

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"The Cracked Pot" (Author Unknown)

A water bearer had two large pots, hung on each end of a pole, which he carried across his neck.

One of the pots had a crack in it, and while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full load of water at the end of the long walk from the stream

to the water bearer's house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. This went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water to his house.

Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect to the end for which it was made. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do.

After a long time of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, the cracked pot spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you."

The bearer asked, "Why? What are you ashamed of?" The pot replied, "For a long time I have been able to deliver only half of my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house. Because of my flaws, you don't get full value for your efforts."

The water bearer felt sorry for the old cracked pot, and in his compassion, he said, "As we return to the house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path."

As they went up the hill, the old cracked pot took notice of the sun warming the beautiful flowers on the



side of the path, and this cheered it somewhat. But at the end of the trail, it still felt sad because it had leaked out half of its load, and so again it apologized to the bearer for its failure.

The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of your path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I took advantage of it. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back from the stream, you've watered them. For many years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate my house. Without you being just the way you are, we would not have had this beauty to grace our house."



Each of us has our own unique flaws. We're all "cracked pots." But if we will allow it, the Lord will use our flaws to grace His Father's table. In God's great economy, nothing goes to waste. So, as we seek ways to minister together, and as God calls you to the tasks He has appointed for you, don't be afraid of your flaws. Acknowledge them, and allow Him to take advantage of them, and you, too, can be the cause of beauty on His pathway.

Go out boldly, know that in our weakness we find His strength, and that in Him every one of God's promises is a "Yes."

—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
Lyn Rodgers ♦ Fred Vandehey ♦ Ralph Lee ♦ Mary Lee ♦ Jeanne Hackett ♦ Peggy Holtz
Michael Kuenzi ♦ Mary Ellen Marquez ♦ Charlie McDermott ♦ Susan McDermott
Barbara Hopla ♦ Gilbert Marquez ♦ David Pedersen

St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754
June 29, 2025 † The Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul 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.

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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	06/30/2025	8:00 a.m.	Jim MacDonald (D)	Gn 18:16-33; Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday	07/01/2025	8:00 a.m.	Mary Graham (D)	Gn 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday	07/02/2025	12:00 p.m.	BJ Barrus (D)	Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Mt 8:28-34
Thursday	07/03/2025	8:00 a.m.	Doris Thompson (D)	Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29
Friday	07/04/2025	12:00 p.m.	Juana Murillo (D)	Gn 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67; Mt 9:9-13
Saturday	07/05/2025	5:00 p.m.	Socorro Martinez (D)	Is 66:10-14c; Gal6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20
Sunday	07/06/2025	9:00 a.m.	Hilario Ortiz (D)	Is 66:10-14c; Gal6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20
Sunday	07/06/2025	12:00 p.m.	For the Parishioners (D)	Is 66:10-14c; Gal6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

(L) Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

Today's Homily

TODAY WE GATHER to celebrate the Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul, two pillars of our faith.

St. Peter, originally named Simon, was a simple fisherman called by Jesus to be a "fisher of men." Despite his flaws and moments of doubt, Peter's faith journey was marked by transformation and leadership.

His declaration of Jesus as the Messiah and his role as the first pope highlight his unwavering commitment to Christ.

Peter's denial of Jesus was a moment of profound repentance, teaching us about the power of God's mercy and forgiveness.

It was the Holy Spirit Who inspired Peter's Proclamation of the Good News to all in Jerusalem on the day of the Pentecost, bringing the Church into living action.

Peter made missionary journeys to Lydda, Joppa and Caesarea and convened the first Council in Jerusalem. Peter wrote two epistles addressed to the whole Church. He was martyred by crucifixion under the emperor Nero.

St. Paul, originally Saul of Tarsus, was a fierce persecutor of Christians. However, his dramatic conversion on the road to Damascus changed his life forever.

Paul became one of the most influential missionaries, spreading the Gospel across the



Roman Empire. His letters continue to guide and to inspire us.

Paul's teachings emphasize the importance of faith, grace, and the transformative power of God's love.

He made several missionary journeys, converted hundreds of Jews and Gentiles and established Church communities. He wrote 14 epistles. He was arrested and kept in prison for two years in Caesarea and two more years in Rome. Finally, he was martyred by beheading at Tre Fontane in Rome.

Both Peter and Paul faced immense challenges and hardships, yet their faith remained steadfast. Their lives remind us that God calls each of us, with our unique strengths and weaknesses, to serve His mission.

Let us be inspired by their example to deepen our faith, trust in God's plan, and courageously share His love with others.

Together, Peter and Paul exemplify the power of transformation, courage, and unwavering faith. As we celebrate their feast day, let us be inspired by their example to grow in our own faith journey, embracing the call to be witnesses of Christ in our world today.

As we honor St. Peter and St. Paul today, let us ask for their intercession to grow in faith, courage, and love. May we always remember that, like them, we are called to be witnesses of Christ in our world.

June—The Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Fr. Joseph Is Turning 70!

We are having a Birthday Party Open House on **Sunday, July 13th, from 1 to 4 p.m.**, to celebrate this momentous occasion. We hope everyone stops by to wish **Fr. Joseph** a very happy birthday and stay for lunch and cake!

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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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Acolyte Installation

On **Sunday, July 20th**, Bishop Liam Cary will be here for the Rite of Installation of 5 new Acolytes: **Timmy Regan** at the 9 a.m. Mass; and **Guadalupe Villagomez, Juan Nuñez Vargas, Elias Villagomez, and Jose A. Sanchez** at the 12 p.m. Mass.

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Grocery Receipts

If you have receipts from Erickson's Thriftway or Wagner's IGA, you can turn them in, and we will receive a rebate. They must be returned within the month. There is a box located in the Narthex.

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Bishop's Annual Appeal Update

To date, 961 families have participated, and the Diocese has reached 42% (\$322,963) 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!

The New High School in Bend

Chesterton Academy of Mater Dei, Central Oregon's first-ever Catholic High School, is opening its doors this fall. Thanks to an incredibly generous recent donation, **tuition has been reduced** to \$2,400 for the entire school year—only \$200 a month! We are currently accepting freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. For more information, visit <https://chestertonmaterdei.org/>.

Please spread the word! Mater Dei, pray for us!

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Married Singles Lifestyle

The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates.

Retrouvaille teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress, from disillusionment to deep misery. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication.

Visit <https://helpourmarriage.org/> for testimonials, confidential information or to register for the **Friday, August 22nd, to Sunday, August 24th**, retreat in Canby, Oregon, or email portland@retrouvaille.org or call (503) 225-9191.

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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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Holy Humor

The following appeared in a church bulletin: "At the evening service tonight, the topic will be 'What Is Hell?'" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Happy Independence Day