

Fr. Joseph's Corner

A Big "Thank You!"

Dear Parish Family,

With a grateful heart, I want to extend my deepest thanks to all who worked so generously to make our celebration such a beautiful and joyful occasion. To our Maintenance Committee for their tireless efforts, our Acolytes and Altar Servers for their reverence at the altar, our Choir for lifting our hearts in song, and our Hispanic Community for the flowers and decorations that filled our church with beauty—THANK YOU!

A special word of gratitude to the Knights of Columbus for their faithful service and to our Hospitality Groups who prepared and served the wonderful food that brought us together in fellowship. Truly, this celebration was possible because of your love, dedication, and spirit of service.

May the Lord bless each of you for your generosity, and may our parish family continue to grow in faith, unity, and joy.

With prayerful gratitude,



Fr. Joseph

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE ON OUR PRAYER LIST:

David Leonard ♦ Steve Forrester ♦ Carl Johnson ♦ Dolores Koivisto ♦ Anita Marquez ♦ Ben Guyer
 Georgia Fitzgerald ♦ 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 ♦ Sam LeFevre and the LeFevre family ♦ Joanie Holland

St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754
 September 21, 2025 † 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C

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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Director of Religious Education ♦ Barbara Dalton

OCIA ♦ Jim Friese / OCIA (Spanish) ♦ Yurizet Villasana

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 / READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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	09/22/2025	Bob Rodgers (D)	Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday	09/23/2025	Betty Bailey (D)	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday	09/24/2025	Karen Geiman (L)	Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday	09/25/2025	Brett & Cheyenne Edgerly (L)*	Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9
Friday	09/26/2025	Patrick Carroll (D)	Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday	09/27/2025	Garilynn Tocher (L)	Am 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31
Sunday	09/28/2025	Jim Miller (D)	Am 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31
Sunday	09/28/2025	For all St. Joseph Parishioners (L)	Am 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

*Anniversary

(L) = Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

Today's Homily

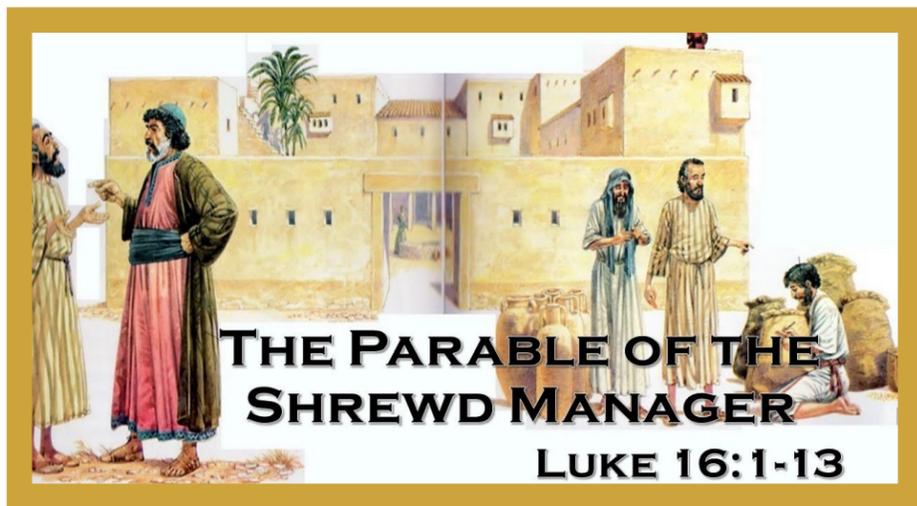
TODAY'S READINGS remind us that we are God's stewards and that God expects faithful and prudent stewardship from us. They challenge us to use our God-given talents and blessings wisely to attain Heavenly bliss.

In the first reading, Amos, the prophet of social justice, condemns the crooked business practices of the 8th Century BC Jewish merchants of Judea and reminds the Israelites and us to be faithful to our Covenant with Yahweh, God of Justice. We need to practice justice and mercy to all, as God's faithful stewards. Amos warns us also against setting making money at any cost as the goal of our life.

In the second reading, St. Paul instructs the first century Judeo-Christians to become true stewards of the Gospel of Jesus, the only Mediator between God and man, by preaching the "Good News" to the pagans and by including them in intercessory prayers, too.

Today's Gospel story tells us about the crooked but resourceful manager and challenges us to use our blessings—time, talents, health and wealth—wisely and justly so that they will serve for our good in eternity. We use our earthly wealth wisely when we spend it for our own needs in moderation and when we love and help the needy around us, for those are the purposes for which He has entrusted all these things to us.

We need to be faithful in the little things of life: Let us remember Saint John Chrysostom's warning, "Faithfulness in little things is a big thing," and the reminder of St. Theresa of Cal-



cutta (Blessed Mother Teresa, canonized September 4, 2016 by Pope Francis): "Do little things with great love." Hence, let us not ignore doing little things, like acknowledging a

favor by saying a sincere "thank you," or congratulating others for their success, or sharing in their sorrows and/or offering them help and support in their needs.

We need to use our spiritual resources wisely. The manager in Jesus' story used all his resources to secure his future. We must be no less resourceful. We have at our disposal the Holy Mass and the Seven Sacraments as sources of Divine grace, the Holy Bible as the word of God for daily meditation and practice, and the teaching authority of the Spirit-guided Church to direct us in our Christian life.

We need to use these resources in such a way that it will be said of us, "And the master commended them because they acted so prudently."

We need to be prepared to give an account of our stewardship. We insure our houses against fire, storms, flood and thieves; and we insure our lives by taking out life insurance and car insurance. In the same way, let us insure ourselves for the one thing that most certainly will happen; namely, our meeting God to give Him an account of our lives.

What really matters—at that time of our Private Judgment by God at the moment of our death—is how wisely we have used our blessings during our life, lovingly and generously sharing them with others in need.

September—The Month of the Sorrows of Mary

Ordination

Bishop-elect Hennen will be ordained a Bishop at St. Francis on Monday, September 29th. The Ordination Mass is a ticketed event by invitation only and will be live-streamed on the Diocese website. We will be having a viewing party in the Parish Hall to watch the Ordination on Monday, September 29th, at 2 p.m. Please continue to pray for Bishop-elect Hennen.

Schedule Change

There will not be Mass from September 29th through October 3rd. Fr. Joseph will be attending an Annual Priests' Assembly.

While Fr. Joseph is on vacation, there will be no weekday Masses from October 6th to November 12th. Fr. Joe Reeves will cover all weekend Masses during this time.



▲ Photos from the St. Joseph 75th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, September 14, 2025.



◀ The crewmembers who placed the new statues outside the front doors of the church. ▼