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

**Responsorial Psalm 119:** “Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!”

**Visiting the Sick:** Please let us know who is ill, at home or in hospital so that we can visit and offer the sacraments.

**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.

**Bible Study will take place each Wed** at the Lion's Manor Rossburn, 12-1pm.

We will be studying the Sunday readings. Please bring your Bibles, if this is your lunch time you are welcome to bring your lunch! Everyone welcome!

**Regarding the Whole Life Confession, we have the books on hand**, total of 10 for now, please let me know as soon as possible if you wish to participate or if you have any questions. We will begin on the week of January 19th. This will prove to be a most beautiful Lenten Exercises! Lynda Ryshytylo 859-2760.

**Those working on their Whole Life Confessions will be meeting every 2 weeks after mass briefly, first meeting Feb.9.**

St. Theresa's Finance Report 2020	Month of February		
REVENUES:		EXPENSES:	
Feb 2 collection	\$1,190.00	Hydro	\$501.00
Jan 5 collection	\$1,305.00	St Joseph The Worker (shared expenses)	\$2,000.00
2019 SGG overage refund	\$11,435.00	Wheatland (postage, church supplies)	\$19.17
Year To Date Revenues	\$6,531.36	Year To Date Expenses	\$6,375.14

For a donation envelope set contact Raymond Lysyshin at 204-859-2409 or 204-859-2134

**Lighthouse  
CD's/Books are  
available for you, at  
the back of the  
church, well priced.  
  
Don't miss out on the  
wide selection!**

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

**There is a sign-up sheet for First Communion at the back of the church** on the confessional door. Classes will begin in March and the actual date is yet to be determined. Please sign up or if you know of someone wanting to receive this sacrament please let them know. If you have any questions see Glenda or call me at 1-204-821-5216. Thank you.

**2020 Coffee Sunday Schedule-** copies of the new schedule now available! Parishioners please pick up a copy so you can check when your group will be doing Coffee Sunday this year. If you are not on the list and would like to be, please contact Julie Zimmer or the parish office.

**Please Note:**

- There will not be Children's liturgy on the 16th as it is a long weekend. We will resume on the 23.
- The Tax Receipt you should be receiving for your Sharing God's Gift's – will be coming from the archdiocese of Winnipeg.
- Tuesday, February 25, Parish Council evening Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**Coffee Sunday, next Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**, Julie Zimmers group supplying snacks, coffee, etc. Plan to be there!

\*\*\***Ash Wednesday** is coming **Wednesday, February 26** and marks the beginning of our Lenten journey. Both Russell & Rossburn will have services at **7:00 p.m.** with the distribution of Ashes. Deacon Darin will be celebrating with us! \*\*\*  
  
**Reminder:** Ash Wednesday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat.

**February 16, 2020 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Stewardship**

*“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:20)*

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of a modern-day Pharisee.

***THANK YOU to all our parish children in St. Theresa's & St. Joseph's for the coins they put in the treasure chest each Sunday.***

**Mass Intentions For The Week:**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday Feb. 15 7:30 p.m. Russell: *Liturgy of The Word & Communion*  
Sunday Feb. 16 9:00 a.m. Russell: *Liturgy of The Word & Communion*  
11:00 a.m. Rossburn: *Liturgy of The Word & Communion*

**Monday to Thursday: No Masses – Father Paul away, Holiday**

Friday Feb. 21 9:00 a.m. Russell: Father Paul req. Simone

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday Feb. 22 7:30 p.m. Russell: +Deceased Family req. Alan Kuzmicki  
Sunday Feb. 23 9:00 a.m. Russell: For all Parishioners req. Father Paul  
11:00 a.m. Rossburn: +Joseph Zimmerman req. Stella & family

**We wish Father Paul** a wonderful holiday as he left this past Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. He plans to be back Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. During his absence, Deacon Darin Douglas will come to celebrate Communion Service with us. If you need to contact clergy please contact Deacon Darin Douglas, 204-532-2157.

**Personnel Announcement in The Archdiocese: Deacon Conrad Plante** becomes Pastoral Administrator *pro term* of St. Jude's Parish in Erickson, St. Alphonsus' in Minnedosa and Sacred Heart in Elphinstone, for four months.

**Can you feel the pain in my heart too? Honoring the Mystery:**

Tuesday, March 24, 2020 – lower level St. Boniface Cathedral. A workshop designed for caregivers who are supporting persons who are ill or palliative and healthcare professionals working in hospice, palliative care, and bereavement programs. One can register for the morning session, afternoon session or both. For more information visit [www.cham.mb.ca](http://www.cham.mb.ca) and click on the Formation menu.

**The 28<sup>th</sup> World Day of the Sick** was observed on **February 11<sup>th</sup>**; this day serves the purpose of reminding the members of the Church of the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us of our Christian obligation to attend to the sick and the suffering around us. This is a day to show our gratitude to the caregivers, the doctors, the nurses, the health care workers, the pastoral ministers and all those who strive to restore the physical and spiritual health of the sick.

**Lenten conference: February 28<sup>th</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup>: St. Therese, Bruno, SK** (Catholic Institute of Faith & Mission). Featuring Dr. Scott Powell. \$190 early registration (before Feb. 17). Meals & on-site accommodation included. More information call, 306-369-2555 or St-T.ca/Events . See information on St. Joseph Russell bulletin board.

