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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 about forever.

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 or 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.

First Communion – Next class will be December 8th from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

The deposit for the Children collection totaled \$205 with a Year-to-date total \$1,232.

***THANK YOU** to everyone who attended our **PARISH ADVENT POTLUCK PARTY** last Saturday! What a great time, starting with our Eucharistic celebration which included the blessing and lighting of our advent wreath. After Mass, young and not so young parishioners gathered together downstairs to celebrate the beginning of our church advent season with delicious food, lots of fun games, beautiful Christmas carols (Filipino & English – with Fr. Paul playing the guitar), and some dancing thrown in! It was truly heartwarming to see so many children there and all of them with eyes filled with joy!*

Presentations were made to both of our Deacons, Conrad Plante and Darin Douglas. Special thanks to all who donated gifts for our Draw Table, brought food items for the Food Bank, gave monetary donations, bought tickets, and to those who helped in the kitchen.

*Congratulations to our prize winners! Because of your generosity, our parish will donate a total of **\$875.00** to our Russell & Area Food Connections and **\$455.00** to Sr. Hilda Simard's Orphanage in Peru. While having a wonderful time at our parish celebration, we have also helped so many families in need this Christmas.*

Our thanks to the parish social committee for organizing this successful evening of fun times and generous giving.

Socks (unwrapped) of all sizes and colors are also needed! Bring those to the church by Sunday, December 11th, and place them under the Stewardship Tree.

If you are unable to drop off gifts/socks at the church, you may also drop off at Bev & Jim Roszell's at 328 Mather St. E. Russell (phone 204-773-3998)

Praying with Pope Francis, December: *For volunteer not-for profit organizations:* We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

Second Sunday Of Advent

Saturday Dec 3 7:30 p.m. Russell Mass

Sunday Dec 4 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. & YouTube after 10:15 am**

+ Rita Ross req. by Florence Shwaluk

11:00 a.m. Rossburn Mass For all parishioners by Father Paul

Monday Dec 5 Fr Paul's Birthday
 Health of family & friends req. by Jean Goba
 5:30 p.m. CWL Christmas Supper at Arbuckle's

Tuesday Dec 6 Special Intentions req. by Noella Porath

Wed. Dec 7 10:00 a.m. Russell Personal Care Home, Music & Mass
 Special Intentions req. by Carol & Wade Schott

Thurs. Dec 8 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration
 11:00 a.m. Mass + Frank Kaskiw req by The Kaskiw family

Friday Dec 9 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
 9:00 a.m. Mass
 10:15 a.m. Rossburn Personal Care Home, Music & Mass

Third Sunday Of Advent

Saturday Dec 10 7:30 p.m. Russell Mass +Duncan Spurway from Funeral Mass offering

Sunday Dec 11 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 + Kaskiw & Budz family req. by Kaskiw family

Rossburn **Advent Pot Luck lunch**

Reconciliations:

St. Lazare December 13th at St Lazare 3:30-5, 7:00-as needed

Rossburn December 14th at Sacred Heart 4-5, 6-as needed

Russell December 16th at Saint Mary's 4-5, 6-as needed

St. Theresa's News:

St Theresa's Parish well have an Advent Pot Luck lunch December 11th following the 3rd Advent Sunday Mass.

* **Saints and end-times:** St. Francis of Assisi, Saint of Nature, was hoeing his garden one day. A philosopher friend approached him and asked, "What would you do if you learned you would die before the sun sets?" St. Francis reflected for a moment and replied, "I would finish hoeing my garden. I would be faithful to what I am doing now."

* **"I am coming home. Nobody wears shoes here."** Many years ago, a famous shoe company sent one of its salespeople to a faraway country to start a business. After a few months he sent back the message: "I am coming home. Nobody wears shoes here." The same company sent another salesperson to the same backward area. After a few months she sent this message to the home office: "Send more order forms! Nobody wears shoes here! Hence, I can sell more shoes." The second salesperson saw the opportunity in her situation – not the difficulty. She succeeded because she had faith in her product, faith in the people and faith in her ability to canvass customers. Today's readings tell us that if we have a little Faith – even the smallest amount – in God's power, which He is glad to share with us, then we're on the right track. (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).



