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

Responsorial Psalm 95: “O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord. Do not harden your hearts!”

St. Theresa's Parish News:

*******St. Theresa's Annual Meeting and potluck will be on Sunday March 15th. Please join us in a time of fellowship, important information and elections of roles in our parish.*******

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!

Those working on their Whole Life Confessions will be meeting every 2 weeks after mass briefly, next meeting March 8th.

St. Theresa's Finance Report 2020	Month of March
REVENUES:	EXPENSES:
Additional SGG overage refunded	Hydro
Mar 1 collection	St Joseph the worker shared expenses
Mar 8 collection	Masses and mass cards
	Archdiocese of Wpg 1/4ly assessment
Year To Date Revenues	Year To Date Expenses

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. Monies collected will be used to purchase new selections

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.

Pancake Breakfast Sunday, March 22nd after 9:00 Mass, Russell, St. Mary's Ukrainian Church basement. All are welcome! Hosted by the Knight of Columbus.

Stations of the Cross The Knights of Columbus will be leading Stations of the Cross starting at 8:30 a.m. Sunday mornings during Lent, the Knights invite you to come and join them to pray!

Lenten Reflection Booklets available at the back of the church, if you haven't already picked one up!

*******Please Note: No Coffee Sunday in March*******

Sharing God's Gifts 2020 Kick-off Sunday is Palm Sunday, April 5th Everyone welcome for our parish Coffee Sunday after Mass downstairs! All parishioners will be receiving a letter and pledge sheet, pick up at back of church. Thank you for continuing to make our SGG campaign a success!

Non-perishable food items always needed for the Russell & Area Food Connections hampers given to those in need in our communities.

F.Y.I.: Parish Finances Statement: Available at the back of the church, you will find financial statements for 2018 and 2019.

The February issue of On the Way is now available! It features key and pivotal stories from throughout our local church, including updates from our various Archdiocesan pastoral ministries, available at the back of the church!

March 15, 2020 - 3rd Sunday of Lent – Stewardship Message

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.” (John 4:13)

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions, we always want more. True Joy and Peace only comes when we follow Jesus; when we become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered.”

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:

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday March 14 7:30 p.m. Russell: +Deceased Family req. Mary Shenderevich

Sunday March 15 9:00 a.m. Russell: For all Parishioners req. Father Paul
11:00 a.m. Rossburn: Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. Joe, Rose & family

All welcome! St. Theresa's Annual Meeting & potluck after Mass

Monday No Mass

Tuesday March 17 9:00 a.m. Russell: For family req. Simone

Wed. March 18 9:00 a.m. Russell: +Deceased Family
req Frank & Madeline Mangin

Thursday March 19 9:00 a.m. Russell: Mass
10:30 a.m. Rossburn: Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
11:00 a.m. Rossburn: Joe return of Health req St. Theresa's Parish

Friday March 20 8:30 a.m. Russell: Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
9:00 a.m. Russell: Mark & family req. Mary Shenderevich

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday March 21 7:30 p.m. Russell: Health for Sister Marci req. by a friend

Sunday March 22 9:00 a.m. Russell: For all Parishioners req. Father Paul
11:00 a.m. Rossburn: For forgiveness of our sin & that of the whole world, for healing & conversion of all who suffer from the effects of the Corona virus & for an end to it req. St. Theresa's Parish

Saturday, March 21, 7:00 p.m. Russell Grace Lutheran Church – “Saskia & Darrel, The Great Plains” concert, Celtic Bluegrass Folk Country & Gospel Flavors. Tickets, \$20/person. More infor. See poster at back of church.

Monday, April 6th, the Chrism Mass will be celebrated, we will gather in our Archdiocese of Winnipeg. Two parishioners to represent each parish will be picking up the sacred oils at the Chrism Mass and taking them to their parish to be used during the year for sacramental purposes. The evening begins with supper at the Delta Hotel (parish pays for it!) followed by the Mass. If you would like to attend please contact the parish office by Thursday, March 26th. This special Mass is celebrated each year at this time...every parishioner should experience it at least once in their lifetime!

Holy Week Schedule 2020

April 9th Holy Thursday Russell 8:00 p.m. Rossburn 6:00 p.m.
April 10th Good Friday Russell 3:00 p.m. Rossburn 1:00 p.m.
April 11th Easter Vigil Russell 7:30 p.m.
April 12th Easter Sunday Rossburn 11:00 a.m.



