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St. Joseph The Worker Parish, Russell, MB



St. Theresa's Parish Rossburn, MB

Responsorial Psalm 145: The Lord is near to all who call on him.

St. Theresa's Parish News:

Sunday Mass have resumed at St. Theresa's, masks are mandatory: Please call Emile Sabourin or Lynda Ryshtylo to register for Sunday Mass.

St. Joseph The Worker Parish News:

Since Covid Epidemic has created a need for ushers & sanitizers following Saturday & Sunday Masses, please, if you are able to help in some way – call the parish office and leave a message.

Congratulations to Benjamin Riley Dreilich son of Riley & Justine Dreilich who was baptized on Sept 12th 2020

Russell K of C Meeting September 30th 2020 following 6:30pm Mass

Why Stewardship?

Christian stewardship successfully bridges the material world around us and the world of the Spirit within us. Stewardship spirituality can be exercised at home or in the workplace and is expressed through personal involvement in both the community and the Church.

Christian Stewardship

- gives meaning and purpose to one's life
- builds up and renews Christ's Church
- spreads the mission of Christ
- leads people to share in the work of evangelization and proclaiming the Good News
- promotes acceptance of every member's responsibility for the Church
- fosters and nurtures healthy family life
- allows opportunities for us to use our personal gifts
- helps us become aware that God is the ultimate giver of the gifts that we have.

A true understanding of stewardship begins with taking care of and sharing the gift of time. In a busy society like ours, time is one of the most precious possessions we have. How we spend our time is perhaps the clearest indication of our progress in a life of Christian discipleship.

Thank you to all volunteers who give their time, care and generosity to usher & sanitize our Parishes after mass!

Mass Intentions For The Week:

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday	Sept 19	7:30 p.m. Russell:	Special Intention req. Jean Goba
Sunday	Sept 20	9:00 a.m. Russell:	For all Parishioners req. Father Paul
		11:00 a.m. Rossburn:	Ruby Plishke req. Bernadine Brown
Monday	Sept 21	No Mass	
Tuesday	Sept 22	6:30 p.m. Russell	+Emilienne Mangin req. George
Wed	Sept 23	9:00 a.m. Russell:	Evelyn's surgery req. Lysyshin family
Thursday	Sept 24	9:00 a.m. Russell:	Mass
		10:30 a.m. Rossburn:	Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
		11:00 a.m. Rossburn:	+Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. Joe, Rose & family
Friday	Sept 25	8:30 a.m. Russell:	Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
		9:00 a.m. Russell:	Frances Kulbacki req. Carol Pelk

Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday	Sept 26	7:30 p.m. Russell:	Special Intention req. Jean Goba
Sunday	Sept 27	9:00 a.m. Russell:	For all Parishioners req. Father Paul
		11:00 a.m. Rossburn:	Melford Szwaluk req. Woychyszyn family

St. Matthew

Little is known about St. Matthew, except that he was the son of Alpheus, and he was likely born in Galilee. He worked as a tax collector, which was a hated profession during the time of Christ.

According to the Gospel, Matthew was working at a collection booth in Capernaum when Christ came to him and asked, "Follow me." With this simple call, Matthew became a disciple of Christ.

From Matthew we know of the many doings of Christ and the message Christ spread of salvation for all people who come to God through Him. The Gospel account of Matthew tells the same story as that found in the other three Gospels, so scholars are certain of its authenticity. His book is the first of the four Gospels in the New Testament.

Many years following the death of Christ, around 41 and 50 AD, Matthew wrote his gospel account. He wrote the book in Aramaic in the hope that his account would convince his fellow people that Jesus was the Messiah and that His kingdom had been fulfilled in a spiritual way. It was an important message at a time when almost everyone was expecting the return of a militant messiah brandishing a sword.

It is thought he departed for other lands to escape persecution sometime after 42 AD. According to various legends he fled to Parthia and Persia, or Ethiopia. Nothing is recorded of Matthew's passing. We do not know how he died, if his death was natural or if he was martyred.

Matthew was a tax collector and is therefore the patron saint of bankers. The Church established St. Matthew's feast day as September 21.

☺ **Humour** ☺

Pharmacist to a customer: "Sir, please understand, to buy an anti-depression pill you need a proper prescription. Simply showing your marriage certificate and wife's picture is not enough."

My wife just stopped and said, "You weren't even listening, were you?" I thought... "That's a pretty weird way to start a conversation."

Dear Padre,

My nephew has a chronic illness. My father is saving money to send to him so he can send it to a faith healer my dad has seen on TV. What can I say to my dad to convince him this is a bad idea?

The Catholic Church teaches that “those who dwell in heaven” regularly intercede with God on our behalf (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 956), and those intercessions include healings.

But living people with the power to instantly heal physical and mental ailments are rare. Some “healers” have accomplices who fake illness or disability and are then “cured” for the sole purpose of getting people to give money to the “healer.” We should be very skeptical about these claims, because scam artists understand how easy it is to take advantage of people who are desperate for relief of pain or for the cure of a chronic or terminal illness.

