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

**Responsorial Psalm 24:** May the Lord come in; he is the king of glory.

St. Joseph's Russell needs volunteers to read and usher on Sunday Morning Mass, please choose which Sunday and sign up on the Ministry Schedule – found on the table where the donation envelopes are located. Thank you!

**Did you Know!** The National Catholic Broadcasting Council offers Sunday & 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.

**Zoom Along with Us** you can use it on your computers, tablets, i-pads & smart-phones

We still have **Sunday zoom Mass is at 9:00 a.m**

**St. Joseph The Worker News:**

**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.

**Advent Examen By Laurie Marshanke**

Begin by taking in a deep breath, taking in God's love, the light of Christ, the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Exhale all your worries, your challenges, and your fears. During this time of **Advent** let us reflect on what we can do to prepare for the Lord.

1. Invite the Holy Spirit to help you see the day as the newborn baby Jesus sees it. What joy have you found today? Where have you felt God's love? What have you done today to prepare the way for Jesus being born into this world for you?

2. Now think about your day as if looking at it through the eyes of a child; what do you see? Did something surprise you? Was it something someone said to you or something you are grateful for? What did you recognize as gifts (thinking about the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh brought to Jesus)? Thank God for the gifts he has given to you today. Which of those gifts have you brought to Jesus in gratitude?

3. Take a moment to reflect on the times today when God was especially present to you. Recognize your feelings in those moments. How did you prepare your heart for God's presence in the coming of Jesus? Where did you feel God's loving arms wrapped around you the way **Jesus felt Mary's arms?** How did you prepare yourself to experience God's love, forgiveness, and hope?

4. Now take a moment to think about the times when God seemed to be hidden. Where did you struggle to see the Messiah in your life—the way some failed to recognize the birth of the Messiah when Jesus was born? When might you have seen the need for love and didn't respond (maybe like the innkeeper), or the opportunity for forgiveness and you walked away? How was your heart prepared? Ask God to forgive you for anything that moved your heart away from God's love and recognizing the birth of Jesus in you. And ask God to help you to open your heart and become the person that God created you to be.

5. Finally, prepare for the **hope** of Jesus Christ in your life. Think about what you are hopeful for, what you are looking forward to during Advent and the Christmas season. Is your hope like that of a child on Christmas morning? What gifts will you share to be hope for someone else? Ask God to bless all in your life as you prepare the way of the Lord, and ask God to be with you today and every day. Pray the Our Father.

**Mass Intentions For This Week:**

**Fourth Sunday Of Advent**

Saturday Dec 17 7:30 p.m. Russell Mass +Delbert & Denis Deschamps  
 req. by Irene Deschamps

Sunday Dec 18 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m.**  
**& YouTube after 10:15 am**

For all parishioners by Father Paul  
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn Mass + Suffering Souls in Purgatory  
 req. by Rose & family

Monday Dec 19 Health of family & friends req. by Jean Goba

Tuesday Dec 20 Special Intentions req. by Jean Goba

Wed. Dec 21 7:00 p.m. +Delbert & Denis Deschamps req. by Irene Deschamps

Thurs. Dec 22 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration  
 11:00 a.m. Mass + Norma Kaskiw req by Vince Kaskiw

Friday Dec 23 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration  
 9:00 a.m. Mass Family req. by Irene Deschamps

**Nativity of the Lord - Vigil Mass**

Saturday Dec 24 **4:00 p.m.** Rossburn + Nellie & Frank Kaskiw req. by Kaskiw family  
**6:00 p.m.** Russell Mass + Rita Ross req. by Florence Shwaluk

**Zoom on-line Mass 6:00 pm & YouTube after 6:30 pm**

**Christmas Day Mass** **8:00 p.m.** Russell Mass + Duncan Spurway req. by Funeral Mass offering

Sunday Dec 25 9:00 a.m. Russell

Mass For all parishioners by Father Paul

11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Nellie & Frank Kaskiw req. by from the Kaskiw family

**Deacons of Manitoba Newsletter: Volume 2, Issue 7**

**In the Community** - We are pleased to publish the Newsletter of the Deacons of Manitoba! [Please click here to view Volume 2, Issue 7, of the newsletter.](#)

"Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours, yours are the eyes with which He looks compassion on this world, yours are the feet with which He walks to do good, yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world." - Attributed to St. Teresa of Ávila.

**Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule at St. Joseph's & St. Theresa's**

**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. Rossburn**

**Christmas Eve 6:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. Russell**

**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day 9:00 a.m. Russell**

**& 11:00 a.m. Rossburn**

**Saturday December 31<sup>st</sup> New Years Eve Mass 7:30 p.m. Russell**

**Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 New Year's Day 9:00 a.m. Russell**

**& 11:00 a.m. Rossburn**



**When a pastor got fed up with all the excuses folks give for not attending church, he offered his own list: "Ten Reasons Not To Wash."**

1. I was forced to as a child.
2. People who wash are hypocrites – they think they are cleaner than everybody else.
3. There are so many different kinds of soap, I can't decide which is best.
4. I used to wash, but I got board and stopped.
5. I wash only on special occasions like Christmas and Easter.
6. None of my friends wash.
7. I'll start washing when I get older and dirtier.
8. I can't spare the time.
9. The bathroom is never warm enough in winter or cool enough in summer.
10. People who make soap are only after your money.



# Dear Padre,

**My children, who go to Catholic school, refer to our Sunday celebration as the “Eucharist.” I grew up calling it the “Mass.” Why the difference?**



*Eucharist* comes from the Greek word *eucharistein*. This word simply means “to give thanks.” In the Eucharist we Catholics celebrate, we give thanks to God for giving us Jesus. We also give thanks to Jesus, who shares his Body and Blood with us. “Eucharist” was used to describe the early Church’s gathering, where the people repeated the stories of the Lord and shared the bread and wine, as the Lord commanded them to do.

The word *mass* comes from the Latin word *missa*, which means “the sending.” This refers to the words of dismissal at the end of Mass. The priest or deacon invites us to “go in peace to love and serve the Lord.” In the Latin Mass, this phrase is “*ite missa est*.” No one quite knows why the Eucharist came to be known as the “missa” or “mass.” Some think it is because of the way monastic prayers were conducted in the early Middle Ages. When the monks gathered for prayers, they often concluded with a short eucharistic celebration. These celebrations sometimes lasted only ten minutes or so, and as they marked the end of the whole set of prayers, they signaled the end of the service. This, it is suggested, is why the Eucharist came to be known as the “dismissal,” or the “Mass.” ●

— *The Redemptorists*  
DearPadre.org

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
December 19 Advent Weekday	December 20 Advent Weekday	December 21 Advent Weekday	December 22 Advent Weekday	December 23 Advent Weekday	December 24 Advent Weekday	December 25 Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Lk 1:5-25	Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38	Sg 2:8-14 Lk 1:39-45	1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Lk 1:57-66	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Lk 1:67-79	Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18



### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**Saint Joseph appears as a strong and courageous man, a working man, yet in his heart we see great tenderness, which is not the virtue of the weak but rather a sign of strength of spirit and a capacity for concern, for compassion, for genuine openness to others, for love.**

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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)

Isaiah 7:10-14 / Romans 1:1-7 / Matthew 1:18-24



## Holy Voices

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**I**nstincts come in various shapes and sizes. They may simply be gut feelings, or dreams that seem to speak more than a nighttime fantasy trip. Sometimes they appear in the form of daydreaming that takes us to another place, or they can be the silent voice of God. Whatever they may be, there are those times when they demand our attention.

In *Saint Joan*, a play by George Bernard Shaw, Joan of Arc has a conversation with Robert about her conviction regarding what God is calling her to do. Joan says to him, “I hear voices. They come from God.” Robert disagrees, “They come from your imagination.” “Of course,” says Joan, “that is how messages of God come to us.”

