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

**Responsorial Psalm 29:** “The Lord will bless his people with peace.”

**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.  
**K of C** meeting at St. Theresa’s Parish, Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm

**Note:** Sharing God’s Gifts contribution total for 2019 is \$12,935 at 70% parishioner participation.

**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 Excercise! Lynda Ryshytylo 859-2760

St. Theresa's Finance Report 2020	Month of January
REVENUES:	EXPENSES:
Jan1 collection	\$1,065.00
Jan 5 collection	\$1,305.00
Year To Date Revenues	\$2,370.00

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

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

**Thank you to all** the children who are attending children’s liturgy. Welcome back after the x’mas break, it now will resume on Sunday, January 12th.

**Parishioners please pick up:**

**Sunday Missal** (2019-2020) now available! \$4.00 each – at back of church!

**Attention Parishioners!** Please do not use your old 2019 parish donation envelopes. Your 2020 envelopes are now available, please pick them up today! If you are a new parishioner, and would like to be on our parish list and receive donation envelopes, then please fill out the form available on the back table. Thanks!

**Coffee Sundays** – After a few months’ absence due to the Advent party & Christmas celebrations...the next one will be Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> and Paulette Vandamme’s group will supplying the snacks, coffee, etc. Plan to be there!

**Thank you** to Ed Robidoux for the many years serving in our parish as dedicated co-ordinator of Ministry of Altar Servers. **Thank you** to Jamee Tibbatts, who will now serve in this role at St. Joseph’s. She may be contacted at (204) 821-6546 for further information regarding this important ministry with our youth as Altar Servers.

**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.

**Joke of the week:**

A keg of beer and a case of whiskey: Before performing a Baptism, the priest approached the young father and said solemnly, "Baptism is a serious step. Are you prepared for it?" "I think so," the man replied. "My wife has made appetizers and we have a caterer coming to provide plenty of cookies and cakes for all of our guests." "I don't mean that," the priest responded. "I mean, are you prepared spiritually?" "Oh, sure," came the reply. "I've got a keg of beer and a case of whiskey."

**Mass Intentions For The Week:**

**Baptism of the Lord**

Saturday Jan. 11 7:30 p.m. Russell: Father Paul req. Joe, Rose & family  
Sunday Jan. 12 9:00 a.m. Russell: For all Parishioners req. Father Paul  
11:00 a.m. Rossburn: +Souls suffering in purgatory req. Joe, Rose & family

**No Masses Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday**

Thursday Jan. 16 9:00 a.m. Russell: Mass  
10:30 a.m. Rossburn: Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament  
11:00 a.m. Rossburn: Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. Joe, Rose & family  
Friday Jan. 17 8:30 a.m. Russell: Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament  
9:00 a.m. Russell: For vocations to the priesthood req. Simone

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Saturday Jan. 18 7:30 p.m. Russell: +Arthur Geniston req. Blue  
Sunday Jan. 19 9:00 a.m. Russell: For all Parishioners req. Father Paul  
11:00 a.m. Rossburn: + Frank Kaskiw req. Nellie Kaskiw

**Parish Volunteer Opportunity**

A group from our parish is planning to drive to Brandon, assisting the "Helping Hands Soup Kitchen", to serve those in need, Wednesday, January 29th. We will leave Russell at 8:30 am. and return in the afternoon. This is an opportunity for ministry of service with Social Justice, and for parishioners to work together. If you have questions/those interested, please call Deacon Darin Douglas or Carlene Douglas, 532-2157 (Hm.). Numbers of individuals going, needs to be known before Sun Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>.

**1 Peter 4: 10-11** Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

**Feast of The Baptism of The Lord...**

Closely connected with events of the Epiphany are the mysteries of the Baptism of the Lord and manifestation of his glory at the marriage feast of Cana.  
Christmastide closes with the Baptism of the Lord. The feast presents an excellent opportunity for the faithful to be reminded of our rebirth as children of God in Baptism. What are the symbols we associate with Baptism? What does Baptism mean to us?

**January 12, 2020 - Baptism of the Lord - Stewardship**

*And a voice came from the heavens, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” (Matthew 3:17)*  
Two thoughts come to mind when reading this. First, God, Our Father, is so generous, that he gave his only son, whom he really loves, to us so that we can have eternal life with him in heaven. God, Our Creator, really loves us, too! Second, Jesus was obedient to his Father’s will, even to the point of death. This is a reminder that our own lives are pure gifts from God and meant to serve God and others.

