

Fr. Joseph's Corner "\$20 Worth of Time"

A man came home from work late again, tired and irritated, to find his 5-year-old son waiting for him at the door.

"Daddy, may I ask you a question?"

"Yeah, sure. What is it?" replied the man.

"Daddy, how much money do you make an hour?"

"That's none of your business! What makes you ask such a thing?" the man said angrily.

"I just want to know. Please tell me, how much do you make an hour?" pleaded the little boy.

"If you must know, I make \$20 an hour."

"Oh," the little boy replied, head bowed.

Then, looking up, he said, "Daddy, may I borrow \$10 please?"

The father was now furious. "If the only reason you wanted to know how much money I make is just so you can borrow some to buy a silly toy or some other nonsense, then you march yourself straight to your room and go to bed. Think about why you're being so selfish. I work long, hard hours every day, and I don't have time for such childish games."

The little boy quietly went to his room and shut the door. The man sat down and started to get even madder about the little boy's questioning. How dare he ask such questions, only to get some money?

After an hour or so, the man had calmed down, and he started to think that he may have been a little hard on his son.

Maybe there was something he really needed to buy with that \$10, and he really didn't ask for money very often.

The man went to the door of the little boy's room and opened the door. "Are you asleep, son?" he asked.

"No, Daddy. I'm awake," replied the boy.

"I've been thinking . . . maybe I was too hard on you earlier," said the man.

"It's been a long day, and I took my aggravation out on you. So, here's that \$10 you asked for."

The little boy sat straight up, beaming. "Oh, thank you, Daddy!" he yelled.

Then, reaching under his pillow, he pulled out some more crumpled up bills.

The man, seeing that the boy already had money, started to get angry again.

The little boy slowly counted out his money, and then looked up at his father.

"Why did you want more money if you already had some?" his father grumbled.

"Because I didn't have enough. But now I do," the little boy replied. "Daddy, I have \$20 now. Can I buy an hour of your time?"

—*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
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St. Joseph Catholic Church

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July 20, 2025 † The 16th 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.

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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	07/21/2025	(No Mass)	—	Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday	07/22/2025	8:00 a.m.	Frances McKay (D)	2 Cor 5:14-17; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Wednesday	07/23/2025	12:00 p.m.	Ashley Walton (L)	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt 13:1-9
Thursday	07/24/2025	8:00 a.m.	Selmer Swanson (D)	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Mt 13:10-17
Friday	07/25/2025	12:00 p.m.	Frank J Vetter (D)	2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28
Saturday	07/26/2025	5:00 p.m.	Lesly Tapia (L)	Gn 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13
Sunday	07/27/2025	9:00 a.m.	Juvenal Robles (D)	Gn 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13
Sunday	07/27/2025	12:00 p.m.	Nemoria Sanchez (D)	Gn 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

(L) Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

Today's Homily

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

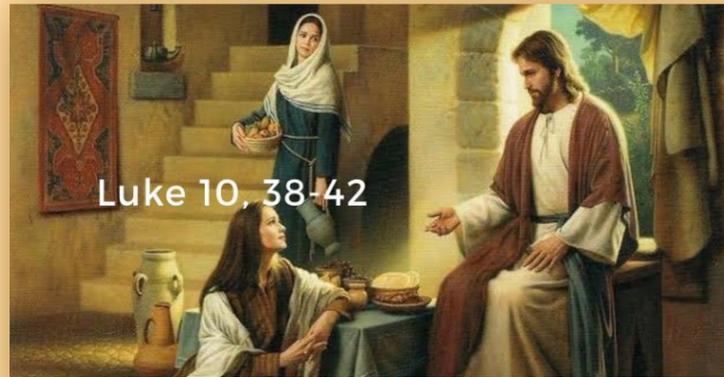
The central themes of today's readings are the importance of hospitality in Christian life and the necessity of listening to God before acting. The key to the Christian life is setting priorities: Jesus Christ first, then everything else. The only way really to learn that lesson is to spend some time every day, "sitting at the feet of Jesus."

Today's first reading describes how Abraham and Sarah's hospitality to angels in the guise of strangers was rewarded by God, who blessed them with a son in their old age.

Paul declares that he was commissioned by God to minister to the Church, as the revealer of the mystery of salvation and the preacher of the word in its fullness (v. 25). He invites believers to open their hearts and minds and to show their hospitality to the mystery of Christ which he preaches. Paul also challenges us to cultivate that quality of hospitality which welcomes all others in Christ.

