

**Spiritually Speaking**

**I am the Bread of Life**

By Fr. Thankachan Joseph

We sometimes come across people whose lives at times become so full of failure and disappointment that they just do not want to live any more. In today's readings we see the prophet Elijah experiencing a bleak moment like those we sometimes experience, we read instructions for living our faith, and we see Jesus's everlasting gift to us.

The First Book of Kings (19:4-8) describes the Prophet Elijah, human and like us, and weary of the spiritual journey. He is worn-out, having to serve God with no support at all. So, he pleads to die rather than live. Instead, the angel of God, perhaps God Himself, tells Elijah to get up and eat and go to mount Horeb, the mountain of God. We must notice that Elijah obeys God. This is the heart of our spiritual life, how each of us wants to live even when we are not faithful. Like Elijah, we need to proceed, working with all our energy to obey the Lord. However tough the journey is, with His assistance, the tough get going.

The Letter to the Ephesians (4:30-5:2) includes an instruction about how to live a life in accordance with our faith in Jesus Christ. Paul urges us all to "be imitators of Christ, as beloved children and live in one love as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma" (5:2). We are told that we must live deeply the life of the Spirit by living in love, as Christ has loved us. We must have the attitude of Christ, to forgive and let go of the mistakes of others.

This coming Sunday is "Corpus Christi Sunday," the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. In the Gospel of John, (13:1), we read, "Jesus, knowing that his hour had come to pass from this world to the Father" ... called his disciples together to celebrate the memorial together. "While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take it; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many'" (Mk 14:22). The Holy Eucharist is the parting gift of the Lord Jesus to us. Thus, Jesus becomes "the Bread of life" (Jn 6:48). He instituted the sacrament of Holy Eucharist and asked His disciples to do this in His memory for eternity.

We know it well: Jesus was born in David's town of Bethlehem, literally "the place of bread, place of meat." Food is a basic element of human life, and we all work to satisfy our stomachs, but Jesus became bread for everyone, to satisfy the spiritual and physical hunger of everyone, instituting the Holy Eucharist as the memorial of His presence with us and His unconditional love towards us.

Is Jesus really present in the Holy Eucharist? For Catholics, every day at every Eucharistic celebration, the real presence of the Lord takes place. Every single Mass involves a true Eucharistic miracle in which the bread and wine is made into the Body and Blood of Our Lord. The real presence of the Lord is felt in the Eucharistic bread that is kept in the tabernacle.

What are you hungering for? Jesus actually satisfies the physical hunger of humans before the spiritual one. The Gospel of John begins with the miracle of loaves. He fulfills the natural hunger of everyone before He begins the spiritual discourse. The temptation of the Lord in the desert begins with the tempter asking Jesus to change the stones into bread, since the Lord was hungry. In the last judgment scene, too, we read, "Come you that are blessed by my Father. I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink" (Mathew 25: 34-35). From these examples we can assume that Jesus addresses the basic needs of human life first. The Lord is always present, available to satiate our hunger and thirst. As Jesus has become bread and gratified human deprivation, it is our time to satisfy human needs of people around us. Is there anyone hungry around me? How do I approach become the bread someone needs? What bread are we looking for? Only Jesus can offer us that bread because "He is the Bread of Life."



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**A View from the Hill**

By Doris Brosnan

A busy month at Willow Creek Terrace includes having to sample some chocolate chip cookies today, since it is national Chocolate Chip Cookie Day. Mary Riggs moved into an apartment on July 19, in time to settle in, visit new neighbors, and get in on the August activities.

Next week the community on the hill will hold their Olympic competitions in synch with the Olympians who are competing in Tokyo. From Monday through Friday, participants will vie for gold, silver and bronze medals in the horse racing, corn hole, marshmallow stacking, bowling and golfing events. Closing ceremonies will be a morning feature of Friday, the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Also on the 13<sup>th</sup>, the afternoon will find interested residents working on crafts intended as entries in the Morrow County Fair. On the 19<sup>th</sup>, residents can attend the fair, a good day to check their entries for ribbons and a good day because that is the Ice Cream Social Day at the fair.

The 19<sup>th</sup> is also designated World Photography Day, and local photographers are invited to check out the Willow Creek Terrace Facebook page to learn about the display of local talent that the Terrace would like to feature for several days.

A special drive-in at the movie will be featured during dinner on the 25<sup>th</sup> showing The Wizard of Oz on its 82<sup>nd</sup> release-date

anniversary. And the morning discussion could be especially interesting for participants who will talk about women being given the right to vote in 1920.... Several other morning topics will stimulate conversation, and several special foods celebrations will add interest to the menus, including National Root Beer Float Day and National Banana Split Day. The month will end with a BBQ picnic on Eat Outside Day.

A new staff member, Tia Wierman, will be able to participate in the month's events, and Alice Ragan, who has been working part-time, has now become a full-time night-shift member. Two of the young part-time staff members will soon be heading off to college, but Sage Ferguson and Madelyn Nichols intend to help at the Terrace when they come home during college holidays. The other young members are fortunate enough to be establishing CNA certification and earning a salary while also attending high school and exploring assisted-living care as a potential area of future work.

Interim Administrator Samarra VanDorn Fisher stresses the fact that work at the Terrace is running smoothly because of the considerate teamwork about which the staff members are so conscientious. And the residents at the Terrace appreciate the atmosphere and view this cooperation and consideration critical to their care and comfort.

