

## Fr. Joseph's Corner

### "I Took Your Place" (Source Unknown)

One Sunday, a man went to visit a church. He arrived early, parked his car, and got out.

Another car pulled up near him, and the driver told him, "I always park there. You took my place!"

The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat, and sat down.

A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!"

The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but he said nothing.

After Sunday School, the visitor went into the church sanctuary and sat down.

Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit. You took my place!"

The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still he said nothing.

Later, as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet!

Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?"

The visitor replied, "I took your place."

—*Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph*

# HAPPY EASTER

### 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  
Gilbert Marquez ♦ David Pedersen ♦ Jim MacDonald

## 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	04/21/2025	No Mass	—	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday	04/22/2025	No Mass	—	Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday	04/23/2025	12:00 p.m.	SVdP Volunteers (L)	Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday	04/24/2025	8:00 a.m.	Cookie Benton (L)	Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
Friday	04/25/2025	12:00 p.m.	Cindy Burns (L)	Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday	04/26/2025	5:00 p.m.	Edgar Morales (D)	Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31
Sunday	04/27/2025	9:00 a.m.	Ramiro Morales (D)	Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31
Sunday	04/27/2025	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Parishioners (L)	Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

(L) Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

## Today's Homily—Easter Sunday

*THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE; LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD*  
(Psalm 118:24).

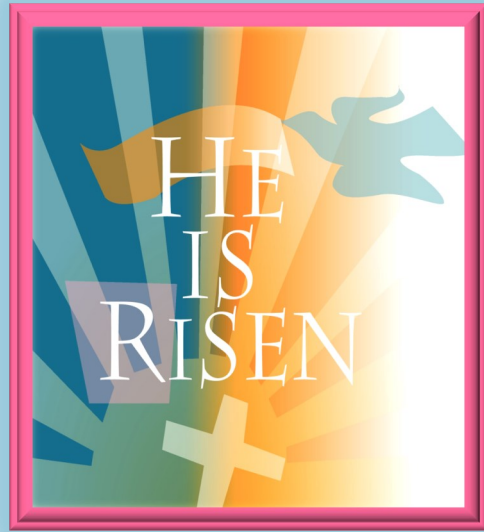
### WHY DO WE REJOICE TODAY?

We rejoice because our faith in Christ has been vindicated, truth has triumphed over falsity, justice over injustice, and tragedy has turned into comedy.

It is like watching one of the episodes of “Batman.” First, you see an innocent and helpless victim being attacked, robbed, kidnapped, assaulted and tortured by a wicked assailant. And we feel so bad seeing the triumph of the bad guy. Then, almost at the point where the victim has given up hope and is at the point of death, down from the skies comes Batman to the rescue. He battles and defeats the bad guy and rescues the innocent victim. And we feel happy inside at the triumph of justice.

The story of the suffering and death of Jesus on Good Friday is the story of the triumph of falsity over truth, of injustice over justice, of evil over goodness. Jesus was falsely charged with crimes he did not commit, and unjustly sentenced to a death he did not deserve. His good friend betrayed him, his trusted companions deserted him, and his number one man denied him. The people he loved demanded his crucifixion, and chose to have the bandit, Barabbas, released in his place.

It is a story of betrayal and lies, dishonesty and meanness, unfaithfulness and wicked violence directed against an innocent and apparently helpless victim. All this comes to a head on Good Friday when we see Jesus scourged, mocked, led on the death march, nailed to the cross where he dies after a few hours and hastily buried in a tomb.



If that were the end of the story it would be a bad story—a tragedy. But, glory be to God it is not. Death is not the end of the story. There is one more chapter. This is the most important chapter because, as the saying goes, they who laugh last, laugh best. And in the last chapter of the story of Jesus, we see him rise from the dead in all glory and majesty. He is vindicated. His enemies are shamed

and confused. Jesus regains his eternal glory with the Father. He is the Lord who will prevail over all humankind—his enemies included. For us, his embattled followers, this is good news.

