

Father Joseph's Corner

"An email from Father Julian and his blog"

"HELLO TINA,
Thanks for the updates about Father Joseph, and I am glad that he is alert and talking.

Check my blog for today, as I placed a nice post about him and the prayers needed for his full recovery.

Traffic is always dangerous, and right here in Malta, it's horrific with so many cars jamming the limited roads we have. I'm always terrified—even going through a zebra-crossing—as drivers are careless, and some don't even stop!

Praying for him always—hoping he can rest and recover quickly."

—Father Julian

Here is the link for Father Julian's Blog as well as his actual blog for today: www.dungiljan.blogspot.com

Today I would like to honor and acknowledge a priest I worked with in Bend, Oregon, between 2013 and 2016. He comes from Kerala, India, and has been serving in my former Diocese of Baker since 2012. Unfortunately I just heard he was involved in a traffic accident, when he was walking and was hit by a car in the vicinity of Prineville, where he is serving as Pastor since 2016. The news reached me that he



was unconscious for a day or two, with multiple injuries, but being cared for at St. Charles Hospital in Bend.

The last report is that he is talking and alert, but needs some surgery because of broken bones. The details I have are very sketchy, but I ask you to pray for

him and for a full recovery. Fr. Joseph Kunnelaya is a very dedicated priest who was my assistant at St. Francis of Assisi in Bend and was very helpful and very much loved by all our parishioners.

When we started together in October of 2013, there was some turmoil in the parish, but we calmed things down, and the people backed us up and appreciated our support, just as we appreciated their support to us. I know he is very happy at Prineville which is not a big town, but it is active and devout, thanks to his leadership. I know he is fond of my blog, too, and he checks it regularly. In fact, just this weekend he reproduced one of my posts in his Parish Bulletin. We love you Father Joseph, and we all hope you will be back in shape after some time of convalescence and rest. May God bless you with our incessant prayers!

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 ♦ Emily Ruiz ♦ Cookie Benton ♦ Dan Arian ♦ Father Joseph

St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754
October 11, 2026 † 28th 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

♦ **ADORATION—First Tuesday of Every Month 6 p.m.**

♦ **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 10/12/2026
Tuesday 10/13/2026
Wednesday 10/14/2026
Thursday 10/15/2026
Friday 10/16/2026
Saturday 10/17/2026 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 10/18/2026 9:00 a.m.
Sunday 10/18/2026 12:00 p.m.

Gabriel Antonio Pettinicchio (D)
Esther Bailey (D)
Ron Lattin (D)
Viola Busch (D)
TheResa Overton (L)
Elind Edgerly (L)
Juvenal Robles (D)
St. Joseph Parishioners (L)
(L) = Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Lk 11:29-32
Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41
Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46
Eph 1:1-10; Lk 11:47-54
Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7
Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21
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Today's Homily: "The Parable of the Wedding Feast"

IN THE FIRST READING, Isaiah describes the Messianic banquet on the Lord's Mountain in the Holy City of Jerusalem, which Yahweh is preparing for His people. The "Good News" is that it is a great feast of "rich food and choice wines." But, for the children of Israel, the "bad news" is that Yahweh invites all people, including Gentiles, to the banquet.

Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 23), presents God as the Good Shepherd Who nourishes, leads, and protects His flock.

In the second reading, St. Paul advises the Philippians to put their trust in the power and goodness of a providing God, Who, in Jesus, has given His Church everything His followers will need to participate in the Heavenly Banquet.

In today's Gospel, by telling an allegorical parable of judgment, in the Temple of Jerusalem, two days before his arrest, Jesus accuses the Jewish religious and civil leaders of rejecting God's invitation to the Heavenly Banquet given to them through God's Own Son, Himself.

They have rejected the invitation by failing to listen to the Good News preached by Jesus and by failing to reform their lives.