One thing is certain: healing ultimately comes from God. Anyone who claims he or she is the healer and not simply God’s instrument is unquestionably a fraud.

Suggest to your dad that he talk to his priest before he sends any

money to the “healer.” The best way for him to help his grandson is to pray for him and donate any money he has saved to an organization that does research into the condition. That way, your father will be helping everyone with the condition—not just your nephew.

—Fr. Rick Potts, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Jesus wants to make us contemplate the gaze of that landowner: the gaze with which he looks upon each of the laborers searching for work and calls them to go to his vineyard....It is a gaze which calls, invites one to get up and begin a journey because he wants life for each of us.

—ANGELUS, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

Calendar

Monday
SEPTEMBER 21
St. Matthew,
Apostle and
Evangelist
Eph 4:1–7, 11–13
Mt 9:9–13

Tuesday
SEPTEMBER 22
Weekday
Prv 21:1–6, 10–13
Lk 8:19–21

Wednesday
SEPTEMBER 23
St. Pius of Pietrelcina,
Priest
Prv 30:5–9
Lk 9:1–6

Thursday
SEPTEMBER 24
Weekday
Eccl 1:2–11
Lk 9:7–9

Friday
SEPTEMBER 25
Weekday
Eccl 3:1–11
Lk 9:18–22

Saturday
SEPTEMBER 26
Weekday
Eccl 11:9–12:8
Lk 9:43b–45

Sunday
SEPTEMBER 27
Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Ez 18:25–28
Phil 2:1–11 or 2:1–5
Mt 21:28–32

Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 20, 2020
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Is 55:6–9
Phil 1:20c–24, 27a
Mt 20:1–16a

It’s Not Fair

The story in the Gospel doesn’t sound fair. Some people worked from early morning until evening; others joined them at the end of the workday. But they all got the same pay. How can that be fair? Perhaps fairness isn’t the point of the story. But then, what is?

The landowner, symbolizing God, hired the workers “after agreeing with them for the usual daily wage” (Matthew 20:2). If the earliest workers presumed that the agreed-upon wage would be changed, does that make God unfair? Those workers expected God to conform to what they considered just—and justice certainly is a very important value. However, God acted out of divine generosity—a quality we hope to benefit from but which might engender resentment when it is bestowed upon others.

As difficult as this story might seem to us, it raises some important questions about ourselves. Perhaps the story is not so much about God as it is about our

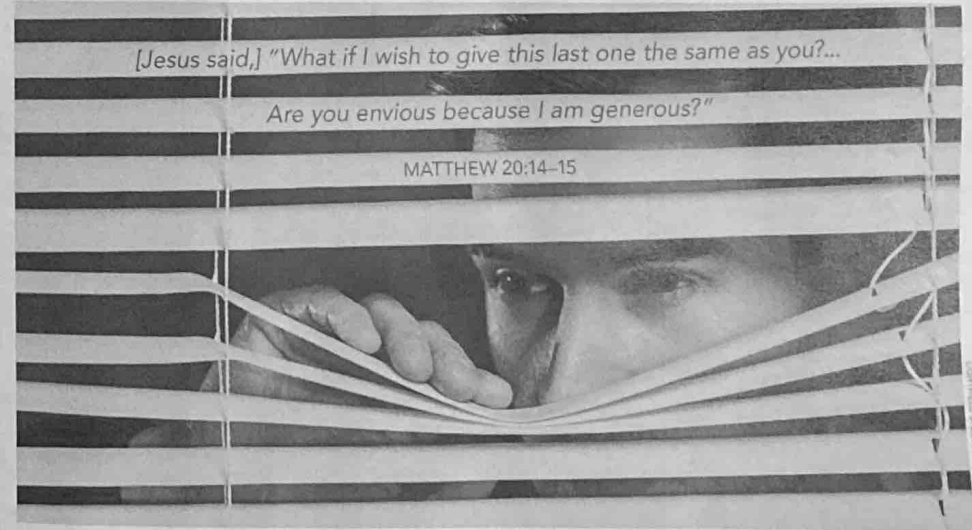
own attitudes. If we are faithful to what we believe is God’s will for us, do we then presume that God owes us some kind of compensation? Do we expect that God will act according to our standards of retributive justice (this-for-that) rather than restorative justice (bring-it-back-to-life)? Do we resent God’s graciousness toward others?

It is better that we all look to God for generosity than for justice. If we do, we will find, as the psalm response tells us: “The LORD is gracious and merciful” (Psalm 145:8).

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- Do you resent others who seem to have an easier life? Does this lead you to question God’s justice?
- Pray for the insight to realize that we earn nothing; everything is a gift from God.



[Jesus said,] “What if I wish to give this last one the same as you?...

Are you envious because I am generous?”

MATTHEW 20:14–15