

Fr. Joseph's Corner "St. Paul VI, Pope"

Paul VI was the 262nd man to serve as the leader of the Catholic Church and the sixth man to take the papal name of Paul. Born Giovanni Battista Enrico Antonio Maria Montini in 1897, he became pope in 1963.

His pontificate, which lasted until his death in 1978, was marked by efforts to implement the Second Vatican Council's reforms, groundbreaking travels as the first "Pilgrim Pope," and diplomatic initiatives to promote peace during the Cold War.

Paul VI's legacy includes his encyclicals on social issues, his reform of the Roman Curia, and his navigation of the complex cultural and societal shifts of the 1960s and 1970s.

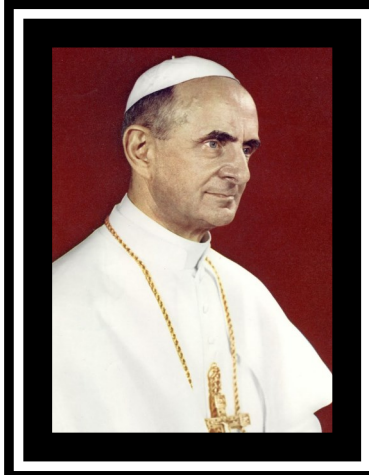
The year 1916 would see Giovanni enter the seminary and, eventually, receive his ordination on May 29th, 1920; 1920 would also be the year he completed his higher education, earning a doctorate in Canon Law. Due to his strong focus on education, he was never appointed to a parish priesthood.

In 1954, Giovanni succeeded Alfredo Ildefonso Schuster as Archbishop of Milan. After settling into his new residence in January of the following year, Giovanni went to great lengths to preach universal love and to oversee the construction of more than 100 new churches. He also used his position to advance reforms at the local level, expanding the delivery of sermons beyond churches and into all manner of public areas.

In 1957, Giovanni clarified the role of the apostles by stating that they would show love to all, especially those in need.

On December 15, 1958, Giovanni was appointed Cardinal -Priest of Ss. Silvestro e Martino ai Monti. This new position led to extensive diplomatic travel.

Upon becoming pope, Paul VI did away with most of the regal trappings of his new position. He established the Synod



of Bishops in September 1965, a permanent institution intended to serve as an advisory board to the Pope.

Paul VI sought to reform the Roman Curia, an organization he had dedicated a significant portion of his life to, so that it would have greater non-Italian representation, feature less bureaucracy, and optimize congregations.

He established retirement ages for bishops and cardinals; bishops should retire upon turning 75 years of age, while cardinals should retire upon turning 80. These reforms helped bring new blood to these vaulted positions.

He created a Secretariat for non-Christians, called the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue. This organization sought to help Christians in Communist regions.

Pope Paul VI's path to sainthood began with the approval of his first miracle in December 2013. This miracle, involving the healing of an unborn child in California in the 1990s, paved the way for his beatification. The process continued in 2014, shortly after Paul VI's beatification, when a second miracle was reported. This miracle centered on the healing of an unborn girl named Amanda in Verona, Italy. Amanda's parents prayed for Pope Paul VI's intercession in October 2014, and their prayers were answered with her miraculous recovery.

The approval process for this second miracle was thorough and multi-staged. Medical experts first approved the miracle on October 26, 2017. This was followed by theologians' approval on December 13, 2017. The final step came on February 6, 2018, when cardinals and bishops unanimously approved the miracle. Pope Francis then confirmed the miracle on March 6, 2018, clearing the way for Paul VI's canonization.

Initially, Pope Paul VI's feast day was set for September 26th, which was his birthday. However, in 2019, it was changed to May 29th, the anniversary of his ordination as a priest..

—*Prayerful Wishes, Fr. Joseph*

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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May 24, 2026 † Pentecost 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 fellowship 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 GENACLE 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	05/25/2026	8:00 am	Florence Mason (D)	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday	05/26/2026	8:00 am	Nancy MacDonald (L)	1 Pt 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday	05/27/2026	12:00 pm	Sally Pentkowski (D)	1 Pt 1:18-25; Mk 10:32-45
Thursday	05/28/2026	8:00 am	Nancy Redfern (L)	1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Mk 10:46-52
Friday	05/29/2026	12:00 pm	Victoria Maska (L)	1 Pt 4:7-13; Mk 11:11-26
Saturday	05/30/2026	5:00 pm	Chelsea & Aaron Kurtz (A)	Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18
Sunday	05/31/2026	9:00 am	St Joseph Parishioners (L)	Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18
Sunday	05/31/2026	12:00 pm	Martina Ortiz-Robles (D)	Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

(L) = Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE ON OUR PRAYER LIST:

David Leonard ♦ Steve Forrester ♦ Carl Johnson ♦ Dolores Koivisto ♦ Anita Marquez ♦ Ben Guyger
Georgia Fitzgerald ♦ Chuck Renwick ♦ John Huthmacher ♦ Ed McNamara ♦ Brittany
Duncan Osgood ♦ Julie Bither ♦ Mary Bither ♦ Lyn Rodgers ♦ Fred Vandehey ♦ Ralph Lee
Mary Lee ♦ Peggy Holtz ♦ Michael Kuenzi ♦ Mary Ellen Marquez ♦ Barbara Hopla
Gilbert Marquez ♦ Sam LeFevre and the LeFevre family ♦ Joanie Holland ♦ Tara Lamb
Julian Gomez ♦ Vanessa Ortega ♦ Mary Ellen Schiedler ♦ Carolyn Ausborn

Today's Homily

TODAY WE CELEBRATE the great feast of Pentecost—the day the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles like a mighty wind and tongues of fire.

It is often called the “birthday of the Church” because on this day, frightened disciples became courageous witnesses of Christ.

