

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"Who Are the Poor People?"

One day, the father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the express purpose of showing him how poor people live. They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family.

On their return, the father asked his son, "Did you enjoy the trip?"

"It was great, Dad."

"Did you see how poor people live?" his father asked.

"Oh, yeah," said the son.

"So, tell me, son. What did you learn from the trip?" asked the father.

The son answered:

- * "I saw that we have one dog, and they have four.
- * "We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden, and they have a creek that has no end.
- * "We have imported lanterns in our garden, and they have the stars at night.
- * "Our patio reaches to the front yard, and they have the whole horizon.
- * "We have a small piece of land to live on, and they have fields that go beyond our sight.

- * "We have servants who serve us, but they serve others.
- * "We buy our food, but they grow theirs.
- * "We have walls around our property to protect us, but they have friends to protect them."

The boy's father was speechless. Then his son added, "Thanks, Dad, for showing me how poor we are."

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Isn't perspective a wonderful thing? It makes you wonder what would happen if we all gave thanks for everything we have, instead of worrying about what we don't have.

Appreciate every single thing you have—especially your friends! "Life is too short and friends are too few."

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"Give to the Most High as he has given to you, for the Lord is one who always repays, and he will give back to you seven-fold." (Sirach 35:10)

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph

PLEASE PRAY

FOR THOSE ON OUR PRAYER LIST:

David Leonard ♦ Steve Forrester ♦ Carl Johnson ♦ Dolores Koivisto
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St. Joseph Catholic Church

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November 17, 2024 † 33rd 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 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	11/18/2024	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	11/19/2024	8:00 a.m.
Wednesday	11/20/2024	12:00 p.m.
Thursday	11/21/2024	8:00 a.m.
Friday	11/22/2024	12:00 p.m.
Saturday	11/23/2024	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	11/24/2024	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	11/24/2024	12:00 p.m.

Emerson Edgerly (L)
 Marie Smith (D)
 Maria Valdovinos (D)

(L) Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

Revelation 1:1-4, 2:1-5; Luke 18:35-43
 Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22; Luke 19:1-10
 Revelation 4:1-11; Luke 19:11-28
 Revelation 5:1-10; Luke 19:41-44
 Revelation 10:8-11; Luke 19:45-48
 Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37
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Today's Homily*

The Coming of the Son of Man

Mark 13:24—32

33RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME



“BE CONSTANTLY on the watch! Stay awake,” Jesus commands. The signs of the times are such that, clearly, this is no time for somnambulists. A somnambulist, as you know, is a person who walks in his sleep.

On the eve of his wedding, a young man decided to confess all to his fiancée. He went to her and said, “My love, there is something I feel I must tell you before we are married—something you must know. It may make a difference in your feelings toward me. You see, I am a somnambulist.”

The young lady thought for a moment, and then replied, “Oh! That’s all right. There’s no problem. I was raised a Methodist. We can go to your church one Sunday and to mine the next.”

Today’s readings give us the assurance that our God will be with us all the days of our lives and that we will have the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst—guiding, protect-ing and strengthening us—despite our necessary uncertainty concerning the end time when “Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.”

Each year at this time, the Church asks us to consider the “last things”—Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell—as happening to ourselves.

Scripture lessons summarized: The readings invite us to focus our attention on the threefold coming of Jesus:

- 1) His first coming, according to the flesh, as Redeemer.
- 2) His second coming, either at our death, or at the end of time and the world, which will bring our salvation to completion.
- 3) His coming into our lives each time we step forward in genuine Christian living.

The first reading, taken from the prophet Daniel (167 BC), was originally given to comfort and give hope to the Jewish people being persecuted by a cruel, pagan king. It advises us to live wisely and justly in the present time, instead of worrying about the unknown future.

The author of the Hebrews in the second reading, challenges us to look to the future with hope and serenity because Jesus, who sits forever at God’s right hand, is the mediator who has secured the forgiveness of our sins and our sanctification through His sacrifice on the cross.

Today’s Gospel, taken from Mark (AD 69), offered hope to early Christians persecuted by the Roman Emperor Nero, reminding them of Jesus’ words about His glorious return to earth with great power and glory as Judge to gather and reward His elect. Daniel and Mark continue to remind us that God will ensure that the righteous will survive the ordeal and will find a place with Him. Through the parable of the fig tree, Jesus warns us all to read the “signs of the time,” reminding us that we must be ever prepared to give an account of our lives to Jesus when he comes in glory as our Judge, because we cannot know “either the day or the hour” of his Second Coming.

Life messages:

- 1) Let us recognize the “second coming” of Jesus in our daily lives through everyday occurrences, always remembering that Jesus comes without warning. But let us not get frightened at the thought of Christ’s Second Coming because He is with us every day in the Holy Eucharist, in the Holy Bible, and in our worshipping communities. We will be able to welcome him in his Second Coming as long as we faithfully do the will of God daily by serving our brothers and sisters, by recognizing Christ’s presence in them, and by being reconciled with God and with our brothers and sisters every day.
- 2) We need to “learn the lesson from the fig tree.” This means that we are to watch and wait in a state of readiness. Instead of worrying about the end time events, we are asked to live every day of our lives loving God living in others, by our committed service to them with sacrificial agape love.

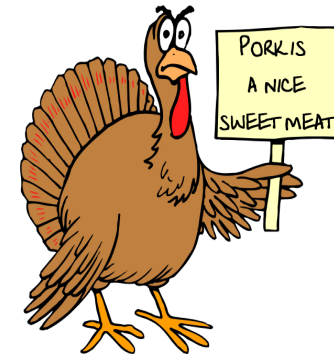
November—Month of the Souls in Purgatory

Thanksgiving Mass

Mass will be at 8 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day, November 28th.

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St. Joseph’s Thanksgiving Dinner



Thanksgiving will be here soon, and there is still lots of space at our tables! **Fr. Joseph** is hosting the 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for our parishioners on **Thanksgiving Day, November 28th.**

If you are not going away, if you’re 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 that 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.

☞ **Come celebrate with our family!** ☞

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Monday, December 9th— A Holy Day of Obligation

In 2024, December 8th is the 2nd Sunday of Advent, so the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to **Monday, December 9th. Mass times are at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.**

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Christmas Bazaar

Thank you to all the organizers, volunteers—everyone who donated items—and to all who supported us by shopping and having lunch. It was a great success!

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday, December 14th, is the “Our Lady of Guadalupe” celebration. **It will begin at 6 a.m. for *Manañitas*.** The Rosary will be after that, followed by Coffee and Bread in the church basement. **Mass will be at 10 a.m.** The celebration begins in the Parish Hall after Mass.

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Online Giving

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.

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/ced66cf1-ca36-4cd3-b546-a6bea4292a81>

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

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Snow Removal

‘Tis the season for snow. We need to have clear walkways before all Masses. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex. Please sign up if you will help clear snow at the times listed on the sheet. In general, we need someone an hour before weekday Mass and 2 hours before weekend Masses. Only sign up if you are available at the times listed on days that we get snow.

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St Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul needs your help. If you have any paper bags or clean, 12-count egg cartons that you can donate, please bring them to the office in the Parish Hall.