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

**Responsorial Psalm 65:** “The seed that fell on good soil produced a hundred-fold.”

**St. Theresa’s Parish News:**

If anyone has any personal petitions, you can place them in the box at the back of the church. They will not be individually read but prayed for generally.

**St. Joseph The Worker Parish News:**

**\*\*\*\*\*Very Important Notice at Russell, St. Joseph’s Parish\*\*\*\*\***

- Russell, St. Joseph’s Parish will **begin weekend masses on Saturday, July 18 (7:30 pm) & Sunday, July 19 (9:00 am). Please note the following:**
- People wanting to come to weekend mass, need to first call to register. They need to leave a message at the parish office, 204-773-2924 with the following information: mass day requesting, number & names of people attending, and a number so we may return their call, or an email address. Once a message has been received at the parish office, parishioners will be receiving a return call mid-week before the weekend mass - to confirm their attendance, from the parish office.
- Please know masks will be provided for you if you do not have one (wearing masks are mandatory).
- Please arrive early before mass, to ensure you are in the church before the door is locked preventing access from the outside, since we cannot have numbers which may exceed church capacity. An usher will greet you & explain protocols.
- If you wish to make a parish offering and/or your S.G.G. contribution, please mail to St. Joseph's The Worker Box 776, Russell R0J 1W0.
- If you have any questions or concerns please call the parish office for clarification, please leave a message and your call will be returned.  
Father Paul

**July 12, 2020 – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time– Stewardship Message**

*“The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit.” (Matthew 13:22)*

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.

**Personnel Announcements in the Archdiocese, Changes effective August 1, 2020**

**Fr. Leo Fernandes** becomes Pastor of Our Lady of the Angels’ Parish in Amaranth, Our Lady of Guadalupe in Sandy Bay & Assumption of Our Lady in Alonsa.  
**Fr. Jose Cabral** on-loan to the Archdiocese of Keewatin-The Pas for a two-year term.  
**Fr. Christopher Dubois** becomes Pastor of Paroisse St. Lazare, St. Mary’s in Birtle & St. Helen’s in Shoal Lake  
**Fr. Michael Raj Savarimuthu** becomes Pastor of Good Shepherd Parish in Portage la Prairie & St. Ambroise (Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>).  
**Note: Please see additional changes of personnel announcements, posted at back of church.**

**Mass Intentions For The Week:**

**Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Saturday	July 11	9:00 a.m. Russell:	Special intentions req. Albina Kozak
Sunday	July 12	9:00 a.m. <b>Zoom Mass</b>	For all Parishioners req. Father Paul & +Marilyn Robb req. Bernadine Brown
Monday	July 13	<b>No Mass</b>	
Tuesday	July 14	6:30 p.m. Russell:	+Denis Deschamps req. Family
Wed.	July 15	9:00 a.m. Russell:	Special intentions req. Albina Kozak
Thursday	July 16	9:00 a.m. Russell:	Mass
		10:30 a.m. Rossburn:	Adoration
		11:00 a.m. Rossburn:	+Rose Onofrey req. Nellie Kaskiw
Friday	July 17	8:30 a.m. Russell:	Adoration
		9:00 a.m. Russell:	Special intentions req. Jean Goba

**Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Saturday	July 18	7:30 p.m. Russell:	Special intentions req. Simone
Sunday	July 19	9:00 a.m. Russell:	Special intentions req. Dwayne Pastuck & For all Parishioners req. Father Paul

**Did you Know! The National Catholic Broadcasting Council offers Sunday and Daily TV Mass** on the Web, visit the website at [www.dailytvmass.com](http://www.dailytvmass.com) or [www.youtube.com/dailytvmass](http://www.youtube.com/dailytvmass) to watch Mass each day.

**In these difficult times as public Masses are being cancelled across Canada and other countries, Salt + Light TV is available on most cable and satellite carriers across Canada.** If you have any further questions about this, please check with your provider for more details. The Daily TV Mass is offered 4 times a day Monday to Saturday and twice a day on Sunday. Daily Papal Mass. Mass celebrated by Pope Francis from Casa Santa Marta airs daily at 9:30am ET. Also, you can stream this Mass daily on Salt + Light Media Facebook Live.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, Kaposvar – Annual Pilgrimage (near Esterhazy, SK) – Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.** For more information contact: Eola Stevenson 306-740-6095. Details to follow.



