

Fr. Joseph's Corner "St. Francis de Sales"

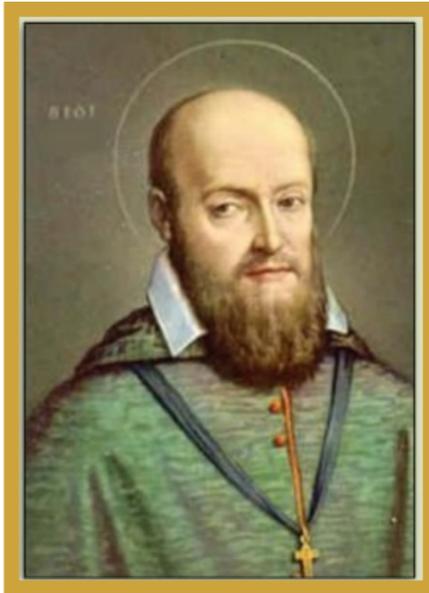
The Cathedral in Baker City, Oregon, is dedicated to St. Francis de Sales, who was born in the Savoy region of France in 1567, and was ordained a priest in 1593.

Francis was sent to preach in a Protestant area near his birthplace, trying to persuade his listeners, mostly Calvinists, to convert to Roman Catholicism. Because he was seen as persuasive, he was appointed in 1602 to be Bishop of Geneva, a Calvinist stronghold.

In 1604, he met a widow, Jane Frances de Chantal (1572–1641), and under his influence, she founded a religious order of nuns called the Order of the Visitation. Their correspondence is an outstanding example of mutual Christian encouragement and support.

Francis died in Lyons on December 29, 1622. Some quotes from his book, *Introduction to the Devout Life*, include:

- ◆ Nothing makes us so prosperous in this world as giving alms.
- ◆ It is to those who need us the most that we should especially show our love.



- ◆ Let us run to Mary and, as little children, cast ourselves into her arms with complete confidence.
- ◆ Salvation is revealed through faith, prepared for hope, but granted only through charity.
- ◆ We must fear God out of love, not love Him out of fear.
- ◆ We are not drawn to God by iron chains but by sweet attractions and holy inspirations.

- ◆ Man is the perfection of the universe. The spirit is the perfection of man. Love is the perfection of the spirit, and charity the perfection of love. Therefore, the love of God is the ultimate goal, the perfection of the universe.
- ◆ The highest level of meekness involves seeing, serving, honoring, and treating kindly, on occasion, those who are not to our liking and who show themselves unfriendly, ungrateful, or troublesome.
- ◆ The true and solid devotion consists in the constant will, resolve, promptness, and activeness to execute what is pleasing to God.

—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 ◆ Kerry Loving

St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754
October 12, 2025 † 28th 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.

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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	10/13/2025
Tuesday	10/14/2025
Wednesday	10/15/2025
Thursday	10/16/2025
Friday	10/17/2025
Saturday	10/18/2025
Sunday	10/19/2025
Sunday	10/20/2025

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Juvenal Robles (D)
St. Joseph Parishioners (L)

(L) = Living ◆ (D) = Deceased

Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32
Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41
Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46
Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54
Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7
Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8
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Today's Homily—28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

The story is told of a farmer who went into town for a quick breakfast. As his meal was served, he bowed his head and silently prayed. The man at the next table mocked him, saying, "Hey, does everybody do that where you come from?" "No," replied the farmer, "The pigs don't."

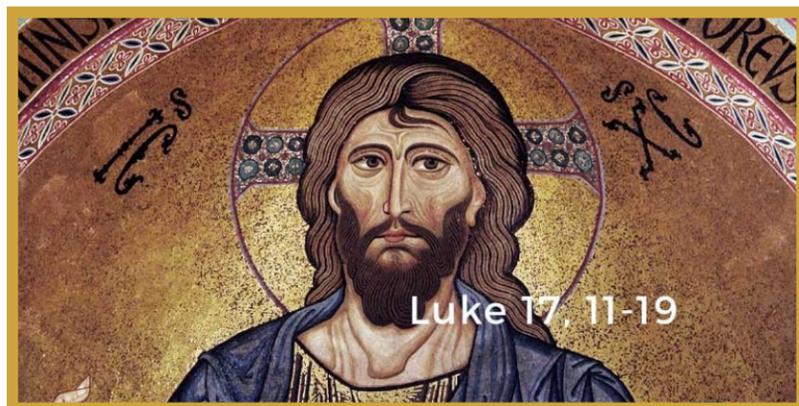
THE MAIN THEME of today's readings is gratitude—especially the kind of gratitude God expects from us.