**Ecumenical Workshop Service in Russell**

2020 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, hosted at Knox United Church in Russell  
Wednesday, January 22, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.  
More information to follow. Time of fellowship following service. All welcome!

**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.**

**Pope Francis Twitter message, January 9, 2020**

*“If we have no peace in our hearts, how can we think there will be peace in the world? Let’s try to remain in the Lord, and the way to do so is to love, and to love in little things.”*



# Dear Padre,

## What does holy water do, and why is it near the entrance to the church?

**B**lessed water is a sacramental—a sign of spiritual effects and favors from God. The Church admonishes us to use sacramentals, like holy water, crucifixes, and rosaries, with reverence and respect.

Water is full of mystery. Although material, it can express something spiritual. It cleanses us from filth and impurities; therefore, water is a symbol

of interior cleansing and purifying. It also symbolizes life. The scarcity of water in many regions, including the Holy Land, gives it special value. What's more, water is necessary for the existence of all plants, animals, and people.

In Matthew's Gospel, John the Baptist baptized with water as an outward sign of inner sorrow for personal sins. In the sacrament of baptism instituted

by Christ, we are washed completely and born again of water and the Spirit. Water here symbolizes the grace of God washing away our sins, purifying our souls, and giving us new life in Christ.

The custom of placing a holy water font near the church doors is quite old. As you enter a Catholic church, making the sign of the cross with holy water reminds you of your baptism and of cleansing yourself before you approach God's presence. As you leave, bless yourself again and recall that baptism has marked you for eternal life. When we bless ourselves with holy water, we do it "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

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### A WORD FROM Pope Francis

*In baptism, your life was already immersed in the mystery of the Trinity and you belong to Jesus. And if one day you should be taken by fear, or you think that evil is too great to be challenged, simply consider that Jesus lives within you.*

—GENERAL AUDIENCE, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

## Calendar

### Monday

JANUARY 13

Weekday

1 Sm 1:1–8

Mk 1:14–20

### Tuesday

JANUARY 14

Weekday

1 Sm 1:9–20

Mk 1:21–28

### Wednesday

JANUARY 15

Weekday

1 Sm 3:1–10, 19–20

Mk 1:29–39

### Thursday

JANUARY 16

Weekday

1 Sm 4:1–11

Mk 1:40–45

### Friday

JANUARY 17

St. Anthony,

Abbot

1 Sm 8:4–7, 10–22a

Mk 2:1–12

### Saturday

JANUARY 18

Weekday

1 Sm 9:1–4, 17–19;

10:1

Mk 2:13–17

### Sunday

JANUARY 19

Second Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5–6

1 Cor 1:1–3

Jn 1:29–34

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 12, 2020

Baptism of the Lord (A)

Is 42:1–4, 6–7

Acts 10:34–38

Mt 3:13–17

## Our Chance to Start Anew

**W**ho has not been asked, at the dawning of young adulthood, “What do you want to be when you grow up?” Today there are so many options for both girls and boys. How does one decide? Money and security are very tempting, as are fame and reputation. And then there is the other side of the story when, in the quiet of our thoughts later in life, we wonder if we became everything we might have been. Did we choose the right path or the easy one? Did we rise to the occasion when life challenged us or did we stay where it was comfortable? Did we really grow up or did we just get older?

Today we cross the threshold of Christmastime and step into Ordinary Time when the readings focus on discipleship. What kind of disciples do we want to be? Regardless of the past, today we have a chance to start anew. The readings place two models before us—the servant in Isaiah and Jesus at his baptism.

Filled with the Spirit of God, Jesus is now ready to go out into the world to proclaim God's love and mercy and to give evidence of that love and mercy in the way he treats others. The servant in the Isaiah reading was also filled with the spirit of God in order to “bring forth justice to the nations” (Isaiah 42:1). By baptism, we, too, are filled with God's spirit. How are we going to use it? What do we want to be when we grow up?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ★ What can you do to make your part of the world a better place?
- ★ Look within yourself. To what might God be calling you?



[Jesus] came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened [for him], and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove.  
MATTHEW 3:16