



**St. Joseph The Worker Parish**  
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**St. Theresa's Parish**  
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## Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 19, 2019

### Scripture Readings

**Acts 14:21-27** Building the early church amid hardships

**Ps 145** I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God

**Rv 21:1-5a** The great vision of a renewed earth

**Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35** "I give you a new commandment: Love one another."

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### *Joke of the Week....*

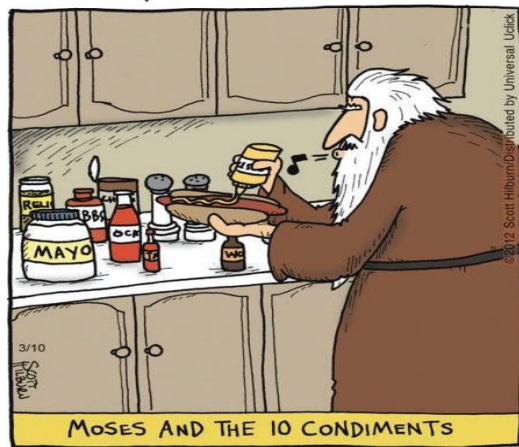
Why do you have to "put your two cents in"... but it's only a "penny for your thoughts"? Where's that extra penny going to?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?



**Responsorial Psalm 145**

"I will bless your name for ever, my king and my God."



**May 19, 2019 - 5th Sunday of Easter, Stewardship Reflection:**

*"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (John 13:34)*

It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes strength and courage to love someone when we feel unappreciated, used or feel our opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage to "love my neighbor" when he may be someone I don't like; someone I don't know or someone that doesn't look like me.

**Introduction:** Today's readings are about renewal and new things: *The New Jerusalem, a new Heaven and a new earth, and a new commandment.*

**Life messages:**

1) Let us learn to love ourselves so that we may learn to love each other. The old commandment (*Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18*) says: "Love your neighbor as yourself." We cannot learn to cherish others and care for them if we have never learned to do the same for ourselves. We live in a world that denies our basic human worth. How do we reclaim our basic worth? We can become whole and holy only when we learn to love ourselves properly, acknowledging the fact that we are children of God and that the Triune God resides in our souls, making our bodies the "temple of the Holy Spirit."

2) Let us love others in our daily lives: We are asked to love as Jesus loved, in the ordinary course of our lives. We love others by responding to their everyday needs with love and compassion. We love others by comforting and protecting those who have experienced loss. We love others by serving others in every possible way no matter how small, seeing the face of Jesus in them. We love others by forgiving rather than condemning, by challenging rather than condoning. Finally, we love others by sacrificially sharing our time, talents and blessings with them.

3) Let us demonstrate our love for others in our gatherings and parish assemblies: When we are assembled as a religious or social community, we have an opportunity to demonstrate our love for one another. People must see Christians as people who interact with a love and concern for one another that reveals their strong love and appreciation for each other. They should see in us a quickness to appreciate and readiness to forgive, even as Christ has forgiven us.

*"We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father's love for us."* – St. John Paul 2<sup>nd</sup>

## **Mass Intentions For The Week:**

### **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Saturday May 18 7:30 p.m. Russell: Special intentions req. Simone  
Sunday May 19 9:00 a.m. Russell: For All Parishioners req. Father Paul  
11:00 a.m. Rossburn: + Marie Kalyniuk req. Steve & Delores  
Monday May 20 **No Mass**  
Tuesday May 21 6:30 p.m. Russell: Special intentions req. Simone  
Wed. May 22 9:00 a.m. Russell: For family req. Jean Goba  
Thursday May 23 9:00 a.m. Russell: Mass  
10:30 a.m. Rossburn: Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament  
11:00 a.m. Rossburn: +Friends of suffering souls in Purgatory  
req. Joe, Rose & family  
Friday May 24 8:30 a.m. Russell: Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament  
9:00 a.m. Russell: +Marie Bisson req. Frank & Madeline Mangin

### **Sixth Sunday of Easter, National Collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works**

Saturday May 25 7:30 p.m. Russell: +John Mangin req. Frank & Madeline Mangin  
Sunday May 26 9:00 a.m. Russell: For All Parishioners req. Father Paul  
11:00 a.m. Rossburn: + Friends of suffering souls in Purgatory  
req. Joe, Rose & family

**7-Day Silent Retreat Based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius:** Offered by the "Chemin Neuf Community", the focus of the retreat is to come to know Christ more intimately through his word and to recognize God's call in our life. Four periods per day of personal prayer are supplemented by teaching and daily meetings with a spiritual director. Suggested donation, \$400. At the St. Charles Retreat Centre, 323 St. Charles St, on the banks of the Assiniboine River. Stcharlesretreat@hotmail.com, 204-885-2260. See poster at back of church. Begins Friday, May 31 at 5:00 with supper, concludes Friday, June 7 at 11:00 a.m.

**Our Diocese General Inform.** (Statistics): The following information may be of interest:

	<b><u>2017</u></b>	<b><u>2018</u></b>
Baptisms:	1422	1437
Confirmations:	886	749
First Communions:	1078	1001
Marriages:	181	233

**Please try to take time to look over**, the information brochure, "Sharing God's Gifts", from archbishop Richard Gagnon, "Embracing Discipleship".

**Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**, is “The Ascension of Jesus”, which leads to the following Sunday of Pentecost! A tradition of a Novena (by definition lasts 9 days), to the Holy Spirit leading up to the celebration of Pentecost may be done, beginning this Friday, May 24 – a simple prayer for the gift of the Spirits guidance. The New Testament tells us that during the period between the Ascension & Pentecost, “all...joined in the continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers” (Acts 1, 14) while they awaited being “clothed with power from on high” (Lk 24, 49). The pious exercise of the Pentecost novena, widely practiced among the faithful, emerged from prayerful reflection on this salvific event.



**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 May**

<b>REVENUES:</b>		<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
April 25 collection	\$695.00	Snow removal	\$210.00
May 5 collection	\$1,620.00	Church yard maintenance	\$160.00
<b>Year To Date Revenues</b>	<b>\$17,115.95</b>	<b>Year To Date Expenses</b>	<b>\$10,853.73</b>

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

**St. Joseph the Worker Parish News:                      May is**

**Marion Month...Sunday mornings before 9 a.m. Mass** throughout the month of May, the CWL ladies will be leading us in praying the rosary. Come early & join them as we honor our Blessed Mother!

**Forgot your Rosary?** The Knights have some available for this morning, at the back of the church!

**A reminder...** Our Parish is able to provide the option of Direct Deposit as a way of making your church donation. You can start Direct Deposit at any time. To be on Direct Deposit, you have to fill out a form which you will find at the back of the church. Please hand form in to one of the following: Gary Petz, Jim Roszell, Lori Gallant, or Fr. Paul.

Please note that Direct Deposit is **once a month only**. To determine your monthly offering remember to take your normal weekly offering amount times 52 and divide by 12 to maintain the same amount for the year. Also, remember **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS** (ie. Holy Land, Christmas, Mission Sunday, etc..) are not included in Direct Deposit and will be made through envelopes.

**All welcome! Next Sunday, “Coffee Sunday”,** May 26<sup>th</sup>, Nicole Petz group will be supplying snacks, coffee, etc. after Mass in the church basement. Plan to be there!

