

Father Joseph's Corner

"The Sacred Heart of Jesus"

The Sacred Heart of Jesus is a profound and enduring symbol within the Catholic Church, representing the immense love and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. Devotion to the Sacred Heart is a special form of devotion to Jesus, focusing on His Heart, which exemplifies our Lord's redemptive suffering for the whole world.

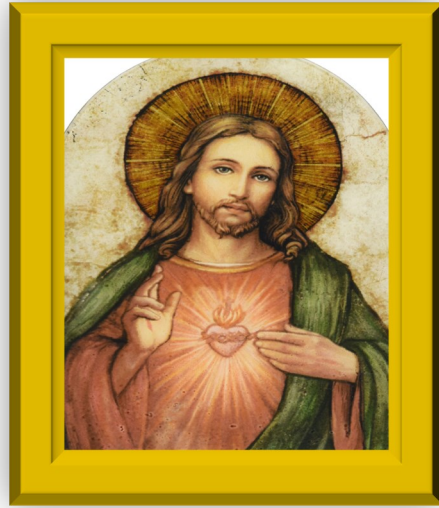
Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus began in the 11th and 12th centuries but gained prominence through our Lord's private revelations to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the 17th century. Between 1673 and 1675, St. Margaret Mary, a nun at the Visitation Convent in Paray-le-Monial, France, received several visions of Jesus.

In these visions, Christ revealed His Heart as a symbol of His boundless love for humanity and emphasized the need for people to return that love through devotion and prayer.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart includes practices that honor Jesus. One popular devotion is the 1st Friday Devotion, in which Catholics receive Holy Communion on the 1st Friday of nine consecutive months, as Jesus requested of St. Margaret Mary. This practice makes reparations for sins committed against the Heart of Christ and helps us grow closer to Him. Jesus promised St. Margaret Mary that He would grant 12 special and powerful graces to the devout soul who completes the nine 1st Fridays.

Twelve Promises of the Sacred Heart:

- 1) "I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life."
- 2) "I will establish peace in their families."
- 3) "I will comfort them in their trials."
- 4) "I will be their secure refuge during life, and, above all, in death."



- 5) "I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings."
- 6) "Sinners shall find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy."
- 7) "Lukewarm souls shall become fervent."
- 8) "Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection."
- 9) "I will bless every place where a picture of my Heart shall be set up and honored."
- 10) "I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts."
- 11) "Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in my Heart, never to be effaced."
- 12) "I promise you, in the excessive mercy of my Heart, that my all-powerful love will

grant, to all those who receive Holy Communion on the 1st Friday of nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; my Heart shall be their assured refuge at that last hour."

The image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is rich with symbolism. The exposed Heart, often depicted with a crown of thorns, represents Jesus' suffering and his immense love for humanity.

The flames emanating from the Heart signify the transformative and purifying power of his love, while the cross above the Heart is a reminder of his redemptive sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. The wound in the side of his Heart represents the wound inflicted on him by both the Roman soldier and by all human beings through their sins.

The entire month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Since Pope Pius IX established the feast for the universal Church in 1856, Catholics have honored the Sacred Heart throughout this month.

—Prayerful Wishes, Father 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
 Douglas Booster ♦ Emily Ruiz

St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754
 June 21, 2026 † 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time & Father's 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.
 Secretary ♦ Darlene Counts

Parish Office Hours ♦ Monday – Thursday ♦ 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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OCIA ♦ Jim Friese / OCIA (Spanish) ♦ Yurizet Villasana

Parish Bulletin Designer / Editor ♦ Tina Hill



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

Day	Date	Mass	Readings
Monday	06/22/2026	No Mass	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday	06/23/2026	No Mass	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday	06/24/2026	No Mass	Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
Thursday	06/25/2026	No Mass	2 Kgs 24:8-17; Mt 7:21-29
Friday	06/26/2026	No Mass	2 Kgs 25:1-12; Mt 8:1-4
Saturday	06/27/2026	5:00 p.m.	Frank Davis (D) 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42
Sunday	06/28/2026	9:00 a.m.	Douglas Booster (L) 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42
Sunday	06/28/2026	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Parishioners (L) 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

(L) = Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

Today's Homily

THE FIRST READING tells us how the prophet Jeremiah trusted in God's power even as he faced opposition for his prophetic ministry. He was intimidated by attacks on his character, yet he was unafraid to speak out in the name of the Lord.