**Growing God's Kingdom in a Material World Series** - Growing the Stewardship Garden, Fr. John Weckend

The analogy of comparing the various plots of a garden to different ways in which stewardship applies to many facets of our everyday lives was first introduced to me a number of years ago in a talk given by Robert Morneau, retired auxiliary bishop of Green Bay Wisconsin. What I would like to do in this presentation is to expand on that analogy and explore 12 areas relating to stewardship that might be a little surprising. (12-Part Series continued in coming weeks):

**6. Our Political Garden**

We often take for granted the freedoms, rights and liberties that our country affords us. Have we proved to be good and responsible stewards of the citizenship that we are privileged to have? In saying that, - have we acquainted ourselves with the political issues that are before us? Enough to take the time to vote in our municipal, provincial and federal elections. Do we know who our city councillor member is? Or our MLA or MP is? Have we ever attended a session of Citizenship Court to witness and welcome new immigrants as fellow countrymen. In attending a number of these throughout the years, I have realized that I have won the 'citizenship lottery'. And gratitude for that made me aware of my responsibilities to my community and my country.

**The ‘Living With Christ’, ‘The Word Among us’, and ‘Living Faith’ are available at the back of the church.**

**Pope Francis, Tweet message June 26 :** “ *Only those who see with the heart see things well, because they know how to “look into” each person: to see a brother or sister apart from his or her mistakes, hope amid difficulty. They see God everywhere”.*



# Dear Padre,

## Recently my husband's union was involved in a messy strike that nearly turned violent. Does the Catholic Church support strikes like this?

I grew up in Detroit. Most of my family and extended family worked in the automobile plants there. I clearly remember long strikes when my father was out of work and our family would struggle along, sometimes wondering where we would get money for the necessities of life.

In the past hundred years, many of the writings of the popes and the bishops' conferences have centered on the issues of work, including the issue of receiving a just wage. The Church spoke in support of child-labor laws, eight-hour workdays, organized unions, collective bargaining, and a just wage. Because of this, at times the Church has been labeled unpatriotic, socialistic, and even communist. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops published a pastoral letter, "Economic Justice for All," which outlines the six moral principles drawn from Scripture that form the basis of the Church's social teaching. In this letter, the Church fully supports the rights of workers to form unions to secure their rights to fair wages and working conditions. Unions may also legitimately resort to strikes when this is the

only available means to the justice owed the workers (EJA 104–105). The Church draws the line at violence. The strike becomes morally unacceptable when accompanied by violence (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2435).

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR  
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



### A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Every worker...should have the right to decent remuneration, to social security, and to a pension. Among you here are... workers in grassroots jobs who are excluded from labor rights, who are denied the possibility of unionizing, whose income is neither adequate nor stable. Today I...join my voice to yours and support you in your struggle.

—WORLD MEETING OF POPULAR MOVEMENTS, OCTOBER 28, 2014

## Calendar

**Monday**  
JULY 13  
Weekday  
Is 1:10–17  
Mt 10:34–11:1

**Tuesday**  
JULY 14  
St. Kateri Tekakwitha,  
Virgin  
Is 7:1–9  
Mt 11:20–24

**Wednesday**  
JULY 15  
St. Bonaventure,  
Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church  
Is 10:5–7, 13b–16  
Mt 11:25–27

**Thursday**  
JULY 16  
Weekday  
Is 26:7–9, 12, 16–19  
Mt 11:28–30

**Friday**  
JULY 17  
Weekday  
Is 38:1–6, 21–22, 7–8  
Mt 12:1–8

**Saturday**  
JULY 18  
Weekday  
Mi 2:1–5  
Mt 12:14–21

**Sunday**  
JULY 19  
Sixteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Wis 12:13, 16–19  
Rom 8:26–27  
Mt 13:24–43  
or 13:24–30

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 12, 2020

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 55:10–11

Rom 8:18–23

Mt 13:1–23 or 13:1–9

## So, What's Your Point?

Have you ever explained something so carefully and at length, and yet the other person misses your point? This seems to be the situation in today's Gospel. The scene Jesus first described was a familiar one. The people listening to him might have sown seed in this manner themselves. So, what was the point?

First it is important to recall that a parable is a story with a double meaning. One meaning is literal, the other is metaphoric. The literal meaning of this parable is obvious. So, what's the point? It is in the second part of the passage that Jesus explains the metaphoric meaning. He tells his disciples that the seeds represent those who hear the word of the kingdom. Then the reality of life intervenes and each seed (the one who hears the word) must decide how to deal with that reality. One might think: Very interesting story. I know just what the seed is going through.

We are now ready to ask: What's the real point of the story? The metaphoric meaning of the parable should pose several questions for each of us: What yield do I produce? Do I appreciate what it means to be a disciple; or is that privilege far from my consciousness? Am I grounded in my faith, or am I religiously rootless? Do I live according to the standards of Jesus, or do the allure and riches of the world entrap me? That's the point of the story.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ★ How has the word of the kingdom taken root in your family?
- ★ What yield of goodness do you bring forth in your workplace?



[Jesus said,] "This is why I speak to them in parables, because 'they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand.'"

MATTHEW 13:13

