

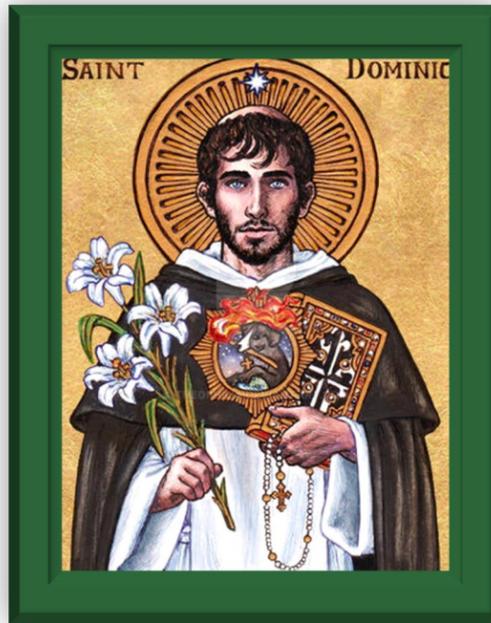
Fr. Joseph's Corner "St. Dominic"

Along with the Franciscans and the Jesuits, the Dominicans are probably the most popular religious order, both for men and women—priests, brothers and nuns.

The son of Felix Guzman and Bl. Joan of Aza, Dominic was born at Calaruega, Spain. The story is told that before his birth, his mother dreamed that a dog leapt from her womb carrying a torch in its mouth, and "seemed to set the earth on fire." That is why in many of the statues of St. Dominic, a dog carrying a torch is placed near his feet.

Dominic studied at the University at Valencia, and was probably ordained there while pursuing his studies. He was appointed canon at Osma in 1199. There he became prior superior of the chapter, which was noted for its strict adherence to the rule of St. Benedict.

In 1203, he accompanied Bishop Diego de Avezedo to Languedoc, where Dominic preached against the Albigensian heresy and helped reform the Cistercians. He preached to the heretics but with no great success.



In 1214, Simon gave him a castle at Casseneuil, and with six followers, Dominic founded an order devoted to the conversion of the Albigensians. The order was canonically approved by the Bishop of Toulouse the following year.

In 1215, Dominic failed to gain approval for his order of preachers at the fourth General Council of the Lateran. But he received Pope Honorius III's approval in the following year, and the Order of Preachers (the Dominicans) was founded.

Dominic spent the last years of this life organizing the order, traveling all over Italy, Spain and France preaching and attracting new members, and establishing new houses. He convoked the first General Council of the Order at Bologna in 1220, and he died there the following year on August 6, after being forced by illness to return from a preaching tour in Hungary.

Dominic was canonized in 1234, and the Dominicans today number 6,500—not counting many nuns who work as teachers, in social work, and in hospitals.

—*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

St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754
September 7, 2025 † The 23rd 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.

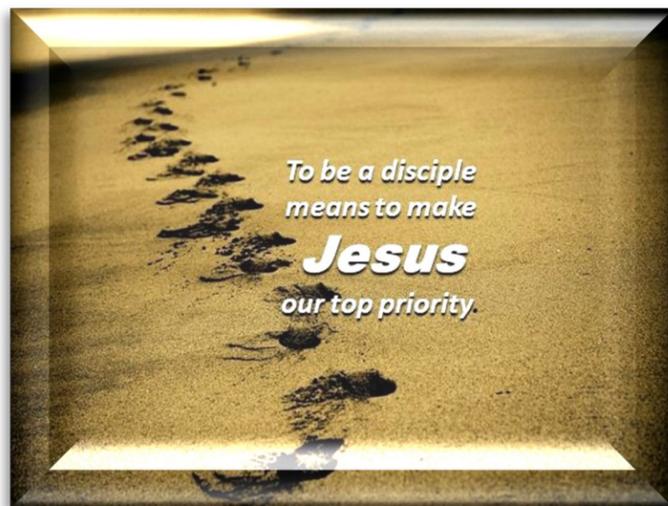
Please Call the Parish Office to Have a Mass Intention Reserved

Monday	09/08/2025	8:00 a.m.	Mark Houck (D)	Mi 5:1-4a; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Tuesday	09/09/2025	8:00 a.m.	Ron Lattin (D)	Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday	09/10/2025	12:00 p.m.	James Stuart MacDonald (D)	Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday	09/11/2025	8:00 a.m.	Naomi Larson (D)	Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38
Friday	09/12/2025	12:00 p.m.	Mitchell Bailey (D)	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday	09/13/2025	5:00 p.m.	Shayne Benson (L)	Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Sunday	09/14/2025	11:00 a.m.	St Joseph Parishioners (L)	Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

(L) Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

Today's Homily

MOTHER TERESA (St.) Teresa of Calcutta, lived her life as a witness to this generation of Catholics and was canonized by Pope Francis. We have witnessed her dedication to serving Christ by giving her life to the poorest of the poor.