Today's Gospel presents a beautiful and familiar story—Jesus visits the home of Martha and Mary. One is busy and anxious with many tasks; the other is calm and focused, sitting at the Lord's feet. And through this simple story, Jesus teaches us a profound spiritual lesson: the importance of presence over performance, of being over doing, of listening over worrying.

Let's look first at Martha. She is doing something good. She is offering hospitality. She is cooking and preparing for Jesus. She wants everything to be just right. But in the midst of all her busyness, something happens—she becomes anxious, even resentful. "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself?" she complains. Her heart, though active, is not at peace.



Luke 10: 38-42

Now consider Mary. She does something very unusual for a woman in that culture—she sits at the feet of a rabbi—listening, learning, being present. And Jesus praises her: "Mary

has chosen the better part," He says, "and it will not be taken from her."

Jesus is not criticizing Martha for serving. Service is good and necessary. But he is reminding all of us that our service must flow from a heart that listens. When we are rooted in prayer and presence, our work becomes joyful and meaningful. But if we neglect time with God, even our good efforts can become burdensome and dry.

This Gospel challenges us in today's fast-paced, noisy world. Like Martha, many of us are pulled in a thousand directions—emails, messages, tasks, family needs, work pressures. Even in the Church, we can be "busy" serving, organizing, fixing things. But if we forget to sit quietly with the Lord, to listen, to pray, we lose the center. We begin to serve out of duty instead of love.

Dear friends, Jesus is gently inviting us today to slow down and listen. We need to make time for silence. We need to open our hearts to His Word. Like Mary, we are called to "choose the better part"—not once, but every day. That "better part" is Jesus Himself.

Let us ask ourselves today: Am I too busy to pray?

Do I take time to sit with Jesus in silence, even just a few minutes each day? Is my service rooted in love and relationship with Christ?

May we, like Mary, make space in our lives to sit at the feet of Jesus? Then our hearts will be at peace, and all that we do will reflect the love and presence of God.

July—The Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus



Thank you to everyone who came and celebrated my birthday, and thank you for all the warm birthday wishes!
—Fr. Joseph

Schedule Change

There will be no Mass on Monday, July 21st.

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Bishop's Annual Appeal Update

As of July 15, 2025, 1,165 families have participated, and the Diocese has reached 72% (\$514,232) of the goal. Our parish goal is \$25,500. We have reached our goal! We have raised \$25,592.

Thank you so much for your generosity!

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Respect Life

The Respect Life Ministry is seeking volunteers for this year's Fair Booth. We need volunteers for **Thursday, August 7th, Friday, August 8th, and Saturday, August 9th**. The shifts are in 2- or 4-hour increments. There must always be two people at the booth. The fair opens at 10 a.m. and closes at 9 p.m. We need coverage for all 11 hours of each day. Please get in touch with **Garilynn** at (541) 815-5823 or **Ari** at (541) 675-7962 to sign up. Without volunteers, we will not be able to have a booth.

Thank you all for your help.

Religious Education News

Registration will take place on **August 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st, from 2–6 p.m. in Room 1 of the parish hall.** If you cannot make these dates, please call to make an appointment with **Barb Dalton** at (541) 410-3720.

If you registered your child for Confirmation classes last year, there is no need to register again. Those 18 children will have their ceremony in May 2026. No other sign-ups are available for this year; this class is closed.

The registration fee is \$50. A \$20 late fee will be charged for late registrations. However, there will be no registration during classes.

All classes will begin on the second Wednesday in September (Sept. 10th). Please keep referring to this Parish Bulletin for updates. Thank you, **Barb Dalton, Director of Religious Education / (541) 410-3720.**

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SVdP of Crook County

St. Vincent de Paul strives to fulfill our ministry of assisting our neighbors in need. In June we provided emergency assistance by helping 5 families avoid eviction and prevent utilities from being shut off. Emergency Water Assistance: 8 families. Emergency Propane Needs—for 2 families living in a camper or trailer, + other emergency needs.

A Mom who needed assistance with her power bill came to us recently. She works and has 6 children. With all her other expenses and while waiting for child support to begin, she had made some tough financial decisions and fell behind on a few bills. SVdP of Crook County was able to help, so that her power was not shut off.

In the pantry, we need several staple food items that can be placed in the basket in the Church Narthex: ***5-lb bags of flour or masa; *24-oz of cooking oil; *jam or jelly; and *tomato sauce.** Thanks for your generosity!

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Thinking About Separation or Divorce?

Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health and is highly successful in saving hurting marriages—even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. It 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 **August 22–24 Retreat** in Canby, or call (503) 225-9191, or send an email to: portland@retrouvaille.org.