

Fr. Joseph's Corner "Being Honest"

An elderly couple had been married for 60 years. They shared everything, they spoke to each other about everything, and they never had secrets from each other—except for a trunk that the wife had always kept locked up in a closet. She had told her husband on the day of their wedding that he must never open it.

Often during their 60 years together, the husband was tempted to open it, but he never gave in to the temptation.

Now, as she was nearing her 85th birthday, the wife had been diagnosed with a terminal illness. And so the husband brought the trunk out of the closet to open it, and inside he found two exquisite, hand-made, crocheted dolls. There was also an envelope with \$95,000 in the trunk.

He decided to ask his wife about these things, and so she decided to tell him that before their wedding day, her grandmother told



her that the secret of a happy marriage lies in never arguing. Her grandmother also told her that every time she was getting angry with her husband—and because she loved to crochet—she should sit down and craft a crocheted doll.

Her husband was delighted to find that there were only two dolls in the chest. That made him realize that

his wife had only been angry with him twice in their 60 years together!

Then he asked her, "But . . . what about that money? Where did it come from?"

And so she told him: "That is the money I have collected from the sale of the crocheted dolls that I used to make!"



It's good to avoid getting angry. But, it's also just as important to be patient with each other—and of course—to always be honest!

—Prayerful Wishes, Fr. Joseph

Happy Father's Day

Bishop Cary would like to reintroduce his Foundation:
The Legacy of Faith Catholic Community Foundation of Oregon
as it serves you in supporting our Catholic Mission at:
LegacyofFaithCCF.org.

St. Joseph Catholic Church 150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754 June 15, 2025 † Holy Trinity Sunday and Father's Day

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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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 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	06/16/2025	8:00 a.m.	Leontine Parent (D)	2 Cor 6:1-10; Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday	06/17/2025	8:00 a.m.	Delores Koivisto (L)	2 Cor 8:1-9; Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday	06/18/2025	12:00 p.m.	Dorothy Friese (D)	2 Cor 9:6-11; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	06/19/2025	8:00 a.m.	Chelsea Kurtz (L)	2 Cor 11:1-11; Mt 6:7-15
Friday	06/20/2025	12:00 p.m.	Patricia Carroll (D)	2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Mt 6:19-23
Saturday	06/21/2025	5:00 p.m.	Rita Rodgers (D)	Gn 14:18-20; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17
Sunday	06/22/2025	9:00 a.m.	St. Joseph Parishioners	Gn 14:18-20; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17
Sunday	06/22/2025	12:00 p.m.	Jose Gonzalez Comacho / Efren Gonzalez Loera (D)	Gn 14:18-20; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17

(L) Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

Today's Homily

TODAY'S SOLEMNITY OF the Most Holy Trinity celebrates that life of communal love. For God is one God, in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—whose relationship is one of complete self-gift and outpouring of love. In other words, God is not a being who loves—God is love itself.



The mystery of the most Holy Trinity is a basic doctrine of Faith in Christianity, understandable not with our heads but with our hearts. It teaches us that there are three distinct Persons in one God, sharing the same Divine Nature, co-equal and co-eternal.

The Holy Trinity is a profound and central mystery of the Christian faith, encapsulating the belief in one God in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This doctrine, although complex, is foundational for understanding the nature of God and His relationship with humanity.

The doctrine of the Trinity teaches us that God is one in essence but three in personhood. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are distinct yet inseparable, co-equal, and co-eternal. This is not merely an abstract concept but a reality that we encounter in our spiritual journey.

God the Father is often associated with creation. In Genesis, we read about God's creative power, bringing the universe into existence from nothing. This act of creation is ongoing, as God continues to sustain and nurture His creation. Reflecting on God as Father reminds us of His providence and care. We are called to trust in His plan, even when we do not understand it fully.

Jesus Christ, the Son, embodies God's love in a tangible way. Through the incarnation, God entered human history, taking on our flesh and experiencing our struggles. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection reveal the depth of God's love and His desire for our redemption. In Christ, we see a God who is not distant but intimately involved in our lives, offering salvation and inviting us into a relationship with Him.

