

## Fr. Joseph's Corner

"The Mouse Trap" (Author Unknown)

A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife opening a package. "What food might this contain?" the mouse wondered.

He was devastated to discover that it was a mousetrap!

Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed the warning: "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

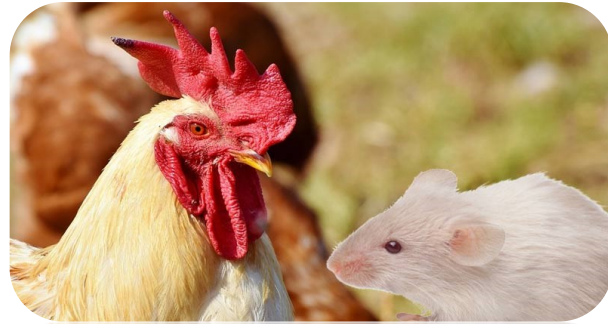
The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it."

The mouse turned to the pig and told him, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The pig sympathized, but said, "I am so very sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it but pray. Be assured you are in my prayers."

The mouse turned to the cow and said, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The cow said, "Wow, Mr. Mouse. I'm sorry for you, but it's no skin off my nose."

So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer's mousetrap alone.

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house—like the sound of a mousetrap



catching its prey. The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught. The snake bit the farmer's wife. The farmer

rushed her to the hospital, and she returned home with a fever.

Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient.

But his wife's sickness continued, so friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig. The farmer's wife did not get well; she died. So many people came for her funeral, the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them.

The mouse looked upon it all from his crack in the wall with great sadness. So, the next time you hear someone is facing a problem and think it doesn't concern you, remember, when one of us is threatened, we are all at risk. We are all involved in this journey called life. We must keep an eye out for one another, and make an extra effort to encourage one another. Each of us is a vital thread in another person's tapestry.

—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  
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## St. Joseph Catholic Church

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

November 3, 2024 † 31st 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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Director of Religious Education ♦ Barbara Dalton

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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	11/04/2024	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	11/05/2024	8:00 a.m.
Wednesday	11/06/2024	12:00 p.m.
Thursday	11/07/2024	8:00 a.m.
Friday	11/08/2024	12:00 p.m.
Saturday	11/09/2024	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	11/10/2024	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	11/10/2024	12:00 p.m.

Ron Lattin (D)  
Brady Bofman (D)  
Rev. Thomas J. Moore (D)

Philippians 2:1-4; Luke 14:12-14  
Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 14:15-24  
Philippians 2:12-18; Luke 14:25-33  
Philippians 3:3-8a; Luke 15:1-10  
Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 16:1-8  
1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44  
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(L) Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

## Today's Homily\*

**YOU MAY REMEMBER** the popular story of some monks who were faced with bitter persecution. Some of them left the monastery because they could not endure the excruciating suffering, and there was no new intake. Only five elderly monks remained in the monastery, and they had become old and decrepit.

A Rabbi visited the monks and, at the end of the visit, the Abbot (the head of the monastery) asked if the Rabbi had any advice for the monks. The Rabbi said, "The only message I have for you is that the Messiah is one of you."

For many days the monks pondered over this message and wondered if there was any truth in what the Rabbi said. Could the Messiah really be any one of them?

One of the monks asked: "Could the Messiah be the Abbot who has led us for many years? Or could the Messiah be Brother Eldred?"

No. He couldn't be because he is cranky and eccentric. However, he could be, because he has a great capacity for saying and doing what is right.

"Could the Messiah be Brother Philip?"

No, he could not be because Brother Philip is so passive and "aid back." Nevertheless, he has a wonderful virtue of kindness, selflessness, and he is charitable to all.

"Could the Messiah be ordinary me? That is hardly possible!"

The message of the Rabbi made the monks begin treating each other with utmost respect and tender love, conscious that anyone of them could be the Messiah. They began to see the Messiah in each one of them.

Jesus taught us how to see God in each person, and He tells us that we cannot love God enough if we fail to see His image in other people.

