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

**Responsorial Psalm 65:** The seed that fell on good soil produced a hundredfold.

### **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, July: For a Eucharistic Life:** We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

**July 16** the Archbishop Richard Gagnon will be in Rossburn today at 11:00 a.m. to celebrate Mass and Confirmation for Xavier McLaughlin and William Kempthorne all are welcome to join in a lunch following our Mass for refreshment and visitation.

Archbishop Gagnon will be celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving for 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at Saint Mary's Cathedral. Mass will begin at 7:30 p.m. with a reception to follow in the Parish Hall. All are welcome

### **Mass Intentions For This Week:**

#### **Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

Saturday July 15 7:30 p.m. Russell + Delbert & Denis Deschamps req. by family

Sunday July 16 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 + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. by Rose & family

Monday July 17 Health of family & friends req. by Jean Goba

Tuesday July 18 In thanksgiving for God's Blessings req. by Holly & family

Wed. July 19 + Frank Mangin from Funeral Mass offering

Thurs. July 20 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration  
11:00 a.m. Mass + Budz & Kaskiw family req. by Kaskiw family

Friday July 21 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration  
9:00 a.m. Mass Health of family & friends req. by Carol & Wade Schott

#### **Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

Saturday July 22 7:30 p.m. Russell + Paul Leven req. by Anne & Ubald Deschambault

Sunday July 23 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. & YouTube after 10:15 am**  
For all parishioners by Father Paul

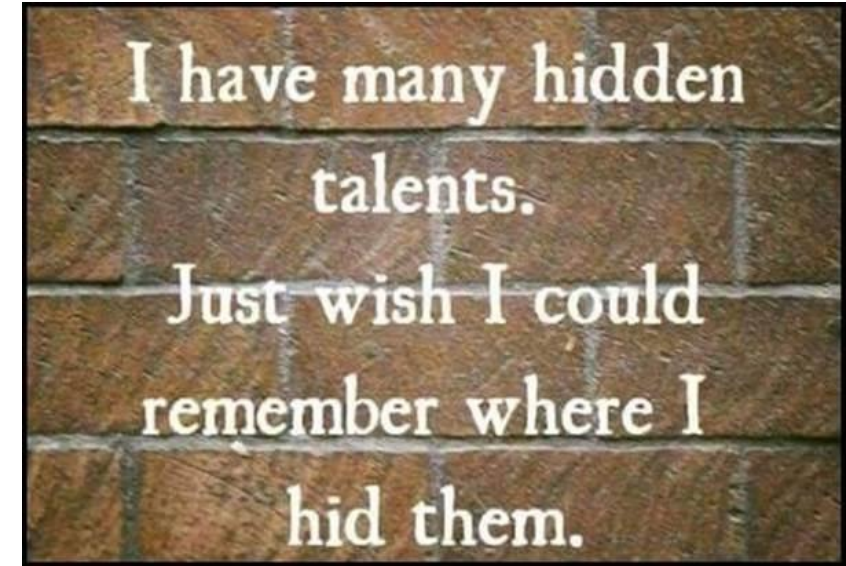
11:00 a.m. Rossburn + John Ryshytylo req. by Michael & Myrna & family

### **World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly - July 23, 2023**

The third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated this year on Sunday, July 23, 2023. Pope Francis inaugurated this World Day to be celebrated by the universal Church each July, either on or near the liturgical Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus, to help “treasure the spiritual and human wealth that has been handed down from generation to generation.”

**On Sunday July 23** Parkland Ukrainian Pioneer Assn is having the **Annual Prayer Service at the Mass Grave** to honor our pioneers. Father Jay from Rossburn, Father Roman from Wpg and Fr Paul from Russell will be celebrants at the service. The service starts at 4:00 pm and usually takes about 1/2 hour. You are then invited to have supper at Olha hall after the service. \$15.00 per plate for Adults, \$7.00 per plate for Children 7-13 yrs, Children 6 yrs and under are free.

**\*\* “Weeds” among dogs:** An instructor in a dog training workshop in Salt Lake City noted that a dog's disposition can be tested by the owner. If the owner will fall down and pretend to be hurt, a dog with a bad temper will tend to bite him. But a good dog will show concern and may lick the fallen owner's face. Susan Matice attended the class and then decided to test her two dogs. While eating pizza in her living room, she stood up, clutched her heart, screamed and fell to the floor. Her two dogs looked at her, looked at each other, then raced to the coffee table for her pizza. [Associated Press (1-17-91). Cited in Edward K. Rowell, *Humor for Preaching and Teaching* (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1996).] (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).



