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

Responsorial Psalm 128: Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord.

St. Theresa's Parish News & St. Joseph The Worker Parish News:

Due to Covid-19, both parishes are closed until further notice.

Sunday Missal (2019-2020) now available! \$4.00 each. Also: Parish Advent Daily Reflection Booklets (new this year-space for journaling). Contact the Parish Office, if you would like one! 204-773-2924

DUE TO THE PANDEMIC, WE ARE UNABLE TO HOLD OUR St. Joseph The Worker Parish Advent Party -HOWEVER, this year we will focus on the activities we can still do, that is, generously give our support to those most in need in our community and beyond. Although we will miss the fun activities, the food, the songs, the fellowship that we enjoyed at our Advent parish party, it is still possible for parishioners to support the Russell & Area Food Connections and Sr. Hilda Simard's Orphanage in Peru. More information will be coming in the Parish Newsletter!

Mass Intentions For The Week:

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Nov. 14 Special Intentions req. Jean Goba
 Sunday Nov. 15 Zoom on-line Mass: For all Parishioners req. Father Paul & +Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. Rose & family
 Monday Nov. 16 +Emilienne Mangin req. Raymond & Terry Foucher
 Tuesday Nov. 17 Special intentions req. Albina Kozak
 Wed. Nov. 18 +Emilienne Mangin req. George Mangin & family
 Thursday Nov. 19 +Joe Zegalski req. Gord, Melanie, Bill, Mary-Lou & Eugene Lyshyshyn
 Friday Nov. 20 Special intentions req. Simone

Christ the King - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Saturday Nov. 21 For health of family req. Jean Goba
 Sunday Nov. 22 Zoom on-line Mass: For all Parishioners req. Father Paul & +Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. Rose & family

World Day Of The Poor – November 15th

In 2017, Pope Francis instituted the World Day of the Poor so that "throughout the world Christian communities can become an ever greater sign of Christ's charity for the least and those most in need."

Development and Peace is reminding us that we are connected as one human family as expressed by Pope Francis. It is estimated that 265 million people could face starvation by the end of 2020. The economic fallout from COVID could push an additional half a billion people into poverty. Development and Peace has decided to launch a special COVID-19 campaign: **Recovering Together** in support of a just recovery. Our parishes' generosity will support the work of D&P's partners, who are developing local responses with their communities that provide immediate aid, build resilience, demand access to services from their governments, ensure that human and environmental rights are respected and provide information on how people can stay safe. **Envelopes are available contact the parish office if needing one, please pray about it & donate what you are able!**

Would you like to provide a gift this Christmas for a child in our communities? Russell & Area Food Connections is asking for your help for a child's gift, limit of \$25 – with no batteries. It will be distributed in the annual Christmas food hampers in our area. To know the age/gender of the child for the gift you provide for – a list will be announced at the Sunday Zoom Mass' Nov. 15, 22 & 29th. When you bring your wrapped gift with age/gender wrote on it, deliver it to the rectory office. Please call to make sure Father Paul is at rectory. Deadline is Sunday, Dec. 6th. Please also remember those in need of socks, all sizes/colors. Thank you!

Dying Healed Webinar Series (Offered On your Computer!)

Mondays, November 23, November 27, and December 7, 2020. \$20 includes a PDF workbook. Workshops provide comprehensive education on palliative care/end of life issues and preliminary training for palliative and hospice care volunteers. Topics covered will include the meaning of human suffering, the power of human presence, and pastoral care. Registration required. Contact us at lifesvision@shaw.ca or (204) 233-8047.

Life's Vision's Bubble Banquet (Offered by Zoom on your Computer!)

LV's Bubble Banquet on Saturday, November 21, 2020. You're invited to our annual banquet – only this time it will look a little different! Our Virtual Bubble Banquet will allow you to provide a meal for guests within your bubble while we all join a province-wide Zoom call. This event will be a free-will offering. Visit bit.ly/banquetregistration or call (204) 233-8047 to register.

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.

November 15, 2020 Stewardship Message

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." - Matthew 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us.