How boys tell a story



How girls tell a story



Dear Padre,

Many LGBTQ+ youth are homeless, suicidal, or even murdered because of who they are. How can we support them?

Your desire to be compassionate is very much in keeping with the Church's teaching. In 1986, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, led by then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (now emeritus Pope Benedict XVI), issued a strongly worded call for civility and respect for homosexual persons. On the Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons emphasized, "It is deplorable that homosexual persons have been and are the object of violent malice in speech or in action. Such treatment deserves condemnation from the Church's pastors wherever it occurs." The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* stresses that homosexual persons "must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity" (CCC 2358).

"The Church actively asserts and promotes the intrinsic dignity of every person. As human persons, persons with a homosexual inclination have the same basic rights as all people, including the right to be treated with dignity," wrote the US Bishops in "Ministry to Persons with a Homosexual Inclination" (2006). In terms of offering support, this document reads, "As baptized members of the Catholic community, persons with a homosexual inclination continue to look to the Church for a place where they may live in authentic human integrity and holiness of life. Being welcomed into and participating in their local faith community is the foundation of spiritual support that the Church offers to them. Full and active participation is encouraged. Participation in a worshipping Catholic community is a support for living a life of chastity and integrity and an encouragement to an ongoing personal conversion." ●

— The Redemptorists
DearPadre.org



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Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 4, 2022
Second Sunday of Advent (A)
Isaiah 11:1–10 / Romans 15:4–9 / Matthew 3:1–12



May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus.

ROMANS 15:5

Pretend the Dream

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When I was in college, we had a professor who would often say that if, instead of acting the way we feel, we would act the way we would like to feel, then we would soon begin to feel the way we hoped. Over the years, I've found a fair amount of wisdom in that advice, although I don't always remember to tap into it. I know it's all a kind of pretending, but somehow the pretending does seem to make a difference.

Each year, we make our journey into Christmas with a year's baggage. We come with good memories of moments of lazy fun, sun-drenched summers, and dappled autumns, vacations, and birthday parties. But we also make our way into this red and green season with a generous share of hurts and pains, failures and even sins, just because most years are lived that way.

And so, during this last month of each year we play at being happy and pretend that all is good. We sing carols

and toast friendships and wish each other blessings and goodness. And we do it all with an unspoken honesty, knowing full well that life is not always so, but maybe by pretending, and by some freakish twist of godliness, we can find for some short time the harmony once prophesied by Isaiah. Maybe the wolf and the lamb will be kind, and the calf and lion will forget their history, and for at least one brief shining moment we will live in harmony with one another. ●

Reflect

This Advent, once a week, try to skip doing something that stresses you.

Once a week, act the way you would like to feel. Fake it if you must.

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Many people today are constantly using social media, but are not themselves very social: they are caught up in themselves, prisoners of the cell phone in their hand. What appears on the screen is not the reality of other persons: their eyes, their breath and their hands.

ADDRESS IN A MEETING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE, ATHENS, DECEMBER 6, 2021

MONDAY December 5 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 35:1–10 Lk 5:17–26	THURSDAY December 8 <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Gn 3:9–15, 20 Eph 1:3–6, 11–12 Lk 1:26–38	SATURDAY December 10 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Sir 48:1–4, 9–11 Mt 17:9a, 10–13
TUESDAY December 6 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 40:1–11 Mt 18:12–14	FRIDAY December 9 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 48:17–19 Mt 11:16–19	SUNDAY December 11 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> Is 35:1–6a, 10 Jas 5:7–10 Mt 11:2–11
WEDNESDAY December 7 <i>St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> Is 40:25–31 Mt 11:28–30	Timely topics viewed with a Catholic perspective <i>Catholic Update</i> explores contemporary issues through the lens of Catholic teaching and traditions. Print and digital subscriptions! For more information, visit Liguori.org or call 800-325-9521.	