Jesus summarized the whole Jewish law into love of God and neighbor. He wanted his listeners to understand that it is not possible to love God sincerely without loving the people whom God has made in His own image and likeness. St. John makes this point clear when he says, "Whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1 John 4:20).

The dual commandments of love that Jesus gave are taken from the Old Testament. The first part about the



love of God was taken from the famous Shema: "Hear O Israel: The Lord your God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all

your might" (Deuteronomy 6:4). The Shema emphasizes the unity of God and the obligation to love the one God. The second part about love of neighbor was taken from Leviticus 19:18: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

What is remarkable about these two rules is that no Rabbi in the past had synthesized these two passages as Jesus did. The old concept of religion relegated the love of neighbor to the background, but Jesus made the love of neighbor inseparable with the love of God.

In fact, the life of Jesus is an embodiment of the love of God and neighbor. He indeed is the perfect model of what He preached on love. God was all—and in all—in the life of Jesus, and He demonstrated tender love to the people to whom He ministered.

No wonder, the Letter to the Hebrews extols Jesus and explains why He stands higher and above the holy men that preceded Him (Hebrews 7:23–28). The quality of the life of Jesus, His teachings, and His total self-offering in love sets Him apart—and higher than all Levitical priests of the Old Testament.

What makes the instruction of Jesus about love so unique is that He asks His followers not to discriminate against anyone—irrespective of religion, race, tribe or social class.

No one should be considered a second-class human person because he is of another religion, or because he speaks a different language. No true religion should promote any form of discrimination.

Piety, or the love of God, is empty when it cannot be demonstrated in the love of others who are different and whose way of life appears strange.

Jesus teaches us that our love of God is incomplete unless we love everyone and respect everyone because everyone is made in the image and likeness of God.

*\*By Fr. Gerald M. Musa*  
(<https://www.catholicforlife.com>)

## November—Month of the Souls in Purgatory

### November

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life but have not yet attained the joys of heaven.

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### A Message from Fr. Joseph!

**Fr. Joseph sends "Greetings from India!" He says he misses everyone here, and he is looking forward to coming back on Saturday, November 23rd.**

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### Adoration



There will be Adoration in the evening, led by the Knights of Columbus, on the first Tuesday of the month, beginning **Tuesday, November 5th, from 6 to 7 p.m.**

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### Online Giving

The wait is over!!! We are now set up for online giving. You can make a one-time donation or set up for a recurring donation.

After texting or scanning the QR Code at right, follow the prompts and enter in your information.

Forms of payment accepted are: VISA, MasterCard, Discover, and Apple Pay.

If you would like help getting set up or if you have any questions, please come in to the Parish Office.

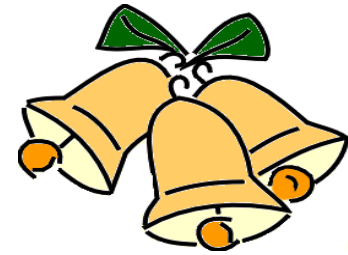
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or text: **GIVE** to (541) 366-6550.



### Annual Christmas Bazaar

Rumor has it. . . . In addition to the top-rated items, there will be an abundance of new crafts and goodies offered. Make sure to stop by on **Saturday, November 9th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**



There will also be lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pulled pork sliders, sides, dessert and beverage all for just \$8.00. Stay and enjoy lunch or take it to go.

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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 are not going away, or if you are not having a large family gathering, or if you are alone, **you are welcome!** We don't want anyone to be alone this Thanksgiving.

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

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

**COME CELEBRATE WITH OUR FAMILY!**

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### Diocese of Baker Job Openings

The Diocese of Baker is blessed to be made up of a committed core of individuals who are eager to serve all of our parishes and parishioners. If you feel called to be a part of this team, the diocese has three exciting, full-time career opportunities available today. Check the diocesan website at [dioceseofbaker.org](http://dioceseofbaker.org) for more information.

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### Holy Humor

What kind of lights did Noah have on the ark?  
**Flood Lights!**