Saint Joseph, the husband of Mary, placed a heavy credence on his dream, believing that the dream to keep pregnant Mary as his wife was the voice of God, and so Joseph does just that. Much later he again listens

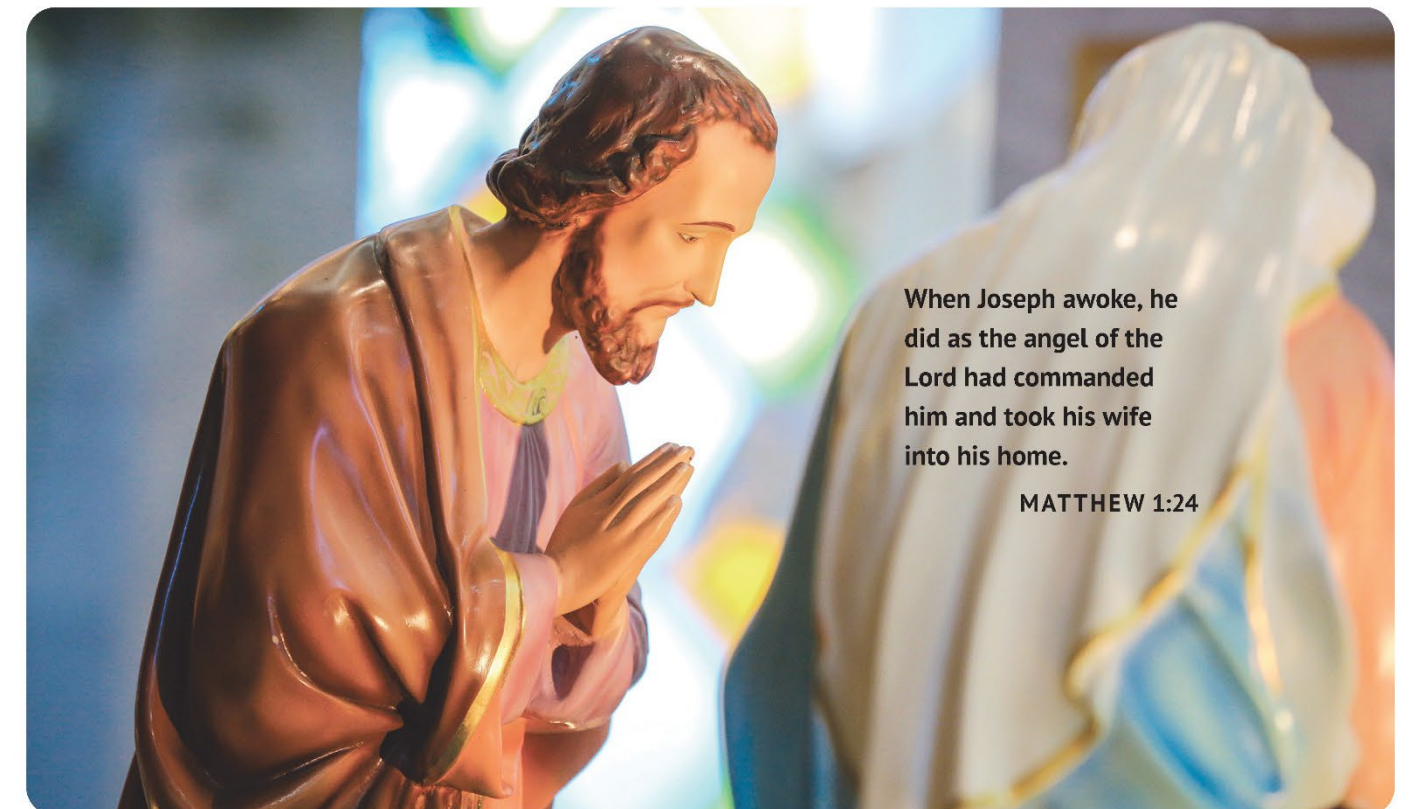
to a dream and takes his young family to the safety of Egypt and then back home to Nazareth. Those nighttime dreams could have easily become daytime nightmares. Yet for Joseph there was something that kept him from simply dismissing them.

Sometimes our inclinations and inner voices may not seem practical, and yet, even as we find ourselves second-guessing them, we think they need to be listened to. When the inclination is one toward goodness, that may very well be the voice of God. ●

### Reflect

**Have you ever followed an inner voice with which others disagreed? What came of it?**

**Is there someone you trust to tell you if your instinct about something is good?**



When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

MATTHEW 1:24