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Spiritually Speaking
Father Thankachan Joseph



Authority as service

Most people see authority as a chance to promote their own honor and glory, but Christ saw it as an opportunity to serve others, which is not that easy. Humans naturally think of themselves first. Even the apostles did, as we shall see in today's Gospel. The servant leadership of Jesus pinpoints service and sacrifice as the criteria of greatness in Christ's kingdom.

In the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (53:10-11), the "Suffering Servant" prepares us to hear today's Gospel (Mark 10:35-45), teaching on desire versus humility. The Servant of the first reading intercedes with God for the people, taking upon himself their wrongdoings and accepting retributions for their sins. This passage speaks of the servant giving "his life as an offering for sin." The prophecy, "Through his suffering, many servants shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear" (53:11), was realized in Jesus, who lived and died for others. This passage also gives us assurance that if we stand for righteousness and justice, we need to go through all that the prophet experienced; later, we will receive the loving care of our Father, God, who I will never abandon us. That is what the Prophet Isaiah is trying to convey. The concluding words of Jesus in today's Gospel, about giving His life as a ransom for many, refer to the messianic prophecy from the prophet Isaiah.

The second reading, from the letter to the Hebrews (4:14-16), notes that Jesus responded to the call from His Father to be the mediator or priest for the people. As a high priest, He can sympathize with us in our weakness because He has been tested in every way, though sinless, so we can confidently hope for God's mercy. Jesus accomplished His mission of saving mankind by becoming the "Suffering Servant" and challenging His followers to become great by serving others: "Whoever wishes to be great must be a servant." In the time of Jesus, ransom was the price paid to free someone from slavery. Sometimes another offered himself as a substitute for the slave. Jesus's offering was just such a liberating offering for mankind. This second reading ends with an invitation to every one of us to "confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help" (4:16).

The Gospel reading is another classic response from Christ on the question of ambition and expectations. For the third time, Jesus predicts His own death (Mark 8:31, 9:31, 10:32), but James and John still could not understand Him and His style as leader. They thought of Him as a revolutionary freedom fighter and shared the Jewish belief that the Messiah would be a political king, sitting on David's throne and ruling over a re-united Israel. Jesus's idea of discipleship they could not grasp well. They were sure that the purpose of Jesus's final trip to Jerusalem was to overthrow the Roman rulers. Hence, they wanted assurance from Jesus that He would make them His first- and second-in-command in His messianic kingdom.

In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus wants us to understand the following for our daily living: 1) A challenge to give our lives in loving service to others. The best place to begin the process of "self-giving" is in our own homes and in the workplace. We must look upon our education, training, and experience as preparation for service to others. Whatever may be our place in society -- whether "important" or "unimportant" -- we can serve. "Life becomes harder for us when we live for others, but it also becomes richer and happier." —Albert Schweitzer. 2) We serve by suffering. Misery and service go hand-in-hand. First, service always involves suffering because you can't help another without some sacrifice on your own part. Secondly, we must learn to be sensitive to the suffering of those around us. One way to cultivate this sensitivity is by focusing on the needs of others, rather than on our own needs. 3) We accept the invitation to drink from the cup of Christ's suffering. The best example can be found in our families: A happy family is the result of true sacrifice and humble service. The husband or wife, father or mother is ready to sacrifice convenience, comfort, and time for the good of other members in the family. We are challenged to drink the cup of Jesus by laying down our lives in humble and sacrificial service for others, just as Jesus did.

The 'Red Barn Fun Run' Oct. 19th

The Heppner High School Cross Country Team will be having their annual fund raiser fun run. The Red Barn Fun Run will be held on Saturday, October 19th. Registration will be the morning of starting at 7:45am at the LDS Church, 400 Tom St. in Lexington. The race starts at 8:30am. There is a 1 mile, 2 mile and 5k run/walk. The course is paved and flat. Good for everyone - bikes, strollers, pets. It will be \$15 to participate with tee shirts for \$5. Finisher medals, fun prizes and treats. 100%

of the proceeds goes to the cross-country team made up of runners from Heppner, Condon and Ione.