Today's Gospel shows us a God who desires gratitude for the many blessings we receive and who feels hurt when we are ungrateful.

The Gospel story features a single non-Jewish leper (a "Samaritan heretic"), who returned to thank Jesus for healing him, while the nine Jewish lepers went their own way. Perhaps, thinking healing was their right as God's chosen people, they hurried off to get health certificates from the priests. "Where are the other nine?" Jesus asked the crowd.

Today's readings also teach us that faith and healing go together. It was faith that inspired Naaman to wash in the Jordan River, and it was faith in Jesus that led the lepers to first come to Jesus and then to the priests. The readings also highlight God's universal love for all people, including the Samaritans (whom the Israelites despised) and the pagans, like Naaman, who represented Israel's enemies.

We must learn to be thankful to God and others. We can show gratitude to our loving and providing God by saying Grace before meals and taking a few moments for family prayer. Let us also show our thanks to God by forgiving others



and by spreading His love, mercy, and compassion to those around us, including our families and friends. Living in a way that honors our parents, especially by caring for our aging and sick parents, expresses our appreciation for their sacrifices in raising us.

We should celebrate the Holy Eucharist as the highest act of gratitude: The Greek word "Eucharist" means a deeply religious and spiritual form of thanksgiving.

When we gather for Holy Mass, we thank God for giving us His Son in the Eucharist, so we can share in His divine life and renew our spiritual strength. We also thank Him for His teachings, guidance, and the Holy Spirit that gives us strength. We show our appreciation to God as a community by sharing our time, talents, and material blessings through various parish ministries and outreach efforts.

We must understand that we all need healing from our "spiritual leprosy." Jesus, our Savior, wants to heal us from sin. Since He is willing to reach out and touch our deepest impurities, we shouldn't hide them.

Just as the lepers cried out to Jesus for healing, we should also ask Him to heal us from the spiritual leprosy of sin, including impurity, injustice, hatred, and prejudice.

October—The Month of the Holy Rosary

Schedule Change

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 and Saturday confessions during this time.

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Coats for Kids



Thanks to your donations, we are able once again to provide 100 coats to children in our parish community. Coats will be distributed to our parishioners on Saturday, October 18th, from 9 a.m. to Noon in Classroom #4.

This marks our third year supporting Coats for Kids in our parish and community.

Your parish Knights of Columbus council sincerely appreciates your support for this vital charity, which benefits our youth..

—Thank you. Vivat Jesus!

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¡Deliciosos Tamales!

The Hispanic Ministry is hosting a Tamale Sale on Sunday, October 19th, as a fundraiser for our parish. Place your order by Friday, October 17th!

*****ORDERS ARE BEING ACCEPTED***
NOW THROUGH OCT 17TH.**

The price is \$30 for a dozen tamales. You can choose from pork with red sauce, chicken with green sauce, or a combination of both. Orders can be placed at the Parish Office or by calling/texting Alejandra at (541) 417-2590 or Yuri at (509) 910-6798.

Tamales can be picked up after the 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. Masses on the 19th. Don't miss out on these delicious tamales!

Christmas Bazaar

The Annual Christmas Bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, November 8th. We are seeking donations of handmade crafts and homemade treats.

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Raffles

A Nativity was donated for a raffle to raise money for books during the Advent season. The set is a Lenox "The Nativity," a bisque, bone China set from the 1980s. It will be displayed in the Parish Hall until the drawing takes place at the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 8th. Tickets are \$4—or 3 for \$10.

The Hispanic Ministry is also holding a raffle for a 7-quart Crockpot. Raffle tickets cost \$10.



In addition, there is a chance to win a 50-inch VIZIO Smart TV. Tickets are \$20 each.



The drawing for both the TV and the Crockpot will take place on November 23rd. You can buy tickets for all raffle items at the Parish Office.