

Fr. Joseph's Corner "The Tailor and the Butcher"

A certain tailor lived in a poor neighborhood. He was the only tailor in town and served everyone kindly but also with a good price.

One of the local inhabitants asked him one day, "Why don't you help the poor in town, just like that butcher does, who often gives meat for free to some of our poor neighbors?"

The tailor didn't say much other than a simple comment, "The Lord knows our intentions, and He knows our motives for what we do."

The man who asked the question was livid, and so he started spreading rumors that the town's tailor was very selfish and never helped the poor in town.

Months went by, and the tailor became very sick. But hardly anybody in the town went to see him.



Eventually the tailor died, and there were only a few relatives who attended his funeral. The butcher was in attendance as well.

A month after the tailor's funeral, everyone noticed that the butcher stopped giving meat to the poor people in town.

When people asked the butcher about this, he answered them by saying, "The meat that I gave out was not from my own money. It was from the tailor! Every month he would give me a large sum of money to use for the meat distribution. And now that he is gone, I have no extra money to give out in meat portions for free."



How cruel and insensitive of us to judge only on what we see on the outside!

—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 ♦ Chuck Renwick ♦ Reba McDermott ♦ Barbara Gadotti
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
Barbara Hopla ♦ Gilbert Marquez ♦ David Pedersen

St. Joseph Catholic Church 150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754 June 22, 2025 † The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ 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.

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Facebook: St. Joseph Parish / Instagram: [st_josephparish](https://www.instagram.com/st_josephparish)

Director of Religious Education ♦ Barbara Dalton

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	06/23/2025	8:00 a.m.	Jean Kmiecik (D)	Gn 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday	06/24/2025	8:00 a.m.	Leo Tocher (D)	Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
Wednesday	06/25/2025	12:00 p.m.	Balvina Vargas (D)	Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Mt 7:15-20
Thursday	06/26/2025	8:00 a.m.	Clark Hay (D)	Gn 16:1-12, 15-16; Mt 7:21-29
Friday	06/27/2025	12:00 p.m.	Amanda Benson (L)	Ez 34:11-16; Rom 5:5b-11; Lk 15:3-7
Saturday	06/28/2025	5:00 p.m.	Lu Streetman (D)	Acts 3:1-10; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19
Sunday	06/29/2025	9:00 a.m.	St. Joseph Parishioners	Acts 12:1-11 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Sunday	06/29/2025	12:00 p.m.	Tomas Valerio/Pablo Reynoso (D)	Acts 12:1-11 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

(L) Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

Today's Homily

TODAY WE CELEBRATE the great Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This feast is at the heart of our Catholic faith. It is not just a symbol we commemorate today—it is a living reality: that Jesus is truly present in

the Eucharist—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

Let us begin by remembering the words of Jesus in the Gospel of John, Chapter 6: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day.”

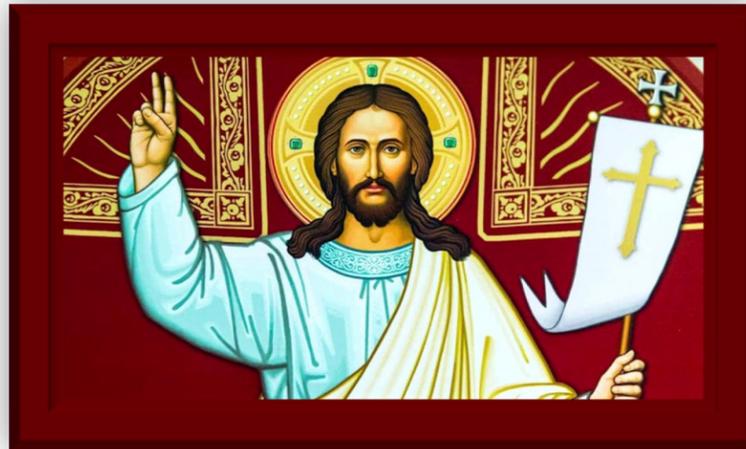
These are not figurative words. Jesus was not speaking in metaphor. The people who heard Him found it so hard to accept that many walked away. But Jesus did not call them back to say He was speaking symbolically. He let them go—because the truth He gave was real, even if difficult.

At the Last Supper, Jesus gave us the Eucharist—not as a farewell gift, but as a permanent presence. He knew that His passion and death were near. And so, He gave Himself to us in a way that would remain with us through all time.