Speak out against expanding the criteria for euthanasia and assisted suicide. The Government of Canada has introduced legislation to expand the criteria for euthanasia so that even more people will be eligible. This was triggered by a decision by a Quebec judge, who decided that the requirement that death be "reasonably foreseeable" is not constitutional. If this clause is removed, persons with disabilities will be eligible for euthanasia even in circumstances where death is not reasonably foreseeable. You may write your MP today to let them know what you think, to access a written letter or email to send see:

https://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/federal_government .

Our Faith: A Key to Sustained Mental Health in Times of Crisis

November 14, 1:00-2:30 pm, and **November 21**, 1:00-2:30 pm. We invite you to join us for this two-part webinar, to engage in an interactive process of exploring how our faith can indeed be a key to sustained mental health. There will be time available at the conclusion of each webinar for questions and answers. Go to www.southdown.on.ca for more information and to register.

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

If you use the internet you can join St. Joseph & St. Theresa with the Zoom Mass Each Sunday as one more option to celebrate community and the sharing of the Word together. **After Mass** we will be having *Coffee Sunday* with each other who wish to stay and visit with the rest of the community. **If you wish to join** into the Zoom Mass send an email to St. Joseph The Worker, stjoewkr@mymts.net to get on the Access List.

On the Way Magazine - Now Available!

We are pleased to publish the 2020 Fall edition of *On the Way*, a publication of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg. The theme of this issue is "Hope". Archbishop Richard Gagnon said in his article, "We have all the necessary means to assist one another in maintaining our communities and for re-building them during this pandemic. Through solidarity, mutual outreach, good inter-community communications (telephone and social media), rich and persevering spiritual practices, and careful protection, especially among the most vulnerable, we will be successful with God's help. We must never take our families for granted, nor should we take our communities for granted." Magazine available on our archdiocese website: www.archwinnipeg.ca .

Dear Padre,

Is it OK to donate my body to science?

Yes, and here is some background. Christ makes possible a new and eternal creation. He “will change our mortal bodies to be like his in glory, for he is risen, the firstborn from the dead” (*Order of Christian Funerals*, 219).

Resurrection, then, is not a return to life as we know it. The body is not a resuscitated one like Lazarus’ (see John 11), but a resurrected one like Christ, transformed and glorified. Christians traditionally revere the body—while alive, and at the time of death—because we are created in God’s image. Some reason that such respect for the body prevents donating it to science, but that’s not the opinion of the Church.

“Catholic health care institutions should encourage and provide the means whereby those who wish to do so may arrange for the donation of their organs and bodily tissue, for ethically legitimate purposes, so that they may be used for donation and research after death” (*The Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services*, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 63).

It’s advisable to make this decision to donate in consultation with family members or health care providers. Many, echoing St. John Paul II, consider such a self-giving act in death “with a view to offering a chance of health and even of life itself to the sick who sometimes have no other hope” (*The Gospel of Life [Evangelium Vitae]*, 86) as a supreme manifestation of what it means to be Christian!

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

From our own death and from our gift the life and health of others, sick and suffering, may spring forth, helping to reinforce a culture of help, of giving, of hope, and of life. In the face of the threats against life...society needs these concrete gestures of solidarity and generous love.

—ADDRESS TO ITALIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE DONATION OF ORGANS, TISSUES, AND CELLS, APRIL 13, 2019

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Calendar

Monday
NOVEMBER 16
Weekday
Rv 1:1–4; 2:1–5
Lk 18:35–43

Tuesday
NOVEMBER 17
St. Elizabeth of
Hungary, Religious
Rv 3:1–6, 14–22
Lk 19:1–10

Wednesday
NOVEMBER 18
Weekday
Rv 4:1–11
Lk 19:11–28

Thursday
NOVEMBER 19
Weekday
Rv 5:1–10
Lk 19:41–44

Friday
NOVEMBER 20
Weekday
Rv 10:8–11
Lk 19:45–48

Saturday
NOVEMBER 21
Presentation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 11:4–12
Lk 20:27–40

Sunday
NOVEMBER 22
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
Ez 34:11–12, 15–17
1 Cor 15:20–26, 28
Mt 25:31–46

Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 15, 2020

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Prv 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31

