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

**Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 23):** The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**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 the pastoral care of the sick:* We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

**For the summer months there will be no Zoom or YouTube Mass' recorded to allow our Tech team a time to travel and have more family time.**

**Mass Intentions For This Week:**

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- Saturday Jul 20 7:30 p.m. Russell For Fr Paul req by Ron & Darlene Witty
- Sunday Jul 21 9:00 a.m. Russell For all parishioners by Father Paul
- 11:00 a.m. Rossburn For Fr Paul req by Gerald & Marilyn Lysyshin
- Monday Jul 22 Health of family & friends req by Jean Goba
- Tuesday Jul 23 + Deceased family members req by Madeline & family
- Wed Jul 24 Health of family & friends req by Jean Goba
- Thurs Jul 25 10:30 Rossburn Adoration
- 11:00 a.m. Johnny KostECKI req by Michael & Myrna & family
- Friday Jul 26 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
- 9:00 a.m. + Myron Andrews req by Michelle & Curtis & family

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- Saturday Jul 27 7:30 p.m. Russell + Deceased family members req by The Chartier Family
- Sunday Jul 28 9:00 a.m. Russell For all parishioners by Father Paul
- 11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req by Rose & family

Parkland Ukrainian Pioneer Association will be having its **Memorial Service at the Mass Grave on July 28** at 3:30 pm. Supper will follow at Olha Hall.

**St. Philomena Walking Pilgrimage August 11 – 14.**

From Yorkton to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Rama, SK. A supported pilgrimage sponsored by the Archdiocese of Regina. Come on a walking pilgrimage to have time to pray and spend time with God. Looking for peace or healing? This may be a good time to do it! Register at [www.stphilomena.ca](http://www.stphilomena.ca)

**Oakburn Farm Church Mass** will be on Sunday August 18, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

**Kaposvar Pilgrimage** will be held August 18<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine – 3 miles South and ½ mile West of Esterhazy on Grid 637. Please see poster at the back of the church.

**THE SUMMONS** – Adult Faith Formation since 2009

*The Summons* is a 10 session (Sept – May) Archdiocesan faith formation process designed for ANY adult who desires to grow spiritually and personally in our Catholic faith. We gather on one Saturday per month (9:00am – 3:30pm) at OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH, WINNIPEG, with like-minded adults to search and go deeper into our Catholic faith.

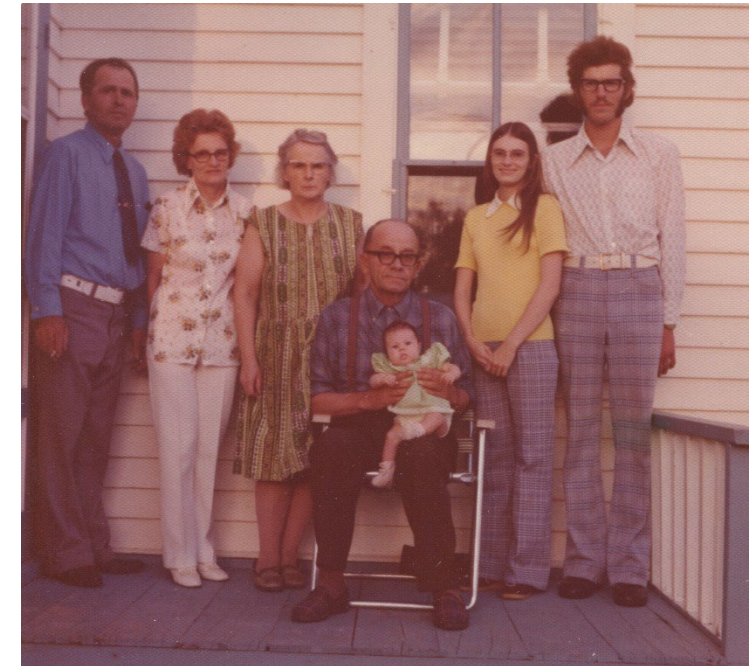
For the brochure, the dates, and registration, please visit [catholicadultformation.com](http://catholicadultformation.com)

For and additional questions, contact Fr. Eric Giddins, Director of THE SUMMONS, at 204-832-1993 [summonsformation@gmail.com](mailto:summonsformation@gmail.com)

**WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY – JULY 28**

Pope Francis instituted the *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly* on January 31, 2021 to highlight the importance of providing adequate pastoral and spiritual attention to the elderly and to call upon communities to manifest the closeness of the Church to them. It is to be celebrated annually on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

(Picture: August 30, 1972 4-generations Mangin by Fr. Paul)



**Expectant waiting for dear ones:** A story from the life of Mother Teresa shows her love for lonely and unwanted people, the “*sheep without a shepherd,*” who, while materially well-off, are sometimes the poorest of the poor. On one occasion, she visited a well-run nursing home where good food, medical care and other facilities were offered to the elderly. As she moved among the old people, she noticed that none of them smiled unless she touched them and smiled at them first. She also noticed that many of them kept glancing expectantly towards the door while listening to her. When she asked one of the nurses why this was so, she was told: “*They are looking for a visit from someone related to them. But, except for an occasional visit, birthday gift or a get-well card, this never happens.*” — Jesus invites us, in today’s Gospel, to show concern, mercy and compassion for such sheep without a shepherd. Fr. Tony (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).

