

Fr. Joseph's Corner "St. John Bosco"

St. John Bosco was an Italian priest born on August 16, 1815 in Piedmont, Italy. He dedicated his life to the religious education of street children, and other disadvantaged children.

Eventually he founded the Salesian Order with their main focus on the education of children and producing audio-visual material as well as printed material. He died on January 31, 1888.

He was not only an Italian Catholic priest, he was an educator and writer who put into practice the convictions of his religion, dedicating his life to the betterment and education of street children, juvenile delinquents, and other disadvantaged youth, and employing teaching methods based on love rather than punishment—a method known as the preventive system.

A follower of the spirituality and philosophy of Francis de Sales, Bosco dedicated his works to him when he founded the Society of St. Francis de Sales (more commonly known as the Salesians of Don Bosco).

Together with St. Maria Domenica Mazzarello, he founded the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, a religious congregation of nuns dedicated to the care and education of poor girls, and popularly known as the Salesian Sisters.

In 1875 he published *Bollettino Salesiano Mensuale* (A Salesian Monthly Bulletin). It has remained in continuous publication, and it is currently published in 50 different editions and 30 languages.



John Bosco was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1934. Among the students that he helped was St. Dominic Savio.

Here are some of his famous quotes:

- ◆ "Be brave and try to detach your heart from worldly things. Do your utmost to banish darkness from your mind and come to understand what true, selfless piety is. Through confession, endeavor to purify your heart of anything which may still taint it. Enliven your faith, which is essential to understand and achieve piety."
- ◆ "Remember, God does not pay us for results, but for effort."

- ◆ "All past persecutors of the Church are now no more, but the Church still lives on. The same fate awaits modern persecutors; they, too, will pass on, but the Church of Jesus Christ will always remain, for God has pledged His Word to protect Her and be with Her forever, until the end of time."
- ◆ "Believe me . . . nobody can be truly happy in this world unless he is at peace with God."
- ◆ "Put up willingly with the faults of others if you wish others to put up with yours."
- ◆ "Guard your eyes since they are the windows through which sin enters the soul."

—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 ♦ 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 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754
September 28, 2025 † 26th 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

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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 / 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.

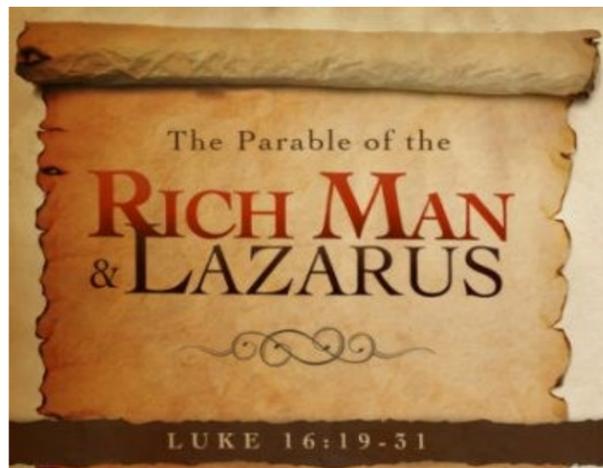
Please Call the Parish Office to Have a Mass Intention Reserved

Monday	09/29/2025			Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51
Tuesday	09/30/2025			Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday	10/01/2025			Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-2
Thursday	10/02/2025			Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Friday	10/03/2025			Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday	10/04/2025	5:00 pm	Tony Gadotti (D)	Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10
Sunday	10/05/2025	9:00 am	Nancy Redfern (L)	Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10
Sunday	10/06/2025	12:00 pm	For all Parishioners (L)	Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

(L) = Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

Today's Homily

TODAY JESUS GIVES us a parable that is both striking and challenging—the story of the rich man and the poor man, Lazarus. It is not a story simply about wealth and poverty; it is a story about seeing or not seeing, about caring or not caring, about opening our hearts or closing them.



The rich man is described in detail—he dresses in fine clothes and eats well every day. Lazarus is also described in detail—he is poor, covered with sores, and lying at the rich man's gate. Every day, the rich man would walk past Lazarus. He even knew his name, because later, in the afterlife, he calls him "Lazarus." But during his lifetime, he did nothing to help him. His sin was not that he was rich, but that he was blind and indifferent.

Let me share an example. Perhaps you have seen someone outside the grocery store or near the church who asks for help. Sometimes we think: "Maybe he doesn't really need it . . . maybe he will misuse it . . . maybe someone else will help." And we walk past. That is exactly what the rich man did—he found reasons to ignore Lazarus. But Jesus is telling us: Don't close your eyes. Don't harden your heart.