In the Eucharist, God stays with us. In a world where people move on, where things change so quickly, the Eucharist reminds us: God is faithful. He is with us every time we come to the altar. He is not a distant God; He is Emmanuel—God with us.

When we come to Mass, we do not just gather for prayer and hymns. We come to encounter Christ Himself. The bread and wine offered on this altar are transformed—by the power of the Holy Spirit and the words of consecration—into the true Body and Blood of Christ.

And when we receive Him, we become what we consume. St. Augustine once said: “You become what you receive—the Body of Christ.” That is the beauty of Communion. It is not just personal, but communal. We are united not only with Christ, but with one another. We become one Body, one Church, one People of God.



Let us not forget that we live in a weary world. So many are burdened—by sin, by illness, by broken relationships, by doubts. The Eucharist is our strength for the journey.

Just as God gave manna to the Israelites in the desert, Jesus gives us His Body as heavenly

food. When life is dry, the Eucharist refreshes. When we feel lost, the Eucharist becomes our compass. When we are weak, it gives us strength.

This is why we are called to come regularly, to participate actively, to receive worthily. Jesus offers Himself every day at the altar—a gift of infinite love—and He waits for us.

The Mass doesn't end when we leave the church doors. It begins. The final words of the liturgy are: “Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.” That means we must become living tabernacles—bringing Christ into our families, our workplaces, and our communities.

If we truly believe we carry the Body of Christ within us, our lives must reflect His love, His mercy, and His compassion. The Eucharist is not a private devotion—it is a call to service.

My dear friends, today's feast reminds us of the immense love of our Savior. In the Eucharist, Jesus gives not a part of Himself, but His whole self—totally, freely, and eternally.

So let us approach the altar with reverence. Let us receive Him with gratitude. And let us carry Him into the world, so that others may come to know that same love which we receive in this Most Blessed Sacrament. Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist, we adore You.

*O Sacrament Most Holy,
O Sacrament Divine,
All praise and all thanksgiving
be every moment Thine.*

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 Dates!

Please mark your calendars for these important dates:

July 13th: Fr. Joseph's 70th Birthday
Open House 1–4 p.m.

September 14th: 75th Jubilee Celebration at 10 a.m.
Bilingual Mass with Bishop Cary

November 8th: Christmas Bazaar

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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.

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Watch *The Grace of Pentecost*. Professor Brant Pitre looks at both the Old and New Testaments to unpack the Jewish roots of the Feast of Pentecost. To sign up, please go to formed.org/signup and enter our zip code (97754). Then select **St. Joseph Catholic Church**.

Formed also has an App, and it is available on Apple TV and Roku.

Rediscover Your Marriage!

Retrouvaille simply means “rediscovery.” The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Visit helpourmarriage.org for testimonials, confidential info or to register for the **August 22–24, Retreat in Canby, OR.** Or email portland@retrouvaille.com or call (503) 704-7382 **It is also available August 22–24, in Spokane WA. Call (509) 448-4287 or (800) 470-2230. The deadline to register is August 4th.**

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An Invitation from Fr. Unger

Fr. Unger would like to invite you to join Central Oregon Catholic Parishes on an epic Walking Pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago de Compostela in Spain, **from September 22nd to October 6th.** He will be celebrating Mass in various historic churches along the way. Catholic Journeys will be providing everything for this pilgrimage (round-trip airfare, lodging, meals, carrying luggage, and transportation if you need a rest day. Catholic Journeys limits the number of pilgrims to 25. There are only 13 spots left! Registration is on the flyer, along with a QR code, or you can visit the Website: catholicjourneys.com for more information.

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Bishop's Annual Appeal Update

To date, 915 families have participated, and the Diocese has reached 60% (\$425,551) of the goal. Our parish goal is \$25,500. So far, we have reached \$20,143, or 79%.

Thank you so much for your generosity!

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Join Jesuit Volunteer EnCorps

Are you interesting in discovering a vibrant faith community in meaningful ways? Jesuit Volunteer EnCorps may be for you. We are a group, ages 50+, that meets monthly in Bend. We explore our commitment to values such as social justice, simple living, community, and spirituality. We help interested individuals explore volunteer options within our community. If you are interested, email **Patty Christopher** at pattychristopher55@gmail.com or visit <http://jvencorps.org> to apply. Applications are open through **August 2025.**