

## Fr. Joseph's Corner

### “Who Will Take the Son?” (Author Unknown)

A wealthy man and his son loved to collect rare works of art. They had everything in their collection—from Picasso to Raphael. They would often sit together and admire their great works of art.

When the Iranian conflict broke out, the son went to war. He was very courageous and died in battle while rescuing another soldier. The father was notified, and he grieved deeply for his only son. About a month later, just before Christmas, there was a knock at the door.

A young man stood at the door with a large package in his hands. He said, “Sir, you don’t know me, but I am the soldier for whom your son gave his life. He saved many lives that day, and he was carrying me to safety when a bullet struck him in the heart, and he died instantly. He often talked about you, and your love for art.” The young man held out his package. “I know this isn’t much. I’m not really a great artist, but I think your son would have wanted you to have this.”

The father opened the package. It was a portrait of his son, painted by the young man. He stared in awe at the way the soldier had captured the personality of his son in the painting. The father was so drawn to the eyes that his own eyes welled up with tears. He thanked the young man and offered to pay him for the picture. “Oh, no sir, I could never repay what your son did for me. It’s a gift.”

The father hung the portrait over his mantle. Every time visitors came to his home, he took them to see the portrait of his son before he showed them any other great works that he and his son had collected. The man died a few months later. There was to be a great auction of his paintings.

Many influential people gathered, excited over seeing the great paintings and having an opportunity to purchase one for their collection. On the platform sat the painting of the son, and the auctioneer pounded his gavel. “We will

start the bidding with this painting of the son. Who will bid for this picture?” There was silence.

Then a voice in the back of the room shouted. “We want to see the famous paintings. Skip this one!” But the auctioneer persisted: “Will someone bid for this painting? Who will start the bidding? \$100, \$200?”

Another voice shouted angrily. “We didn’t come here to see this painting. We came for the Van Goghs, the Rembrandts. Get on with the real bids!”

But still the auctioneer continued. “The son! The son! Who’ll take the son?”

Finally, a voice came from the very back of the room. It was the long-time gardener of the man and his son. “I’ll give \$10 for the painting.” Being a poor man, it was all he could afford. “We have \$10. Who will bid \$20?”

“Give it to him for \$10. Let’s see the masters.”

“\$10 is the bid; won’t someone bid \$20?” The crowd was becoming angry. They didn’t want the painting of the son. They wanted the more worthy investments. The auctioneer then pounded the gavel and said, “Going once, going twice, SOLD for \$10!”

A man sitting in the second row shouted. “Now let’s get on with the collection!” The auctioneer laid down his gavel. “I’m sorry, but the auction is over.” “What? What about the paintings?” “I’m sorry, but when I was called to conduct this auction, I was told of a secret stipulation in the will. I was not allowed to reveal it until this time. Only the painting of the son would be auctioned. Whoever bought that painting would inherit the entire estate—including all the paintings. So, the man who took the son gets everything!”

God gave his son 2,000 years ago to die on a cruel cross. Much like the auctioneer, His message today is, “The Son, the Son! Who’ll take the Son?” Because, you see, whoever takes the Son gets everything!

—*Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE ON OUR PRAYER LIST:

David Leonard ♦ Steve Forrester ♦ Carl Johnson ♦ Dolores Koivisto ♦ Anita Marquez ♦ Ben Guyer  
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 ♦ Mary Ellen Marquez ♦ Charlie McDermott ♦ Susan McDermott  
Barbara Gadotti ♦ Barbara Hopla ♦ Gilbert Marquez ♦ David Pedersen

## St. Joseph Catholic Church

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

May 25, 2025 † 6th Sunday of Easter

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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### 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	05/26/2025	8:00 a.m.	Lu Streetman (D)	Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday	05/27/2025	8:00 a.m.	Jody Streetman (D)	Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday	05/28/2025	12:00 p.m.	Nancy Redfern (L)	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday	05/29/2025	8:00 a.m.	Jim MacDonald (D)	Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20
Friday	05/30/2025	12:00 p.m.	Terri Hintze (D)	Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4a
Saturday	05/31/2025	5:00 p.m.	Sandy McKay (D)	Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53
Sunday	06/01/2025	9:00 a.m.	Jim MacDonald (D)	Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53
Sunday	06/01/2025	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Parishioners (D)	Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53

(L) Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

## Today's Homily

**TODAY'S READINGS** show us the effects of the abiding presence of God in His Church and of His indwelling in each one of us.

**The first reading**, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, tells us how the Holy Spirit, indwelling in the Church, helped the apostles to solve a major doctrinal problem about the Gentiles becoming Christians, which shook the very foundation of the early Church.

**The second reading**, taken from the Book of Revelation, describes the Church as the Heavenly Jerusalem which replaces the holy presence of God in the Holy of Holies in the Temple in Jerusalem. This New Jerusalem is a city united in love, with the victorious Jesus residing in it and in each of its members.

**The Gospel passage** reminds us that the Holy Spirit, abiding within us, is our Teacher, our Advocate, and the Source of our peace and joy. The passage offers a vision of hope as well. Jesus promises his followers that the Holy Spirit will come and instruct them in everything they need to know.

