

Father Joseph's Corner

"Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles"

Saints Simon and Jude, two of the Twelve Apostles chosen by our Lord, were among the first bishops through whom our Lord established His Church, and from whom every bishop, priest, and deacon is a spiritual descendant.

It's interesting to note that Jesus chose a variety of different people as His Apostles. Perhaps the starkest contrast is between Simon the Zealot and Matthew the tax collector.

As a Zealot, Simon would have been very committed to his Jewish identity and would have been firmly opposed to Roman oppression and taxation. He would have had an immediate aversion to Matthew, who previously served the Romans by collecting taxes for them from the Jews.

The fact that Jesus did not choose like-minded Apostles shows His inclusion of all people. Jesus did not have a favorite type of person. He was not bound by cultural ties, ideologies, or social classes. He was not nationalistic in the sense of being a separatist or isolationist. He was interested in all people, those of every background and experience, and His Apostles reveal that fact. Jesus might have chosen Simon because He wanted to reach out to those firmly committed to their Jewish heritage, traditions, and beliefs, and Simon was able to do so.

Jude is referred to as "Judas son of James." The only other reference that is certain about Jude comes from John's Gospel during the Last Supper, in which Jude is referred to as "Judas, not the Iscariot . . ." (John 14:22).

During the Last Supper, Jesus compassionately instructed His Apostles that He would soon be leaving them, but they should have courage and wait for His Advocate, the Holy Spirit. Jude, expressing a bit of confusion, asked Jesus, "Master, what happened that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?" In other words, Jude was asking Jesus why He doesn't just manifest His divinity to everyone, in a clear and convincing way, so that they will all believe in Him.

Jesus' answer is mysterious, but He essentially points out that belief in Him must come by the inspired gift of faith, and that obedience to that faith, and to the will of God, will result in divine union.



Regarding their deaths, nothing is known beyond unreliable sources such as the Passion of Simon and Jude and other 4th-Century and later sources.

One of the most common traditions is that Simon and Jude traveled to Persia to preach the Gospel and were both killed there in the year 65. Simon is traditionally believed to have been sawed in half, and Jude is traditionally believed to have been beaten with a club.

They often appear in sacred art holding the instruments of their

deaths. Other traditions state they ministered in Armenia, Beirut, Lebanon, Roman Britain, Egypt, and/or Samaria and died by arrows, crucifixion, and even a peaceful death.

The Epistle traditionally attributed to Saint Jude the Apostle is a short but passionate letter in which he warns all Christians against immorality and heresy that were trying to enter the early Church. Some suggest that he is named Patron Saint of Hopeless Causes because of his passionate plea.

Another tradition states that because Jude shared a name with Judas Iscariot, the betrayer, Saint Jude's intercession was rarely sought. However, after the intercession of every other Apostle and Saint was sought, people in the early Church would turn to Saint Jude as their last hope. There are many ancient traditions holding that Saint Jude has provided many miracles throughout the centuries.

As we honor these Apostles, what we know for certain is that they were instrumental in the early Church. Being among the first bishops, they bore the sacred responsibility of transmitting the Sacraments and the teachings of Jesus to a nascent Church.

One day in Heaven, we will see clearly the effects of their pastoral ministry. Today, we rejoice in what we do not fully know, trusting that their lives gave great glory to God and won the salvation of many souls.

Their Feast Day is October 28th. Simon is the Patron Saint of curriers, woodcutters, and tanners. Jude is the Patron Saint of lost causes and hospital workers.

—Prayerful wishes, Father Joseph

St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754
October 25, 2026 † 30th 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	10/26/2026	—	Aaron Kurtz (L)	Eph 4:32-5:8; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday	10/27/2026	—	Jackie Bailey (L)	Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday	10/28/2026	12:00 p.m.	Gabriel Pettinicchio (D)	Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16
Thursday	10/29/2026	—	Howard Tocher Family (L)	Eph 6:10-20; Lk 13:31-35
Friday	10/30/2026	12:00 p.m.	Father Joseph (L)	Phil 1:1-11; Lk 14:1-6
Saturday	10/31/2026	5:00 p.m.	Father Joseph (L)	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Sunday	11/01/2026	9:00 a.m.	St Joseph Parishioners (L)	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Sunday	11/01/2026	12:00 p.m.	Gloria Hernandez Lopez (D)	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

(L) = Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

Today's Homily

GOD'S LOVE
pushes us outside
of ourselves.

Today's Gospel
is considered to be
one of the most
important teach-
ings of Jesus. In-
deed, the message
is very clear: Love
of God and love
of neighbor are the
two most important commandments in the eyes
of the Lord.

Too often we think of love in terms of feel-
ings. But love is not just sending good thoughts
or feelings to others. It takes its form in concrete
action, as the first reading points out.

