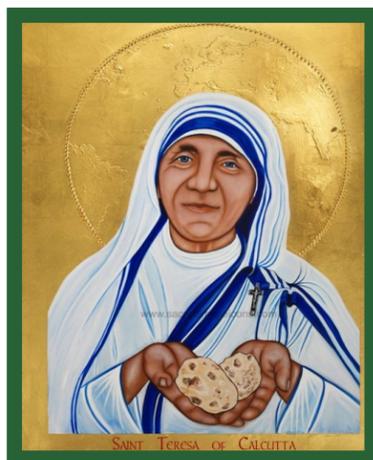


Fr. Joseph's Corner "St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta"

Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the tiny woman recognized throughout the world for her work among the poorest of the poor, was canonized on September 4, 2016. Among those present were hundreds of Missionaries of Charity, the order she founded in 1950 as a diocesan religious community. Today the congregation also includes contemplative sisters and brothers and an order of priests.



convent and help the poor while living among them." She also heard a call to give up her life with the Sisters of Loreto and, instead, to "follow Christ into the slums to serve Him among the poorest of the poor."

After receiving permission to leave Loreto, establishing a new religious community and undertaking her new work, she took a nursing course for several months. She returned to Calcutta, where she lived in the slums and opened a school for poor children.

Dressed in a white sari and sandals (the ordinary dress of an Indian woman), she soon began getting to know her neighbors—especially the poor and sick—and getting to know their needs through visits.

The work was exhausting, but she was not alone for long. Volunteers who came to join her in the work, some of them former students, became the core of the Missionaries of Charity. Others helped by donating food, clothing, supplies, and the use of buildings.

In 1952 the city of Calcutta gave Mother Teresa a former hostel, which became a home for the dying and the destitute. As the order expanded, services were also offered to orphans, abandoned children, alcoholics, the aging, and street people. For the next four decades, Mother Teresa worked tirelessly on behalf of the poor. Her love knew no bounds. Nor did her energy, as she crisscrossed the globe, pleading for support and inviting others to see the face of Jesus in the poorest of the poor.

In 1979 she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, and on September 5, 1997, God called her home—but her legacy of love lives on.

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph

Born on August 27, 1919 to Albanian parents in what is now Skopje, Macedonia (then part of the Ottoman Empire), Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu was the youngest of the three children who survived. For a time, the family lived comfortably, and her father's construction business thrived. But life changed overnight following his unexpected death.

During her years in public school, Agnes participated in a Catholic sodality and showed a strong interest in the foreign missions. At age 18 she entered the Loreto Sisters of Dublin, Ireland. It was 1928 when she said goodbye to her mother for the final time and made her way to a new land and a new life.

The following year she was sent to the Loreto novitiate in Darjeeling, India. There she chose the name Teresa and prepared for a life of service. She was assigned to a high school for girls in Calcutta, where she taught history and geography to the daughters of the wealthy. But she could not escape the realities around her—the poverty, the suffering, the overwhelming numbers of destitute people.

In 1946, while riding a train to Darjeeling to make a retreat, Sister Teresa heard what she later explained as "a call within a call. The message was clear. I was to leave the

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 31, 2025 † The 22nd 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	09/01/2025	8:00 a.m.	Edward Ordway (D)	1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday	09/02/2025	8:00 a.m.	Axel Schmidt (D)	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday	09/03/2025	12:00 p.m.	Howard Tocher (D)	Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday	09/04/2025	8:00 a.m.	Stephen Dalton (L)	Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11
Friday	09/05/2025	12:00 p.m.	Kenneth Tocher (D)	Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday	09/06/2025	5:00 p.m.	Jerome Mulvihill (D)	Wis 9:13-18b; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33
Sunday	09/07/2025	9:00 a.m.	Sami Pedersen (D)	Wis 9:13-18b; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33
Sunday	09/07/2025	12:00 p.m.	For all St. Joseph Parishioners	Wis 9:13-18b; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

(L) Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

Today's Homily

MOTHER TERESA
AFTER LEAVING the Loretta Convent, started a small house for the destitute in Kalighat, in Kolkata. She used to visit the rich merchants, and beg for the food for the 25 inmates she had then.

One day she went to a rich merchant and asked for some help

for her house. Instead of giving her some alms, he spat on her face and asked her to leave the city. Mother Teresa, cleaned the spittle from her face and said smilingly, "Thank you very much for the gift you gave me, and now please give me some rice or something for my children."

