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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. 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 November: *For the Pope: We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.*

Mass Intentions For This Week:

Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday Nov 18 7:30 p.m. Russell Special Intentions req. by Irene Deschamps

Sunday Nov 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 + John Ryshytylo req. by Michael & Myrna & family

Monday Nov 20 Health of family and friends req by Jean Goba

Tuesday Nov 21 Fr Paul req. by Jean Goba

Wed Nov 22 Fr Paul req. by Lynda & family

Thurs Nov 23 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration
 11:00 a.m. Walter Sokolan req. by Mervin Koscielny

Friday Nov 24 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
 9:00 a.m. Mass Dana & Jordan Wedding blessings req by Carlene and Darin

Christ the King

Saturday Nov 25 7:30 p.m. Russell Special Intentions req by Irene Deschamps

Sunday Nov 26 9:00 a.m. Russell For all parishioners by Father Paul **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m.**
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req by Rose & family

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS! Our ***Parish Advent Potluck Party*** will be held on Saturday, December 2nd, 2023 starting with Mass at 5:00 p.m. (No 7:30 pm. Mass that Saturday!). Just like last year, we are celebrating the beginning of the advent season with Mass, a potluck supper, games, carols (with Fr. Paul playing the guitar), and our Lucky Draw Auction. Bring a dish or two for the potluck, food items for the Russell & Area Food Connections (for each item you bring you receive a ticket towards the “Lucky Draw Auction” downstairs) and bring some money to buy tickets as well. Tickets are just a Loonie each for our auction with all proceeds also going to our local food bank. If you would like to donate an item for our Lucky Draw Auction Table (we only accept new items, no used or old ones) please contact the parish office or anyone on the parish social committee. **Please Note:** we will also be accepting donations that evening for the Orphanage & Missions in Peru that Sr. Hilda Simard (Deacon Conrad Plante's sister-in-law) teaches at. Let's all gather together once again for a fun evening while we also help those most in need. **Door prizes** for the children and another for the adults! Mark your calendars and plan to be there! 😊

A few copies of the **“Coffee Sunday Groups & Dates for 2024”** have been placed at the back of the church. Please take a copy if you wish!

Saints became saints primarily through persistent prayer.

St Joseph CWL invite all the ladies from our parish to our Christmas Supper on **Wednesday Dec 6** at Arbuckles in Binscarth. We will meet at 5:30 with supper at 6 o'clock. Supper and drinks will be at your own expense (Around \$25 to \$30). Tunes and Trivia entertainment will be provided by Vagabond, sponsored by the CWL. No gift exchange just the pleasure of your company. Please contact Margaret Mushumanski 204-773-2868 by Dec 1, if you plan to attend.

Attention CWL Ladies: membership of \$25 is now due for 2024. Please pay Darlene Witty Box 426 Russell, Man R0J 1W0. Our CWL have been together for 68 years. New members are very welcome to join.

Would you like to provide a gift this Christmas for a child in your community?

The Russell & Area Food Connections is asking for your help for a child's gift, limit of \$35 - with no batteries. It will be distributed in the annual Christmas food hampers in our area. Just take a “Gift Tag” from the Stewardship Tree. When you bring your un-wrapped gift with attached Gift Tag - place it in the hamper next to the tree. Deadline is Sunday, Dec. 10th.

Socks (unwrapped) of all sizes and colors are also needed! Bring those to the church by Sunday, December 10th, and place them under the Stewardship Tree.

If you are unable to drop off gifts/socks at the church, you may also drop off at Bev & Jim Roszell's at 328 Mather St. E. Russell (phone 204-773-3998)

Looking for someone who would like to shovel snow for St Joseph The Worker Parish to clear sidewalks through out the winter, This is a paid position. Please call office or Gary Petz for more information.

Direct Deposit

Did You Know? Our parish started providing the option of Direct Deposit as a way of making your church donation. You can start Direct Deposit at any time! To be on Direct Deposit please call Fr. Paul, Gary Petz, Jim Roszell or Lori Gallant. Please note: Direct Deposit is once a month only. To determine your monthly offering remember to take your normal weekly offering amount times 52 and divide by 12 to maintain the same amount for the year. Also, remember that special collections (World Mission Sunday, Christmas, Holy Land, etc.) are not included in Direct Deposit and will be made as usual through envelopes that can be found at the back of the church. Please consider this as an option. There are forms at the back of the church and Gary Petz will be glad to help you fill the form if needed.

