

## Fr. Joseph's Corner "St. Barnabas"

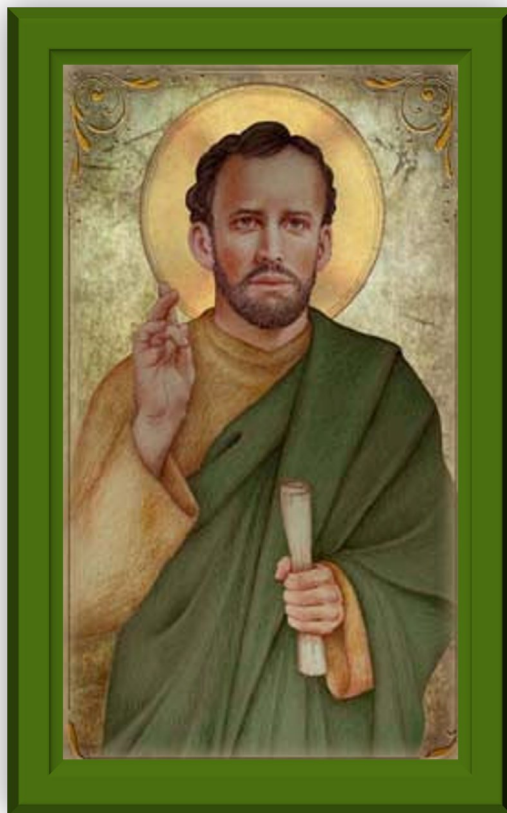
All we know of Barnabas is found in the New Testament.

A Jew born in Cyprus, he was named Joseph, sold his property, gave the proceeds to the Apostles—who gave him the name Barnabas—and lived in common with the earliest converts to Christianity in Jerusalem.

He persuaded the community to accept Paul as a disciple, was sent to Antioch, Syria, to look into the community there, and brought Paul from Tarsus. With Paul, he brought Antioch's donation to the Jerusalem community during a famine and returned to Antioch with John Mark, his cousin.

The three went on a missionary journey to Cyprus, Perga (where John Mark went to Jerusalem), and Antioch in Pisidia, where they were violently opposed by the Jews, so they decided to preach to the pagans. Then they went on to Iconium and Lystra in Lycaonia, where they were first acclaimed as gods and then stoned out of the city, and then returned to Antioch in Syria.

When a dispute arose over the observance of the Jewish rites, Paul and Barnabas went to Jerusalem, where, at a council, it was decided that pagans did



not have to be circumcised to be baptized.

On their return to Antioch, Barnabas wanted to take John Mark on another visit to the cities where they had preached, but Paul objected because of John Mark's desertion of them in Perga.

Paul and Barnabas parted ways, and Barnabas returned to Cyprus with Mark. Nothing further is heard of him, although it is believed that his rift with Paul was ultimately healed.

Tradition has Barnabas preaching in Alexandria and Rome, founding the Cypriote Church, serving as Bishop of Milan (which he was not), and being stoned to death at Salamis around the year 61.

The apocryphal Epistle of Barnabas was long attributed to him, but modern scholarship now attributes it to a Christian in Alexandria between 70 and 100; the Gospel of Barnabas is probably by an Italian Christian who became a Mohammedan; and the Acts of Barnabas, once attributed to John Mark, are now known to have been written in the 5th Century.

His feast day is June 11th. He is the Patron Saint of Cyprus and Antioch. He is invoked against hailstorms, and he is also known as a peacemaker.

—*Prayerful Wishes, Fr. Joseph*

### 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 ♦ Barbara Hopla ♦ Sam LeFevre and the LeFevre family ♦ Joanie Holland  
Tara Lamb ♦ Mary Ellen Schiedler ♦ Carolyn Ausborn ♦ Kerry Loving ♦ Robert Marquez ♦ Perla Marquez

## St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754  
June 14, 2026 † 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time & Flag Day

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.

Pastor ♦ Very Rev. Fr. Joseph Kunnelaya T.

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Parish Office Telephone: (541) 447-6475

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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	06/15/2026	No Mass	1 Kgs 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday	06/16/2026	No Mass	1 Kgs 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday	06/17/2026	No Mass	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	06/18/2026	No Mass	Sir 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15
Friday	06/19/2026	No Mass	2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Mt 6:19-23
Saturday	06/20/2026	5:00 p.m.	Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33
Sunday	06/21/2026	9:00 a.m.	Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33
Sunday	06/21/2026	12:00 p.m.	Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

(L) = Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

## Today's Homily

**THE FIRST READING** proclaims to Israel the “Good News” that the God of Mount Sinai loves and cares for His people. God demonstrated His continuing care for Israel by liberating them from slavery in Egypt and by offering them a relationship in which they would be God’s “special possession”—“a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.”



gives us the Holy Spirit—the One Who teaches us and reminds us of all that Jesus has said to us.