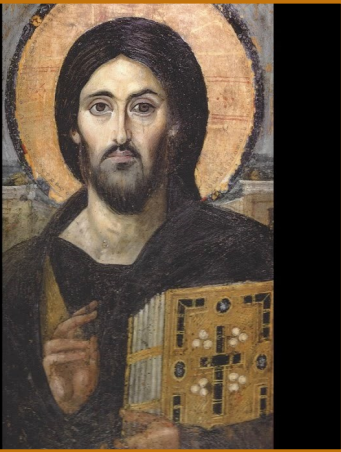
But what if we feel no capacity to love others?
It is easy to get caught up in our own busyness
and think we have nothing left to give. If this is
the case, something is missing, and today's Gos-
pel holds the answer.

To love God with all our heart, mind, soul,
and strength means orienting all those areas to-
ward God. God's love has already been given to
us. He brought us into existence because of His
love for humanity. His love sustains us every day.

When we open ourselves up to Him, our
hearts are flooded with His love. It is that ex-

The Greatest
Commandment

Matthew 22:34-40



perience which
gives us the ability
and the capacity to
love others.

Remember the
words of the First
Letter of John: We
love because [God]
first loved us (4:19).

We cannot give
what we do not
have.

This is why it is essential to be committed to
prayer and sacraments. Every time we receive the
Eucharist, we receive God, who is love, into our
hearts. When we pray, His grace is poured out
into our hearts.

This love, greater than the universe, cannot be
kept to ourselves. God's love always pushes us
outside ourselves, toward others. The experience
of being loved so deeply by our Creator and Sav-
ior naturally pushes us to desire that others have
that same experience. To love our neighbor as
ourselves means acting in a way that demon-
strates that we want the best for the other person,
the same way we want what is good for ourselves.

There is nothing better than the love of God.
By first receiving God's love, and letting it pour
out into our actions, we are then fulfilling Christ's
commandments.

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

October—The Month of the Holy Rosary

Temporary Mass Schedule

There will be a 12 p.m. Mass on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Saturday/Sunday	Oct. 31/Nov. 1	Fr. Joe
Monday, All Souls Day	Nov. 2/8 a.m.	Fr. Rick
Saturday/Sunday	Nov. 7/8	Fr. Todd
Saturday/Sunday	Nov. 14/15	Fr. Todd
Saturday/Sunday	Nov. 21/22	Fr. Rick
Thursday—Thanksgiving	Nov. 26/8 a.m.	Fr. Rick
Saturday	Nov. 28	Fr. Rick
Sunday	Nov. 29	Bp. Hennen

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Update on Father Joseph

Father Joseph can now receive visitors. Please contact the
Parish Office at (541) 447-6475 to sign-up on the visitors' list.

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Saints Carnival

We're now gratefully accepting candy donations for the Saints
Carnival on **Wednesday, October 28th**, which is for our Reli-
gious Ed students. Thank you so much for your support!

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Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed on **Wednesday, Octo-
ber 28th, and Thursday, October 29th.**

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BINGO!

Our Halloween Bingo will be held on **Thursday, Octo-
ber 29th, at 6 p.m.** Doors open at 5:30. We hope every-
one can join us for a fun evening and a chance to win
some money!

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

In our marriage, we are called to give 100% to each other.
Learn how to be the best spouse you can be by attending a
WWME experience from **Friday, November 6th, to Sunday,
November 8th**, in Beaverton, OR. To apply or to search for
other dates, go to rediscoverthespark.org.

For more information about WWME, call (503) 704-0836
or send an email to: reservations@rediscoverthespark.org.

Diocese Fall Retreats

All 9th–12th graders are invited to
attend the Diocesan Fall High School
Retreat on **November 7th, at St. Peter
Church, in The Dalles, from 10 a.m.
to 4 p.m.** Cost is \$20/youth or \$35/
family. **Bishop Hennen** will be attend-
ing. Youth and Adult Chaperones, reg-
ister through your parish Youth Leader,
DRE, or Pastor. Please visit DioceseofBaker.org
or call Marie, 541-388-4004, for more information.
Bishop Hennen will be present for part of the retreat.



Young Adults ages 18-35 are invited to attend the Diocesan
Fall Retreat: "The Father's House," **November 13th to No-
vember 15th**, at the Cascade View Retreat Center in Powell
Butte. Please visit DioceseofBaker.org or call **Jesse** at (719)
966-9225 or **Marie** at (541) 699-1133 for more information
and to register. **Bishop Hennen** will participate several times
during the weekend.

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Christmas Bazaar

St. Joseph's Christmas Bazaar is on **Sat-
urday, November 14th**. We are seek-
ing everyone's participation to make
this a success. We need handcrafted
items, baked goods, candy, etc. (but
nothing that requires refrigeration,
please). Any contribution you make will
be greatly appreciated. Please price your
donation and deliver it to the Parish
Hall on **Friday, November 13th, from**



9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call **Nancy Redfern**
at (541) 508-9872.

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St. Vincent de Paul

In this Sunday's Gospel, we find the truth that loving
God isn't merely a matter of fervor in our hearts but
must be expressed by doing good for the sake of others.
To give thanks for all that God has given you, have you
considered answering the call to help serve the poor by
joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

Please continue to pray for Father Joseph—
Your prayers are working!