

## Fr. Joseph's Corner

**“Attitude Determines Altitude”**

I woke up early today, excited over all I get to do before the clock strikes midnight.  
I have responsibilities to fulfill today. I am important.  
My job is to choose what kind of day to have.

- ♥ Today I can complain because the weather is rainy, or I can be thankful that the grass is getting watered for free.
- ♥ Today I can feel sad that I don't have more money, or I can be glad that my finances encourage me to plan my purchases wisely and guide me away from waste.
- ♥ Today I can grumble about my health, or I can rejoice that I am alive.
- ♥ Today I can lament over all that my parents did not give me when I was growing up, or I can feel grateful that they allowed me to be born.
- ♥ Today I can cry because roses have thorns, or I can celebrate that those thorns have roses.
- ♥ Today I can mourn my lack of friends, or I can excitedly embark on a quest to discover new relationships.
- ♥ Today I can whine because I have to go to work, or I can shout for joy because I have a job to do.
- ♥ Today I can complain because I have to go to school or eagerly open my mind and fill it with rich new tidbits of knowledge.
- ♥ Today I can murmur dejectedly because I have to do housework, or I can feel honored because the Lord has provided shelter for my mind, body, and soul.
- ♥ Today stretches ahead of me, waiting to be shaped. And here I am, the sculptor who gets to do the shaping.

**What today will be like is up to me. I get to choose what kind of day I will have!  
Have a great day. . . Unless you have other plans!**

*—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 ♦ Pierre Jones ♦ Sammi Pedersen ♦ Chuck Renwick  
Reba McDermott ♦ John Huthmacher ♦ Ed McNamara ♦ Brittany Duncan Osgood  
Julie Bither ♦ Mary Bither ♦ Doni Bachand ♦ Terri Hintze ♦ Fred Vandehey  
Ralph Lee ♦ Mary Lee ♦ Jeanne Hackett ♦ Peggy Holtz ♦ Michael Kuenzi

## St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754  
February 9, 2025 † 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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Director of Religious Education ♦ Barbara Dalton

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Parish Bulletin Designer / Editor ♦ Tina Hill



### 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	02/10/2025	8:00 a.m.	Peggy Buselli (D)	Genesis 1:1–19; Mark 6:53–56
Tuesday	02/11/2025	8:00 a.m.	Michael Kuenzi (L)	Genesis 1:20–2:4a; Mark 7:1–13
Wednesday	02/12/2025	12:00 p.m.	Dale Geiman (L)	Genesis 2:4b–9, 15–17; Mark 7:14–23
Thursday	02/13/2025	8:00 a.m.	Naomi Blankenship (D)	Genesis 2:18–25; Mark 7:24–30
Friday	02/14/2025	12:00 p.m.	J. T. Tauton (D)	Genesis 3:1–8; Mark 7:31–37
Saturday	02/15/2025	5:00 p.m.	Lloyd Rodgers (D)	Jeremiah 17:5–8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16–20; Luke 6:17, 20–26
Sunday	02/16/2025	9:00 a.m.	David & Patrick Geiman (D)	Jeremiah 17:5–8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16–20; Luke 6:17, 20–26
Sunday	02/16/2025	12:00 p.m.	Martina Ortiz (D)	Jeremiah 17:5–8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16–20; Luke 6:17, 20–26

(L) Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

## Today's Homily

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

**READINGS** challenge us to discern God's call to each one of us to become His disciple with a mission. We are asked to recognize God's holy presence and acknowledge our unworthiness, due to our sinfulness, to become humble instruments in His hands, as the prophet Isaiah did in the first reading, as St. Paul did in the second reading, and as St. Peter did in today's Gospel.

Today's readings also teach us that God has His own criteria for selecting people to be His disciples, ministers and prophets. Presenting the special calls—or vocations—of Isaiah, Paul, and Peter as life-changing events, the readings challenge us to examine our own personal change of life and commitment to our discipleship.

Isaiah, in the first reading, and Peter, in today's Gospel, express their unworthiness to be in the presence of God's great holiness, and Peter and Isaiah both immediately receive reassurance and their Divine calls.

God does not call the perfect; He perfects those He calls. Isaiah's story reminds us that God purifies and strengthens us for His mission, no matter how inadequate we feel.

Today's second reading describes the call of another great apostle, Paul, who judges himself to be unworthy of the name or the call, as he was a former persecutor of the Christians and the last apostle selected by the Risen Lord.

For, it was by giving these three men a strong conviction of their unworthiness and of their need for total dependence on His grace that God prepared them for their missions.

It was the miraculous catch of fish at Jesus' command, described in today's Gospel, that enabled Peter to find God in Jesus and prompted



him to surrender his life fully to Jesus' service as a full-time disciple. The Second Vatican Council teaches that we are all called to Christ's ministry by virtue of our Baptism into Jesus Christ.

