

Father Joseph's Corner

"Saints Peter and Paul"

SAINT PETER: Patron Saint of Rome, bakers, brickmakers, masons, bridge-builders, butchers, clockmakers, cobblers, fishermen, harvesters, watchmakers, locksmiths, netmakers, the papacy, and the Universal Church.

SAINT PAUL: Patron Saint of Rome, evangelists, theologians, musicians, public relations personnel, writers, publishers, and reporters; rope-, saddle-, and tent-makers; Gentiles; and Catholic Action.

Simon was born in Bethsaida, near the Sea of Galilee. He was a fisherman by trade, along with his brother Andrew. Matthew's Gospel records that Simon and Andrew were the first whom Jesus invited to follow Him.

After Jesus was baptized by John, the Baptist, and completed His 40 days of prayer and fasting in the desert, He went to the Sea of Galilee, saw Simon and Andrew fishing, and called to them, saying, "Come follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." At that, these two brothers dropped everything and became Jesus' first disciples. Matthew's Gospel relates that Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter.

With his new name and unique spiritual authority in which he held the "keys to the kingdom of heaven," Peter emerged as the central leader of the Church after Pentecost. He spent about a decade in Jerusalem, preaching powerfully, performing miracles, and converting many. He eventually traveled to Rome where he established the Church there, becoming its first bishop. Around the year 64, he was martyred during the persecutions of Emperor Nero.

Tradition states that Peter requested to be crucified upside down because he did not consider himself to be worthy of dying the same way Jesus died. His tomb is located under the main altar of Saint Peter's Basilica.



Saul was born as a Roman citizen in Tarsus, modern-day Turkey. After Jesus' ascension into Heaven, Saul became one of the fiercest persecutors of the early Church, being partly responsible for the death of the proto-martyr Saint Stephen. Jesus directed him to a disciple of the Lord in Damascus named Ananias, who baptized Saul.

In Jerusalem, Saul began to use his Roman name, Paul, and then spent the next approximately 10 years as a missionary throughout the Mediterranean.

Back in Jerusalem, he was imprisoned for a couple of years, then sent to Rome for trial because he was a Roman citizen. In Rome, he met up with Saint Peter.

According to tradition, Paul was beheaded just outside the city of Rome. When his head fell to the ground, it bounced three times, each time giving rise to a spring of water. The place is marked today by the Abbey of the Three Fountains.

Saints Peter and Paul are considered the foundational pillars of the Church. Peter represents the stability of the Church and the office of the Vicar of Christ. Paul represents the mission of evangelization that was entrusted to the Church by Jesus Himself. He was also the Church's first theologian, as seen in his numerous letters expounding the Gospels. Though unlikely, one tradition states that they were both martyred on June 29th, in Rome, making them twin martyrs. Their twin martyrdom reminds us that the Church must be both stable and mission-oriented.

As we honor these two pillars of the Church, recall the fact that, though they are great saints, they were also ordinary men called to extraordinary vocations. They responded, and God used them in ways they could have never imagined.

Their Feast Day is June 29th.

—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

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June 28, 2026 † 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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	06/29/2026	—No Mass—		Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday	06/30/2026	—No Mass—		Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday	07/01/2026	—No Mass—		Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Mt 8:28-34
Thursday	07/02/2026	—No Mass—		Am 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8
Friday	07/03/2026	—No Mass—		Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29
Saturday	07/04/2026	5:00 p.m.	Sue Godat (L)	Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30
Sunday	07/05/2026	9:00 a.m.	Barb Dalton (L)	Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30
Sunday	07/05/2026	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Parishioners (L)	Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

(L) = Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

Today's Homily

In our first reading, we see the welcome given to the prophet Elisha by an elderly, childless couple who lived in Shunem.

The wife recognized Elisha's holiness. She showed him reverence and hospitality by inviting him to dine with her and her husband, and by arranging an upper room in their house so that Elisha might stay with them when he visited the area.

In response, Elisha promised her, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son." God fulfilled that promise.

Today's Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 89), reminds us that we are the children of God Who tells us, "My mercy [kindness] is established forever."

The second reading, from Paul's letter to the Romans, explains that those who care for followers of Jesus care for Jesus himself, and that those who show hospitality to any one of them are eligible for a reward.

By our Baptism, we have been baptized into Jesus' death and buried with Him, and we look forward to our resurrection with Him (Romans 6: 5). Since Baptism is our entrée into this new life, it makes us part of the Body of Christ, and Christ is truly present in us. That is why the one who welcomes us welcomes Christ and becomes eligible for a reward.

Today's Gospel lesson concludes Jesus' great "missionary discourse," in which He instructs the 12 apostles about the cost and reward of the commitment required of a disciple.



The first half of these sayings outlines the behavior expected of His disciples, and the second half describes the behavior expected of others toward the disciples.

Jesus assures His disciples that whoever shows them hospitality will be blessed. Those who receive Jesus, receive the One who sent Him. Also, those who help the "little ones" (believers) and the poor, the sick, and the needy will be amply rewarded.

Life message: We need to be hospitable and generous: Hospitality means acknowledging the presence of God in others and serving Him in them, especially those in whom we least expect to find Him. We, as individuals and as a community, are to look for opportunities to be hospitable—and, of course, there are plenty of ways of offering hospitality. Maybe hospitality is offered through a kind word to a stranger, or even just a smile. A kind smile or a "hello" to someone waiting with us in a grocery line may be the only kindness that person encounters all day.

We become fully alive as Christians through the generous giving of ourselves. What is more important than the sending of checks for charitable causes is the giving of ourselves to people, primarily in the way we think about them, for from that spring will flow the ways we speak to them and about them, forgive their failings, encourage them, show them respect, console them, and offer them help.

Such generosity reflects warmth radiating from the very love of God.

June—The Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Father Joseph's Birthday Party

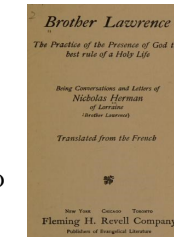


A birthday celebration for **Father Joseph** will be held on **Sunday, July 12th, at 1 p.m., in the Parish Hall.** All are invited. Kindly bring a dish to share.

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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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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. If you would like to donate a food item to sell or volunteer, please contact **Darlene** in the Parish Office, or **Ruby** at (541) 350-8833 or **Yurizet** at (509) 910-6798.

Celebraremos nuestro primer Festival de Comida el domingo, 26 de julio. Esperamos que todos nos unamos para que esta recaudación sea un éxito. Si desea donar un alimento para vender o ser voluntario, por favor contacte con Darlene en la oficina parroquial o con Ruby al (541) 350-8833 o con Yurizet al (509) 910-6798.

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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.

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Register Now for Diocesan Summer Camp



Beloved Camp: July 20–23, 7th to 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.**

Retrouvaille

4 Stages of Marriage (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 Stages. Marriages that end in divorce never reach the 4th Stage of Awakening. **Don't give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening.** If your marriage suffers from disillusionment or misery, please contact Retrouvaille. 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.



Father Joseph sends his greetings from India. He is enjoying this time with his family.