**DA's Report**

Morrow County District Attorney Justin Nelson has released the following report:

-Matthew Jeffery Wise was convicted of fleeing or attempting to elude a

police officer and failure to appear in the first degree. He was sentenced to six months at the Department of Corrections, one year of post-prison supervision and 90-day license suspension.

**Marriage Licenses**

The Morrow County Clerk's office has released the following report of marriage licenses:

**July 8, 2021:** - Gavin Knight Harper, 21, Boardman, and Tylor Leann Barker, 24, Boardman.

**July 14, 2021:** - William Robert Klein II, 28, Heppner, and Keira Natasha Mitchell, 24, Heppner.

**July 22, 2021:** - Ryan David Verley, 21, Irrigon, and Kylie Ann Castleberry, 20, Irrigon.

**Obituaries**

**Jerold August Koerner**

Jerold August "Jerry" Koerner, 90, of Heppner died Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at Kennewick, WA. He was born February 13, 1931, at Le Mars, IA,

Jerry was a veteran of the Korean War and after returning home he finished his college education at Trine University at Angola, IN. He worked as an engineering writer and manager of technical publications, School of Engineering, Stanford University. He finished his working career as a writer at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation.

Jerry leaves behind his wife of 60 years, Deanna Koerner. Also surviving are his sons, Christopher Koerner, Kennewick, WA and Joseph Koerner, Springfield, OR; daughters, Stephanie Koerner-Schultz (Kevin), Pasco, WA and

Catherine Powell, Portland, OR; grandchildren, Elizabeth Steege (Ryan) and great-grandson, Brennan, Kennewick, WA, Christopher Clem, Washington, DC, Tristin Schultz and Nicholas Schultz, Pasco, WA, Steven Coats and Zion Powell, Portland, OR. He is also survived by his sister, Joan Jackson, Boise, ID; nieces, Cheryl Keithley, Middleton, ID, Heidi Thomas and Amy Steinmetz, Boise, ID.

A traditional Eastern Orthodox Christian graveside service was held Monday, August 2 at the Lexington cemetery followed by an Orthodox mercy meal.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner was in care of arrangements. The online condolence book is available at [www.sweeneymortuary.com](http://www.sweeneymortuary.com).

**Elizabeth Louise McLaughlin**

Elizabeth "Bette" Louise McLaughlin passed away peacefully Sunday, July 18, 2021, at Partners in Care Hospice House of Bend, OR. She was blessed to be surrounded by loved ones in her last days. Bette Scharn was born April 5, 1936, to William and Louise Scharn in Pendleton, OR.

She was a student at St. Joseph's Academy all 12 years of her early education and attended Seattle University. Upon returning to Pendleton to be near family, she began working at the Byers Avenue Clinic. She was soon introduced to Robert "Bob" McLaughlin by members of his family, and after a brief courtship, they were married on April 24, 1965. They settled on the McLaughlin Family ranch, where they remained until their retirement in 2002. While on the ranch, they raised their five children. Bette was a housewife, cooking, ironing, shuttling kids the 25 miles from sports practices, helping with their 4-H projects and providing support as only a farm wife can do. In the mid-1980s, Bette returned to work in Pendleton as a medical administrative assistant. She enjoyed "getting out" and found the work interesting. She also joined the cross-country ski club in Pendleton and made many fond memories of traveling to Anthony Lakes and other ski areas on the bus.

After selling the ranch in 2002, Bette and Bob moved to Bend, OR, to be closer to children and grandchildren. Once they made their new home there, they busied themselves

attending the symphony and joining Touch of Class Tours for many gambling and sightseeing trips around the northwest.

Bette also enjoyed playing the piano, drawing, painting and attending group swim classes. Especially joyful memories were Halloween trick-or-treating at Grandma and Grandpa's, the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration at their home watching the fireworks from Pilot Butte, and always having Grandma's tasty cookies to greet you when you visited. Many of Bette's grandchildren were blessed to have her nearby for babysitting duties and attendance at their activities.

She is survived by her sister, Pat Monagle; brother-in-law, Terry McLaughlin; sister-in-law, Margaret McLaughlin; son, Stephen (Rhonda) McLaughlin; daughter, Anne (Murray) Perkins; son, Chris (Shari) McLaughlin; daughter, Shannon (Mark) Chambers; daughter, Kelly (Jeff) Koker; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bette always valued travel and education for her children and worked hard to ensure they had access to both. Those wishing to honor Bette's memory can contribute to their scholarship fund, established by their children. Intended recipients should be a graduate of Heppner High School, attending an Oregon public institution. Address for contributions is Bob and Bette McLaughlin Education Foundation, % Chris McLaughlin, 22657 Pinehurst Drive, Sherwood, OR 97140.

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PARK DISTRICT  
field next to pool

**MUSIC BY**  
**BRADY GOSS**  
**+ JOE LINDSAY & FAMILY**

Beer & Wine Tasting Starter Pack  
Includes take home glass & two drink tickets - \$10  
Additional drink tickets - \$5  
BBQ Pulled Pork dinner provided by Upper Place Concessions!  
\$10

Bring a lawn chair or blanket!  
Bring the whole family! "First Friday" will be going on at this location!  
Pool will be open!