We need to pray that our encounters with the holiness of God may lead us to recognize our sinfulness and accept His call. God, who calls us

and commissions us for His service, wants us to realize His presence everywhere and in everyone, to repent of our sins, and to remain in readiness to speak and act for Him in our life circumstances, as He shall direct us through His grace and His Holy Spirit.

We need to express our reverence for God through appropriate bodily gestures. For example, when we come into Church, we need to show reverence for Jesus' presence in the Tabernacle by making a deep bow or by genuflecting and blessing ourselves with the sign of the cross.

Then we need to honor Him by listening to the word of God and by actively participating in the liturgy's prayers and singing. This same sense of reverence can be expressed by keeping the Bible, God's living word to us, in a prominent place in our homes and by kissing it each time we read from it. True reverence for God naturally leads us to reverent, respectful love of our neighbors, as God dwells in them.

We need to remember that each of us has a unique mission in the Church. This is why God has a different call for each of us. Each of us is unique, so each of us has a mission which no one else can fulfill. Let us accomplish this mission as parents, priests, religious, and lay persons by radiating the love, mercy, and forgiveness of Jesus, and by participating in the various ministries of our parish.

## February—The Month of the Holy Family

### 75th Jubilee Year

This year is St. Joseph Parish's **75th Jubilee Year**. As part of the year's celebration, we will look back at the previous decades,



starting with the 1950s—and leading up to the "Jubilee Celebration" on **Sunday, September 14th**.

Our first church was located at 3rd St. and N. Court St., across from the Crook County Court House. The Parish was canonically recognized in 1943, appointing Father Thomas McTeigue as Pastor. Bishop Joseph F. McGrath was the Bishop of Baker Diocese when St. Joseph's celebrated the first Mass in Prineville. In the same year, the Parish purchased five city lots on 1st and Main—our current location. In 1946, the Parish held the first annual ham dinner. In 1950, the Knights of Columbus chapter was formed and named after Bishop McGrath. Also in 1950, Francis P. Leipzig was appointed Bishop of Baker.

The first Mass in our current location was celebrated on Palm Sunday in 1950. Bishop O'Brien dedicated the completed church and rectory in 1951. In the 1950s, Sunday Masses were celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. There was an additional midnight Mass at Christmas. During deer season, there was a "Hunter's Mass" at 5 p.m. on Sunday.

In the 1950s, Mass was celebrated in Latin. The Altar faced the east wall, so the priest celebrated Mass with his back to the congregation. Altar servers were required to rapidly recite all responses in Latin. Bishop Liam Cary was an altar server in the 1950s, wearing the same cassocks we use today. To receive the Eucharist at the communion rail separating the Sanctuary from the Church, you were required to fast from midnight until receiving Communion. Since the entire Mass was in Latin, many parishioners recited the Rosary to themselves during Mass.

During the first two weeks of June, the Parish held a summer school at the former Crooked River Grade School. Classes were taught by visiting nuns. Prizes for good behavior and memorizing prayers came in the form of holy cards.

The annual Ham Dinner was held in the Church basement. All Parish religious education classes and meetings were also held in the basement.

### February Meetings

- ◆ February 11th, at 3 p.m., Executive/Finance Committees
- ◆ February 18th, 7 p.m., Knights of Columbus

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### Thank You

Thank you to **Hans Kaumanns** for making the new shelf for the priests' pictures for the entryway in the Parish Hall. What a beautiful way to display our history!

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### Respect Life

**Ari Ampudia** and **Garilynn Tocher** would like to invite everyone to the 1st Respect Life meeting of the year. They are joining the Knights of Columbus at their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, February 18th, at 7 p.m., in the Parish Hall**. All parishioners are invited! Pizza and beverages will be provided.

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### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." Does your marriage give glory to God? Learn how to let your Sacrament shine on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on April 4–6, 2025 in Beaverton, Oregon. To apply for **your** WWME Experience or search other dates, go to [rediscoverthespark.org](http://rediscoverthespark.org).

For information about WWME, call (503) 704-0836 or send an email to: [reservations@rediscoverthespark.org](mailto:reservations@rediscoverthespark.org).

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### Diocese of Baker Men's Conference in English and in Spanish

Join Catholic men from around the diocese for talks that inspire, conversations that give strength, and prayer that will help us become the husbands, fathers, and brothers God is calling us to be. Join us **IN ENGLISH on April 5th** in Bend. For more information and to register, please go to: [dioceseofbaker.org/mens-conference](http://dioceseofbaker.org/mens-conference) or call **Bryce** at (541) 388-4004.

[Únase a hombres católicos de toda la diócesis para charlas que inspiran, conversaciones que dan fortaleza y oraciones que nos ayudarán a convertirnos en los esposos, padres y hermanos que Dios nos llama a ser. Únase a nosotros **en ESPAÑOL en 12 de Abril** en The Dalles. Para obtener más información y registrarse: [dioceseofbaker.org/mens-conference](http://dioceseofbaker.org/mens-conference) o llame a Bryce al (541) 388-4004.]