

Fr. Joseph's Corner "St. Ignatius of Loyola"

I have started a new series on the lives of the saints. I realize many of our people are very eager to know about different saints and their biographies.

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph

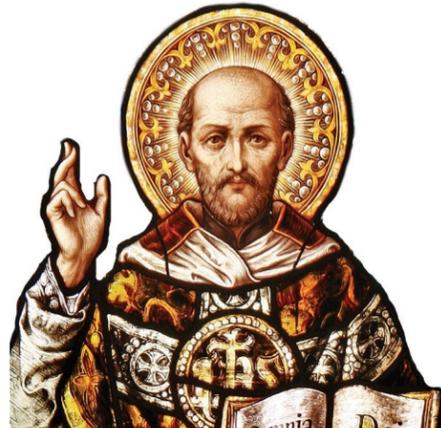
St. Ignatius was born in the family castle in Guipúzcoa, Spain. He was the youngest of 13 children and was called Iñigo.

When he was old enough, he became a page, and then a soldier of Spain in order to fight against the French. But a cannon ball shattered his leg, and subsequently, a series of bad operations ended his military career in 1521.

While St. Ignatius was recovering and convalescing, he wanted to read romance novels, but what were available at the hospital were religious books. And so he started reading the Bible and the lives of the saints. Thus he decided to dedicate himself to becoming a soldier of the Catholic Faith.

Soon after that, he started to experience visions. But a year later, he suffered a trial of fears and scruples, driving him almost to despair.

Out of this experience, St. Ignatius wrote his famous "Spiritual Exercises."



After traveling and studying in different schools, he finished in Paris, where he received his degree at the age of 43.

Many at first hated St. Ignatius because of his humble lifestyle. Despite this, however, he attracted several followers at the university, including St. Francis Xavier. Soon, he started

his own order called The Society of Jesus, or Jesuits.

He was a gifted spiritual director, and he was very active in fighting the Protestant Reformation and promoting the subsequent Counter-Reformation.

St Ignatius died at the age of 65. He was canonized on March 12, 1622. There are 38 members of the Society of Jesus who have been declared Saints. So many other Jesuits have become Cardinals, Bishops and great writers.

And since March 2013, we even have the first Jesuit Pope, Jorge Bergoglio, our beloved Pope Francis.

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 ♦ Barbara Hopla ♦ Gilbert Marquez
David Pedersen ♦ Sam LeFevre and the LeFevre family

St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754
August 24, 2025 † The 21st 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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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	08/25/2025	8:00 a.m.	James Stuart MacDonald, Sr (D)	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday	08/26/2025	8:00 a.m.	Jim Friese (L)	1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday	08/27/2025	12:00 p.m.	Isidro Villagomez (D)	1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday	08/28/2025	8:00 a.m.	James Stuart MacDonald (D)	1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51
Friday	08/29/2025	12:00 p.m.	Charles Popish (D)	1 Thes 4:1-8; Mk 6:17-29
Saturday	08/30/2025	5:00 p.m.	John A Kutcher (D)	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14
Sunday	08/31/2025	9:00 a.m.	For All Parishioners (L)	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14
Sunday	08/31/2025	12:00 p.m.	Francisco Lopez (D)	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

(L) Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

Today's Homily

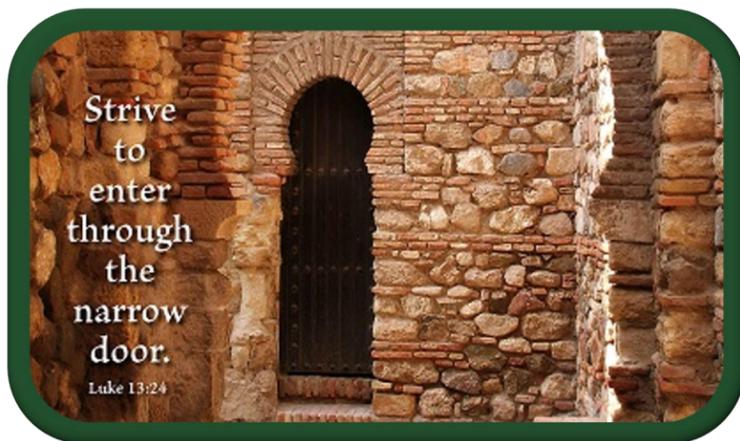
“HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE SAVED?” has always been asked. That was the question Jesus was asked in the gospel of today. Some sections of Christians believe that the vast majority of human beings would end up in hell.

Did Jesus come to make sure that most of us end up in hell? No. He came to enable us to get to heaven. So, we have to believe in his redemptive work and the mercy of God. God's ways are not our ways. His justice is not our justice. God alone decides who will be saved based on our life and action.

