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

**Responsorial Psalm 29:** "With the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem."

**St. Theresa's Parish News:**

If anyone has any personal petitions, you can place them in the box at the back of the church. They will not be individually read but prayed for generally.

**St. Theresa's Finance Report 2020** Month of March

REVENUES:		EXPENSES:	
Additional SGG coverage refunded	\$2,800.00	Hydro	\$501.00
Mar 1 collection	\$1,510.00	St Joseph the worker shared expenses	\$2,000.00
Mar 8 collection	\$725.00	Masses and mass cards	\$45.00
		Archdiocese of Wpg 1/4ly assessment	\$1,047.50
<b>Year To Date Revenues</b>	<b>\$10,366.36</b>	<b>Year To Date Expenses</b>	<b>\$9,998.04</b>

For a donation envelope set contact Raymond Lysyshin at 204-859-2409 or 204-859-2134

**Lighthouse CD's/Books are available for you, at the back of the church, well priced. Monies collected will be used to purchase new selections**

**St. Joseph The Worker Parish News:**

**\*\*\*\*\*Very Important Notice\*\*\*\*\***

- No Saturday or Sunday Masses at St. Joseph's including Easter celebrations - until further notice.
- St. Josephs will be open every day from **8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Sunday to Saturday** for private prayer.
- If you wish to make a parish offering and/or your S.G.G. contribution, please mail to St. Joseph's The Worker Box 776, Russell, R0J 1W0 **Or** drop it off at the Church between 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. all week from Sunday to Saturday.
- All parish gatherings and activities are postponed or canceled until further noticed.
- If you have any questions or concerns please call the parish office for clarification, please leave a message and your call will be returned.

**Non-perishable food items** always needed for the Russell & Area Food Connections hampers given to those in need in our communities. They need peanut butter, canned fruit and canned vegetables. Please note: Items may be dropped off at St, Joseph's from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. all week Sunday to Saturday.

**March 29, 2020 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – Stewardship Message**

"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'" (John 11:40)

Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe and put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need. It opens our hearts to see God's active presence in our daily lives.

**\*\*\*\*\*A special "Thank You" for the donation of a wheelchair to St. Joseph's Parish\*\*\*\*\***

**The 'Living With Christ', 'The Word Among us', and 'Living Faith' are available at the back of the church and can be picked up at 8:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m. Tuesday to Friday.**

**Mass Intentions For The Week:**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

- Saturday March 28 For sick & shut-ins req. Simone
- Sunday March 29 For all Parishioners req. Father Paul & +Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. Joe, Rose & family

**St. Joseph The Worker Church will be open for private prayer, every day from 8:00 a.m to 10:00 a.m. For reconciliation please call the office 204-773-2924.**

- Monday March 30 Special intentions req. by Jean Goba
- Tuesday March 31 Barb Tucker req. by St. Theresa's Parish
- Wed. April 1 +Deceased Family req. by Frank & Madeline Mangin
- Thursday April 2 Fr Paul & Family req. by Jean Goba
- Friday April 3 Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. by Joe, Rose & family

**Palm Sunday \*\***

- Saturday Apr 4 Jean & Family req. by Jean Goba
- Sunday Apr 5 For all Parishioners req. Father Paul & Special intentions req. by Simone

**Did you Know! The National Catholic Broadcasting Council offers Sunday and Daily TV Mass on the Web, visit the website at [www.dailytvmass.com](http://www.dailytvmass.com) or [www.youtube.com/dailytvmass](http://www.youtube.com/dailytvmass) to watch Mass each day.**

**Word on Fire will be offering daily Mass for the foreseeable future. Join Bishop Robert Barron, or Word on Fire CEO Fr. Steve Grunow, right here <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass>.**

**In these difficult times as public Masses are being cancelled across Canada and other countries, Salt + Light TV is available on most cable and satellite carriers across Canada.** If you have any further questions about this, please check with your provider for more details. The Daily TV Mass is offered 4 times a day Monday to Saturday and twice a day on Sunday. Daily Papal Mass. Mass celebrated by Pope Francis from Casa Santa Marta airs daily at 9:30am ET. Also, you can stream this Mass daily on Salt + Light Media Facebook Live.

