

Fr. Joseph's Corner "St. Charles Borromeo"

St. Charles was the son of Count Gilbert Borromeo and Margaret Medici, who was the sister of Pope Pius IV. He was born at the family castle of Arona on Lake Maggiore, Italy, on October 2, 1538.

He received the clerical tonsure at 12 and was sent to a Benedictine abbey at Arona for his education.

In 1559, his uncle was elected Pope Pius IV, and the following year, he was named as his Secretary of State and was created a Cardinal and an Administrator of the see of Milan.

St. Charles served as Pope Pius' legate on numerous diplomatic missions and, in 1562, he was instrumental in reconvening the Council of Trent, which had been suspended in 1552.

He was ordained a priest in 1563 and was consecrated as Bishop of Milan that same year.

Before taking possession of his see, he oversaw the creation of the catechism, missal, and breviary called for by the Council of Trent.

When he finally arrived at Trent in 1556—a city that had been without a resident bishop for 80 years—he instituted radical reforms, despite significant opposition, with such success that it became a model diocese.

St. Charles implemented new measures to improve the morals and manners of both the clergy



and the laity. He enhanced the effectiveness of the diocese, established seminaries for clergy education, founded a Confraternity of Christian Doctrine for the religious instruction of children, and he encouraged the Jesuits to be more visible and active.

He also expanded systems to aid the poor and needy, and during his bishopric he held eleven diocesan synods and six provincial councils.

In 1578, he founded a society of secular priests, the Oblates of St. Ambrose (now the Oblates of St. Charles), and was active in preaching, resisting Protestantism, and bringing back lapsed Catholics to the Church.

St. Charles faced opposition from many sources in his efforts to reform people and institutions.

He died in Milan on the night of November 3–4, 1584, and was canonized in 1610.

St. Charles was one of the leading figures of the Catholic Reformation, a patron of learning, and of the arts.

Although he attained a position of great power, he used it with humility, personal holiness, and selflessness to reform the Church and address the evils and abuses prevalent among the clergy and nobles of the time.

—*Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph*

St. Joseph Catholic Church 150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754 November 23, 2025 † Solemnity of Christ—the King of the Universe Sunday

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	11/24/2025	8:00 am	Tom & Nancy MacDonald (A)	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday	11/25/2025	8:00 am	Paige Wood (L)	Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday	11/26/2025	12:00 pm	Howard Tocher Family (L)	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday	11/27/2025	8:00 am	St Joseph Parishioners (L)	Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28
Friday	11/28/2025	12:00 pm	Lila Gerke (D)	Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday	11/29/2025	5:00 pm	Vince Jollo (D)	Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44
Sunday	11/30/2025	9:00 am	Clark Hay (D)	Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44
Sunday	11/30/2025	12:00 pm	St Joseph Parishioners (L)	Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

(L) = Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

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

Today's Homily

CHRIST THE KING— THE REIGN OF LOVE AND MERCY

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
Today, we come to the final Sunday of the liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. It is a beautiful moment to pause and reflect on who truly rules our hearts and what kind of King Jesus is.

When we hear the word “king,” we often think of power, crowns, thrones, and armies. Yet, when we look at Jesus, our King, we see none of these worldly signs of power. Instead, we see Him on the Cross, wearing not a golden crown but a crown of thorns; not seated on a throne, but nailed to a tree; not surrounded by servants, but by sinners.

And yet—this is the moment when He reveals His true kingship.

A KING WHO REIGNS FROM THE CROSS

In today's Gospel from Luke 23, Jesus is hanging on the Cross between two criminals. The rulers mock Him, the soldiers taunt Him, and one of the criminals even joins in the insults. “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” they cry. But Jesus does not respond with anger or revenge. Instead, He shows us what divine kingship truly means—mercy, forgiveness, and love without limits.

One of the criminals, whom tradition calls the “Good Thief,” recognizes Jesus' innocence and turns to Him with a humble plea: “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

And Jesus replies with royal authority and tender mercy: “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

This moment captures the very heart of Christ's kingship—a kingship of compassion. His power is not about domination but about transforming hearts and offering salvation.

