

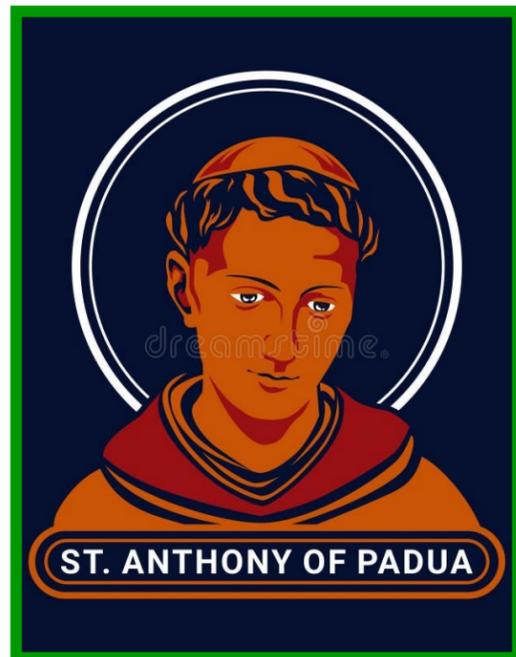
Fr. Joseph's Corner "St. Anthony of Padua"

St. Anthony was born in Lisbon, Portugal, and became an Augustinian Canon in the Monastery of San Vicente as a young man. While studying Scripture, he had a chance of meeting with two Franciscan friars who inspired him to enter the Order of Friars Minor in 1220.

Recognizing Anthony's intellectual gifts, St. Francis of Assisi himself appointed Anthony to teach theology to the friars, and he is credited with the beginnings of the intellectual tradition in the Franciscan Order.

Anthony was a beloved preacher and travelled through northern Italy and southern France. He returned to Italy in 1227 and eventually settled in Padua.

St. Anthony died on June 13th, 1231 at Arcella, a suburb of Padua. There he received the last rites and died. He was only 36. St. Anthony was canonized in 1232 by Pope Gregory IX and declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius XII in 1946. He holds the record for the second fastest canonization in history: he was declared a saint 352 days after his death.



He is one of the most beloved saints in the Church and honored as a particular patron of the poor.

For centuries, Christians have called upon St. Anthony's help to find lost objects. This tradition goes back to early accounts of the life of St. Anthony, who helped discover the whereabouts of a stolen psalter.

A huge Basilica was built in 1263 in his honor in Padova, Italy, enlarged over the decades, and which is visited by many pilgrims all year round.

These are two quotes from St. Anthony:

(1) "May your love grow in knowledge and understanding so that you may know how to discern not only between good and evil, but also to distinguish between what is good and what is even better."

(2) "Truly honest people possess a harmonious and pleasant demeanor; nothing reproachable can be found in their actions, nothing inappropriate in their words, nothing indecent in their manner. Being spontaneous and respectful, their behavior wins the admiration and goodwill of all."

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



St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754
September 14, 2025 † The Exaltation of the Cross 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	09/15/2025	8:00 a.m.	Lila Gerke (D)	1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 2:33-35
Tuesday	09/16/2025	8:00 a.m.	Mike Carroll (L)	1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday	09/17/2025	12:00 p.m.	Clark Hay (D)	1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday	09/18/2025	8:00 a.m.	Charlea Giovanini (L)	1 Tm 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50
Friday	09/19/2025	12:00 p.m.	Amelia Caraveho (L)	1 Tm 6:2v-12; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday	09/20/2025	5:00 p.m.	Martiano Lopez (D)	Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13
Sunday	09/21/2025	9:00 a.m.	Delores & Ron Myers (D)	Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13
Sunday	09/21/2025	12:00 p.m.	For all St Joseph Parishioners	Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

(L) Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

Today's Homily

WE CELEBRATE THIS FEAST OF the Exaltation of the Cross for two reasons: (1) to understand the history of the discovery and recovery of the True Cross and (2) to appreciate better the importance of the symbol and reality of Christ's sacrificial love; namely, the cross in the daily life of every Christian.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is one of 12 "Master Feasts" celebrated in the Church to honor Jesus Christ, our Lord and Master. This feast is celebrated to memorialize the first installation of the remnants of the true cross of Jesus in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher on Mount Calvary, September 14, AD 335, and its reinstallation on September 14, AD 630.

The original cross on which Jesus was crucified was excavated in AD 326 by a team led by St. Helena, the mother of the first Christian Roman Emperor, Constantine. The Emperor built the Church of the Holy Sepulcher on Calvary, it was consecrated on September 14, AD 335, and the remains of the cross were installed in it by Archbishop Maccharios of Jerusalem.

After three centuries, the Persians invaded Jerusalem, plundered it of all valuables and took with them the relic of the Holy Cross.

In AD 630, Emperor Heraclius II defeated the Persians, recaptured the casket containing the holy relic, and reinstalled it in the rebuilt Church, which was destroyed by Muslims in 1009.

The crusaders rebuilt it as the present Church of the Holy Sepulcher in 1149. The largest fragment of the holy cross is now kept in Santa Croce Church in Rome.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the 4th century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication.



The feast entered the Western calendar in the 7th century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

In today's Gospel, answering the question raised by Nicodemus, Jesus cites the example of how, when the Israelites were in the desert, the impaled brazen serpent (representing

the healing power of God), which God commanded Moses to raise, saved from death the serpent-bitten Israelites who looked at it (Nm 21:4-9). Then Jesus explains how He is going to save the world by dying on the cross.