The first reading from the prophet Amos also warns us: "Woe to those who are complacent in Zion, lying on ivory beds, eating lambs and calves, drinking wine, and anointing themselves with the best oils—yet are not made ill by the collapse of Joseph." In other words: enjoying comfort while ignoring suffering is dangerous to the soul.

The parable also teaches us something very important about eternity. In this life, the rich man had everything, and Lazarus had nothing. In the next life, the roles are reversed.

This is not because poverty automatically saves and wealth automatically condemns. Rather, it is because God's justice looks at how we loved,

how we shared, how we responded to the people placed at our doorstep.

Pope Francis often said that our world suffers not so much from cruelty, but from indifference.

We see the news—wars, refugees, natural disasters, homelessness even in our own cities. Sometimes we become numb, saying: "It's too much.

What can I do?"

But Jesus tells us that salvation is found in compassion, in the small acts of love and care we can give.

St. John Chrysostom, a great preacher of the early Church, said something very challenging: "If you cannot find Christ in the beggar at the church door, you will not find him in the chalice." Every time we receive the Eucharist, Christ feeds us with His love. But He also sends us out to recognize Him in the poor, the lonely, the sick, and the forgotten.

So I invite you today to ask yourself: Who is the Lazarus at my doorstep? Maybe it's the neighbor who lives alone and needs a visit. Maybe it's a family member we've ignored. Maybe it's the poor we see on the street. Maybe it's someone in our own parish who quietly struggles.

When we see them with the eyes of Christ, we cannot remain indifferent.

Brothers and sisters, the Gospel today is not meant to frighten us, but to awaken us. We already have "Moses and the prophets," and even more—we have Christ Himself. We don't need miracles or extraordinary signs. What we need is a compassionate heart.

As we come to this Eucharist, let us ask Jesus to open our eyes and soften our hearts. May He give us the courage to see and serve the Lazarus at our door. And may we one day hear His words: "Whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

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.



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Parish Office Closure

The Parish Office will be closed from **Monday, September 29th, to Thursday, October 2nd**.

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Schedule Change

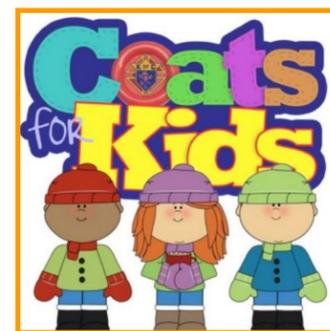
There will not be Mass from **Monday, September 29th, through Friday, October 3rd**. **Fr. Joseph** will be attending an Annual Priests' Assembly.

And while **Fr. Joseph** is on vacation, there will be no weekday Masses from **Monday, October 6th, through Wednesday, November 12th**.

Fr. Joe Reeves will cover all the weekend Masses during this time.

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Coats for Kids



At our next Knights Breakfast on **Sunday, October 5th**, we are dedicating this breakfast to "Coats for Kids." All proceeds and donations will go toward purchasing these coats. You can also donate at the Parish Office anytime during October, or to any member of the Knights of Columbus. With this breakfast and your donations, we hope to give 100 coats to children in need in Prineville, and in our parish community once again.

We will arrange a special Saturday morning for our parishioners before donating our coats to the Crook County School District representative for FAN.

This is our third year sponsoring Coats For Kids for our parish and community. Your parish Knights of Columbus council appreciates your support for this vital charity for our youth.

—Thank you. *Vivat Jesus!*

Our Parish Community

What a wonderful community we have at St. Joseph's!

Whatever is asked, our parishioners always come through! Whether it's collecting paper bags for the Ham Dinner or giving a donation for the Pancake Breakfast Raffle, I'd now like to ask that when you offer your donation, please make sure it gets to the designated location. If you are unsure where that is, please check in at the Parish Office.

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Sanctity of Life Conference

Join **Bishop Thomas Hennen** and others for the Diocese of Baker Sanctity of Life Conference, *Cultivating Life*, on **Saturday, October 11th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, at the St. Thomas Catholic Church in Redmond.



The cost is \$30 per adult (scholarships available), teens and children are free. Bring the whole family! Lunch will be provided. Childcare is available at no charge. Live interpretation in Spanish will also be available.

For more information and to register, visit the diocese website at: dioceseofbaker.org/pro-life.

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter



marriage encounter

Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness in your life and marriage. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience from **Friday, December 12th, to Sunday, December 14th, in Beaverton, OR.**

To apply for your WWME Experience or to search for other dates, visit rediscoverthepark.org.

For information about WWME, call (503) 704-0836 or send an email to: reservations@rediscoverthepark.org.

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Holy Humor

The following "blooper" appeared in a church bulletin recently: "The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment, and gracious hostility."