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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 32): You are my refuge, Lord: with deliverance you surround me.

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 February: *For the terminally ill: We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.*

Mass Intentions For This Week:

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time ***Anointing of the Sick will be offered at each Mass***

Saturday Feb 10 7:30 p.m. Russell Mary Orsak req by the Knights of Columbus

Sunday Feb 11 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 Feb 12 Health of family & friends req. by Jean Goba

Tuesday Feb 13 + Frank Mangin req. by Madeline & family

Wed Feb 14 6:30 p.m. Russell **Ash Wednesday** + Mangins req by George Mangin & family
 6:30 p.m. Rossburn **Ash Wednesday** - Liturgy of the Word – Deacon Darin

Thurs Feb 15 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration
 11:00 a.m. Mass Suffering Souls in Purgatory req by Rose & family

Friday Feb 16 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
 9:00 a.m. Mass + Emilienne Mangin req by George Mangin & family
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross by **Zoom**

1st Sunday of Lent

Saturday Feb 17 7:30 p.m. Russell Duncan Spurway Funeral Mass offering

Sunday Feb 18 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 Mervin Koscielny

Please remember to **pray for Fr Paul** who has recently been diagnosed with 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. First Stations of the Cross will be February 16th. 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.

We deposited \$82.00 for the Children Collection, the first in 2024.

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.

****The planned brunch today at St. Theresa's is postponed** as the parish wishes to support the **Rossburn Grad Class** who is hosting a brunch fundraiser. **Please plan to attend the brunch at the Community Hall after Sunday's mass to support our youth!**

"Love never fails." In the 1850s, there was a leper colony on the Island of Molokai, part of the Hawaiian Islands. People who were found with leprosy on the main island of Hawaii were put into cages, shipped off to Molokai, and literally dumped into the ocean near the Island. There were no medicines, no doctors, no shelters, no blankets—nothing but the hot sun during the day and cold wind beating on them at night. The Catholic Bishop of the Hawaiian Island knew that there were about ten Catholics among the two or three hundred lepers on Molokai. There was a young priest named Damien de Veuster (now Saint Damien de Veuster, or St. Damien of Molokai), who had been a carpenter before he became a priest. The Bishop asked Fr. Damien to go to the leper colony and put together a prefabricated chapel that had already been shipped there. Fr. Damien was instructed to have no contact with the lepers – no anointing, no confessions, and no burial because the Bishop did not have many priests and did not want to lose a zealous young priest. But conquering his fears, Damien became the first non-leper to stay overnight on the island. He immediately began building shelters for the people. He constructed the Church and began saying Mass. He was surprised to find over a hundred people wanting to pray with him, even though only ten of them were Catholics. He was the first to show Christ's love to them in deeds rather than mere words. A boat came to pick up Fr. Damien after his thirty-day medical visa expired, but Damien refused to go. He built a water system, planted over a thousand trees to protect the people from the scorching sun and continued saying Mass for the people. Lepers of all faiths and no faith went to his Masses. They said, "He holds our hands when we die." — In the end Fr. Damien himself contracted leprosy. Towards the end of Father Damien's life, Mother (now Saint) Marianne Cope and a group of Franciscan Sisters joined him on the island and continued his work. On a little hill in Molokai there is a cross with three words from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians that sum up what was at the heart of St. Damien's work. The words are: "Love never fails."

Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life. A touching story has been circulating on the Internet. It's about a little five-year-old boy named Timmy. Timmy's Mom loved him very much and, being a worrier, she was concerned about him walking to school when he started kindergarten. She walked him to school the first couple of days, but when he came home one day, he told his mother that he did not want her walking him to school every day. He wanted to be like the "big boys." He protested loudly, so she had an idea of how to handle it. She asked a neighbor, Mrs. Goodnest, if she would surreptitiously follow her son to school, at a distance behind him that he would not likely notice, but close enough to keep a watch on him. Mrs. Goodnest said that since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well, so she agreed. The next school day, Mrs. Goodnest and her little girl, Marcy, set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbor boy he knew. She did this for the whole week. As the boys walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, the little friend of Timmy noticed that this same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week. Finally, he said to Timmy, "Have you noticed that lady following us all week? Do you know her?" Timmy nonchalantly replied, "Yea, I know who she is." The little friend said, "Well who is she?" "That's just Shirley Goodnest" Timmy said. "Shirley Goodnest? Who the heck is she and why is she following us?" "Well," Timmy explained, "every night my Mom makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers 'cuz she worries about me so much. And in it, the psalm says, "Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life.' So I guess I'll just have to get used to it." (<http://monday-fodder.com/>) — As a pun, that is pretty bad: "Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life." But it's not that bad as theology. God is with us . . . all the days of our lives.

Dear Padre,

I am having a difficult time receiving Communion from a eucharistic minister who has been behaving in a manner that I don't consider moral. When I receive Communion from her, I feel like I am condoning her actions. Would it be wrong of me to go to a different person to receive Communion?

It seems unlikely that someone would assume you are condoning her actions by receiving Communion from her. We do not sin by receiving a sacrament from an unworthy person. What matters is how worthy we are to receive it. It might be wise to receive Communion from a different person if you are more concerned with this minister's behavior than you are with Jesus when you approach the sacrament.

It is not our task to expose and punish the sinner. If you look at the life of Jesus, you will see that he did everything possible not to condemn sinners but to save them. We should take that as the model for our own lives. Try to find ways to encourage her to live a good life. Perhaps friendship would serve her better than a boycott of her Communion line.

When Jesus was presented with the woman caught in adultery, he did not pretend that it was right. Neither did he rush to condemn her. He looked for his opportunity to forgive and tell her to avoid sin. Use that as your example about how to treat the woman at church. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
February 12 Weekday	February 13 Weekday	February 14 Ash Wednesday	February 15 Thursday after Ash Wednesday	February 16 Friday after Ash Wednesday	February 17 Saturday after Ash Wednesday	February 18 First Sunday of Lent
Jas 1:1-11 Mk 8:11-13	Jas 1:12-18 Mk 8:14-21	Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	Dt 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25	Is 58:1-9a Mt 9:14-15	Is 58:9b-14 Lk 5:27-32	Gn 9:8-15 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Compassion means "to suffer-with-another." Jesus' heart manifests God's paternal compassion for (the leper), moving close to him and touching him. And this detail is very important. Jesus "stretched out his hand and touched him.... And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean" (Mark 1:41-42). God's mercy overcomes every barrier....

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 11, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 / 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 / Mark 1:40-45



Bringing Outsiders In

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

As a child, were you teased, bullied, chosen last for a team? Did you feel apart from the in-crowd? If so, in various ways this treatment may have kept you from being fully engaged with the larger community, possibly continuing to scar you in even your grown-up world.

In 2021, the news media reported that a Louisiana cemetery refused burial for Darrell Semien because he was black. Though he had served his community as a deputy sheriff for fifteen years and had helped raise seventy-two foster children, none of that was of any significance. After the news broke, the cemetery quickly lifted its whites-only stipulation, but the damage had been done. In so many ways, we continue to exclude others from the human community, even in death.

Our Sunday Gospel tells of Jesus curing a leper, enabling the man to again become part of the community. Even more startling, by touching him, Jesus himself became "impure," and thus isolated himself from the community, thereby switching roles with the man. Bringing others into community even at a cost to ourselves is divine.

Such compassion is exemplified when people work to reform prisons, seek to integrate immigrants into national life, give voice to the voiceless, improve mental health care, strive to alleviate paralyzing poverty, and more. The world witnessed compassion at its finest during the COVID-19 pandemic when medical personnel worked to heal the sick, even at the cost of isolating themselves from their own families. Compassion toward those in need is holy. ●

Reflect

Who made you feel welcome when you felt locked out? Can you do the same for another?

A leper came to him [and kneeling down] begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean."

MARK 1:40



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