Eternal life is offered to all who believe in Jesus. This belief is not merely intellectual assent, but a trusting acceptance of Jesus as Lord and Savior, leading the believing, trusting recipient to a transformed life.

NOT CONDEMNATION, BUT SALVATION:

Jesus's purpose is not to condemn the world, but to save it. His coming is an act of mercy and grace, offering redemption from sin and death.

1) We should honor and venerate the cross and carry it on our person to remind ourselves of the love God has for us and the price Jesus paid for our salvation.

2) The cross will give us strength in our sufferings and remind us of our hope of eternal glory with the risen Lord. With St. Paul, we express our belief that the "message of the cross is foolishness only to those who are perishing" (1Cor 1:18-24), and that we should "glory in the cross of Our Lord" (Gal 6:14).

3) We should bless ourselves with the sign of the cross to remind ourselves that we belong to Christ Jesus, to honor the Most Holy Trinity, and to ask the Triune God to bless us, save us and protect us from all danger and evil.

4) The crucifix should remind us that we are forgiven sinners and, hence, we are expected to forgive those who offend us and to ask for forgiveness whenever we offend others or hurt their feelings.

September—The Month of the Sorrows of Mary

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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Schedule Change

There will not be Mass from **Monday, September 29th, through Friday, October 3rd**. **Fr. Joseph** will be attending the Annual Clergy Assembly.

Fr. Joseph will be on vacation from **Tuesday, October 7th, to Tuesday, November 11th**. **Fr. Joe Reeves** will be filling in for all weekend Masses while he is gone.

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The 2020s

In 2020, we installed a new altar obtained from the Parish in Maupin. We repaired the Sanctuary floor and applied a fresh coat of paint. Our last project was the hand-painted, life-sized crucifix, which was generously donated by long-time parishioners **Gary and Kathy Thompson**.

The 2020s (Cont'd)

In 2020 during COVID some of the activities were suspended.

The annual Christmas Bazaar resumed in 2021 and continues to be a great success.

The ham dinner resumed in 2023. Also in 2023, the rectory received a new exterior paint job and new air conditioning. That same year, **Fr. Joseph** started a new tradition by hosting a Thanksgiving dinner (we welcomed 47 people that first year) and a potluck Christmas lunch.

In 2024, we participated in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and the parish hall was painted. In September 2024, we celebrated **Fr. Joseph's** 40th Ordination Anniversary.

And in September of this year, we will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of our St. Joseph's Church.

This spring, our Knights also gave the hall a fresh coat of paint inside, and the church's carpets received a professional cleaning. We also held a bake sale and used the proceeds to purchase portable coolers for the parish hall.

The Tocher family donated new Mary and Joseph statues that are now placed atop the steps leading into the church. **Bishop Cary** will bless and dedicate them this **Sunday, September 14th**.

On September 7th, Pope Leo canonized Blessed Carlo Acutis, making him the first millennial Catholic saint.

Carlo Acutis was born May 3, 1991, in London, where his father was working. Just a few months later, he moved with his parents, Andrea Acutis and Antonia Salzano, to Milan, Italy.

Carlo was diagnosed with leukemia as a teenager. Before he died in 2006, he offered his suffering for Pope Benedict XVI and for the Church, saying: "I offer all of my suffering to the Lord for the Pope and for the Church in order not to go to purgatory but to go straight to heaven."

Antonia Salzano, his mother, said that before Carlo, she only attended Mass for her First Communion, Confirmation, and wedding. As a young child, Carlo loved praying the rosary. After his First Communion, he attended Mass as often as possible at the parish across from his elementary school. Carlo's love for the Eucharist also brought about a significant conversion for his mother. According to the postulator promoting his cause for sainthood, he managed to persuade his relatives and his parents to attend Mass every day. It was not the other way around; it was not his parents bringing the boy to Mass, but he was the one who got himself to Mass and convinced others to receive Communion daily.

Carlo's childhood witness of faith inspired adults to convert and be baptized. He was fascinated with computer coding



and self-taught some basic languages, including C and C++. Using his computer skills and Internet knowledge, he helped his family create an exhibition on Eucharistic miracles, which has since been displayed at thousands of parishes across five continents.

His spiritual director attested that Carlo firmly believed that the scientific evidence from Eucharistic miracles would help people realize that Jesus is truly present in the

Eucharist and motivate their return to Mass.

Carlo died on Oct. 12, 2006; he was buried in Assisi, Italy. Initially, reports suggested that Carlo's body was found to be incorrupt, but the Bishop of Assisi clarified before his beatification that his body was not.

Carlo's body lies in repose in a glass tomb in Assisi, where he can be seen wearing jeans and Nike sneakers. Thousands came to pray at his tomb during his beatification in October of 2020.

On May 23, 2024, Pope Francis acknowledged a second miracle linked to Carlo's intercession in a decree. The miracle involved the healing of Valeria Valverde, a 21-year-old girl from Costa Rica, who was near death after a severe head injury in a bike accident while studying in Florence in 2022.

The first miracle that led to his beatification was the healing of a 3-year-old boy in Brazil in 2013, who had been born with a pancreas malformation.