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

Responsorial Psalm 72: “In his days may righteousness flourish, and peace abound forever.”

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. Theresa's Finance Report 2019 Month of November

REVENUES:		EXPENSES:	
Nov 3 collection	\$1,610.00	Hydro	\$501.00
Nov 10 collection	\$1,150.60	Rossburn Municipality (levies)	\$62.53
Nov 17 collection	\$605.00	Society for Propagation of the Faith remittance	\$610.00
Votive stand donations	\$67.45	SGG remittance	\$2,450.00
Nov 24 collection	\$663.00	Fire insurance	\$2,348.00
Cemetery fund donation	\$105.00	St Joseph The Worker shared expense	\$2,000.00
Year To Date Revenues	\$69,901.92	Year To Date Expenses	\$71,615.91

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

Knights of Columbus Meeting, Tues., 7:30 p.m., December 10, St. Theresa's, Rossburn
Whole Life Confession Study, This program will foster a deep, personal encounter with Christ that is life changing. It covers four weeks of short daily reading and reflections taking 15 minutes morning and evening based on the writings of St. Augustine. Excellent for Advent, Fr Paul approved! Please call Lynda Ryshytylo 859 2760 for further information.

St. Joseph The Worker Parish News:

Thank You to all who attended our Parish Advent Potluck last Saturday! Special thanks to those who donated gift and food items, bought tickets, as well as those who supplied us with their musical talent and organized and participated in the advent games! Congratulations to Leanne Gregory who won the Door Prize and all our other prize winners! Our appreciation to the K of C for the children's gifts, Louise Trinder's coffee Sunday group and the parish social committee for all their hard work. Because of your generosity, we were able to give the Russell & Area Food Connections a van full of groceries and send the Orphanage in Peru a total of \$582.00 A wonderful way to start the season of giving!

Consider this your invitation to join together to help decorate our church for Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 22 at 1:00 p.m.. Everyone is welcome to join. Any question please phone Bev Roszell, 204-773-3998.

Annual Community Carol Sing - Wednesday, December 11th, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the George P. Buleziuk Centre in Russell, donations to Russell & District Food Connections. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Announcements: -Please be advised, Stan Furman is on the parish council for St. Joseph The Worker. -The children's coin collection for November is \$75.00.

Mass Intentions For The Week:

2nd Sunday of Advent

Saturday Dec. 7 11:00 a.m. Rossburn +Eleanor Mackendenski req. David Woychyshyn & Family
7:30 p.m. Russell: Mass
Sunday Dec. 8 9:00 a.m. Russell: For all souls in purgatory req. Simone
11:00 a.m. Rossburn: For all Parishioners req. Father Paul
Monday Dec. 9 **No Mass**
Tuesday Dec. 10 **9:00 a.m.** Russell: For family req. Mary Shenderevich
Wed. Dec. 11 9:00 a.m. Russell: Nellie req. Armond Lucier
Thursday Dec. 12 9:00 a.m. Russell: Mass
10:30 a.m. Rossburn: Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
11:00 a.m. Rossburn: Special intentions req. Simone
Friday Dec. 13 8:30 a.m. Russell: Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
9:00 a.m. Russell: Father Paul req. Deacon Darin & Carlene
10:30 a.m. Rossburn: Music PCH
10:45 a.m. Rossburn: For the sick & shut-in req. Father Paul

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday Dec. 14 7:30 p.m. Russell: +Jean Stadnyk req. Mike, Glenda & Family
Sunday Dec. 15 9:00 a.m. Russell: For all parishioners req. Father Paul
11:00 a.m. Rossburn: +Marilyn Robb req. Bernadine Brown

*****Advent Confessions-*****

Russell: St. Mary's UK Catholic parish **St. Lazare: Wednesday, December 11th, 7:00 p.m.**

Tuesday, December 10th
from 4 to 5 p.m. and after 6:30 p.m.

Rossburn: Sacred Heart parish

Thursday, December 12th
from 4 to 5 and after 6:30 p.m.

Several priests will be in attendance for all services

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve December 24

Russell: 6:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

Christmas Day December 25

Rossburn: 11:00 a.m.

