Pastor - Very Rev. Fr. Joseph Kunnelaya T.
Administrator - Very Rev. Richard O. Fischer

Parish Office Hours - Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Adoration – First Tuesday of every month 6 PM
Friday 1 PM

Rosary 30 minutes before every Mass

For Sacramental information please contact Parish Office.

Mass Intentions

Wednesday 11/11 - 12 PM John Kendall - L

Friday 11/13 - 12 PM Elizabeth Casey - L

Saturday 11/14 - 5 PM Kathie Leonard - D

Sunday 11/15 - 9 AM St. Joseph Parishoners

Sunday 11/15 - 12 PM Eduardo & Cecilia Ortiz

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ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass Times:
Vigil Mass Saturday - 5:00 PM
Sunday Mass (English) - 9:00 AM
Sunday Mass (Spanish) - 12:00 PM
Wednesdays & Fridays - 12:00 PM

Confessions
Saturday 3:30 -4:30 PM
(other times by appointment)

NOVEMBER 8, 2026

For we walk by faith and not by sight 2 Corinthians 5:7

TODAYS HOMILY

God draws near to all who seek him.

Today's first reading personifies Wisdom as a woman who is sought by those who love her. In fact, if we pay careful attention to this text, there's a lot of reference to seeking. Perhaps the question that we might ask is, who is doing the seeking? At first glace, it seems like people are the ones seeking after wisdom. And yet, Wisdom is described as a gracious woman who hastens to make herself known and who sits by the gate of those who seek her. The passage even says that Wisdom herself makes her rounds, seeking those worthy of her, appearing to them on their way and meeting them with all solicitude.

It would seem, then, that Wisdom is not only sought; she is also the one who seeks. The mystery revealed here is that our search for Wisdom, for God, is always a response to God's prior search for us. Because he draws near, we can seek him; because he seeks us, our seeking is never in vain.

And yet, we must search. As we turn to the Gospel, we hear a parable about five wise virgins who prepare themselves, watching for the bridegroom's return. In a word, they are seeking the bridegroom. These virgins are the ones who diligently prepare their lamps and, when the bridegroom returns, are ushered into the wedding feast with him. In contrast, the five foolish virgins become drowsy and fall asleep, and are caught unprepared when the bridegroom returns. To them, the bridegroom says, Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.

With these two readings, the Church invites us to consider the necessity of our actively seeking the Lord, too. This requires a conscious response from us; it is not passive. We must desire a relationship with Christ and actively seek him by preparing our hearts for his coming.

When we seek something we truly desire, our hearts experience longing. One sign that our spiritual life needs renewal, that our "oil" has run out, is when our desire for the Lord has grown weak or dormant. Today's psalm invites us to take as our own the words of King David: O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water. If we find ourselves in a place where our thirst for earthly things is greater than our thirst for the Lord, then we must ask him to awaken us from our spiritual slumber, that he may give us the grace to rekindle the flame that burns for love of him.

The good news is that our God doesn't play "hard to get." Just as Lady Wisdom in our first reading draws near to those who seek her, the Lord comes to us in the Eucharist, drawing near to all who seek him with sincerity and faith. And all who sincerely seek the Lord will find a place at his heavenly banquet.

WEEKLY READINGS

M 11/9: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
T 11/10: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10
W 11/11: Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19
T 11/12: Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25
F **11/13**: 2 Jn 4-9: Lk 17:26-37
S 11/14: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30
S 11/15: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

November Priest Schedule

Nov 14/15 Father Todd
Nov 21/22 Father Rick
Nov 26 Father Rick 10:00 am, Thanksgiving
Nov 28 Father Rick
Nov 29 Bishop Hennen

Thanksgiving

We will continue Father Joseph's tradition with our 4th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner. If you'll be on your own or away from family, or if you'd like to spend the day with our parish family, we'd be so glad to welcome you for dinner. Please call the office by Wednesday, November 18, to let us know whether you can join us.

Father Joseph

Please continue praying for Fr. Joseph, we know he appreciates all your prayers, visits, respect and discretion.

St. Vincent De Paul

In today's Gospel Jesus challenges us to "stay awake" by taking time to seriously look at ourselves, the priorities of our lives, and how we are growing spiritually. Ask yourself, "What would Jesus do?" and then put your gift in the Society of St Vincent de Paul envelope that is in the narthex in the church and drop it in the mail so that those who are suffering will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving!

Christmas Bazaar

Come see what everyone's talking about! Along with our top-rated crafts, you'll find plenty of goodies to enjoy. Stop by on Saturday, November 14, from 9 to 2, and join us for lunch for just $10.00. Lunch includes an enchilada, chips and salsa, and a homemade dessert. Lunch is served from 11 to 1.

Please price and bring your donated items to the parish hall on Friday, November 13, from 9-1

Message from Fr. Rick

The Masses scheduled in October that were not said due to Father Joseph's absence have been given to another priest, so they will be fulfilled.

As we continue to pray for the speedy recovery of Fr. Joseph, I want to inform you that Bishop Hennen has appointed me as temporary Administrator of St. Joseph Parish, effective November 2. I am a retired priest of the Diocese of Baker and currently the Chancellor of the Diocese. I have been ordained 50 years. I live in Redmond, and will continue to live there. I will be commuting to Prineville on a regualr basis. The role of an Administrator is to maintain the status quo of the parish until the pasor is able to return, or until a new pastor is named. I will not make any major changes in policy or procedures, unless necessary. i want you to know that I am available to you in whatever your pastoral need may be. My phone number is 541-891-9015. I am only a short drive away and can be in Prineville quickly if needed.

PRAYER LIST

David Leonard, Steve Forrester, Carl Johnson, Dolores Koivisto, Anita Marquez, Georgia Fitzgerald, Ben Guyger, Chuck Renwick, John Huthmacher, Ed McNamara, Duncan Osgood, Brittany, Julie Bither, Mary Bither, Fred Vandehey, Ralph Lee, Mary Lee, Peggy Holtz, Michael Kuenzi, Lyn Rodgers, Barbara Hopla, Sam LeFevre and the LeFevre family, Joanie Holland, Tara Lamb, Mary Ellen Schiedler. Carolyn Ausborn, Robert Marquez, Perla Marquez, Kerry Loving, Emily Ruiz. Cookie Benton, Dan Arian, Father Joseph, Elizabeth Casey