This invitation was repeatedly extended to Israel through the prophets, including John the Baptist. But the leadership, contemporary with Jesus, rejected the reality that Jesus was the fulfillment of all prophecy, refused to accept God's invitation to righteous living given through John the Baptist and through Jesus, and planned to kill



state of grace, all the time, do good for everyone, and appreciate and receive God's graces in the Church:

a) We received the "wedding garment" of sanctifying grace in Baptism; while the other Sacraments provide the additional graces we need to retain it.

b) Our participation in the Eucharistic celebration and in personal and family prayers helps us to recharge our spiritual batteries and enables us to lead Spirit-filled, prayerful lives, doing good for all.

c) Jesus nourishes us in the Church through the proclamation of the Word of God and through His Body and Blood offered to us as spiritual Food and Drink in Holy Communion.

2) We need to participate in the Eucharistic banquet with proper preparation by repenting of our sins and by actively participating in the prayers and singing during the Holy Mass. Participating in Holy Mass is the best preparation and the greatest source of power for our future participation in the Heavenly banquet.

AMEN.

God's own Son, Jesus. Hence, God is inviting sinners and Gentiles to His banquet, which is why Jesus keeps company with sinners.

LIFE MESSAGES:

1) We need to keep wearing the wedding garment of holiness and righteousness, the

October—The Month of the Holy Rosary

Schedule

There will be no weekday Masses. This will be a week-to-week decision. Saturday Vigil and both Sunday Masses will be as usual..



Updates on Father Joseph

As updates on **Father Joseph's** condition come in, I will post them on our Facebook page. Feel free to share that post on your personal page.

If you would like to be added to the email list, please let me know.

If you'd like to drop off a card for **Father Joseph**, I will make sure he receives it.

If anyone has a favorite story, memory, or special prayer about **Father Joseph** that they would like to share, I will post them on "**Father Joseph's Corner**" in this Parish Bulletin. Please email them to: stjosephparish@bendbroadband.com. And please continue to keep **Father Joseph** in all of your prayers; they are working!!!



Book Club

Our upcoming book club pick is *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi. We will gather on **Tuesday, October 13th, at 6 p.m. in Room #4 of the Parish Hall.**

Everyone is warmly invited to read the book and join us for a fun and respectful discussion.



Meeting

There will be a combined Finance/Executive meeting on **Wednesday, October 14th, at 3 p.m.,** in the parish hall.



Lectors Needed

If you are interested in volunteering as a Lector for the weekday or weekend Masses, please contact **Kathy Thompson** or the Parish Office. Experience is helpful but not required.

St. Padre Pio's Relics

Sadly, the "Padre Pio Relics" visits to Central Oregon on **October 23, 24, 25, and 26** was just canceled by the National Centre. Here is what we received:

"The National Centre for Padre Pio will have to reschedule Joe Santoro's visit to Central Oregon with the Padre Pio relics. We have a small staff and one of our key members had to resign due to health issues, and it is necessary that Joe stays in Pennsylvania to help with the bus loads of visitors expected that week to the center. We are very apologetic about this situation and will reschedule for early next year."



Sanctity of Life Conference

Please join **Bishop Hennen** for the Annual Diocese of Baker **Sanctity of Life Conference, *Cultivating Life*, on Saturday, October 24th, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at Our Lady of Angels in Hermiston.**

Bring the whole family! Lunch and childcare are provided at no charge.

Presentations will be offered in English and Spanish.

For more information and/or to register, please go to the website at: dioceseofbaker.org/pro-life.



"Naming & Taming Anxiety & Stress"

The Diocese of Baker is partnering with the Dioceses of Boise and Spokane to offer this **Virtual Retreat from 1 to 2 p.m. (Mountain Time), live via ZOOM on October 24th & 31st, and November 7th & 14th.**

The cost is only \$97.

REGISTRATION CLOSING ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17TH.

This is a great opportunity to help our people with the far-too-common challenge of anxiety and negative stress.

For more information, please visit the diocese website at: dioceseofbaker.org/mental-health.



Please pray for Father Joseph!