New Years

New Years Eve December 31st

Russell: 7:30 p.m.

New Years Day January 2020

Russell: 9:00 a.m. Rossburn: 11:00 a.m.



Calendar						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
DECEMBER 9 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Gn 3:9–15, 20 Eph 1:3–6, 11–12 Lk 1:26–38	DECEMBER 10 Advent Weekday Is 40:1–11 Mt 18:12–14	DECEMBER 11 Advent Weekday Is 40:25–31 Mt 11:28–30	DECEMBER 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Zec 2:14–17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab Lk 1:26–38 or Lk 1:39–47	DECEMBER 13 St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Is 48:17–19 Mt 11:16–19	DECEMBER 14 St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church Sir 48:1–4, 9–11 Mt 17:9a, 10–13	DECEMBER 15 Third Sunday of Advent Jas 5:7–10 Mt 11:2–11

Dear Padre,

An intellectual friend told me that she loves the great dogmas of Advent. I smiled and agreed, but I don’t have the faintest idea what she meant!

Dogma refers to Church teachings defined by an ecumenical council, including the pope, or by the pope alone acting as head of the Church. The magisterium, the Church’s teaching authority, tells us these must-be-believed truths have been divinely revealed to us. During Advent, we celebrate two dogmas: the immaculate conception of Mary, which we honor tomorrow, and the Incarnation, which includes the birth of Christ that we prepare for now.



Both dogmas speak of God’s extraordinary connection with humanity. God specially gifted Mary because of her role in becoming the Mother of God. Mary, from the instant of her conception, was free from original sin. Her closeness to Jesus was established from the earliest moments of her existence.

The dogma of the Incarnation is defined simply by St. John. “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us” (John 1:14). During the year, we first celebrate the Incarnation on March 25, at the solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Scripture and Tradition hold that Jesus was conceived in Mary’s womb when she accepted God’s will by answering yes to the angel’s announcement that she would bear the “Son of the Most High” (Luke 1:32). During Advent, we eagerly anticipate the result of that Incarnation, Jesus’ birth.

Dogmas can sometimes seem disconnected from our lives. The customs of Advent put an everyday face on the book definitions and remind us that God lives in our midst.



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

It is the mystery of Christ’s flesh: one doesn’t understand love for thy neighbor, one doesn’t understand love for thy brother if one doesn’t understand this mystery of Incarnation. I love my brother because he too is Christ, is Christlike, is the flesh of Christ.

VISIT TO PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF RECONCILIATION, JULY 28, 2014

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 8, 2019
Second Sunday of Advent (A)
 Is 11:1-10
 Rom 15:4-9
 Mt 3:1-12

Creating God’s Peaceable Kingdom

At times, God’s presence among us is so unspectacular that we need someone else to point it out, someone with a loud voice. That seems to have been the role of John the Baptist. His lifestyle and his message certainly caught everyone’s attention. But when he caught their attention, he directed it away from himself to the kingdom of heaven.

He called it a kingdom because that was the government those of his time knew. (Jesus, too, often spoke of his kingdom.) However, the kingdom John referred to is not one of military power and privilege but a “peaceable kingdom,” where animals that are normally feared as predators live with each other in peace. A beautiful picture, but is it a possibility or just fantasy? The people believed that some day one would be born who would rule this way, thus enabling them to become a genuine peaceable kingdom. This

kingdom would not be made of animals, but of women and men of different races, cultures, and beliefs; women and men who would recognize each other’s God-given uniqueness and would create genuine unity from this diversity.

John the Baptist declared that this kingdom “is at hand.” Is it? Do we strive to live peacefully with the great diversity of people of our world? Or are we smug as we proclaim: “We have Abraham as our father” (Matthew 3:9), so we are right and you are wrong. The people of John’s time should have known better. We should, too. John cries out to them—and to us: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” (Matthew 3:2).

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ How open are you to people of different faiths, races, or nations?
- ★ What can you do to make real the peaceable kingdom of heaven?

[John the Baptist said,] “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” MATTHEW 3:3



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