It is good news to know that truth is immortal. We can suppress Truth, accuse it of being a lie, condemn it, torture it, kill it, bury it in the grave; but on the third day, Truth will rise again. Remember this and do not give up on Truth even when everybody seems to give up on it. Do not give up on Truth; do not give up on Justice. Do not give up on doing what is right. True will always be true. Just will always be just. Right will always be right, even when the world around us would have it otherwise.

We must learn to believe in the sun even when it is not shining, knowing that, by and by, it will shine again. It is the end of the story that counts. That is why the Church asks us today to rejoice and be glad. Even when we are going through very difficult times: through betrayal, unjust discrimination, lies, misrepresentations; even when the enemy seems to be winning the battle in our lives. Today Christ has won. And we know that in Christ we shall overcome.

Halleluiah! Praise the Lord!

## April—The Month of the Holy Eucharist

### Easter Blessing From Fr. Joseph!

May the celebration of resurrected life bring new hope to your being.  
May the victory over earthly death turn your eyes to the promises of heaven.  
May the empty tomb help you to leave your sorrows at the foot of the cross.  
So that God's hope, promises and forgiveness reign in your life forever. Amen.  
May you all have a very blessed Easter Season that is filled with love and peace.

—Yours in Christ, Fr. Joseph Kunnelaya

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### Eucharist Apostles of Divine Mercy Cenacle Group

Please join us on **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, 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 Bishop's Monstrance with the Blessed Sacrament arrives at Noon on **Tuesday, May 6**. We will meet at the Church **at 11 a.m.** for the welcome. There will be **Adoration each day from 7:a.m. to 9 p.m.** Anyone can come for Adoration at any time. The Church will be open. The schedule is as follows:

- ◆ **TUESDAY MAY 6:**  
12 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Divine Mercy  
5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Respect Life
- ◆ **WEDNESDAY MAY 7:**  
7 a.m. to 10 a.m.—open  
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.—SVdP  
1 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Knights of Columbus
- ◆ **THURSDAY, MAY 8:**  
7 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Eucharistic Ministers  
1 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Church Flowers  
5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—SVdP
- ◆ **FRIDAY, MAY 9:**  
7 a.m. to 11 a.m.—Hispanic Ministry  
(Procession at 10 a.m.)

There will be Mass at 8 a.m. on Friday, May 9, instead of 12 p.m.

At 11 a.m. on Friday, Fr. Joseph, along with the Knights of Columbus, will lead a procession to deliver the Blessed Sacrament to St Patrick Church in Madras. Everyone is welcome to join this procession.

### Bake Sale

We will be having a **Bake Sale on Saturday, May 10, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.**, to raise money for cooling units for the kitchen. We are looking for donations of baked goods (none that require refrigeration). You can bring them to the parish hall on **Friday, May 9th, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Any Questions? Please call **Darlene** in the Parish Office at (541) 447-6475.

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### 2025 Annual St. Joseph's Ham Dinner Report

On March 23, the 77th St. Patrick's Day Dinner was held here at St. Joseph's. Together we shared Christian fellowship and tradition, as well as a fine meal. Our **cashiers, hosts, cooks, waiters and waitresses, bus-persons, meat cutters, dessert servers, and dish washers** all did a fabulous job. The menu continues to be pit-smoked ham, split-pea soup, green beans, rolls, baked potatoes, and desserts. We continued to feature **Gertrude Reif's raisin sauce**. We received excellent cooperation from Ericksons for the meat and potatoes and rolls. Approximately \$2,700 profit, which includes a very generous donation, was turned over to the Parish. We served about 204 people, including 35 “take-outs.”

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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 the diocese website at: [dioceseofbaker.org/job-opportunities](https://dioceseofbaker.org/job-opportunities).

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### Chesterton High School Gala Dinner

The Chesterton Academy of Mater Dei is hosting its first annual gala dinner at Faith, Hope & Charity Vineyards in Terrebonne on **Thursday, May 22, at 6 p.m.** The night will include a delicious meal, keynote speakers **Bishop Cary** and **Bishop Daly** of Spokane, as well as lovely musical performances. Come to support the Catholic High School that will be opening in Bend in Fall of 2025!

Tickets start at \$100—available online at : <https://chestertonmaterdei.org/hope-for-the-future-gala>.