

## Fr. Joseph's Corner

### "How Can God Judge Us?"

At the end of time, billions of people were scattered on a great plain before God's throne. Some of the groups near the front talked heatedly—not with cringing shame—but with embittered belligerence.

"How can God judge us? How can He know about suffering?" snapped a scoffing brunette. She jerked back a sleeve to reveal a tattooed number from a Nazi concentration camp. "We endured terror, beatings, torture, and death!"

Far out across the plain, there were hundreds of such groups. Each had a complaint against God for the evil suffering that He permitted in the world. How lucky is God to live in heaven where all was sweetness and light—where there was no weeping, no fear, no hunger, no hatred?

Indeed, what did God know about what men had been forced to endure in this world? "After all, God leads a pretty sheltered life," they said.

So each group sent out a leader, chosen because he had suffered the most. There was a Jew, a Black, an "untouchable" from India, an "illegitimate," a person from Hiroshima, and one from a Siberian slave camp.

In the center of the plain, they consulted with each other. At last they were ready to present their case. It was rather simple: Before God could be qualified to be their judge, He must endure what they had endured. Their decision was that God . . . should be sentenced to live on earth—as a man!"

But, because He was God, they set certain safeguards to make sure that He could not use His divine powers to help Himself. The conditions were the following:

1) Let Him be born a Jew. 2) Let the legitimacy of His birth be doubted. 3) Let Him champion a cause so just—but so radical—that it brings down upon Him the hatred, the condemnation, and the attacks of every major traditional and established religious authority. 4) Let Him try to describe what no man has ever seen, tasted, heard, or smelled. Let Him try to communicate Himself to men. 5) Let Him be betrayed by His dearest friends. 6) Let Him be indicated on false charges, tried before a prejudiced jury and cowardly judge. 7) Let Him see what it is to be terribly alone and completely abandoned by every living thing. 8) Let Him be tortured and let Him die—but let Him die a most humiliating death—as a common criminal and with common thieves!

As each leader announced his portion of the sentence, loud murmurs of approval went up from the great throng of people.

However, when the last had finished pronouncing God's sentence, there was a long silence. No one moved. No one uttered another word.

For suddenly they all knew . . . God had already served His sentence—in Jesus!

—*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 ♦ Lyn Rodgers ♦ Fred Vandehey ♦ Ralph Lee ♦ Mary Lee ♦ Jeanne Hackett  
Peggy Holtz ♦ Michael Kuenzi ♦ Nancy MacDonald ♦ Mary Ellen Marquez  
Charlie McDermott ♦ Susan McDermott ♦ Barbara Gadotti ♦ Barbara Hopla

## St. Joseph Catholic Church

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

April 13, 2025 † Palm Sunday

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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**RCIA ♦ Jim Friese**

**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 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	04/14/2025	8:00 a.m.	Shannon Newell (L)	Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday	04/15/2025	8:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Volunteers (L)	Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday	04/16/2025	12:00 p.m.	Clark Hay (D)	Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday	04/17/2025	6:00 p.m.	Pat Beckham (D)	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday	04/18/2025	6:00 p.m.	Leigh Overton (L)	Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday	04/19/2025	7:00 p.m.	Those who completed RCIA (L)	Gn 1:1-2:2; Ex 14:1-15:1; Is 55:1-11; Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12
Sunday	04/20/2025	9:00 a.m.	Julia & Aden Geiman (D)	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Lk 24:1-12
Sunday	04/20/2025	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Parishioners (D)	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Lk 24:1-12

(L) Living ♦ (D) = Deceased



## Today's Homily—Palm Sunday

**THE CHURCH CELEBRATES** today as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. It is on Palm Sunday that we enter Holy Week and welcome Jesus into our lives, asking Him to allow us a share in His suffering, death, and Resurrection. This is also the time we remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation.

That is why the Holy Week liturgy presents us with the actual events of the dying and rising of Jesus. The liturgy also enables us to experience vicariously, here and now, what Jesus went through then. In other words, we commemorate and relive during this week our own dying to sin and selfishness, and rising in Jesus, which results in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption.

You have been practicing self-discipline through fasting. You were generous in almsgiving through various ways. You were praying, especially during this Lent. You also have been using the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the Holy Week.

Now we have come to it. Today we commence the Holy Week with the blessing of Palms and a procession to remember the solemn entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. This Palm Sunday is also known as Passion Sunday.

The word “passion” normally used to mean “compelling love” or “boundless enthusiasm.” But the name “Passion” for this Sunday is from the Latin word *passio*, meaning suffering.

In fact, what we remember and celebrate today is the love of God the Father, who gave His



only Son to suffer on a cross as a sacrifice for the remission of our sins. Jesus, the Son of God, was so full of His Father's love that He actually walked the way of the Cross. Jesus did that, even though

everyone—including His own chosen disciples deserted Him, He did not waiver.

Even when the thought of the coming crucifixion was so agonizing, Jesus prayed in Gethsemane: “Let it be as you, not I, would have it.” No amount of mockery or violence dissuaded Our Lord from the Self-Sacrifice on the Cross for our sins.

