

Fr. Joseph's Corner

- ♥ To the ARCHITECT, He is the Chief Corner Stone.
- ♥ To the ARTIST, He is the One Altogether Lovely.
- ♥ To the BAKER, He is the Living Bread.
- ♥ To the BANKER, He is the Hidden Treasure.
- ♥ To the BIOLOGIST, He is the Life.
- ♥ To the BUILDER, He is the Sure Foundation.
- ♥ To the CARPENTER, He is the Door.
- ♥ To the DOCTOR, He is the Great Physician.
- ♥ To the EDUCATOR, He is the Great Teacher.
- ♥ To the ENGINEER, He is the New and Living Way.
- ♥ To the FLORIST, He is the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley.
- ♥ To the GEOLOGIST, He is the Rock of Ages.
- ♥ To the HORTICULTURIST, He is the True Vine.
- ♥ To the JEWELER, He is the Pearl of Great Price.
- ♥ To the JUDGE, He is the Righteous Judge—the Judge of All Men.
- ♥ To the LAWYER, He is the Counselor, the Lawgiver, the Advocate.
- ♥ To the NEWSPAPER, He is the Good Tidings of Great Joy.
- ♥ To the OCULIST, He is the Light of the Eyes.
- ♥ To the PHILANTHROPIST, He is the Unspeakable Gift.
- ♥ To the PHILOSOPHER, He is the Wisdom of God.
- ♥ To the PREACHER, He is the Word of God.
- ♥ To the SCULPTOR, He is the Living Stone.
- ♥ To the SERVANT, He is the Good Master.
- ♥ To the STATESMAN, He is the Desire of All Nations.
- ♥ To the STUDENT, He is the Incarnate Truth.
- ♥ To the THEOLOGIAN, He is the Author and Finisher of our Faith
- ♥ To the TOILER, He is the Giver of Rest.
- ♥ To the SINNER, He is the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the World.
- ♥ To the CHRISTIAN, He is the Son of the Living God, the Savior, the Redeemer and the Lord.

Oh what a blessing! There is no greater commandment than to love your neighbor as yourself!

—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 ♦ 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 ♦ Tom MacDonald

St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754
 July 13, 2025 † The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 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	07/14/2025	8:00 a.m.	Sheena McKay (L) / Kari McKay (D)	Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday	07/15/2025	8:00 a.m.	Christine Waring (D)	Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday	07/16/2025	12:00 p.m.	Brady Bofman (D)	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday	07/17/2025	8:00 a.m.	Englin Rose Edgerly (L)	Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30
Friday	07/18/2025	12:00 p.m.	Cecelia Vargas (D)	Ex 11:10-12:14; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday	07/19/2025	5:00 p.m.	Sophie Schoenstein (D)	Gn 18:1-10a; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42
Sunday	07/20/2025	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners (L)	Gn 18:1-10a; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42
Sunday	07/20/2025	12:00 p.m.	Norberto Vargas (D)	Gn 18:1-10a; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

(L) Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

Today's Homily

THE CENTRAL THEME of today's Scripture readings is that we gain eternal life through loving God, living in our neighbors by becoming good neighbors.

The first reading, taken from Deuteronomy, reminds us that God not only gives us His Commandments in Holy Scriptures, but that they are also written in our hearts so that we may obey them and inherit eternal life with God.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminds the Colossians, and us, that just as Christ Jesus is the "visible image of the invisible God," so our neighbors are the visible image of Christ living in our midst.

In today's Gospel, a scribe asks Jesus a very basic religious question: "What should I do to inherit eternal life?" In answer to the question, Jesus directs the scribe's attention to the Sacred Scriptures. The Scriptural answer is, "love God and express it by loving your neighbor." However, to the scribe the word "neighbor" means another scribe or Pharisee—never a Samaritan or a Gentile. Hence, the scribe insists on clarification of the word "neighbor."

So, Jesus tells him the parable of the Good Samaritan. The parable clearly indicates that a "neighbor" is anyone who needs help. Thus, the correct approach is not to ask, "Who is my neighbor?" but rather to ask, "Am I a good neighbor to others?"