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Hopeful Saints Trunk-or-Treat



A picture from last year's Trunk or Treat. — Contributed Photo

Hopeful Saints Ministry will be hosting a Trunk-or-Treat event on Halloween night from 5:30 to 8:00pm. We are located at the corner of Church and Gale Street, in Heppner. We have 10 spaces available for you to park your car and participate in this free event. If you are interested in reserving a Trunk-or-Treat space please call the Church office 541-676-9970, leave your name and phone number, we will assign a space for you. Spaces will be open until filled or until Monday, October 28th whichever comes first. George Nairns or Cody High will be in contact to give you your

assigned space number. We can also help with supplying treats for you to handout. All are welcome to join in on this Halloween Fun! There will be free activities inside too! Come in get warmed up watch the movie, visit Noah's Ark and have some dinner, we will be serving hot dogs / chili and warm drinks Cocoa, Cider or Coffee. There is no charge for the food, drinks, treats or games. Contact George Nairns gn_arrived@live.com if you would like to volunteer to help with this free event. Looking forward to a Spooktacular evening, funded by MCURD.

Death Notice

Terry Corbin died at the age of 75 on October 10, 2024 from cancer. Memorial to be announced.

Fall fun at the fair Oct. 25th

Mark your calendars for Friday, October 25th for free classes at the Morrow County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall. Three different workshops will be offered for all, ages 12-99, and all supplies and refreshments will be provided. The classes are led by specialists in their artistic fields! Participants need to preregister by calling Sue Gibbs at 541-379-2298 or 541-676-9474 or by email at mcfair@co.morrow.or.us.

fall themed mixed media workshop, taught by Michelle Hopper. This class has 12 spots available. Michelle, who lives in Stanfield, created the 2024 Pendleton Round-Up poster. Michelle's artwork includes graphic/digital design, children's book illustrations, fine art and developing her original art apparel and gift line called "Rancher's Girl".

Rounding out the day is a flower arranging class taught by Cynthia Wenberg, who is the florist at Country Rose at Murray's. This class is from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and is limited to 10 spots. Budding floral designers will create an arrangement in a basket with fall flowers and natural elements. Cynthia says she had her first flower experience in Tennessee when her mother bought a flower shop and learned as she went! This event is sure to be a fun and educational experience for all. Sign up for one, or all three, classes and enjoy fall fun at the fair.

Political signs are not allowed on state highway right-of-way in Oregon

ODOT - With the Nov. 5 national elections approaching, campaigns and their friends should remember that ODOT will remove political signs posted on the state highway right-of-way. Only official traffic control devices are allowed in the highway right of way. Improperly placed signs can distract drivers and block road safety messages. Improperly placed signs will be taken down and held at a nearby ODOT district maintenance office for 30 days. To reclaim signs, find the nearest ODOT maintenance office. Signs are prohibited on trees, utility poles, fence posts and natural features within highway right-of-ways. They also are prohibited within view of a designated scenic area. The width of the state highway right-of-way can vary considerably depending on the specific location. If you're uncertain whether you're placing a sign on private property or highway right-of-way, check with the local ODOT district maintenance office.

This interactive map can also help identify ODOT right-of-way.

Local municipalities may also regulate the placement of political signs.

Political signs are allowed on private property within view of state highways with the following restrictions:

Sign dimensions are limited to 12 square feet but can be up to 32 square feet with a variance from our Oregon Advertising Sign Program Resources guidelines.

Signs cannot have flashing or intermittent lights, or animated or moving parts.

Signs must not imitate official highway signs or devices.

Signs are not allowed in scenic corridors.

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Morrow County is seeking volunteers to represent the Boardman area and the Irrigon area. One position is open for each area. Planning Commissioners serve four-year terms. This recruitment is to fill a term that begins January 1, 2025.

The Planning Commission generally meets once a month, alternating meeting locations between Heppner and Irrigon. Duties of the Planning Commission include reviewing land use applications, maintaining the county's subdivision and zoning ordinances, and working with the county staff to maintain the county's Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Interested parties residing in Morrow County who are interested in taking a more active part in land use planning in the county are encouraged to submit a letter of interest to the Morrow County Planning Department, PO Box 40, Irrigon, OR 97844, by 5 pm Friday, November 8, 2024.