Though the execution of Christ on the cross was a scandal for many people, the early Christians preached it boldly because they knew that Christ is not lost—the risen Christ is still with them. Since then, all generations preached the Cross everywhere.

We, too, preach and celebrate it today. It is because we know, just as the early Christians did, the Cross on the Calvary was not the end of the story. Resurrection followed it, and Christ has won victory over death.

Like the donkey, we are called upon to carry Christ to a world that does not know Him. Let us always remember that a Christian without Christ is a contradiction in terms. Such a one betrays the Christian message.

Hence, let us become transparent Christians during this Holy Week, enabling others to see in us Jesus' universal love, unconditional forgiveness, and sacrificial service.

## April—The Month of the Holy Eucharist

### Lenten Schedule

- † Holy Thursday is April 17 at 6 p.m.
- † Good Friday is April 18: Way of the Cross is 3 p.m., Passion Service/Veneration of the Cross is 6 p.m.
- † Holy Saturday is April 19. Easter Vigil Mass is 7 p.m.
- † Easter Sunday is April 20. Mass is at 9 a.m. Spanish Mass is at 12 p.m.

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### Schedule Change

There will **NOT** be a Mass on **Monday, April 21st, Tuesday, April 22nd, or the week of Monday through Friday, April 28th, through May 2nd.**

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### 2025 Directory

We still have openings available on **Tuesday, April 22nd**, for pictures for our new Photo Directory.

You can schedule your photo appointments in the Parish Office. Call (541) 447-6475 or send an email to: [stjosephparish@bendbroadband.com](mailto:stjosephparish@bendbroadband.com).

In the back of the new directory will be a parishioners' list of names, addresses, and phone numbers. This list will include information regardless of whether you have your photo taken. If you **don't** want your information to be included in this, please contact the Parish Office.

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### Eucharist Apostles of Divine Mercy Cenacle Group

Please join us on **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27th, at 3 p.m.**, for an hour of Adoration and to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

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### Jubilee Pilgrimage of the Blessed Sacrament

The Blessed Sacrament will arrive at St. Joseph's on Tuesday, May 6th, at 11 a.m. There will be a sign-up sheet for Adoration until **Friday, May 9th**. On Friday there will be Mass at 8 a.m., with Adoration and Benediction to follow. We will have a procession at 11:15 to take the Blessed Sacrament to Madras.

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### Diocese of Baker Job Openings

**Bishop Cary's** staff is made up of committed employees who are eager to serve all our parishes and parishioners. If you or a relative feel called to be part of the Diocesan team, there are four, rewarding, full-time career opportunities: Tribunal Assistant, Internal Auditor, Data Administrator, and an Event Planner. For more information, please visit: [dioceseofbaker.org/job-opportunities](http://dioceseofbaker.org/job-opportunities).

### St. Joseph Church History—The 1970s

The '70s were marked with significant changes. Bishop Leipzig retired in 1971, and Bishop Thomas J. Connolly came to us from Reno, driving his vehicle and towing a trailer with his favorite horse abroad. He was ordained that same day as the Diocese of Baker's fourth Bishop. He served until 1999. His motto was: “I am spent and will be spent for you.” Monsignor Crotty was our Pastor from 1962 to 1972. He guided us through major changes and growth until he was transferred to Klamath Falls. Then Fr. Patrick Garrett returned and stayed until June of 1977, when ill health necessitated his retirement. He returned to Ireland and passed away in September of 1978. His replacement was Fr. John Phelan who was installed in June 1977, and he continued as our Pastor until 1982.

In 1971, the church front entrance was repaired, and carpet was installed throughout the inside. In 1975, the rectory garage was added, the church was painted, and the parking lot was paved. In 1975, the Parish was debt-free, and the shared agreement with Redmond and Madras was terminated. Madras was reimbursed and Redmond was paid \$3,000. We agreed to pay the balance off.

Some of the Sisters left, but Sr. Barbara Marie and Sr. Gail Tenny arrived in 1978 and stayed until 1979. Then in July 1979, Sr. Regina Francis and Sr. Agnes McCort came. Sr. Regina Francis became our CCD Director in 1977.

In 1978, the sanctuary was renovated and the kneelers covered. In October, a new Altar was purchased by the St. Mary's Card Club and was installed. Also, our Music Ministry included a “folk choir.”

At this time, St. Joseph owned the property from Main St. to Court St. and had acquired a small house on the corner of First and Court. This house was rented for income.

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### Custodian Position Open

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Bend is seeking a dependable, detail-oriented, and hard-working individual to join our team as a **Full-Time Custodian** to maintain a clean, safe, and welcoming environment for our congregation and visitors. This position involves general cleaning, minor maintenance, event setup/takedown, and ensuring the church facilities are well cared for and ready for use. The hours are 40 per week at \$17–\$20/hour (depending on experience), with full benefits after 90 days, including medical, dental, vision, paid time off, sick leave, holiday pay, and a retirement plan.

For the full job description, please visit our website at: [stfrancisbend.org](http://stfrancisbend.org) or apply in person at the SF Parish Office.