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St. Joseph The Worker Parish, Russell, MB St. Theresa's Parish Rossburn, MB

Responsorial Psalm 25: Lord, make me know your ways.

St. Theresa's Parish News & St. Joseph The Worker Parish News:

Due to Covid-19, both parishes are closed for Mass' until further notice.

The new Sunday envelopes can be picked up by calling the Parish Office to arrange an appointment time.

Sunday Missal (2020-2021) now available! \$4.00 each. Contact the Parish Office, if you would like one!

Zoom Along with Us

If you use the internet you can join St. Joseph & St. Theresa with the Zoom Mass Each Sunday as one more option to celebrate community and the sharing of the Word together. After Mass we will be having Coffee Sunday with each other who wish to stay and visit with the rest of the community. If you wish to join into the Zoom Mass send an email to St. Joseph The Worker, stjoewkr@mymts.net to get on the Access List.

Did you Know! The National Catholic Broadcasting Council offers Sunday & Daily TV Mass on the Web, visit the website at www.dailytvmass.com or www.youtube.com/dailytvmass to watch Mass each day.

St. Josephs CWL yearly membership now due, \$20.00. Please mail to Darlene Witty, Box 426 Russell, MB R0J 1W0.

January 24, 2021 Stewardship Message

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." - Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to "Follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

*** Man's Best Friend**

Carlene & Darin wanted a "truly Christian" dog. So they went to a kennel that specialized in that particular breed. They found the dog they liked. When they asked him to fetch a Bible, he did it in a flash. When they instructed him to turn to look up John 3:16, he turned right to it. "Oh, we'll take this pup, he's wonderful," said Carlene and Darin.

That night the Douglas' invited friends from the church over to meet the remarkable dog. The guest were impressed with Fido's ability to do Christian things, "Can he do regular dog tricks, too? Asked Jimmy. That stopped Carlene and Darin cold; they'd never even thought of that.

"Well," they said, "let's try this out." So, they clearly pronounced the command, Heel!"

Quick as a wink, the dog jumped up, put his paw on Jimmy's forehead, closed his eyes in concentration and bowed his head in prayer.

* **Sunday school teacher:** "What are the sins of omission?"

Jimmy: "They're ones we ought to have committed but haven't."

Mass Intentions For The Week:

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Saturday Jan. 23 For health of family req. Jean Goba
 Sunday Jan. 24 Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. – For all Parishioners req. Father Paul
 &
 +Deceased Brown Family req. Bernadine Brown
 Monday Jan. 25 +Emilienne Mangin req. George Mangin & family
 Tuesday Jan. 26 Special intentions req. Albina Kozak
 Wed. Jan. 27 +Deceased Family req. Frank & Madeline Mangin
 Thurs. Jan. 28 **Zoom on-line Adoration 10:30 a.m. & Mass 11:00 a.m.**
 +Joe Zegalski req. Helen & Ernie Yanish
 Friday Jan. 29 Special intentions req. Albina Kozak

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Jan. 30 For health of family req. Jean Goba
 Sunday Jan. 31 Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. – For all Parishioners req. Father Paul
 &
 For health of Georgette req. Wade & Carol Schott

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick in hospitals, care homes, or in their homes & those who care for them. If you wish to receive the Sacraments of Anointing, Confession, or Holy Communion – please call the parish office & leave a message: 204-773-2924.

C.C.C.B. - Bulletin continuation from last week

Our faith reminds us that God is present in our midst as guide and protector. Fortified by these divine assurances, we can move forward in confidence, generosity, gratitude and prudence as our governments and healthcare authorities ease the Coronavirus "lockdown". This will entail reassessing our priorities, taking an honest look at our values and lifestyle. We must let ourselves be challenged by the Lord's calling and the present needs of our brothers and sisters.

As we slowly return to a more normal way of life, let us not forget the elderly among us who still have so much wisdom to impart, faith to share, stories to tell and joys to offer. Let us create space in our hearts, homes, families and communities to honour them and truly care for them in their weakness and their many needs. Let us welcome their unique giftedness in building a world which is more human, loving, generous, forgiving, and radiant with God's grace. The Lord has always been and will continue to be a haven and solace for all those who have recourse to him in faith. He continues to look after his own and to be faithful to his beloved children: "Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you."

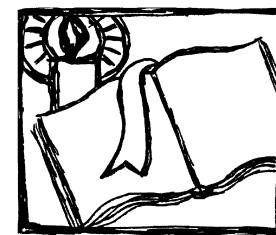
In faith the Mother of Christ followed her Son on the road to Calvary and now shares in his glory; consequently, she too accompanies each of us as a spiritual and true mother. May Jesus Christ, the Lord of all mercy and goodness, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of families and Comforter of the afflicted, enlighten, inspire and protect us. May we be graced with a new awareness and appreciation of the gift which the elderly are to us all.