\* 😊 The young pastor was teaching the 23rd psalm to the Sunday school children. He told them that they were sheep who needed guidance. Then the priest asked, “If you are the sheep then who is the shepherd?” (Obviously meaning himself). A silence of a few seconds followed. Then a young boy said, “Jesus. Jesus is the Shepherd.” The young priest, obviously caught by surprise, said to the boy, “Well then, who am I?” The boy frowned thoughtfully and then said, “I guess you must be a sheep dog.”

\* **“Tell us what the unstrung bow implies.”** In ancient Athens a man noticed the great storyteller Aesop playing childish games with some little boys. He laughed and jeered at Aesop, asking him why he wasted his time in such frivolous activity. Aesop responded by picking up a bow, loosening its string, and placing it on the ground. Then he said to the critical Athenian, “*Now, answer the riddle, if you can. Tell us what the unstrung bow implies.*” The man looked at it for several moments but had no idea what point Aesop was trying to make. Aesop explained, “*If you keep a bow always bent, it will break eventually; but if you let it go slack, it will be more fit for use when you want it.*” — Aesop was talking about balance. As followers of Christ, we need to realize that Jesus advocated balance in life too. Christianity has always been an activist Faith in which the emphasis has been on taking up the cross, laying down our life, sacrificing ourself for the cause of Christ. And certainly, that is a major part of our Faith. But it is possible to have an imbalanced Christianity. Jesus never meant for us to be so involved in doing good that we neglect our need for leisure, for rest, for family, for friends. Fr. Tony (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).

# Dear Padre,

## What does it mean to call the pope infallible?

Jesus established the Church, gave Peter a special place in it, and promised that the powers of evil would never overcome the Church (see Matthew 16:13–19). This promise indicates that Jesus would not allow the Church to be misled in essential matters of faith or morals. In these matters, Jesus grants the gift of infallibility...not only to the pope, but to the bishops and the faithful in union with the pope.

The pope speaks infallibly when he teaches *ex cathedra* (“from the chair”) as the leader of the whole Church, expressly defining doctrine as a matter of faith or morals (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 891). The pope has done this only once in the past one hundred years, when he declared the dogma of the Assumption of Mary.

The Church’s understanding of infallibility reflects our Catholic belief that God will not allow evil to lead the Church astray. It helps us to distinguish what is essential from what is not. A clear understanding of infallibility and its limits may be seen as a safeguard against the misuse of authority. Understood in this manner, infallibility is another gift the Lord gave to the Church. ●



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[The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org](https://www.DearPadre.org)

## 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
July 22	July 23	July 24	July 25	July 26	July 27	July 28
<i>St. Mary Magdalene</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. James, Apostle</i>	<i>Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Sg 3:1–4b or 2 Cor 5:14–17	Mi 7:14–15, 18–20	Jer 1:1, 4–10	2 Cor 4:7–15	Jer 3:14–17	Jer 7:1–11	2 Kgs 4:42–44
Jn 20:1–2, 11–18	Mt 12:46–50	Mt 13:1–9	Mt 20:20–28	Mt 13:18–23	Mt 13:24–30	Eph 4:1–6
						Jn 6:1–15

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 21, 2024

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Jeremiah 23:1–6 / Ephesians 2:13–18 / Mark 6:30–34



[Jesus said to the disciples,] “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.”

MARK 6:31

## Dancing in the Dark

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In 1931, Arthur Schwartz and Howard Dietz collaborated to write the song “Dancing in the Dark.” It’s said that the lyrics are primarily about how we feel our way through life, not sure where life is leading us and wondering why we’re here. There are many who feel they are “dancing in the dark.”

The Scriptures this week promise that God will shepherd us through difficult times, particularly when we feel lost amid uncertain choices we must make. Consequently, we are tempted to look for signs about what to do—paying attention to billboards, hoping a tune on the radio will give an answer, opening the Bible at random and pointing to a verse, multiplying prayers in hope of a sudden revelation.

The reality is that God does speak to us, but usually in the silence, in the quiet moments of a busy day.

At times, it may be when we begin to second-guess ourselves and realize we are becoming the sort of person we do not want to become. God’s voice may be camouflaged in our emotions, helping us recognize how our fears may be calling us to trust in him, or in our anxieties that move us to face the futility of a relationship. He might be calling us through friends who offer advice contrary to what we think, yet persistently insisting we face what we do not wish to see. It is in the silence that we begin to move from dancing in the dark to marching in sync with a divine rhythm. ●

### Reflect

**Have you ever emerged from a dark time feeling more in touch with God and God’s will for you?**



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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**[Jesus’] tender invitation—rest a while—should accompany us. Let us beware...of efficiency, let us put a halt to the frantic running around dictated by our agendas. Let us learn how to take a break, to turn off the mobile phone, to contemplate nature, to regenerate ourselves in dialogue with God.**

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