



COME, JOIN US AFTER 8:30 MASS EVERY SUNDAY:

On **Sunday November 2**, Terri’s Group will be serving you coffee and donuts after Mass in the Parish Hall. Come and join us for some coffee, donuts and friendly conversation.



Homebound Ministry to the Sick

DO YOU HAVE A LOVED ONE AT HOME WHO WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION?

Our parish is blessed to have parishioners who serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Communion (EMC) to parishioners who are homebound. It is most fitting to bring Communion to the sick and/or the homebound from the Mass, but other times may be arranged depending on availability. This ministry, a corporal work of mercy-visiting the sick-reminds those who are homebound that they are an important part of our faith community. Do you know a Sacred Heart Church parishioner who is homebound? Share this bulletin announcement with fellow parishioners whom you know and please invite them to call us. Please call the Parish Office at (503) 842-6647 to make arrangements.



SOCTOBER IS HERE!

Court Sacred Heart, CDA, is once again sponsoring a sock drive for our community. CDA is inviting parishioners to join us in donating NEW socks for men, women and children during the month of October. We will distribute the socks to local outreach programs and our schools. Please put your donated socks in the Laundry Basket in the vestibule of the church. Thank you for your support.



St. Joseph Church, Cloverdale

St. Joseph’s Altar Society has begun planning for their annual Christmas Bazaar to be held on December 6th. They are planning on the usual polish-dogs with sauerkraut and also their traditional cinnamon rolls. They are looking for someone who could make tamales to sell and they would cover the cost of ingredients. Also there will be a quilt raffle, plant sale, home baked goodies and jams and jellies. Quilt raffle tickets will be for sale for a beautiful quilt after Sunday Masses until the Christmas bazaar. Please consider attending.

Please be thinking about how you can contribute to the success of the bazaar, which helps support local charities.

The St. Joseph’s Altar Society meets the 2nd Monday of each month. Refreshments are served after Sunday Mass in the church social hall. All are welcome!

St. Joseph Church, is also asking for donations of Personal Hygiene products needed for Nestucca Valley School District students Both for male and female students:

- Deodorant, - Shampoo and conditioner, - Toothpaste and toothbrushes.

Products purchased at the Dollar Store are perfectly acceptable. If you have any questions please call South County Good Neighbor Program: 503-965-6320.



24 hour Adoration is schedule for Friday October 31st.

This Friday October 31, we will have the opportunity to spend some time with Jesus in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. At this time, we can remember and pray for our beloved deceased. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule for you pick a time, sign-up and participate in praying for our beloved deceased.

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday October 26, 2025**

The Cry of the Poor

I remember when a certain Jesuit brother died, a most unassuming man. His name was Julius Petrik, always known to us as just Brother Petrik. His funeral Mass took place a few days before the 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time, with the same readings we will hear this Sunday. They were perfect for him. He was 94 years old, and in the very best sense of the word, he was ordinary. He had been a quiet presence ever since I was a very young man in the Jesuits. He did not attract attention. He took pains to avoid it, so it seemed.

In one sense I never knew him, such was his silence. His gentle eyes pointed down, he carried out his tasks without fuss, and—for a long time, maybe always—he ate his meals in a room by himself. I suppose some would just have called him a “character,” or would have branded him as pathologically shy.

My intuition said otherwise. I sensed something very holy about Brother. As the years went by I would take care to greet him when I would meet him and he would smile with a wide grin and greet me with real gladness. We would exchange some small talk and then each go back to our tasks. Introversion took second place to the palpable spirit of love within him.

I speak of this good man not to publicize him, something that would be a shock to him, but because my heart is more at ease for my encounters with him. In a word, Brother was a humble man. His prayer surely must have reached God.

He served gladly.

I think such humility is the key to this Sunday’s scripture. Listen to what the First Reading says:

The one who serves God willingly is heard;
his petition reaches the heavens.

The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds;
it does not rest till it reaches its goal,

nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds,
judges justly and affirms the right,
and the Lord will not delay.

Such prayer pierces the clouds and does not rest till it finds its goal! Of course our minds race to power: anyone who can force their prayers through to heaven must be able to get everything he wants. No worries about being weak or unworthy: such a one has command over the Most High God!

At least it is tempting to think that way.

But look closely. The prayer that finds heaven is that of the lowly. Such prayer stays before God’s throne not because it is wild and stormy but because it embodies the hushed spirit of truth. It whispers humble needs to the very one who can answer them. It does not have a hidden purpose.

Which of the following two people do you think embodies such lowliness? The Pharisee?

O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity—
greedy, dishonest, adulterous—or even like this tax collector;
I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.
(Luke 18:9-14)

or the Publican?

O God, be merciful to me a sinner.
(Luke 18:13)

We know what Jesus thinks. In the Gospel he says, “I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Whatever internal battles Brother Petrik may have faced, I thank God that I was blessed to receive his gracious, shy, unassuming love.

I would love to be like him.

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