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

Responsorial Psalm 18: I love you, O Lord, my strength.

St. Theresa's Parish News:

Sunday Mass has resumed at St. Theresa's, masks are mandatory. Please call Emile Sabourin or Lynda Ryshytylo to register for Sunday Mass.

St. Theresa's is collecting donated food items for the local food bank. Basket is located at the back of the church.

St. Joseph The Worker Parish News:

*****Since Covid Epidemic has created a need for ushers & sanitizers following Saturday & Sunday Masses, please, if you are able to help in some way – call the parish office and leave a message. ***

Volunteers who usher on Sunday Morning Mass, please choose which Sunday you will be ushering, and sign up on the Usher Ministry Schedule – found on the table downstairs by the church entrance. Thank you!

All Saints Day...

This feast honors all the saints of the Church, known & unknown. The occasion provides an opportunity to reflect on the nature of sainthood and to celebrate the faithfulness of holy men & women whose lives & deeds continue to inspire us.

All Souls' Day...

Since the early church, Christians have prayed for the dead. We pray for our departed loved ones and their journey. *"Happy are those who have died in the Lord. Let them rest from their labors for their good deeds go with them".* – Revelation 14.13

*****Please Note! Remember** to set your clocks **back 1-hour** next Sunday morning, Nov. 1st – time change!
- remember to pick up the November Prayer Calendar at the back of the church!

Mass Intentions For The Week:

Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time – Day of Prayer for Peace & Justice

Saturday Oct. 24 7:30 p.m. Russell: Special Intention req. Gary & Nicole

Sunday Oct. 25 9:00 a.m. Russell: For all Parishioners req. Father Paul

11:00 a.m. Rossburn: Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. Rose & family

Monday Oct. 26 **No Mass**

Tuesday Oct. 27 **No Mass**

Wed. Oct. 28 6:30 p.m. Russell: +Emilienne Mangin req. Raymond & Terry Foucher

Thursday Oct. 29 9:00 a.m. Russell: Mass

10:30 a.m. Rossburn: Adoration

11:00 a.m. Rossburn: +Joe Zegalski req. Mervin Koscielny

Friday Oct. 30 8:30 a.m. Russell: Adoration

9:00 a.m. Russell: Special intentions req. Simone

Solemnity of All Saints

Saturday Oct. 31 7:30 p.m. Russell: Special intentions req. Jean Goba

Sunday Nov. 1 9:00 a.m. Russell: For all Parishioners req. Father Paul

11:00 a.m. Rossburn: +Frank Kaskiw req. Nellie Kaskiw

*"I plead with you
– never, ever
give up on hope,
never doubt,
never tire, and
never become
discouraged. Be
not afraid." –
St. John Paul 2*

1. Coats for Cold, Drop Off: If you have a gently used, laundered Winter coat that you would be willing to donate to someone in need, it can be dropped off at, Reavie's pharmacy, or Knox United Church (Assiniboine St. entrance) or St. Joseph The Worker - no later than Sunday Oct 25th. All sizes would be appreciated. We also gladly accept all winter apparel, (Ski pants, boots, mitts, toques, scarves etc.)

2. Coats for Cold, Pickup: Pick up, Oct 26 (5pm - 7pm) and Oct 27 (4pm - 6pm) at Grace Lutheran Church. See poster at back of St. Joseph's Church. If you know of anyone in need of a winter Jacket please let them know these dates.

The Catholic Moms Summit: Free! Nov. 13-15

Coming this November is an event you won't want to miss! For all Catholic moms (new Moms, seasoned moms, grandmothers, is hosted by Danielle Bean & features over 70 trusted & beloved Catholic women presenting, including Joyful Ever After's Melanie Owens!

Produced by Cardinal Studios, the same team that put on the Catholic Marriage Summit, this event will be getting into the real issue's moms face every day, and is full of hope, inspiration, and practical advice.

Register for free - support@cardinalstudios.org

Last week, the church celebrated its annual World Mission Sunday. We wish to thank everyone who prayed for and where able to support the work of the missions last week. Your prayers and donations will make a huge contribution to the growth of the church and to the well-being of the poor in the world. Please continue to pray for all those who serve in mission countries to bring Christ's message of love to the world's most vulnerable. Also, your generosity and support of the missions throughout the year would also be very much appreciated. With deep gratitude, we thank you again for your prayerful and financial support of World Mission Sunday 2020. **There is still time to donate, yellow envelopes can be found at the back in the church.**

"How I long to find the right words to stir up enthusiasm for a new chapter of evangelization full of fervor, joy, generosity, courage, boundless love & attraction!...I once more invoke the Holy Spirit. I implore him to come & renew the Church, to stir & impel her to go forth boldly to evangelize all peoples." – Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, 261

Ethical Issues Regarding Vaccine Development (Offered by Zoom on your Computer!)