The psalmist in today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 69) trusts in God even when misunderstood and ill-treated, even by his brothers and relatives.

In the second reading, Paul assures the Christians in Rome that they need not fear opposition, both because they share in the death of Jesus and because they are united with Christ, the new Adam, in His Resurrection.

Today's Gospel passage comes from the end of Jesus' instruction to his disciples as he sends them forth to carry on his mission of preaching and healing. He asks them to live simply and to expect opposition and rejection.

After foretelling future opposition and persecution, Jesus encourages His disciples to stand firm. Three times they are urged: "Do not fear!" "Do not be afraid!" Instead of shrinking from their task, they are to proclaim the Gospel boldly because they will be protected, as Jeremiah was assured of God's protection.

Hence, Jesus commands His disciples not to fear their persecutors. He presents the image of the sparrow to reinforce the disciples' trust and hope in God.

The readings hint at the opposition that future Christians will encounter as we carry on the work of Jesus in the world, and they encourage us to persevere



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in that work. They assure us that we will be successful despite the opposition we encounter.

We need not be afraid because our life is in the hands of

a loving God. Sometimes we fear making the wrong decision. At other times, we fear what others will think when we speak up for Jesus. We fear what the future will bring our children. We also fear growing old. Sometimes we fear what declining health will bring.

At the root of these fears is the fear of loss. Every fear we have is grounded in the knowledge that we have something or someone to lose. I can lose my job, family, house, money, reputation, health, and even life itself.

Rejection and loss are the basis of our fears. But we forget one thing: whatever trouble or crisis affects us, we know that God understands it better than we do. Our Heavenly Father knows exactly what is happening. What a release from fear it is to know that God is with us; that our life is in the hands of a loving God!

The next time fear grips us, we need to remember that being faithful to Christ wherever we meet Him in this life is much more important than our fear of loss or rejection by others.

Also, let us take a moment to recall some of the great promises of God. Let us remind ourselves that God cares—we are each a dear child of His, and He cares for each of us. "Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."

The last verse of Psalm 27 sums it up nicely: "Trust in the Lord. Have Faith; do not despair. Trust in the Lord."

June—The Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Thank You!

Thank you all for the thoughtful notes, cards, and gifts for my Ordination Anniversary. I truly appreciate them.

—Father Joe Reeves

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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..

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Kermes / Food Festival



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

The first meeting will be on **Thursday, June 25th, at 6:30 p.m., in Classroom #4**. Everyone who would like to be involved in the planning process is welcome and encouraged to attend.

*Celebraremos nuestro primer Festival de Comida el **domingo 26 de julio**. Esperamos que todos nos unamos para que esta recaudación sea un éxito.*

*La primera reunión será el **jueves 25 de junio a las 6:30 en el aula 4**. Cualquiera que desee participar en el proceso de planificación es bienvenido y animado a asistir.*

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Book Club

Our current book club selection is "The Practice of the Presence of God" by **Brother Lawrence**. We will meet on **Tuesday, July 14th, at 6 p.m., in Room #4 of the Parish Hall**. All are welcome to read the book and join the discussion.

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Seamstress

We are looking for a seamstress to sew new altar cloths. If you would like to do this or know someone who can, please call the Parish Office at (541) 447-6475.

Register Now for Diocesan Summer Camp

Beloved Camp: July 20–23, 7th–12th grade women (2026–27); 16–20 yrs can apply as youth leaders (18+ must be compliant with child safety policies)

Seeking Help: Adult Chaperones (21+); **Nurses/EMTs; Musicians.**

Visit the DioceseofBaker.org for more information or to register. **Scholarships are available to all who would like to attend these camps.**

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Retrouvaille

The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples who may have lost the closeness they once had as partners in marriage and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille teaches couples how to navigate difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress, from disillusionment to deep misery. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication.

Visit 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.

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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.

To register or for more information, please visit the Website at dioceseofbaker.org.

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Holy Humor

The ladies of the Church have cast-off clothing of every kind. They may now be seen in the Parish Hall on Friday afternoon.



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