1 Thes 5:1–6

Mt 25:14–30

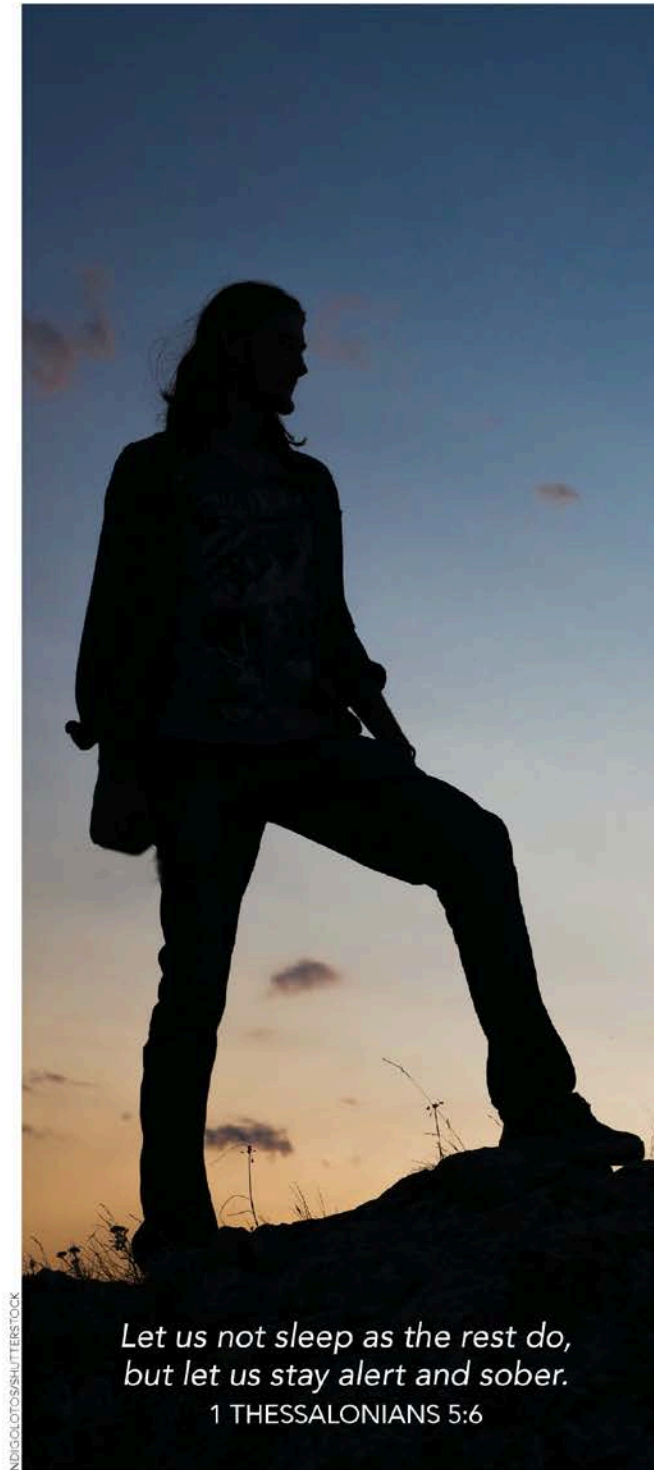
Ready or Not, Here I Come

As children we called out this chant when playing hide-and-seek. However, it could very well describe the message of two of today’s readings. Paul reminds the Thessalonians that “the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night” (1 Thessalonians 5:2). The Gospel tells a story about a man who returns after a long journey and intends to settle accounts with those whom he put in charge of his household. In both instances, the one returning might cry out, “Ready or not, here I come!” The point of each story: Be ready! But how? The Thessalonians are told they “are children of the light” (5:5). The Gospel suggests what that expression might mean—be responsible for what has been given to you.

In the Gospel, some servants fully use the talents given to them. However, one servant buries what he received. If that was not bad enough, that servant alleged fear of the householder as reason for his lack of initiative. If he knew that the householder was as demanding as he stated he was, he should have realized that his master would expect him to use what had been given. There is no excuse here in refusing to use what was given, nor in blaming the householder.

All of us have been given life, talents, and abilities. We are expected to use them. This is what it means to live fully. Surely we Catholics will be excited, not afraid, when the Lord announces, “Ready or not, here I come!”

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



Let us not sleep as the rest do,
but let us stay alert and sober.
1 THESSALONIANS 5:6

FOR Reflection

- ✦ Are you faithful to your responsibilities?
- ✦ If not, what is holding you back?

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