### ***A New Serenity Prayer***

**God, grant me the serenity  
to accept the people I cannot change,  
which is pretty much everyone,  
since I'm clearly not you, God.  
At least not the last time I checked.**

**And while you're at it, God,  
please give me the courage  
to change what I need to change about myself,  
which is frankly a lot, since, once again,  
I'm not you, which means I'm not perfect.  
It's better for me to focus on changing myself  
than to worry about changing other people,  
who, as you'll no doubt remember me saying,  
I can't change anyway.**

**Finally, give me the wisdom to just shut up  
whenever I think that I'm clearly smarter  
than everyone else in the room,  
that no one knows what they're talking about except me,  
or that I alone have all the answers.**

**Basically, God,  
grant me the wisdom  
to remember that I'm not you.**

**Amen.**

[A New Serenity Prayer - Jesuits.org](https://frtonyshomilies.com/)

**\* Wheat among the Weeds:** One day, when the inimitable Groucho Marx was getting off an elevator, he met a priest who immediately recognized the famous comedian. The excited clergyman extended his hand, saying, “I want to thank you for all the joy you’ve put into the world.” Groucho replied, “And I want to thank you, Father, for all the joy you’ve taken out of it.”—Application: Many of us become so concerned with pulling out the “weeds” we lose the sense of hope and spirit of joy. Do we experience deep joy because we are disciples of Jesus? We often approach religion as a deadly serious business; we lose the spirit of joy and the sense of hope that are part of the promise of the Risen Christ. We become so concerned about pulling out the “weeds” that we forget to harvest the grain; we become so focused on the evil and abuses that surround us and “threaten” us that we fail to realize and celebrate the healing and life-giving presence of God in our very midst; we become so intent in upbraiding and punishing sinners that our own lives become mired in gloom and despair. The task of judging sinners belongs to God; to us belongs the work of compassion and reconciliation. (*Gerard Fuller in Stories for All Seasons; quoted by Fr. Jude Botelho in Net for Life*) (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).



Dear Padre,

I have a friend who has been coming to church with me, and he often has questions I can't answer. The big one last week was, "Why don't Catholics have more Bible preaching instead of all this ceremony?" I try to explain, but I don't think I have the right words. Help!

Your friend's question is very common because our Catholic ceremony can be confusing to those of other faiths.

The Catholic Mass comes from two prayer traditions. First, there is the tradition of the Jewish synagogue service where people gather to read and study the word of God. Second, there is the tradition of the early Christians who met in their homes to celebrate the breaking of the bread.

The earliest Christians, Jewish converts, maintained their Sabbath tradition of reading and studying the word of God. They added to that the gift of the Eucharist that Jesus gave them. Our Mass puts these two together in the Liturgy of the Word (readings, preaching, prayers) and the Liturgy of the Eucharist (offering, eucharistic prayer, holy Communion).

The homily may not be as long as it is in some other Christian traditions, but the preaching should be solid, based on Scripture, and in line with the teaching of the Church. We are a Church of word and sacrament. We listen to the word of God and we celebrate the breaking of the bread. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

It is difficult to distinguish, among the many voices and many words, that of the Lord, the only one that makes us free. Always keep a handy copy of the Gospel with you...and then, read a short passage every day, so that you become used to reading the word of God.

ANGELUS, ROME,  
JULY 12, 2020



JANTANE RUNPRANOVKORN / SHUTTERSTOCK

MONDAY

July 17  
Weekday  
Ex 1:8-14, 22  
Mt 10:34-11:1

TUESDAY

July 18  
Weekday  
Ex 2:1-15a  
Mt 11:20-24

WEDNESDAY

July 19  
Weekday  
Ex 3:1-6, 9-12  
Mt 11:25-27

THURSDAY

July 20  
Weekday  
Ex 3:13-20  
Mt 11:28-30

FRIDAY

July 21  
Weekday  
Ex 11:10-12:14  
Mt 12:1-8

SATURDAY

July 22  
St. Mary Magdalene  
Sg 3:1-4b or  
2 Cor 5:14-17  
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

SUNDAY

July 23  
Sixteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Wis 12:13, 16-19  
Rom 8:26-27  
Mt 13:24-43 or  
Mt 13:24-30

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 16, 2023

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 55:10-11 / Romans 8:18-23 / Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9



Words, Words, and THE WORD

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Our lives seem to be plagued by an abundance of words, all seeking to influence us. Television ads try to convince us to buy; teachers seek to pass on knowledge; parents cajole, discipline, and beg; society warns against drinking and driving, smoking and drugs; preachers hope to convert and change. They all do so with limited and varying success, and at times seeming failure. Too often there is the presumption that more words will achieve greater results.

In the face of such questionable success, the prophet Isaiah proclaims that God's word "shall not return to me empty, / but shall do what pleases me, /achieving the end for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11). Yet the Gospel also suggests that the seed of God's word sown in our lives may wither and be choked

off and fail to take root, though also promising that what does produce fruit will surpass anything hoped for.

Because war is news and the media is obliged to report on it, it may appear that war is prominent worldwide. Not so. Statistically there is less war today than ever before, less violence, less conflict. We are more

likely to die in our beds than at any other time in history. While there is yet much hunger in the world, there is less than at any other time. Nations are more inclined to try to negotiate peace. Great generosity abounds amid natural disasters, and while injustice prevails, we still fight to overcome

it. All of it the fruitfulness of God's word.

Creation is groaning in labor pains, says St. Paul, and we also groan. Yet the groaning attests to the pains of growing fruitfulness. ●

Reflect

Which passage of Scripture would you choose as a motto for your life?

