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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 19): Lord, you have the words of eternal life.

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 March: *For the new martyrs: We pray that those who risk their lives for the gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.*

Mass Intentions For This Week:

3rd Sunday of Lent

Saturday Mar 2 7:30 p.m. Russell + Mary Orsak req. by Irene Deschamps

Sunday Mar 3 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 Iris Kosteci & family

Monday Mar 4 Health of family & friends req. by Jean Goba

Tuesday Mar 5 + Frank Mangin req. by Madeline & family

Wed Mar 6 10:30 a.m. **Russell Personal care Home Deacon Darin**

Thurs Mar 7 No Mass Rossburn
Reconciliations Brandon

Friday Mar 8 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
 9:00 a.m. Mass Health of Fr Paul req by Michelle & Curtis & family

7:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross by Zoom**

4th Sunday of Lent

Saturday Mar 9 7:30 p.m. Russell + Jutta & Erich Leven req. by Michelle & Curtis & family

Sunday Mar 10 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 and Myrna and families

Please remember to **pray for Fr Paul** who has recently been diagnosed with stage four stomach cancer. So, some Mass' may need to be change on short notice to Liturgy of the word with Deacon Darin, as appointments and treatments are still pending.

Station of the Cross will be celebrated **each Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom**. The next Stations of the Cross will be **March 8th**. If you wish to join in and are not presently on Zoom e-mail stjoewkr@gmail.com to get the link for Zoom. We also plan to do the Stations of the Cross on the last Friday of Lent at St. Joseph's parish.

The children collection deposit on Feb 25/24 was \$93.00, the year-to-date total is now \$175.00.

Sharing God's Gifts 2024 Kick-off Sunday is Palm Sunday once again! All parishioners will be receiving a letter and pledge sheet. Thank you for continuing to make our SGG campaign a success!

We are still looking for someone who would like to shovel snow for St. Joseph's the Worker Parish. This would be to clear sidewalks throughout the winter and is a paid position. Please call the office or Gary Petz for more information. Thank you.

Father Jay from St. Mary's is heading up "Assumption Alpha" on Thursdays from February 1st to April 11th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish. It is a series of group conversations that freely explore the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. You're invited, no matter your background or beliefs. It's free and there's no pressure to come back.

* **Beware of whip-lashing Jesus when you are preparing your tax returns!** A man was having trouble sleeping because of frightening dreams of an angry Jesus chasing him with a whip in his hands. He knew in his heart it was his conscience that was keeping him awake. He'd been less than honest in filing his tax return, and it was getting to him. So he sent a check to the IRS with the following note: "Dear Sirs, in filing my 2023 tax return, I did not report all my income. Therefore, I am enclosing my check for \$100.00. P. S. If my conscience still troubles me with those dreams of whip-wielding Jesus, I'll send you the rest." Guess what happened next! Today's Gospel challenges us to examine ourselves to see if Jesus will have to take a whip when he comes to our hearts – the temple of the Holy Spirit – in Holy Communion. (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).

* **The Temple Jesus cleansed:** It had a series of ascending courtyards. Your first entry was into the outer courtyard ... the place that was called the Court of the Gentiles. You could be admitted there ... because anybody could be admitted there. But if you were a Gentile ... which virtually all of you are ... you could not go beyond there. For it was "death" for a Gentile to penetrate further. Next came the Court of the Women, entered by the arch that they called the Beautiful Gate. Any Israelite could go there. This was followed by the Court of the Israelites, entered by Nicanor's Gate (a gate of Corinthian bronze which required 20 men to open and shut). It was in this court that the men of Israel assembled for Temple services. Lastly, came the Court of the Priests, into which only the priests might enter. There could be found the great altar of the burnt-offering ... the lesser altar of the incense-offering ... the seven-branched lamp stand ... and the table of the shewbread. It was at the back of the Court of the Priests that the Holy of Holies stood, accessible only to the High Priest, and that only once a year. To enter the Holy of Holies was to approach the very throne of God, which is why legend has it that more than one High Priest attached a rope to his ankle before passing through the veil, thus ensuring that (should he be struck dead by the power of God while praying), his colleagues would be able to pull him out without endangering themselves. — So when Jesus went into the Temple for purposes of "cleansing," where did he go? Not to the Holy of Holies. Not to the Court of the Priests. Not to the Court of the Israelites. Not even to the Court of the Women. Jesus went into the outer court ... the Court of the Gentiles, open to everybody. (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).



Dear Padre,

My thoughts are my worst enemy. Sometimes they turn to lust and anger. When I recognize what I am thinking, I pray to Jesus and Mary, but I still struggle. What else can I do?



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When angry and lustful thoughts enter our consciousness, we should say a prayer and turn our mind to something else. Such thoughts become sins only when we deliberately encourage them or when we make plans to commit the sin. The thoughts themselves are temptations, not sins.

Continue to put your trust in Jesus and Mary, and try to focus on what is good and peaceful. You might also consider what you are letting into your thoughts or imagination: What are you watching on TV or the internet? What music are you listening to? What are you reading? Are those helping to shape your thoughts and imagination in a new direction, or are they contributing to the problem?

A good thing to turn your attention to is God's word in Scripture. You might want to memorize all or part of the following New Testament verse: "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (Philippians 4:8). Peacefully reflect on these words when troubled by temptation. ●

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](https://www.DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
March 4	March 5	March 6	March 7	March 8	March 9	March 10
Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Fourth Sunday of Lent
2 Kgs 5:1-15ab	Dn 3:25, 34-43	Dt 4:1, 5-9	Jer 7:23-28	Hos 14:2-10	Hos 6:1-6	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23
Lk 4:24-30	Mt 18:21-35	Mt 5:17-19	Lk 11:14-23	Mk 12:28-34	Lk 18:9-14	Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Father sent [his Son] to cleanse the temple: not only the Temple of stone, but above all the temple of our heart. Jesus could not tolerate his Father's house becoming a marketplace (see John 2:16); neither does he want our hearts to be places of turmoil, disorder, and confusion.

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent (B)

Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 / 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 / John 2:13-25



Spring Cleaning Life

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When Jesus cleansed the temple, he cleared it of all the sacrificial animals and foreign coins that cluttered that holy place. He also shifted the focus of where we find God made present—from a building to himself. "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:19). Saint Paul tells us that we, too, are God's temple because the Holy Spirit dwells in us. So it makes sense that Jesus also wants to clear our lives of all that clutters them so that we might grow in his image.

Such decluttering happens when youthful freedom and partying are left behind because we hear some inner call to settle down and contribute to life. It happens when young couples begin to raise a family and trade in sporty cars and fashionable lifestyles for baby furniture and SUVs. It happens in middle age when in the midst of building a life we change the blueprint. The weight of illness will shift our perspectives as well, when worries about life's details turn dispensable because what we once thought was important becomes clutter in need of being cleared out.

None of this comes about because of some user manual for daily living, but rather because we sense an invitation from Jesus to reassess our lives—to join him in clearing out the clutter in order to take care of what is essential. It is a strange sort of wisdom that flows from a source deeper than ourselves. If not for that powerful force of God's Spirit clearing the temples of our lives, we would never become the people God created us to be. ●

Reflect

What might be cluttering your life right now?



While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing.

JOHN 2:23