Jesus, the Heavenly Good Samaritan, gives us a final commandment during the Last Supper: "Love one another as I have loved you," because the invisible God dwells in every human being.

We need to remember that the road from Jerusalem to Jericho passes right through our home, parish, school and workplace. The Jericho Road is any place where people are being robbed of their dignity, their material goods, or their value as human beings. It is any place where there is suffering and oppression.

As a matter of fact, the Jericho Road may be our own home—the place where we are taking care of a



mother or father, husband or wife, or even our own children.

We may find our spouse, children or parents lying "wounded" by bitter words, scathing criticism or other, more blatant forms of verbal, emotional or physical abuse. Hence, Jesus invites us to have hearts of love.

What God wants more than anything is for us to show our love to others, in our own home and school, in the workplace, and in the neighborhood, as the Good Samaritan did. Jesus is inviting us

to have hearts of mercy for those who are being left hurt or mistreated on any of the "Jericho Roads" of life.

Are we good neighbors? A good neighbor does not say, "I do what I want to do," or even, "I do what I have to do," but, "I do what I ought to do." The lawyer's question—"Who is my neighbor?"—reveals that he was really self-centered. The parable makes us realize that every human person is our neighbor.

How have we been good neighbors this week? To whom did we behave in a neighborly way? The parable is a condemnation of our non-involvement as well as an invitation for us to be merciful and kind to those in need, including those in our family, school, neighborhood, and parish.

We are invited to be people of generosity, kindness, and mercy toward all who are suffering. A sincere smile, a cheery greeting, an encouraging word of appreciation, or a heartfelt "thank you" can work wonders for a suffering soul.

Within every society, there is fear of those who are "different," who differ from us in religion, skin color, dress or language. The parable invites us to make them neighbors. Why? Because "one's neighbor is the living image of God the Father, redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ, and placed under the permanent action of the Holy Spirit.

One's neighbor must therefore be loved, even if he or she is an enemy, with the same love with which the Lord loves him or her." (Pope St. John Paul II, *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*, 1987).

July—The Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus

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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Parish Hall Clean-Up

Enjoying lunch in the shade after cleaning all the tables and 160 chairs!! Thanks again to:



Alonzo Gonzalez, Manny Gonzalez, Alaina Sanchez, Ivan Villagomez, Sebastian Vargas, Ximena Toledo, and Kaitlyn Lopez.

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A Lifeline for Marriage

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track, the opportunity to rediscover each other, and examine your lives together in a new and positive way.

This program has helped tens of thousands of couples. 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 call (503) 225-9191, or send an email to: portland@retrouvaille.org.

The 2000s

This decade commenced with the ordination of **Bishop Robert V. Vasa** on January 26, 2000. **Fr. George Nazareth** continued as our Pastor until June of 2000. **Fr. Bill** filled in until October of that year, and then **Fr. Jim Logan** came and stayed until July 2002. **Fr. Robert Greiner** was appointed Pastor and stayed until 2013. **Fr. Fabian** was here to fill in as needed.

A sound system was installed in the Church in January of 2000, the Ham Dinner was reinstated, and the Knights of Columbus commenced serving breakfast on the first Sunday of every month.

The Tombstone of the Unborn Child was installed and blessed on November 18, 2001. Also, the convent that was being used as a senior care facility and rental was vacated, cleaned and remodeled, and the SVdP Social Services moved from the church basement into the convent.

The sidewalks were repaired on the church property, and the stamped concrete in front of the church was installed in 2004, as was the flag pole.

Kathie Leonard retired in 2007, and **Nancy Redfern** took over as the Parish Secretary. Then in June 2008, with contributions from the parish, plus a special anonymous donor, air conditioning and a new furnace were installed in the church, and a new driveway was poured at the rectory.

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FORMED: Summer with the Saints

"Walk with the saints this summer—faith-filled stories for the whole family on Formed." Help your family grow in their faith this summer with the witness of the saints through Formed!

What is Summer with the Saints? Every week of summer (from the beginning of June to the end of August), receive an email containing a Formed video pertaining to a saint from that week.

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