* 😊 How to stay safe without taking risk: First, avoid riding in automobiles because they are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents. Second. Do not stay home because 17% of all accidents occur in the home. Third, avoid walking on streets or sidewalks because 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians. Fourth, avoid traveling by air, rail, or water because 16% of all accidents involve these forms of transportation. Fifth, of the remaining 33%, 32% of all deaths occur in Hospitals. So, above all else, avoid hospitals. BUT you will be pleased to learn that only .001% of all deaths occur in worship services in Church, and these are usually related to previous physical disorders. — Therefore, logic tells us that the safest place for you to be at any given point in time is at Church! And, Bible study is safe too. The percentage of deaths during Bible study is even smaller. So, for SAFETY'S sake, attend Church, and read your Bible. IT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE!

* A guy Jimmy was having trouble trusting? His friend Darin said, “I know the best solution for your problem. A parachute jump will fix your problem of trust and lack of confidence.” So, they took Jimmy up for a jump. But just before he was to jump, he got very nervous. His friend Darin assured him, “It's very easy. You jump out, and then pull the rip cord. If for some reason it doesn't work, you pull the second cord, which is a back-up – guaranteed absolutely to work! Trust me! Then you just enjoy your trip down and a car will be waiting for you and will drive you back to the airport.” So, then Jimmy jumped out of the plane. He pulled the rip cord and nothing happened. “Oh, no!” he thought. “I'll pull the back-up cord.” He did. Nothing happened. And Jimmy said to himself, “Oh, no! And I bet the car won't be there either” 😊

Dear Padre,

My grandmother says Catholics used to fast from midnight until they received Communion. When did the fasting time change to only one hour, and why?

The ancient discipline of fasting before Communion became a universal practice by the fifth century. Until 1953, those who would receive holy Communion refrained from consuming food, water, and medicine from midnight to the time of Communion. In 1953 and 1957, Pope Pius XII reduced the fast from food to three hours and from water for one hour (*Christus Dominus* and *Sacram Communionem*).

In 1966, Pope St. Paul VI further reduced the fast to one hour and allowed water and medicine at any time (*Paenitemini*). In 1973, he reduced the fast for the sick and elderly to fifteen minutes before Communion when one hour is prohibitive (*Immensae Caritatis*).

The loosening of the restrictions was in no way intended to lessen the reverence for the holy Eucharist. The changes were made to allow as many Catholics as possible to receive the Eucharist, which can be difficult when priests are in short supply. For the same reason, *Immensae Caritatis* also allowed the practice of having extraordinary ministers give Communion. Despite the changes to the Communion fast, unity and uniformity have been maintained. And of course, Catholics are free to fast before Communion beyond the duration and degree currently prescribed. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



ALEXANDRA NAUMKO / SHUTTERSTOCK

Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 19, 2023
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 / 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21



“It will be as when a man who was going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them.”

MATTHEW 25:14

The Edges: Where God Works

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Those who are willing to take great risks are often the ones who give birth to dreams of growth and new life. Often it is at the scary edge of life where such growth ultimately takes place. In 1776, those who sparked a revolution and risked their personal wealth founded a new nation. President Abraham Lincoln issued his Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, when many were urging him not to do so, thus opening the door of freedom to those who found it locked. In South Africa, Nelson Mandela risked speaking out against apartheid, was imprisoned for twenty-seven years, and was eventually freed to become the leader of a new South Africa.

So often those who risk to make life new are those who are living at the growing edge of God’s reign, instruments of God bringing creation to new life.

In the parable in this week’s Gospel, three individuals are entrusted with a treasure of great worth. The third person backs away from any risk, burying it because he is stifled by fear. God’s dynamic presence, on the other hand, grows when individuals risk doing the right thing in spite of the consequences, when they are willing to speak an unpopular truth, when they take a stand for those on the edges of society, when they break down the barriers of racism and oppression. In the end, we need to listen less to our fears and more to our dreams. It’s where God does God’s best work: at the edges. ●

Reflect

When have you risked bringing about new life?

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Today the Church tells us: “Use what God has given you and look at the poor.” At times, we think that to be Christian means not to do harm. And not doing harm is good. But not doing good is not good. We must do good, come out of ourselves and look...at those who are more in need.

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