A KINGDOM NOT OF THIS WORLD

The world often measures greatness by wealth, influence, and success, but the Kingdom of Christ is entirely different.

As St. Paul reminds us in the second reading from Colossians, Christ's reign is over all creation—visible and invisible—for “in Him all things hold together.” His authority is not one of fear, but of love.



In His kingdom, the greatest are those who serve. The blessed are the humble, the merciful, and the pure of heart. To follow Christ the King, therefore, is to live differently—to choose love instead of hate, forgiveness instead of resentment, and faith instead of fear. Every time we reach out to the poor, comfort the suffering, forgive an enemy, or act with honesty and compassion, we make the kingdom of Christ more visible in our world.

OUR INVITATION TO BELONG TO HIS KINGDOM

As this liturgical year draws to a close, the Church invites us to renew our loyalty to Jesus—not by mere words, but by the way we live.

We belong to His kingdom when we put Him first in our decisions, when we let His truth guide our actions, and when we allow His mercy to shape our relationships.

Let us ask ourselves: Who or what rules my heart? Do I allow Christ to be King of my family, my work, my thoughts, and my choices?

If not, this feast is a gentle call to return to Him—the King who never forces but always invites.

CHRIST'S KINGDOM IS ETERNAL

Earthly kingdoms rise and fall. Human power fades. But Christ's Kingdom endures forever—a Kingdom of peace, justice, and love.

And we are not merely subjects in this Kingdom; through baptism, we are made children of God and heirs with Christ.

He reigns from the Cross, and from there He draws all people to Himself.

Dear friends, as we celebrate Christ the King, let us look once more at the Crucifix—our true royal image.

There, we see a King who forgives His enemies, loves the unworthy, and welcomes sinners into paradise.

Let us make Him the King of our lives, our homes, and our parish community.

May His Kingdom come—not through force or fear—but through the quiet power of love, mercy, and faithfulness.

*Jesus, remember me
when You come into your Kingdom.*

November—The Month of the Souls in Purgatory



Thanksgiving

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal, our faith and religious heritage. Our food and shelter, our health, the love we have for one another, our family and friends.

Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessings throughout the coming year.

This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.

Christmas Bazaar

Thank you to everyone who donated crafts, goodies, and their time to make this fundraising event successful. We raised over \$4,300.

ST. THOMAS ACADEMY IS HOSTING AN IGNATIUS BOOK FAIR JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!

**DECEMBER 3RD-7TH
9AM-4PM W/TH/F AND AFTER ALL MASSES SAT/SUN
IN THE STA GYMNASIUM**

ORDER IN THE MOUNTAIN BOOK FAIR OR

IGNATIUS BOOK FAIRS

Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, December 8th, is the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **Mass will be at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.**

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Advent Penance Service

Our Advent Penance Service is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 17th, at 6 p.m.** All students who have received Communion are expected to attend with their parents.

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Legacy of Faith Foundation

Bishop Hennen

would like to reintroduce

The Legacy of Faith Catholic Community Foundation of Oregon

as it serves you in supporting

our Catholic Mission at

LegacyofFaithCCF.org

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Retrouvaille

NOT WILLING TO GIVE UP ON YOUR MARRIAGE? THERE IS HOPE!

Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling couples restore and strengthen their marriage. It helps a husband and wife reconnect by rekindling the love, trust, and commitment that first brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting or even broken marriages and facilitating reconciliation for couples who have already separated or divorced.

Retrouvaille is a peer ministry made up of volunteer couples who can teach you the tools for healthy communication, building intimacy, and healing—just as they have done in their own marriages. Join Oregon Retrouvaille as we host a weekend for couples struggling in their marriage, led by couples who have been through it themselves.

The event takes place from **January 30–February 1, 2026**, in Canby, Oregon.

For confidential information or to register for the program call 1 (503) 225-9191 or email to: StevenAndSuzanne@