Please Note the insert, “How Healthy is Your Christian Community?” These questions are your own personal experience in your own particular church community. These topics and more will be brought up at the upcoming “Lenten Listening Supper/Evening Session” in our parish, St. Josephs The Worker, Russell. Chili Supper begins at 6:15 p.m., session 7:00 p.m. Facilitated by Ed Robidoux, a part of our archdiocese Synod. **Tuesday, March 24th. All welcome, no cost, everyone encouraged to attend!**

Dear Padre,

For many of us older Catholics, our children have either left the faith or they don't belong to any church. Consequently, their children aren't baptized. We were taught that anyone may baptize in an emergency. Can we baptize our grandchildren? If so, how?

When necessary, "any person," even one who is not baptized, "can baptize provided that he has the intention of doing that which the Church does and provided that he pours water on the candidate's head while saying: 'I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit'" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1284).

Church law permits baptism when at least one consenting Catholic parent or guardian plans to nurture the child in the faith and in the faith community. Some people—with the best intentions—may disregard these legal conditions and resort to baptizing a child in secret or against the parents' will. However, while the Trinitarian formula used while pouring water over a child qualifies as the sacrament even under non-life-threatening circumstances, it's also contrary to Church law. This has negative consequences both for the child being baptized and the grandparents doing the baptizing!

May you find consolation in these words: "Baptism is necessary for salvation for those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the possibility of asking for this sacrament" (CCC 1257). Should a child die without baptism, we can trust in God's mercy, since the full proclamation of the gospel and request for the sacrament was not possible for the child. Moreover, Jesus' tenderness toward children allows us "to hope that there is a way of salvation for children who have died without baptism" (CCC 1261).

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

This season of Lent is a good occasion to draw near to [Jesus], to encounter him in prayer in a heart-to-heart dialogue; to speak with him, to listen to him....In this way we can renew in ourselves the grace of baptism, quench our thirst at the wellspring of the Word of God.

—ANGELUS, MARCH 19, 2017

Calendar

Monday

MARCH 16
Lenten Weekday
2 Kgs 5:1–15b
Lk 4:24–30

Tuesday

MARCH 17
Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:25, 34–43
Mt 18:21–35

Wednesday

MARCH 18
Lenten Weekday
Dt 4:1, 5–9
Mt 5:17–19

Thursday

MARCH 19
St. Joseph,
Spouse of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Sm 7:4–5a,
12–14a, 16
Rom 4:13, 16–18, 22
Mt 1:16, 18–21, 24a
or Lk 2:41–51a

Friday

MARCH 20
Lenten Weekday
Hos 14:2–10
Mk 12:28–34

Saturday

MARCH 21
Lenten Weekday
Hos 6:1–6
Lk 18:9–14

Sunday

MARCH 22
Fourth Sunday
of Lent
1 Sm 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a
Eph 5:8–14
Jn 9:1–41 or
Jn 9:1, 6–9, 13–17,
34–38



Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 15, 2020

Third Sunday of Lent (A)

Ex 17:3–7

Rom 5:1–2, 5–8

Jn 4:5–42 or 4:5–15, 19b–26, 39a, 40–42

Water for Living, or Living Water?

Water flows through this Sunday's readings.

In the passage from Exodus, the Hebrews cry out for the water so necessary for life. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of living water that provides eternal life.

The exchange between the Hebrews and Moses is straightforward and startling. Physical thirst led them to question the divine care that miraculously delivered them from the hands of Egyptian oppressors. We shouldn't be too quick to shake our fingers at them. How many times have we looked past blessings we take for granted, only to focus on lesser immediate needs? These desert people are our ancestors in more ways than one.

The Gospel of John is most interesting. Jesus is in Samaria, a land hated by the Jews. There he initiates a conversation with an inhabitant of the town of Sychar, someone who is an outcast in three major ways. She is a woman—no self-respecting man would be alone

with a woman he didn't know. She is a Samaritan—Jews considered Samaritans unclean. And she is promiscuous—his own honor might be at risk. The woman's questionable social status does not prevent Jesus from engaging her, first in social etiquette ("Give me a drink" [4:7]), then in a theological exchange ("Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst" [4:14]).

The Hebrews experienced God's saving action in their exodus, but they lacked trust. The woman, hated by the Jews, was an outcast of her own people, yet she believed. How do we respond to the water?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ Look at the deepest longings of your heart. What might quench your thirst?
- ★ The Samaritan woman may have been the last person we would expect Jesus to engage with. What does this say about us?



[Jesus said,] "The water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."
JOHN 4:14

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