

Fr. Joseph's Corner "St. Dominic Savio"

As young children, we always looked up to St. Dominic Savio as our role model, perhaps because we were boys and needed a holy youth to inspire us to always behave at our best.

Before St. Jacinta and St. Francisco Marto (the Fatima children) were recently canonized, Savio was the youngest saint (not martyred) to be venerated by the Church.

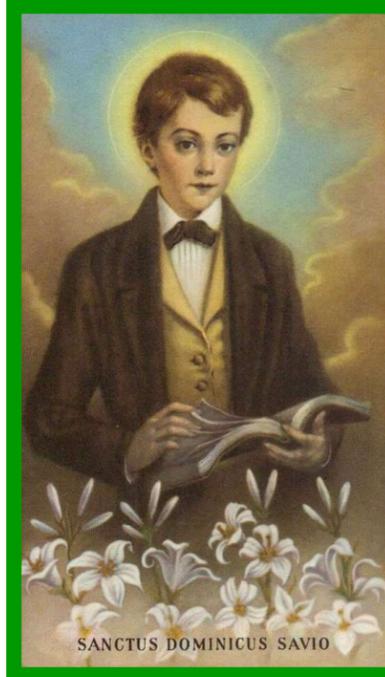
Born on April 2, 1842, in Piedmont, Italy, he was a very devout young boy who aspired to become a priest. He received his First

Holy Communion at age 7—at a time when children typically received communion at age 12.

However, his parish priest noticed his deep devotion to the Eucharist and made an exception for Dominic. He then caught the attention of St. John Bosco, the founder of the Salesian Order, who took him under his wing.

Unfortunately, he fell gravely ill, requested confession, communion, and the final anointing. He peacefully passed away on March 9, 1857, at age 14.

Shortly after Dominic's death, John Bosco wrote his biography, *The Life of Dominic Savio*,



which helped promote his canonization. The original Italian edition was considered so well written by Don Bosco that, along with his *History of Italy* and *Ecclesiastical History*, it was used in many public schools as part of the curriculum on the Italian language.

St. Dominic Savio was canonized by Pope Pius XII on June 12, 1954. Many schools were named in his honor, including those in Austin, Texas, and Niagara Falls, New York, as well as five schools in Canada, some in India, the Philippines, and Australia, along with the growing Savio College in Dingli, Malta.

St. Dominic Savio is known for his inspiring quotes, such as:

- ◆ "I am not capable of doing big things, but I want to do everything, even the smallest things, for the greater glory of God."
- ◆ "I will go to confession and communion as often as my confessor will allow."
- ◆ "I will sanctify Sundays and holy days in a special way."
- ◆ "Death, but not sin," reflecting his commitment to living a virtuous life.

—*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
October 5, 2025 † 27th 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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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	10/06/2025			Jon 1:1-2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday	10/07/2025			Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday	10/08/2025			Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday	10/09/2025			Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13
Friday	10/10/2025			Jl 1:13-15, 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday	10/11/2025	5:00 p.m.	Frank Larson (D)	2 Kgs 5:14-17; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19
Sunday	10/12/2025	9:00 a.m.	Amber Davis (L)	2 Kgs 5:14-17; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19
Sunday	10/12/2025	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Parishioners (L)	2 Kgs 5:14-17; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

(L) = Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

Today's Homily

TODAY'S READINGS remind us that faith is not about size but about sincerity. They encourage us to be patient in difficult times, to trust in God's promises, and to use the gifts He has given us to serve others.

The first reading comes from the book of Habakkuk. The prophet looks around and sees violence and injustice. He wonders why God is not doing anything. He cries out, asking how long this will continue. This is a question many people ask when they see suffering and unfairness in the world.

God responds to Habakkuk with a message of hope. He tells him to write down a vision—a promise that justice will come. It may take time, but it will surely happen. This reminds us that God's timing is different from ours. When we feel discouraged or impatient, we must hold onto our faith. Trusting in God means believing that He sees what is happening and will act at the right time.

Faith is not just about believing when things are going well. It is about trusting even when we don't understand. The reading teaches us to be patient and to continue doing what is right, even when change seems slow. In the end, God's justice will come, and those who remain faithful will not be disappointed.

The second reading comes from Paul's letter to Timothy. Paul encourages Timothy to use the gifts God has given him. He reminds him not to be afraid but to be bold in faith. This message is also for us.

God gives each person different gifts. Some are called to teach, some to help, some to lead, and some to encourage others. These gifts are meant to be used, not kept hidden. Sometimes



Luke 17,5-10

fear or doubt holds us back. We might feel unworthy or unsure of what we can do. But Paul reminds us that God gives us strength. He does not want us to be afraid. Living our faith means using what we have to serve others.

Whether big or small, every gift matters. When we step forward in faith, we share God's love with the world. The Holy Spirit is always with us, guiding and strengthening us. Like Timothy, we are called to be faithful and to trust that God will help us do what we are meant to do.

In today's Gospel, the apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith. Jesus tells them that even faith as small as a mustard seed can move a tree. This shows that faith is not about size but trust. A little real faith can do great things.

Many people think they need to have strong, perfect faith to make a difference. But Jesus teaches that even a small, sincere faith is enough. What matters is not how much faith we have but how we use it. If we trust God and act on our faith, we will see changes in our lives and in the world around us.

Jesus also reminds His followers that they should serve without expecting rewards. Like a servant doing his duty, we are called to live our faith by loving and helping others. Faith is not just about believing—it is about doing. When we serve God and others with humility, we live out the faith Jesus talks about.

Faith is not passive; it requires action. The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C challenges us to keep believing even when things seem uncertain. It calls us to serve humbly, without seeking recognition. By living out our faith each day, we grow closer to God and become a light to those around us.

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 during this time.

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Coats for Kids



At our Knights Breakfast this **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!**

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Adoration

Adoration will take place on **Tuesday, October 7th, at 6 p.m.**

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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), and teens and children are free. Bring the whole family!

Lunch will be provided, childcare is available at no charge, and live interpretation in Spanish will be available.

For more information and/or to register, contact Bryce at the Diocese Office or visit the website at: dioceseofbaker.org/pro-life.

Idaho Catholic Marriage Conference

The Diocese of Boise's Marriage and Family Life Office is excited to present its first Idaho Catholic Marriage Conference honoring the Sacrament of Marriage. Renowned keynote speakers include **Dr. Scott and Kimberly Hahn** as well as **Christopher and Wendy West**. Local speakers feature **Bishop Peter Christensen, Fr. John Mosier, and Johnny and Lorissa Horn.**

This year, we will also celebrate Milestone Anniversary couples during Mass at the Conference. Don't miss it!

Come and be inspired to live out your vows in our world today on **Saturday, October 18th, 9 a.m., at the Boise Center.** To register visit: dioceseofboise.org.

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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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Nativity Raffle

A Lenox Nativity set was donated for a Raffle to raise money for books during the Advent season. This is a bisque, bone China set from the 1980s. It includes the Holy Family, the Three Kings, the Shepherds of Bethlehem, the Nativity Animals, and the Angels in Adoration.

The set will be displayed in the Parish Hall until the drawing takes place at the Christmas Bazaar.

We will begin selling raffle tickets at the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast, and they will also be available at the Parish Office. Tickets are \$4 each or 3 for \$10.