☺️\*A new preacher from the East just received his first church home in the foot hills of Montana. He arrives in time to greet the outgoing preacher who gives him a warm welcome and helps him get established in the parsonage. Being Wednesday now, the new preacher decides to get started on his first sermon, which he labors over for the next 3 days. Practice, practice, practice! On Sunday morning, he comes to church, climbs up into the pulpit and looks down into the congregation - only to see one cowboy sitting in the front row. Somewhat disappointed, he asks the cowboy, .." I've practiced my sermon for quite some time, but since you are the only one here, maybe I should just skip it. What do you think?" The cowboy replied,.. " Well, if I went out to the pasture to feed my cattle, and only one cow showed up - I would certainly feed it!" Reassured, the new preacher lit into his text with full zeal. 45 minutes later, exhausted from his efforts, the preacher asked the cowboy,.. " well, what do you think?" The cowboy replied,.. " Like I told you, if I went to the pasture to feed my cattle, and only one cow showed up - I would feed it.....but I sure wouldn't give it the full load!!!" ☺️

**How Children Perceive Their Grandparents**

A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

**Palm Sunday**  
 Blessed Palms can be picked up on Saturday or Sunday until Wednesday on back table in Church




# Dear Padre,

**I'm very disturbed at some clothing—or lack thereof—worn at Mass these days. I find myself being judgmental and I don't want to be. Does our *Catechism* mandate a dress code?**

**B**eing judgmental can exist on both sides of this issue: Those who dress casually or inappropriately at Mass may be seen as unmotivated and disrespectful; those who dress up may be accused of doing so not for God but to impress everyone else at Mass.

The casual-dress advocates are influenced by the current relaxed cultural norms on attire—in church and elsewhere. They rightfully point out that one's presence at Mass is more important to God than one's clothing. The dress-up advocates may believe this, too. However, the thought of actually being in God's presence at Mass determines their clothing choice.

Thus, an understanding of how the Mass is viewed today affects both casual-dress and dress-up proponents. While Catholics believe that Christ is present in all of creation and history, Christ's presence under the appearances of bread and wine is fundamental to our tradition. Moreover, a full appreciation of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist impacts far more than our outward appearances!

While the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* has no official dress guidelines, it's best to assume that most attend Mass for the same reasons as you. Essentially, most people who dress sensibly and make an effort to attend Mass are expressing their reverence and love for God.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR  
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



## Calendar

**Monday**  
MARCH 30  
Lenten Weekday  
Dn 13:1–9, 15–17,  
19–30, 33–62  
or 13:41c–62  
Jn 8:1–11

**Tuesday**  
MARCH 31  
Lenten Weekday  
Nm 21:4–9  
Jn 8:21–30

**Wednesday**  
APRIL 1  
Lenten Weekday  
Dn 3:14–20,  
91–92, 95  
Jn 8:31–42

**Thursday**  
APRIL 2  
Lenten Weekday  
Gn 17:3–9  
Jn 8:51–59

**Friday**  
APRIL 3  
Lenten Weekday  
Jer 20:10–13  
Jn 10:31–42

**Saturday**  
APRIL 4  
Lenten Weekday  
Ez 37:21–28  
Jn 11:45–56

**Sunday**  
APRIL 5  
Palm Sunday of the  
Passion of the Lord  
Mt 21:1–11  
Is 50:4–7  
Phil 2:6–11  
Mt 26:14—27:66  
or Mt 27:11–54

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 29, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)  
Ez 37:12–14 / Rom 8:8–11  
Jn 11:1–45 or 11:3–7, 17,  
20–27, 33b–45

## God Opens Our Graves

**I**t is not ghosts that come out of these graves, but a second chance at life. Ezekiel compares the reestablishment of ancient Israel after the exile with the dead rising alive from their graves. They are filled with God's spirit, God's power of life, and they have a second chance at living. Only the graciousness of God could imagine such a marvel; only the power of God could accomplish it. Jesus performs an even greater marvel. He actually brings Lazarus back from death, giving him a second chance at living. Once again, only the graciousness of God could imagine such a marvel; only the power of God could accomplish it. Jesus is that graciousness and that power, as he declares: "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25).

After its reestablishment, Israel was not immune to failure, nor was Lazarus exempt from eventual death. That was not the point. The point was a demonstration of divine generosity at that particular moment. As seen in the Gospel reading, the point is Jesus' self-identification: "I am the resurrection and the life." What follows is paradox: Those who live in him will not die; even if they die, they will live.

Joined to the one who is the resurrection and the life, we too will be raised from our graves and be transformed into a new life. We will never again face failure, as did the Israelites, or death, as did Lazarus, for the Spirit of Jesus will live in us.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ★ We were plunged into death and rose to new life at baptism. Does your life give evidence of this?
- ★ In what ways does your life manifest the Spirit working through you?

You shall know that I am  
the LORD, when I open your  
graves and make you come  
up out of them, my people!

EZEKIEL 37:13



### A WORD FROM Pope Francis

*I invite you to think for a moment, in silence, here: Where is my interior necrosis? Where is the dead part of my soul? Where is my tomb? ...And to remove the stone, to take away the stone of shame and allow the Lord to say to us, as he said to Lazarus: "Come out!"*

—HOMILY, APRIL 6, 2014

