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

**Responsorial Psalm 147:** Sing praises to the Lord who heals the broken hearted.

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

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

The new Sunday envelopes can be picked up by calling the Parish Office to arrange an appointment time.

**Condolences** to Pat & Paul Orsak, family and friends, Pat's mom recently has passed away. May she rest in peace.

### ***Zoom Along with Us you can use it on your computers, tablets, i-pads & smart-phones***

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](mailto:stjoewkr@mymts.net) to get on the Access List.

**Did you Know!** The National Catholic Broadcasting Council offers Sunday & Daily TV Mass on the Web, visit the website at [www.dailytvmass.com](http://www.dailytvmass.com) or [www.youtube.com/dailytvmass](http://www.youtube.com/dailytvmass) to watch Mass each day.

### **February 14, 2021 Stewardship Message**

#### **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."*  
*- 1 Corinthians 10:31*

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "Am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"

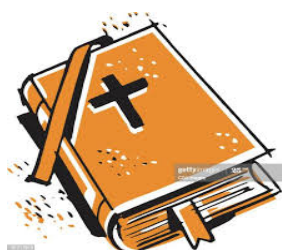
**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for February:** *Violence against women:* We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

**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.

### **You are Invited to Discover what Liturgy of The Hours is in the Roman Catholic Church!**

Our group will be learning what Morning & Evening prayer is, how it originated and its purpose for us to pray it today. Find out why as people in The Church, it connects us to each other and to Jesus Christ. It includes, Psalms, Scripture reading, and prayers for our world. Our group will be meeting by means of Zoom, online. For more information, please contact either, Deacon Darin Douglas or Carlene Douglas, Binscarth, at 204-532-2157 (please leave a message), or reply using Messenger.

\*Group will be meeting this coming Tuesday, February 16th, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. by zoom. Currently this group is full, but if wanting to attend, we could possibly begin another group.



**We can now open our churches to a maximum of 10% or 50 persons, whichever is less.**

**What about funerals?** Funerals remain at the maximum 10 persons attending, but this excludes clergy and cantor.

**What is happening Next Sunday?** Some parishes have decided to delay their openings due to the last minute changes and the extreme cold weather we are experiencing at this time. **See below:**

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

#### **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday Feb. 13 For health of family req. Jean Goba

Sunday Feb. 14 Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. – For all Parishioners req. Father Paul  
 &

+Michael Sobie req. Bernadine Brown

Monday Feb. 15 +Matt Antoniwi req. Rose & family

Tuesday Feb. 16 Shenderevich & Welenchenko family Mary Shenderevich

Wed. Feb. 17 **7:00 p.m. Zoom Ash Wednesday Celebration**  
 Nellie Kaskiw req. St Theresa's Parish

Thurs. Feb. 18 **Zoom on-line Adoration 10:30 a.m. & Mass 11:00 a.m.**  
 +Joe Zegalski req. Gord, Melanie, Bill, Mary-Lou & Eugene Lyshyshyn

Friday Feb. 19 Special intentions req. Albina Kozak

#### **First Sunday of Lent**

Saturday Feb. 20 For health of family req. Jean Goba

Sunday Feb. 21 **Zoom Stations Of The at 9:00 a.m. with Mass to follow.**  
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Zoom on-line Mass – For all Parishioners req. Father Paul

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+Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. Rose & family

\*\*\***Ash Wednesday** is coming **Wednesday, February 17** and marks the beginning of our Lenten journey. Due to Covid-19 restrictions we will be celebrating Ash Wednesday on Zoom at 7:00 p.m. For those with someone else we will trace a cross on each other's foreheads and if you are alone you can trace a cross on your own forehead. As we trace the Cross we will repeat:

**"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."**

#### **Reminder:**

**Ash Wednesday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat.**

### **Even if you can't go to church, you don't have to Miss Lent!**

**-Daily meditations** based on the day's readings, designed to be completed from the comfort of your own home, within 10 minutes. Meditations written by various members of our local Catholic community, Catholic School of Evangelization. **Join us at [cselentenretreat.wordpress.com](http://cselentenretreat.wordpress.com)**

**-This Lent**, we invite your congregation to join us in a series of **weekly reflections** for hungry children around the world. Although we may not be able to gather in person this Lent, we *can* still come together in weekly prayer for the children of Mary's Meals. [https://marysmeals.us2.list-](https://marysmeals.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c2a8505b5316644ac2d5fd681&id=f7e9d48593&e=c5ed26838c)

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**-Begin on Ash Wednesday:** exous90.com: Daily in Lent for men, 40 day spiritual exercise.