We have watched her embrace every-one—from lepers and abandoned babies—to leaders of nations and the Popes of her time.

We have been blessed to hear her give speeches that range from accepting the Nobel Peace Prize to the National Prayers Breakfast in 1994. We have even been given the gift of reading some of her most intimate thoughts and struggles so that we may overcome times of darkness in our own spiritual life.

Today's readings challenge us to the true Christian discipleship of total commitment to the will of God, putting God first in our lives. Mother Teresa was a true disciple of Jesus, and today's readings challenge us to be a true disciple of Jesus—by putting our total commitment to the Will of God—and putting God first in our lives and seeing Jesus in the poorest of the poor. This is what Mother (St.) Teresa did in her life.

There are some conditions which Jesus put forward to us. If you want to be my disciple, deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me.

1) We must renounce family relationships, giving priority to God. When Jesus said “hate your family,” He was talking about spiritual detachment, the ability to put God first, before other relationships and before self-interest. Without such detachment, one does not have

the ability truly to follow Jesus. We have to sacrifice our egos to give our lives for others.

2) Taking up one's cross means not only accepting gracefully from God our pains and suffering, but also accepting the pain involved in serving others, in sharing our blessings with them, and in controlling our evil

tendencies. Carrying one's cross becomes easier when we compare our light crosses with the heavier ones given to terminally-ill patients and to the exploited people living in subhuman conditions. The realization that Jesus carries with us the heavier part of our cross also makes our cross-bearing easier and more salvific.

3) “Follow Me” means to follow Jesus by obeying the word of God and adjusting one's life accordingly. The disciple should be ever ready to obey as Jesus directs him or her through His words in the Bible, and through the teaching authority He has instituted in the Church.

4) Jesus says, in order to become a good disciple, we have to surrender ourselves totally to Him. All that we are and all that we have, sharing our lives with others. Sometimes, giving is very difficult. As Mother Teresa says, “Give—give till it hurts, because that is what Jesus did. He gave His life for us totally and fully so that we have life eternal.”

REAL DISCIPLESHIP demands true commitment to the duties entrusted to us by life, circumstances, the community, or directed by God himself. Let us pray that by loving acts of selfless, humble and sacrificial lives offered to all around us we become true disciples of Jesus.

September—The Month of the Sorrows of Mary

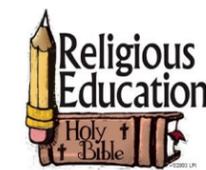


September Is Dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows

Our Lady of Sorrows is often shown with seven swords piercing her heart, each symbolizing a deep sorrow she bore for her Son. This imagery represents her strong compassion and reminds the faithful that suffering can lead to greater spiritual growth and unity with Christ's sacrifice.

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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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St. Joseph's 75th Jubilee



Next Sunday is our Jubilee Celebration on September 14th. There will be a bilingual Mass at 11 a.m., followed by a **Dedication and Reception Lunch at 12:30 p.m.** We hope everyone can join us for this joyful occasion!

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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- ⇒ **Feast of St. Teresa of Calcutta (Sept. 5):** Honors the anniversary of her passing in 1997.
- ⇒ **Feast of the Nativity of Mary (Sept. 8):** Celebrates the birth of the Virgin Mary, mother of Jesus.
- ⇒ **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Sept. 14):** Honors the cross on which Jesus was crucified.
- ⇒ **Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows (Sept. 15):** Commemorates Mary's suffering and grief during Jesus' Passion.
- ⇒ **Feast of St. Matthew (Sept. 21):** Recognizes the apostle and evangelist who authored the Gospel of Matthew.
- ⇒ **Feast of St. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael (Sept. 29):** Celebrates the archangels and their roles in salvation history.

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World Wide MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

“In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.” In your marriage, find refuge in the Lord. Attend the upcoming World-wide Marriage Encounter Experience from **December 12th–14th** in Beaverton. To apply for your WWME Experience or search for other dates, visit rediscoverthepark.org. For more information about WWME, call (503) 704-0836 or send an email to: reservations@rediscoverthepark.org.