The Holy Spirit is the presence of God within us, guiding, comforting, and empowering us to live according to His will. The Spirit works in our hearts, transforming us into the image of Christ and equipping us for service. It is through the Spirit that we experience God's love, and we are enabled to share that love with others.

LIVING THE TRINITARIAN LIFE

Understanding the Trinity is not just about intellectual comprehension but about living out the reality of God's presence in our lives. This begins with worship, as we honor the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It extends to our relationships, as we strive to mirror the unity and love within the Trinity in our interactions with others.

The Trinity also teaches us about the beauty of unity in diversity. Just as the three persons of the Trinity are distinct yet one, we too are called to celebrate our unique gifts while working together in harmony. This has profound implications for how we view community and our role within the body of Christ.

The relational nature of the Trinity serves as a model for our own relationships. We are created for community, reflecting the communal nature of God. In our families, churches, and communities, we are to cultivate relationships marked by love, respect, and mutual support, mirroring the perfect relationship within the Trinity.

In celebrating the Holy Trinity, we are reminded of the depth and richness of God's love for us. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit invite us into a dynamic and transformative relationship with the Divine. As we contemplate this great mystery, let us strive to live out its implications in our daily lives, reflecting the love and unity of the Trinity in all that we do.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

Amen.

June—The Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Meeting

There will be a combined Executive Committee and Pastoral Council meeting on **Tuesday, June 24th, at 3 p.m., in the Parish Hall.**

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Save the Date!

We will be having an Open House party to celebrate **Fr. Joseph's 70th birthday on Sunday, July 13th, from 1 to 4 p.m., in the Parish Hall.**

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Our Lady of Peace Retreat

The 51st Annual Summer Institute at Our Lady of Peace Retreat in Beaverton is from Monday, **July 14th, to Friday, July 18th.**

The Retreat Theme is: "Who Do You Say That I Am?"

Our presenters: **Sr. M. Johanna Paruch**, F.S.G.M., Ph.D., Professor of Theology, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Franciscan Friar **Fr. Dan Pattee**, T.O.R., **Dr. Anthony Lilles**, S.T.D., Professor of Spiritual Theology, St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park, CA, and **Pia de Leon**, parishioner at St. Clare Church, Portland.

The retreat **begins with dinner on Sunday evening, July 13th, and concludes after lunch on Friday, July 18th.**

Retreatants will enjoy: Daily Mass and Holy Hour, Morning Prayers, 14 Classes, four Evening Lectures, all meals, private room, time for Confession, and more.

For rates, the schedule and the registration details please go to the website at: www.olpretreat.org or call (503) 649-7127.

Pancakes & Raffles

On the 1st Sunday of the month, following the 9 a.m. Mass, our Knights of Columbus have a Pancake Breakfast. They serve eggs, sausage, ham, gravy and, of course, Pancakes, with your choice of juice and unlimited coffee.

During this breakfast, **emcee George** hosts a raffle of donated items—everything from a TV to a bookmark. Raffle tickets are still only .50¢. So, as you're cleaning out this summer, please keep the Knights in mind for your donations (no clothes). You can drop off your donations to the Parish Office. Thank you for your support!

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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 three rewarding, full-time career opportunities: Internal Auditor, Event Planner, and an Office Coordinator. For more information, visit the Diocese website at: dioceseofbaker.org/job-opportunities.

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Stress in Your Marriage?

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage and don't know how to change the situation. Retrouvaille is not just for couples whose marriage is on the verge of divorce or considered irrevocably broken. It is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Visit helpourmarriage.org for testimonials, confidential information or to register for the **August 22–24** Retreat in Canby, Oregon, or email portland@retrouvaille.com or call (503) 704-7382.

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 ♦ Mary Ellen Marquez ♦ Charlie McDermott ♦ Susan McDermott
Barbara Gadotti ♦ Barbara Hopla ♦ Gilbert Marquez ♦ David Pedersen