**-Lent 2021, Bruce Downes**, the Catholic Guy (daily video): **[Brucedownes.org](http://Brucedownes.org)**: This Lent is not about what you give up. It's about who you become. (registration). Available on Facebook.



### **Prayer for Lent**

***Gracious and Merciful God,***

Throughout our Lenten journey, we are asked to be more gracious and merciful ourselves. Yet we often avoid looking into our own hearts for fear of learning the extent to which we have lost our way. As we continue our travels, help us, we pray, to sacrifice our own comforts in order to help those in need.

May we appreciate that your limitless love, compassion and forgiveness always journey with us.



# Dear Padre,

**At Mass on holy days of obligation, there's a fair crowd. But on Ash Wednesday, not a holy day, the place is packed. Your explanation?**

**I**ndeed, pastoral experience corroborates your observation. Holy days of obligation draw well, but it's "standing room only" on Ash Wednesday. Although not a day of obligation, perhaps it's considered a "holy" day by most Catholics.

There's something elemental about the smudge of ashes on the forehead. People wear it without embarrassment or shame. No matter our walk of life or social status, we want that sooty cross. It's a badge of identification, graphically reminding Catholics that it's "spiritual gut-check" time. It jogs us from our routines, spurring us to the important reality of being who we are supposed to be—fully and totally Christian. It's as if we are saying, "I'm Catholic and proud of it. I may not be the best or greatest. I have faults and sins, but I'm not a bad person. I know deep down that being Christian is the way to live, and I'm going to try again."

Ash Wednesday signals the beginning of Lent, the Church's special time of confession and renewal in preparation for Easter. It is what Christians are all about—a people who have died with Christ in the waters of baptism in order to rise with him to a new life. We renew our baptismal commitment to be his people. As we celebrate Christ's passage through death to life, we renew our own death to old sinful ways to rise and live with recaptured vigor.

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## Calendar

<b>Monday</b> FEBRUARY 15 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 4:1–15, 25 Mk 8:11–13
<b>Tuesday</b> FEBRUARY 16 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 6:5–8; 7:1–5, 10 Mk 8:14–21
<b>Wednesday</b> FEBRUARY 17 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> Jl 2:12–18 2 Cor 5:20—6:2 Mt 6:1–6, 16–18
<b>Thursday</b> FEBRUARY 18 <i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</i> Dt 30:15–20 Lk 9:22–25
<b>Friday</b> FEBRUARY 19 <i>Friday after Ash Wednesday</i> Is 58:1–9a Mt 9:14–15
<b>Saturday</b> FEBRUARY 20 <i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i> Is 58:9b–14 Lk 5:27–32
<b>Sunday</b> FEBRUARY 21 <i>First Sunday of Lent</i> Gn 9:8–15 1 Pt 3:18–22 Mk 1:12–15



## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

*Contrary to the dispositions of the Law of Moses, which prohibited a leper from drawing near, Jesus extends his hand and even touches him....Jesus teaches us not to be afraid to touch the poor and the excluded, because he is in them. Touching the poor can cleanse us from hypocrisy.*

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February 14, 2021

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Lv 13:1–2, 44–46

1 Cor 10:31–11:1

Mk 1:40–45

## Jesus Embraces the Culturally Marginalized

**T**oday's readings are about forced quarantine.

On one level they are about diseases that might be contagious. On another level they are about ritual impurity that was contagious. The Israelites believed that to stand before God in worship, one's body had to be physically intact—no fractures or missing body parts, no open wounds, no oozing body fluids. Skin lesions like those associated with leprosy made one ritually unclean or impure. Furthermore, to touch one with such a disease was to become unclean oneself. The ritual impurity was considered contagious, not necessarily the disease. Unclean people were socially and religiously ostracized.

In the Gospel story, Jesus completely neutralized this practice. Touching the leprous and thus unclean man, Jesus not only didn't become unclean himself, but he actually made the man clean again. The issue here is not merely one of healing. It is a matter of reincorporating the marginalized man into society.

Unfortunately, out of fear or a sense of superiority,

some people ostracize or marginalize entire groups of people. This bias might be based on gender, race, culture, sexual preference—almost anything. In this way the benefits of society are denied to those who are marginalized. One characteristic of Jesus, obvious throughout the Gospel stories, is his all-inclusiveness. Jesus rejected no one. He was open to those who society ostracized. He interacted graciously with people with diseases, non-Jews, recognized public sinners, and those working with the Roman occupiers—all people considered ritually unclean. As his disciples, can we do less?

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

## FOR Reflection

- ★ Which groups of people does society tend to ostracize or marginalize?
- ★ What might be done to reverse this bias?



*Moved with pity, [Jesus] stretched out his hand, touched [the leper], and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean."*  
MARK 1:41

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