The Jehovah Witnesses believe that only they will be saved. The LDS (Later Day Saints) believe that only they will be saved. We used to believe that only Catholics will go to heaven. It was taught that outside of the Church there was no salvation.

In today's Gospel, Jesus clearly explains that anyone who follows him through the narrow gate of sacrificial service and sharing love will be saved. Jesus also admonishes his followers to concentrate on their own salvation by self-discipline rather than to worry about the salvation of others.

For us Catholics, Salvation is a past, present and future event. We were saved when we were baptized as children or adults. We are being saved at present, when we cooperate with God's grace by loving others as Jesus did—by sharing our blessings with the needy, and by getting reconciled with God daily, asking His forgiveness for our sins. We will be eternally saved when we hear the loving invitation from Jesus, the Judge, at the moment of our death and on the day of



the Last Judgment, saying: “Good and faithful servant, you were faithful in little things, enter into the joy of your Master.”

God allows us to decide every day what road we will walk down and what gate we will choose.

He encourages us, however, to choose His way: “Choose life” (Moses—Dt 30:19-20); “Choose this day whom to serve” (Joshua—Jos 24:15); “If God is Lord, follow Him” (Elijah—1 Kgs 18:21); “There are two paths: One of life and one of death, and the difference between the two is great.”

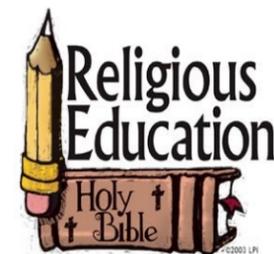
“If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me” (Lk 9:23). This means a consistent denial of self and the steady relinquishing of sinful pleasures, pursuits, and interests. In other words, the “narrow road” or “narrow gate” concerns our everyday living—our relationships with God and with one another.

To enter the narrow gate involves being with the blessed ones (poor, peacemakers, persecuted, etc.), being salt and light consistently, following Jesus' radical way, choosing mercy over revenge, loving enemies. And it involves doing good deeds for the right reasons; it involves pursuing the Kingdom and God's justice instead of fame and fortune; and it involves not condemning others. It involves repentance, obedience, humility, righteousness, truth and discipleship.

Hence, we are to strive to enter through the “narrow gate” by prayer and supplication, diligently seeking deliverance from those things which would bar our entrance, and acquiring those things which would facilitate our entry.

August—Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Religious Education



On Wednesday, September 10th, at 3:30 p.m., there will be an orientation for parents and children in the Parish Hall. Afterward, there will be a “meet-and-greet” with the teachers in the classrooms. We are excited for a great year!

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OCIA—Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

This program prepares candidates for the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation.

We welcome new members into the Catholic Church through a process of education, faith sharing, and rituals known as the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). This process includes prayer, study, and discussion.



Several Rites, which occur within the Mass, are part of this process. The OCIA is organized into a series of ceremonial steps and learning periods, culminating in full initiation through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.

- ◆ Do you know anyone who would like to become a Catholic?
- ◆ Do you know a Catholic who needs Confirmation?
- ◆ Do you want to know more about the Catholic religion?

OCIA classes will start in **September**. They will be available in English and Spanish. Visit the Parish Office to pick up a registration form or for more details.

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St. Joseph's 75th Jubilee



St. Joseph Church is 75! We will have a Jubilee Celebration on **Sunday, September 14th. There will be a bilingual Mass at 11:00 a.m., followed by a Dedication and Reception Lunch at 12:30 p.m.**

We need many volunteers for this event. If you'd like to help, please contact the Parish Office.

Diocese of Baker

SAVE these DATES

- ◆ **SEPTEMBER 29TH:** **Mass of Ordination and Installation of Bishop Thomas J Hennen**, 8th Bishop of the Diocese of Baker. Will be live-streamed.
- ◆ **OCTOBER 11TH:** **Sanctity of Life Conference, “Cultivating Life,”** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at **St. Thomas Church in Redmond**
- ◆ **OCTOBER 25TH:** **High School Retreat at the Cascade View Retreat Center** in Powell Butte. Overnight options available. More details coming soon!
- ◆ **NOVEMBER 14TH TO NOVEMBER 16TH:** **Retreat for Young Adults.** High school graduate –5 yrs. post-college at the Cascade View Retreat Center in Powell Butte. In collaboration with the Diocese of Baker and the FOCUS group. More details coming soon!

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Bishop's Annual Appeal



We are nearing the end of the fourth month of the 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Your support is vital to ensure funding for numerous diocesan and parish programs that benefit thousands across our diocese annually.

If you are not yet registered, or if you are registered but did not receive a packet by mail, please pick up an “In-Pew” envelope in the Church Vestibule or the Parish Office. For more information, please visit the diocesan website at: dioceseofbaker.org.

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Holy Humor

Potluck Supper Tonight—prayer and medication to follow!