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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 47): God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

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.

Praying with Pope Francis May: *For the formation of religious and seminarians: We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the gospel.*

Mass Intentions For This Week:

Ascension of the Lord

Saturday May 11 7:30 p.m. Russell Fr Paul req by Irene Deschamps

Sunday May 12 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. & YouTube after 10:15 am**
 + Emilienne Mangin req by George Mangin & family

11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Nellie Kaskiw req by the Kaskiw family

Monday May 13 + Emilienne Mangin req by George Mangin & family

Tuesday May 14 Health of family & friends req by Jean Goba

Wed May 15 Health of family & friends Carol & Wade Schott

Thurs May 16 10:30 Rossburn Adoration
 11:00 a.m. Ivo & Marie Kulhanck req by Vince Kaskiw

Friday May 17 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
 9:00 a.m. Mass Health of Fr Paul req by Doug & Donalda Wishart

Pentecost Sunday

Saturday May 18 7:30 p.m. Russell Fr Paul req by Irene Deschamps

Sunday May 19 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 + Deceased family members req by David & family

World Communication Day – May 12

Today Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication (films, radio, television, newspapers, audiovisuals) and how these influence our lives.

The media can promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the Gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media and reject those which promote values contrary to spiritual growth.

Canada Health Day – May 12

Canada Health Day is celebrated in health care facilities and community services across the country. This day reminds us that health and healing are essential aspects of our baptismal vocation. We are called to take responsibility for our personal health: to prevent illness and to seek a healthy lifestyle. Good health concerns the physical, emotional, social and spiritual health of our communities, respect for God's creatures and the nurturing of the whole earth.

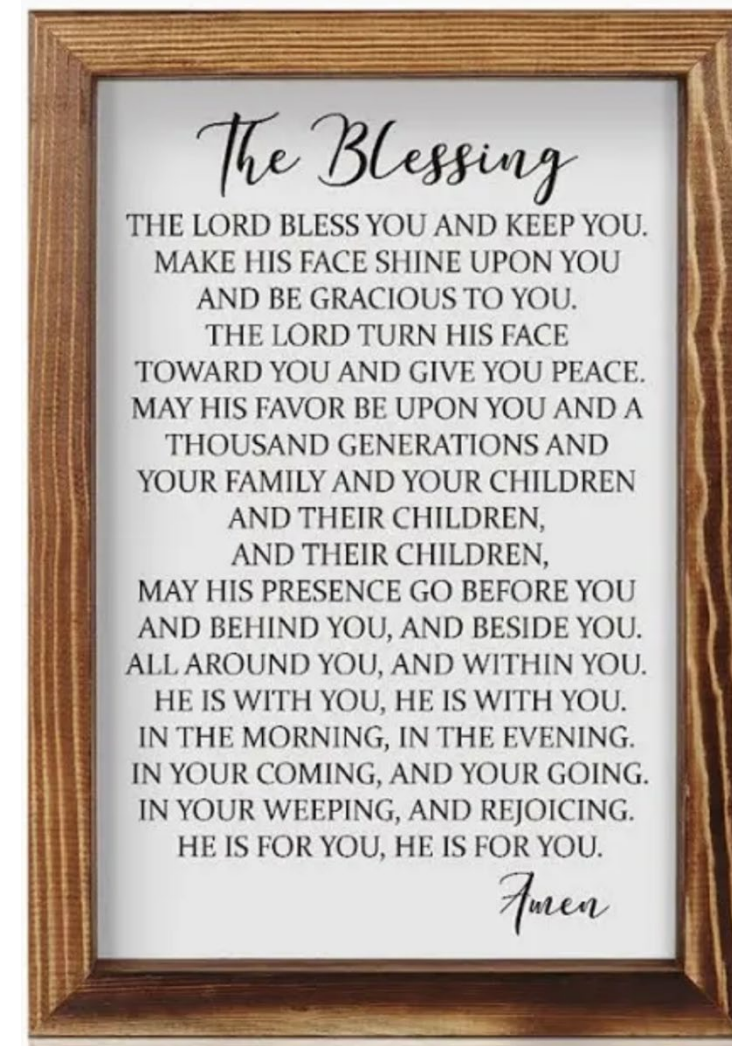


gives life anew, a life that is unending, undying, eternal and true. Easter begs for the opportunity to stop us in the busyness of our continuous coming and going. Easter would have us to stop, take a pause, look around and ask yourself: Why are you here? How did you get here to this current day and situation? Where are you heading? Is heaven a possibility for you? Easter calls us, begs us, implores us for the opportunity for some restful time to thoroughly and genuinely consider, reflect and contemplate the most profound question Easter could ask: What has God accomplished in you? Have you received the new life Jesus won for you? Seriously, do you know what God has done for you lately? God's well thought out, perfectly discerned and awesomely executed divine plan gave you a new day, a new beginning, a new life in Christ. The Paschal Mystery, which is the sacred Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and his glorious Ascension into our heavenly home has conquered death, reopened the gateway and path to heaven for us and now readies for our coming home again. This mystery gives unending life, breathes life into our painful wounds and heals the effects of sinful humanity and the death that awaited us. May the Lord's Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension be accomplished in you. [Reflections from the Heart – May 12, 2024 | Annunciation Catholic Church \(annunciationorlando.org\)](http://Reflections from the Heart – May 12, 2024 | Annunciation Catholic Church (annunciationorlando.org))