We are invited to become one with God and Jesus, and to let the Holy Spirit work through us.

We are asked to perform the works of Jesus and, through these works, to reveal the power and character of God to the world.

If we accept this invitation and live it out wholeheartedly, with God’s grace, people will look at us and say, “Jesus!”

### 2) Be Healers in the Modern World

People are sick in body as well as in mind. As Christians sharing Jesus’ mission, we can bring healing and wholeness to those we encounter.

Although we cannot raise the dead, we can help people recover interest and a zest for living. People can be physically alive but dead in many other respects.

“Cleansing the lepers” means rehabilitating, and fully reintegrating into our communities, all those who—for one reason or another—are marginalized, rejected, despised, or ostracized on the basis of race, nationality, marital status, financial condition, religion, gender, or sexual orientation.

We have to help cast out from our people the demons who possess them through addictions to alcohol, nicotine, drugs, pornography, sexual deviations, and the like, first by asking God and others (think Ten-Step Programs) for help to free ourselves from our own chains of evil addictions, and then by turning to helping others remove theirs in the same way.

AMEN.

**IN TODAY’S SECOND READING**, Paul reflects on how Jesus, in His life, death, and resurrection, made manifest God’s love and care for mankind. According to Paul, the greatest proof of God’s love and care for us is Jesus’ willingness to die on behalf of sinful mankind, thereby making possible a new and better relationship with God.

**TODAY’S GOSPEL** is, in effect, a reminder from God to each of us: “You have received grace and talents from Me without charge, and so you have to give without charge through your simple, responsible sharing lives.” This is indeed the core of the priestly vocation and of every Christian’s vocation through Baptism.

Up to this point in the story, Jesus himself was the focus of healing, teaching, and controversy. With the commissioning of His disciples, others began to assume some of the responsibility for the new movement that heralded the kingdom of God.

That new movement was destined to grow later, with increasing diversity, as it extended beyond the borders of Galilee into Gentile territory, becoming the Universal Christian Church.

### LIFE MESSAGES:

#### 1) Be Jesus-Presenters

Jesus remains active in our lives through the Bible and the Sacraments. The Lord God also

## June—The Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Father Joe Reeves on the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination!** We’re truly grateful to have you as part of our parish family.



### Schedule Change

**Father Joseph** is currently on vacation. During this time, there will be **NO WEEKDAY MASSES**. **Father Joe Reeves** will cover all weekend Masses.



### Volunteers Needed!

Are you looking for a fun way to spend your Thursday evenings? Our Knights of Columbus are seeking volunteers to help with **BINGO** every Thursday evening from **5 to 8:30 p.m.**

Please contact **Jim Friese** at (541) 991-2814 or the Parish Office..



### Kermes

We will host a Food Festival on **Sunday, July 26th**. We look forward to everyone coming together to make this fundraiser a success.

Stay tuned for more information about the first planning meeting. There will be many opportunities to get involved. It’s not too soon to start thinking about what food items you can make to sell.



### Religious Education

Sacramental certificates will be available in the Narthex after each weekend Mass and in the Parish Office from Monday through Thursday.



### Save the Date!

Join us on **Saturday, August 15th**, in the **Parish Hall** as we celebrate a special birthday for our cherished **Bob Leonard!**



# HAPPY FLAG DAY

## ★★★ JUNE 14TH ★★★



### Register Now for Diocesan Summer Camps

**QUO VADIS DISCERNMENT CAMP: June 23rd to June 26th**—9th–12th grade men (2026–27); 18–20 yrs welcome (18+ must be compliant with child safety policies)

**BELOVED CAMP: July 20th to July 23rd**—7th–12th grade women (2026–27); 16–20 yrs can apply as youth leaders (18+ must be compliant with child safety policies)

**SEEKING HELP FOR BOTH CAMPS: Adult Chaperones (21+); Nurses/EMTs; Musicians.** Please visit the diocese website at: [dioceseofbaker.org](http://dioceseofbaker.org) for more information or to register.

Scholarships are available to all who would like to attend a camp at the Powell Butte Retreat Center.



### 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. Go to [dioceseofbaker.org](http://dioceseofbaker.org) for more information.



### Rediscover Your Marriage

Retrouvaille simply means “rediscovery”. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Visit [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org) for testimonials and further information. To register for the **August 21st–23rd** program in Canby, OR, please call (800) 470-2230, or (503)225-9191, or email [oregon@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:oregon@helpourmarriage.org).