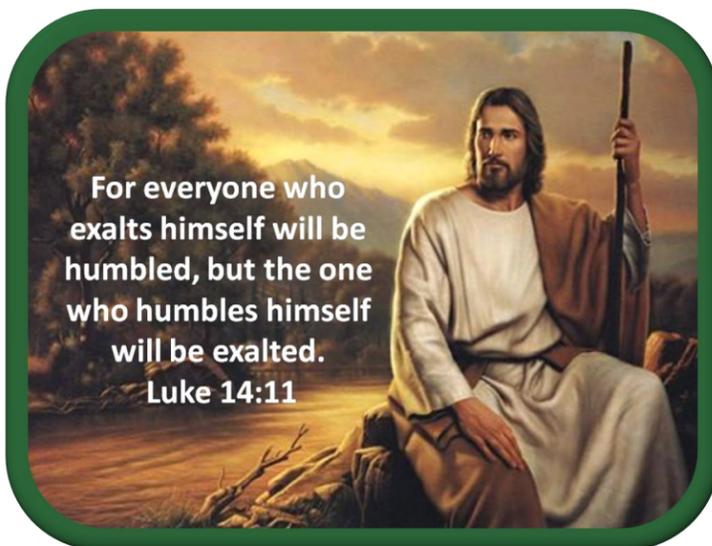
The rich man felt so ashamed that he begged for forgiveness from her and from that day, he became a benefactor for her congregation.

The common theme of today's readings is the need for true humility which leads to a generous blessed sharing with the needy. The readings also warn us against all forms of pride and self-glorification.

They present humility not only as a virtue, but also as a means of opening our hearts, our minds and our hands to the poor, the needy, the disadvantaged and the marginalized people in our society—a personal responsibility for every authentic Christian.

In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the practical benefits of humility, connecting it with the common wisdom about dining etiquette. Jesus advises the guests to go to the lowest place instead of seeking places of honor, so that the host may give them the place they really deserve.

Jesus' words concerning the seating of guests at a wedding banquet should prompt us to honor



For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.
Luke 14:11

those whom others ignore, because if we are generous and just in our dealings with those in need, we can be confident of the Lord's blessings.

We need to practice humility in our personal and social life: Humility is based on the psychological awareness that everything we have is a gift

from God and, therefore, we have no reason to elevate ourselves above others. On the contrary, we must use these God-given gifts to help others. We can be humble if we are comfortable with ourselves. We don't have to prove anything to anybody. We don't have to step on anybody to make us feel important or great.

True humility requires us neither to overestimate nor to underestimate our worth. We must admit the truths that we are sinners, that we do not know everything, and that we do not always act properly. Nevertheless, we must also recognize that we are made in the image and likeness of God, and that we are called to help build the kingdom of God with our God-given gifts. We are of value—not because of those gifts—but because we are loved by God as His children, and redeemed by the precious blood of His son, Jesus.

The quality of humility that Jesus is talking about also has a sociological dimension. For Jesus is inviting us to associate with the so-called "lower classes" of society—even the outcasts.

Jesus invites us to change our social patterns in such a way that we connect with and serve the homeless, the handicapped, the elderly, and the impoverished—the "street people" of the world with agape love.

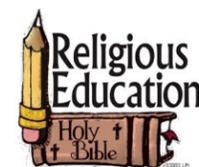
August—Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Parish Office Closure

The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, September 1st**, in observance of Labor Day.

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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. No registration will take place on this day. If you haven't registered your child for classes, you need to make an appointment. 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 **bi-lingual Mass at 11:00 a.m.**, followed by a **Dedication and Reception Lunch at 12:30 p.m.**



Ordination

Bishop-elect Thomas J. Hennen will be ordained as a Bishop at St. Francis Church in Bend on **Monday, September 29th**. The ordination Mass is a ticketed event by invitation only. However, the Mass will be live-streamed on the Diocese website.

Please continue to pray for **Bishop-elect Hennen**.

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40 Days for Life 2025 Fall Campaign . . .

is from **Wednesday, September 24th, through Sunday, November 2nd**. "40 Days for Life" is a peaceful and prayerful (along with fasting) presence in front of Planned Parenthood. Sign up on the **Central Oregon Right to Life** website: CentralOregonRighttoLife.Org. Contact: 40 Days for Life in Bend, Oregon, Organized by Central Oregon Right to Life. For more information, call (541) 306-5531.

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Respect Life

This year's Respect Life / St. Joseph's Catholic Church Fair Booth was a huge success! (See the photo below.)

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the booth; we couldn't have done it without you! We look forward to next year's Fair and the opportunity to be witnesses to LIFE!