Before Pentecost, the apostles were afraid. They had locked themselves in a room, uncertain about the future. Even though they had seen the risen Jesus, fear still controlled their hearts. But everything changed when the Holy Spirit came upon them.

Suddenly, fear turned into courage. Confusion turned into clarity. Weakness turned into strength.

Peter, who once denied Jesus three times, now stood before thousands and boldly proclaimed the Gospel. What caused such a transformation?

It was not human power. It was the power of the Holy Spirit.

The same Holy Spirit given to the apostles is given to us today.

In our own lives, we also experience fear, discouragement, doubt, and weakness. Sometimes we feel spiritually tired. Sometimes we struggle with family problems, illness, loneliness, or uncertainty about the future. Pentecost reminds us that we are not alone. God has placed His Spirit within us.

The Holy Spirit is not just an idea or symbol. The Holy Spirit is God living and acting in us. The Spirit guides us when we are confused. The Spirit strengthens us when we are weak. The Spirit comforts us when we suffer. And the Spirit challenges us to live as true disciples.

In today's Gospel, Jesus says, “Peace be with you.” Then He breathes on the disciples and gives them the Holy Spirit. Notice that the first gift of the Spirit is peace. The world offers temporary peace, but the peace of Christ is deeper—peace in the middle of struggles—peace even during suffering.



Another important sign of Pentecost is unity. People from many nations heard the apostles speaking in their own languages. The Holy Spirit did not erase their differences, but united them in faith. The Spirit brings people together.

Today our world is deeply divided—divisions in families, politics, communities, and even in the Church. The Holy Spirit calls us to become instruments of unity, forgiveness, and understanding.

Pentecost also reminds us that every Christian has a mission. The apostles did not keep the Spirit for themselves. They went out and shared the Good News.

We, too, are sent out. Maybe we are not called to preach to thousands like Peter, but we are called to witness to Christ in daily life: through kindness, through honesty, through forgiveness, through helping someone in need, through living our faith with joy.

Sometimes the strongest sermon is not spoken from a pulpit but lived through a loving and faithful life.

Today, let us ask ourselves: Am I open to the Holy Spirit? Do I allow the Spirit to guide my decisions? Do I use my gifts to serve others? Do people see Christ in me?

The Holy Spirit gives each of us gifts—wisdom, understanding, courage, compassion, generosity, patience, and faith. These gifts are not meant only for ourselves; they are meant to build up the Church and serve others.

As we celebrate Pentecost, let us pray: “Come, Holy Spirit. Fill our hearts with Your fire. Drive away our fear. Renew our faith. Make us courageous witnesses of Jesus.”

May this Pentecost renew our parish, our families, and each one of us.

AMEN.

May—The Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Message from Father Joseph

I want to thank everyone for the kindness you have shown me. Your thoughtful cards, notes, and gifts mean so much to me, and I am truly grateful for your love and prayers. Please know that I will keep each of you in my prayers as well.

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Office Closure

The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, May 25th**, in observance of Memorial Day.

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Schedule Change

Father Joseph will be on vacation from **Tuesday, June 2nd, through Tuesday, July 7th**. During that time, there will be no weekday Masses.

Father Joe Reeves will cover all weekend Masses.

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First Friday

On **Friday, June 5th**, we will hold our **First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with Adoration at 11 a.m.**

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Book Club

The next book club pick is ***The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni**. Our meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 9th, at 6 p.m., in Room #4 of the Parish Hall**. Everyone is welcome to read the book and join us for an insightful discussion.

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Quo Vadis

Where are you going? ¿A dónde vas? **June 23–June 26:** Quo Vadis Days Camp is for men in 8th–12th grade* who are open to exploring whether God is calling them to a religious or priestly vocation. *Men ages 18–20 are welcome to attend as non-chaperoning adults. Quo Vadis Days Camp is a great time away from the noise of the world, in the peacefulness of rural Crook County, to grow in faith, experience a routine of prayer, hang out with cool priests, have fun, and meet new friends.

Quo Vadis will be held at the Cascade View Retreat Center in Powell Butte. Scholarships are available to all who would like to attend this camp.

Beloved: Camp for Young Women

July 20th–July 23rd: Our new camp for all young women in 7th–12th grade. This camp will be at the Cascade View Retreat Center in Powell Butte. (Young women, ages 18–20, are welcome as non-chaperoning adults.)

We are seeking 5 to 10 women, 21+, to serve as mentoring chaperones. We are also seeking nurses or EMTs to serve as camp nurses. Scholarships are available to all who would like to attend this camp.

Please visit dioceseofbaker.org to register.

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Retrouvaille

You Can Help Your Marriage! Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue . . . or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille helps couples through the most difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples just like you who are experiencing marital difficulties. IF YOU FEEL LIKE YOUR WORLD IS FALLING APART . . . We did, too!

Join Oregon Retrouvaille for a working weekend for couples struggling in their marriages—hosted by couples who have been there.

Come from Friday, August 21st, to Sunday, August 23rd, in Canby, Oregon.

For confidential information and/or to register for the program, call (800) 470-2230 or (503) 225-9191. Or send an email to oregon@helpourmarriage.org, or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

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USCCB Regional Workshop

You are invited to join **Dominic Lombardi and Dr. Maria Parker** of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) on **Saturday, September 19th, at Our Lady of the Angels in Hermiston** for a Bilingual **Listen, Teach, Send Regional Workshop**. Sessions will be available in both Spanish and English. We look forward to seeing you for a beautiful day of prayer, reflection, and collaboration rooted in Christ with family, youth, and young adult ministry leaders from around the diocese and across Region 12.

Please visit the dioceseofbaker.org for more information about the event, lodging options, and to register.