The Ascension of the Lord

by Fr. Ivan Olmo

"He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered." Has Easter ended for you? Has it already gone by? Is Easter already old news or is it just beginning as you spiritually wake up, are enlightened, and come alive? Easter is so much more than a Vigil or a special Sunday. It is so much more than a dedicated liturgical time or a special specific liturgical season. Easter is a true reality of God's magnificent transcendent love, that transcends all space and time, and thoroughly accomplished in the here, there, and now and fully accomplished in the forever eternity we call home. Easter is the joyful truth of the profound, immense love God has for his creation and the unfathomable divine mercy that has acted on creation's behalf. A love that transforms history and ages past. A merciful love that forgives, forgets, remains present and active all the time. Easter is about a sacred bond that makes all things and people new. An eternal, faithful covenantal loving relationship and friendship that freely and happily gives life, courageously and perpetually forgives life, heroically yet humbly overcomes death and lovingly and mercifully



Dear Padre,

What were the main changes brought about by the Second Vatican Council?

It has been sixty years since the Second Vatican Council and we are still learning from what Pope John Paul II called the “fundamental event in the contemporary Church” and “the constant reference point of every pastoral action.” Vatican II’s sixteen documents focus on a wide variety of topics, touching almost every conceivable aspect of Church and Christian life. Four of the documents bear the title of “Constitution” and contain the core formulations of the council’s teachings.

The most visible change might be in how we worship. But even more fundamental is the emphasis on the Church as the “people of God.” Baptism admits all to the same journey of faith, initiating each person with differing talents and abilities into the mission of the Church. Thus, the faithful must be “led to that fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people as ‘a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people’ (1 Peter 2:9; see 2:4–5), is their right and duty by reason of their baptism” (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [*Sacrosanctum Concilium*], 14). The hierarchy continues, but it is to hear and serve God’s people; “servant leadership” is the way to exercise authority in the Church of Vatican II. ●

Saint Paul VI was Pope when the last of the Second Vatican documents was promulgated.



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
May 13 Easter Weekday Acts 19:1–8 Jn 16:29–33	May 14 St. Matthias, Apostle Acts 1:15–17, 20–26 Jn 15:9–17	May 15 Easter Weekday Acts 20:28–38 Jn 17:11b–19	May 16 Easter Weekday Acts 22:30; 23:6–11 Jn 17:20–26	May 17 Easter Weekday Acts 25:13b–21 Jn 21:15–19	May 18 Easter Weekday Acts 28:16–20, 30–31 Jn 21:20–25	May 19 Pentecost Acts 2:1–11 1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13 or Gal 5:16–25 Jn 20:19–23 or Jn 15:26–27; 16:12–15

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus’ ascension into heaven...constitutes the end of the mission that the Son received from the Father and the beginning of the continuation of this mission on the part of the Church. From this moment...Christ’s presence in the world is mediated...by those who believe in him and proclaim him. This mission will last until the end of history.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 28, 2017

Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 12, 2024

Ascension of the Lord (B)

Acts 1:1–11 / Ephesians 1:17–23 or Ephesians 4:1–13 or 4:1–7, 11–13 / Mark 16:15–20



Apples and Pears

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

As a child, I remember our back yard had a fruit tree planted by my grandfather. Each year the tree bore apples and pears, both on the same tree. My grandfather explained that he had planted an apple sapling and then had grafted a pear branch onto its trunk. What continues to intrigue me about that tree is how the very same nourishment, the same sap out of the earth and traveling up the trunk, would produce such different fruits.

It is much like the power of the Holy Spirit given to human beings at the time of the ascension. Various gifts make themselves known, at times in the same person, over the course of a lifetime. A friend loved being a mom and raising a family. After the children had grown and went on their way, she went back to school and became a nurse. A local pastor was a pediatrician. After his wife died, he decided to become

a priest. John Grisham, educated as an attorney, began writing novels. All apples and pears, the fruit of God’s Spirit.

We tend to ask young people what they would like to be when they grow up. A better question might be to ask what they think God would like them to be. However someone might answer such a question, what is important is to do it with “humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve unity of the spirit through the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:2–3)—all prompted by God’s Spirit. ●

Reflect

**Is there a difference between what we want to do and what God wants us to do?
How do we know?**



[Jesus] said to them, “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.”

MARK 16:15