**Anamnesis: Inner Healing Retreat – St. Charles Retreat Center, Winnipeg – March 13-17<sup>th</sup>.** Four-day retreat in silence, an opportunity to review our life's story in the light & love of God in order to be reconciled with ourselves. Includes: teachings, personal prayer with the Word of God, daily personal spiritual accompaniment, practical workshops, community prayer/Mass. Located on the west perimeter side of Winnipeg. Retreat Centre, “Chemin Neuf Community” is hosted by Deacon Ted Wood & Nancy (his wife). Deacon Ted Wood works in our diocese office with role with, Pastoral Works. Website: [www.chemin-neuf.ca](http://www.chemin-neuf.ca) for more information, or call 204-885-2260.

**Prayer Before Communion**  
*Jesus, the Bread of Life*

Father in heaven,  
you have made us for yourself;  
our hearts are restless until  
they rest in you.  
Fulfill this longing through  
Jesus the bread of life, so that  
we may witness to him who  
alone satisfies the hungers of  
the human family.  
By the power of your Spirit  
lead us to the heavenly table  
where we may feast on the  
vision of your glory for ever  
and ever.  
Amen



# Dear Padre,

## Are the readings at the beginning of Mass more, less, or equal to the celebration of the Eucharist?

**T**he *Novus Ordo*, or the ordinary form of the Roman rite, is celebrated in two major parts: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. These parts complement each other in a balance of word and sacrament.

In his 2004 apostolic letter *Mane Nobiscum Domine*, St. John Paul II described the complemental elements. Using the story of the two disciples



on the road to Emmaus on the night of Easter Sunday, St. John Paul likens the two parts of the revised liturgy to their journey. First, Christ breaks open the word for them, preparing their hearts with an interpretation of the Scriptures. Then they recognize Christ as they break bread. The Liturgy of the Word, proclaimed and preached well, allows time for silence and reflection on the wisdom offered. It becomes the necessary overture for the celebration of thanks and praise and the gift of the sign and sacrament to follow.

Parishes are called to take the Liturgy of the Word most seriously and to bring it to a new level of proclamation. Saint John

Paul admonished all involved, but especially preachers, to cherish the word and preach it so the depths of the mysteries celebrated may be recognized and received into the burning hearts of Christians. In this context, the Scripture readings are given a prominence they didn't have in the older Roman rite.

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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*We must ensure that in the usual activities of every Christian community, in parishes, in associations and movements, there actually be at heart the personal encounter with Christ who communicates himself to us in his word, because, as St. Jerome teaches us, "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ."*

—ADDRESS TO CATHOLIC BIBLICAL FEDERATION,  
JUNE 19, 2015

## Calendar

### Monday

FEBRUARY 17

Weekday

Jas 1:1–11

Mk 8:11–13

### Tuesday

FEBRUARY 18

Weekday

Jas 1:12–18

Mk 8:14–21

### Wednesday

FEBRUARY 19

Weekday

Jas 1:19–27

Mk 8:22–26

### Thursday

FEBRUARY 20

Weekday

Jas 2:1–9

Mk 8:27–33

### Friday

FEBRUARY 21

Weekday

Jas 2:14–24, 26

Mk 8:34–9:1

### Saturday

FEBRUARY 22

Chair of

St. Peter the Apostle

1 Pt 5:1–4

Mt 16:13–19

### Sunday

FEBRUARY 23

Seventh Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Lv 19:1–2, 17–18

1 Cor 3:16–23

Mt 5:38–48

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 16, 2020

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sir 15:15–20 • 1 Cor 2:6–10

Mt 5:17–37 or 5:20–22a,  
27–28, 33–34a, 37



*We speak God's  
wisdom, mysterious,  
hidden, which God  
predetermined before  
the ages for our glory.  
1 CORINTHIANS 2:7*

## Choose One

**L**aw, wisdom, or virtue. Choose one. Today's first reading talks about wisdom. Throughout life, options are placed before us. Which should we pick? Life or death? Good or evil? How do we know which one to choose? Actually, we learn to choose through experience, either our own or the experience of those who have gone before us and left us their insights within our traditions—whether social, political, or religious. Some of these traditions come to us as advice, others as law. One might say that law is really the expression or codification of social, political, or religious traditions. So, to follow law is really to obey a certain kind of codified wisdom.

When St. Paul speaks about wisdom, he is referring to wisdom that comes from following the directives of God, not merely the insights gained through experience. He calls that a mature wisdom as opposed

to the wisdom of this age. It is the kind of wisdom we find in Jesus, who lived his life for others, a kind of wisdom that some might consider foolish.

In the Gospel, Jesus insists that he is not abolishing law but fulfilling it. He urges us to go deeper into law and find wisdom, to go even deeper into human wisdom, and there to find virtue. Law deals with exteriors; virtue addresses the inner heart. Law forbids murder; virtue forbids hatred. Where do you live? In law? In wisdom? Or in virtue? Choose one.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ To think that obeying law fulfills our obligations is to live a rather shallow life.
- ★ What virtues really shape your life?