Let us be aware of the abiding presence of God within us: We live in the New Covenant of Jesus, daily facing uncertainty, conflict, and temptations. It is the abiding presence of God within us that enables us to face the future with undying hope and true Christian courage. The Holy Spirit Whom the risen Lord asked His Father to send upon His Church prompts us to turn to His Holy Scriptures for support and encouragement, enables us to learn the Divine truths, and grants us His peace at all times. However, to be able to receive these gifts, it is necessary for us to



spend a little time each day in personal prayer, talking to God and listening to Him.

We must deepen our relationship with Jesus, learn to get in touch with Him, and sincerely love Him. When we listen to the Holy Spirit, we will know His plan for our life and His solutions to

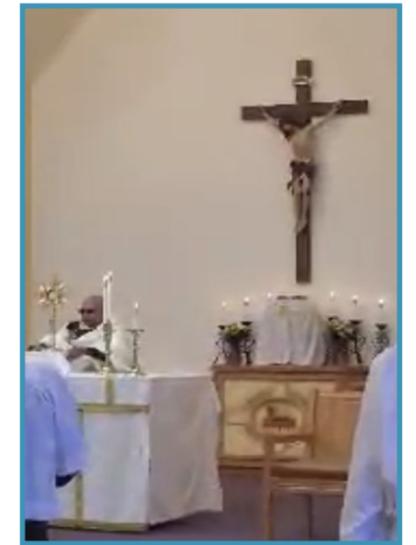
whatever problems we face. We will then be able to love our fellow human beings, and there will be a core of peace within us. The Holy Spirit teaches us through the Scriptures and preaching during the Holy Mass. Jesus loves us and comes to us in Communion. When the Mass is ended, we go forth in the Peace of Christ—all this under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We need to have the conviction that we are not alone: One of the great social and ethical problems of our time is isolation. Today approximately 25% of all adults live alone. Spouses, parents, and children often live as virtual strangers to one another. This is unfortunate because we never need to be alone. Jesus can always be present to us. He shares His joy with us and replaces the burden of our guilt with the freedom of forgiveness. He takes our grief and turns it into joy.

We need only allow Jesus into our lives to be rid of this loneliness. Oneness with Jesus is the greatest gift we can give our children, our friends, or those who see no purpose in life. We can help to bring people into unity with Jesus, a unity that will change their lives. As we celebrate this Eucharistic meal—our Holy Mass—let us celebrate in a special way the price Jesus paid for our redemption. May this Eucharistic celebration empower us to lead a true Life of the Spirit!

## May—The Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### More Photos from the 2025 Jubilee Pilgrimage of the Blessed Sacrament



### Thank You

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage. You can follow along by going to the website at: [dioceseofbaker.org/jubilee](https://dioceseofbaker.org/jubilee).

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### Faith Forward

Keeping Young Catholics Connected Graduating Seniors, whether you are headed to college or the military, join your Catholic faith community on campus or at your future base today. Visit [www.newmanconnection.org/faith-forward](https://www.newmanconnection.org/faith-forward) to learn more!

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### Bishops Annual Appeal

**The Bishop's Annual Appeal: Pilgrims of Faith has begun.** Parishioners should have received a letter or postcard from **Bishop Cary** reminding them to trust in God's love and guidance as they inspire others to find their path to the Father through Hope. If you did not receive a letter, there are extra envelopes in the Narthex.

The Diocese of Baker depends on your ongoing financial support to sustain its faith-building mission. Thank you for walking this path with us. Our goal this year is \$25,500.

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### St. Joseph's 75th Jubilee

Keep in mind that our 75th Jubilee Celebration will be on **Sunday, September 14th**. You are most welcome to submit your ideas of ways that we can celebrate this momentous occasion.

### 2025 Christmas Bazaar

Our Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on **November 8th this year**. It's time to start your craft projects and to decide what to donate. We appreciate all who contribute to this fundraiser.

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### Summer Camp

**REGISTER NOW FOR DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMPS:**

- **Youth Camp: June 18–22**, current 4–8 graders.
- **Youth Camp Leaders: June 18–22**, current 9–12th-graders
- **Quo Vadis: June 23–26**, current 8–12 grade young men.

All youth camps are at Lake Creek Youth Camp near John Day. Two Family Camp Locations to choose from: **Cove Christian Camp** near LaGrande, **July 26–29**, or **Camp White Branch** between Redmond and Eugene (near McKenzie Bridge), **July 31–August 3**. Registration is open for all camps. Go to: [DioceseofBaker.org](https://DioceseofBaker.org).

**SEEKING HELP WITH ONE OR BOTH YOUTH CAMPS:**

**Summer Catholic Youth Camp, June 18–22**, is seeking 1 RV to borrow for the priest; 12–15 adults—10 chaperones (21+), 1–2-Nurses/EMTs; and 1 Musician; 2–5-YA (18–20)

**Quo Vadis, June 23–26**, is seeking 2–3 RVs to borrow for clergy; 5–11 adults—4 male chaperones (21+), 1–2-Nurses/EMTs, and 1–5-YA (18–20).