defined on the basis of love, care, commitment, and faithfulness but on the basis of usefulness, needs, and fulfilments. This could be one of the main reasons for the increasing number of marriage failures and divorces.

**Today's readings** emphasize the permanent, complimentary, and reciprocal nature of the relationship that must prevail between married couples. Even if one of these aspects is found missing in a relationship, then sooner or later, the marriage could crash. **The first reading** clearly points out that God fashioned the rib that He had taken from the man into a woman. This premeditates the sort of relationship of equals based on their complementary nature.



But men, contrary to God's will, think and act in ways that show their supremacy and dominance over women in many ways. They consider women as subordinates and dependents. Thus, they dishonor God's will for a complementary and reciprocal relationship between a man and a woman.

**The Gospel reading** mentions that, "They are no longer two, but one flesh." This also implies that the married couples should be of one mind (thinking) and heart (decision making) in living out their marriage commitments. This would enable the married couples to accept a vocation to perpetual commitment and responsibility.

The spouses need to work hard to create a good marriage: Marriage demands that they should become the right persons for each other. Marriage is a union based on committed sharing, forgiving, and sacrificial agape love. It requires many mutual adjustments: much generosity and great good will to forgive and ask for forgiveness, sincere cooperation in training children and raising them as practicing Catholic Christians, and daily strength from God—obtained through personal and family prayers and punctual participation in the parish liturgy.

We need to reach out with Christian sympathy to the divorced and to troubled families. The parish community needs to accept them with respect, compassion, sensitivity, love, and support—sharing the depth of their pain from a failed or failing, marriage.

The Church cannot sanction remarriage unless the previous marriage has been declared annulled by the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal. In the meantime, "... they should be encouraged to listen to the Word of God, to attend the Sacrifice of the Mass, to persevere in prayer, and to bring up their children in the Christian Faith.

Today we will pray for the good Lord to bless and guide the married couples to respect each other and to live their married life in love and fidelity.

## October—The Month of the Holy Rosary

### October 6th—Respect Life Sunday

**A Prayer for Life to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament:**

*O Jesus, you came that we might have life—and have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers' wombs, and call us to love you for all eternity.*

*As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.*

*By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable.*

*For you are God, forever and ever. Amen.*

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### October is the Month of The Holy Rosary

October is designated as the "Month of the Rosary" because in this month the Church celebrates the Marian advocacy of "Our Lady of the Rosary" on **Monday, October 7th.**

The Rosary is a Scripture-based prayer. It begins with the *Apostles' Creed*, which summarizes the great mysteries of the Catholic faith. The *Our Father*, which introduces each mystery, is from the Gospels. The first part of the *Hail Mary* is the Angel's words announcing Christ's birth and Elizabeth's greeting to Mary. (St. Pius V officially added the second part of the *Hail Mary*.)

The Mysteries of the Rosary center on the events of Christ's life. There are four sets of Mysteries: Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and added by St. John Paul II in 2002, the Luminous.

The repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery. The gentle repetition of the words helps us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells.

### Diocese of Baker Pro-Life Conference

Join us for the 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: [diocesofbaker.org](http://diocesofbaker.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 committed against the most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the most Immaculate Heart of Mary.

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

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### Youth Group

Our Youth Group Bible Study will meet on **Monday, October 14th, from 6 to 7:30 pm.**, in the parish basement. We'll be finishing our study of the "Old World." All youth are welcome to join us for faith-filled discussion and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there!

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### Schedule Change

**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.**

### 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