Rebuilding Together: A Film Screening

Each month, Chemin Neuf Community International puts out a film, Net for God, about some inspiring project or person in the world. In Winnipeg, these will be offered by Zoom so we will have the opportunity to also pray together and share responses to the film. Our next film/discussion will be Monday, January 25 at 7:00 pm. The film we will watch is called, Rebuilding Together, about the plight of the people of Lebanon following the two massive explosions in 2020.

CCRS of Manitoba - Life in the Spirit Seminar

You are cordially invited to register and participate, it will run from February 14 to March 28, 2021 – Sundays @ 2 PM CST via YouTube Live followed by OPTIONAL sharing group discussion via Zoom. Please register ASAP: 7 Weeks LISS Registration Form. For more information call 204-895-7544 or visit our website at www.catholicrenewalservices.com.



Dear Padre,

Mark 1:15 quotes Jesus as saying, “Repent, and believe in the gospel.” Since the Gospels hadn’t been written yet, what was he referring to?

These days when we say the word *gospel*, we tend to be talking about one of the four written Gospels of the New Testament: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. But the word *gospel* wasn’t originally tied to any particular written form of communication. In fact, the Greek word we translate to *gospel—evangelion—*simply means “good news.”

When Jesus says, “Repent and believe in the gospel,” he is basically saying, “Repent and believe in the good news.” For Jesus, the nature of that good news is clear: Jesus is announcing the coming of God’s kingdom, the initiation of the fullness of God’s reign on earth. Jesus preaches this good news in word and action and makes it real through his life, death, and resurrection.

After Jesus’ resurrection and ascension, many of his followers were inspired by the Holy Spirit to go into the world and continue Christ’s gospel proclamation. The apostles and disciples did this by word of mouth at first, but within a few decades they decided to commit the message of Christ’s good news to writing, giving us the Gospel books we know today.



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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

In these, our troubled times, rent by the tragedies of war and menaced by the baneful tendency to accentuate differences and to incite conflict, may the Good News that in Jesus forgiveness triumphs over sin, life defeats death, and love conquers fear, be proclaimed to the world with renewed fervor.

LETTER RECOGNIZING MISSIONARY WORK, OCTOBER 22, 2017

Calendar

Monday
JANUARY 25
Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Acts 22:3–16 or
Acts 9:1–22
Mk 16:15–18

Tuesday
JANUARY 26
Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
2 Tm 1:1–8 or Ti 1:1–5
Mk 3:31–35

Wednesday
JANUARY 27
Weekday
Heb 10:11–18
Mk 4:1–20

Thursday
JANUARY 28
St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Heb 10:19–25
Mk 4:21–25

Friday
JANUARY 29
Weekday
Heb 10:32–39
Mk 4:26–34

Saturday
JANUARY 30
Weekday
Heb 11:1–2, 8–19
Mk 4:35–41

Sunday
JANUARY 31
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 18:15–20
1 Cor 7:32–35
Mk 1:21–28

Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 24, 2021

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Jon 3:1–5, 10

1 Cor 7:29–31

Mk 1:14–20

The Fish That Didn’t Get Away

We have all heard stories about the extraordinary fish that got away. We might even have such a story of our own. Two of today’s readings are fish stories, but with a slight twist. They are also “call narratives.” Last week we reflected on the call to listen and to follow; this week it is a call to go out to bring God’s mercy to others. This is a call to “catch” others, as one might catch fish—a metaphor that would have delighted fisher people.

In the beginning of the Jonah story, the prophet did not catch fish; one caught him. Later, the word he preached was very successful, his own spitefulness notwithstanding. The Ninevites were the sworn enemies of the Israelites, and Jonah did not want them to repent, but to be punished by God. Nevertheless, God’s mercy was stronger than Jonah’s spite. In the Gospel, Jesus calls his followers to set down their fishing nets and to launch into a life of catching people

with the word of God. There is an eagerness here that is absent in the Jonah story. Furthermore, the disciples left their primary commitment—their patriarchal family—to accept Jesus’ invitation.

As Pope Francis declared, we are all missionary disciples. Are we eager to respond, as were Jesus’ disciples? Or do we think we should attend only to those whom we judge to be deserving? If so, have we forgotten that no one deserves God’s mercy? It is a free gift to all.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ In what ways does your manner of living proclaim the mercy of God?
- ★ Pray that you might realize these ways if you do not already.



Jesus said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. MARK 1:17–18