Thursday, November 5, 2020, 7:00 PM CST. Katarina Lee J.D, MA., clinical ethicist at St. Boniface Hospital will discuss some of the ethical issues related to vaccine development. This presentation will specifically focus on the fact that many vaccines are made using the cell lines of aborted human beings. This presentation will specifically feature Covid-19 as its chief case example.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88061314990pwd=RmdBRUQvV2N0THN4c1AzZzd6QU1yUT09> passcode: lvmb

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.

Thank you to all volunteers who give their time, care and generosity to usher & sanitize our Parish after mass!

Praying with Pope Francis, October: "We pray that by the virtue of baptism the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church."

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.

Dear Padre,

When I was young, we always prayed for “the poor souls in purgatory.” Is this because some go to hell and some go to heaven?

On the feast of All Souls’ Day, we remember all of our faithful departed. Most of them are already with God in heaven. But some of them might still need some purification. Those needing purification from the temporal punishment still due to their sins are in purgatory. These people aren’t damned. They are the elect and are friends of God. They are already saved, assured of salvation. There is no going to hell from purgatory. There is only upward movement to heaven.

There has always been an ancient tradition in the Church that there exists a strong bond between the faithful who die and those of us who are still alive. The Church especially emphasizes the mutual help that Christians on earth and in purgatory give to one another by their prayers. It is the belief of the Church that our prayers lessen the amount of time a person could spend in purgatory. Our prayers speed their journey into the fullness of God’s love.

On this upcoming All Saints’ Day (November 1) and All Souls’ Day (November 2), we are invited to unite with all the faithful Christians, living and dead. These feast days are our opportunities to pray for and with them and to receive the benefits of their prayers for us in return.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

All of us, living and dead, are in communion, that is, as a union; united in the community of those who have received baptism, and of those who are nourished by the Body of Christ....We are all the same family, united. For this reason, we pray for each other.

—GENERAL AUDIENCE, NOVEMBER 30, 2016

Calendar

Monday

OCTOBER 26
Weekday
Eph 4:32—5:8
Lk 13:10–17

Tuesday

OCTOBER 27
Weekday
Eph 5:21–33
Lk 13:18–21

Wednesday

OCTOBER 28
Sts. Simon and Jude,
Apostles
Eph 2:19–22
Lk 6:12–16

Thursday

OCTOBER 29
Weekday
Eph 6:10–20
Lk 13:31–35

Friday

OCTOBER 30
Weekday
Phil 1:1–11
Lk 14:1–6

Saturday

OCTOBER 31
Weekday
Phil 1:18b–26
Lk 14:1, 7–11

Sunday

NOVEMBER 1
All Saints
Rv 7:2–4, 9–14
1 Jn 3:1–3
Mt 5:1–12a

Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 25, 2020

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Ex 22:20–26

1 Thes 1:5c–10

Mt 22:34–40



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[The LORD said,] “You shall not oppress or afflict a resident alien, for you were once aliens residing in the land of Egypt.” —EXODUS 22:20

God’s Lessons of Love

The readings today are all about love. The first reading tells us *who* we should love; the Gospel tells us *how* we should love. We know that it is not difficult to love those who love us, who are kind and generous to us, who make us feel that we are important. The reading from Exodus moves us in a different direction. We are to love the alien, the widow, the orphan, and the poor neighbor. In a patriarchal society, such as was ancient Israel, aliens, widows, and orphans were the ultimate outsiders. They had no male relative through whom they would benefit from the kinship structure. While the neighbor might be of the same tribe or clan, it is the poor neighbor who was to be loved, the one who might be a drag on one’s life and resources.

In other words, we are to love the ones who cannot

promise to make our lives more comfortable or enjoyable. In fact, the point of loving them is to make *their* lives more comfortable and enjoyable.

How are we to love them? The Gospel reading offers two different answers that are really very much alike. We are to love God totally, with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind. We are to love others as we love ourselves, with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind. More practically, we must do for others what we would do for ourselves, for to love them is to love God.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ Who are the outsiders or people living on the margins of your society?
- ★ What might you do to make their lives more comfortable or enjoyable?