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

**Responsorial Psalm 51:** "Have mercy, O Lord, for we have sinned."

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

\*\*\*\*\*St. Theresa's Annual Meeting and potluck will be on Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup>. Please join us in a time of fellowship, important information and elections of roles in our parish.\*\*\*\*\*

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.

**Bible Study will take place each Wed** at the Lion's Manor Rossburn, 12-1pm. We will be studying the Sunday readings. Please bring your Bibles, if this is your lunch time you are welcome to bring your lunch! Everyone welcome!

Those working on their Whole Life Confessions will be meeting every 2 weeks after mass briefly, next meeting March 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Tuesday, March 10, Rossburn Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:30 p.m.**

St. Theresa's Finance Report 2020	Month of February		
<b>REVENUES:</b>		<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Feb 2 collection	\$1,190.00	Hydro	\$501.00
Feb 9 collection	\$815.00	St Joseph The Worker (shared expenses)	\$2,000.00
2019 SGG overage refund	\$11,435.00	Wheatland (postage, church supplies)	\$19.17
Feb 16 collection	\$775.00		
Feb 23 collection	\$825.00		
<b>Year To Date Revenues</b>	<b>\$8,131.36</b>	<b>Year To Date Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,375.14</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. Don't miss out on the wide selection!**

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

**There is a sign-up sheet for First Communion at the back of the church** on the confessional door. Classes will begin in March and the actual date is yet to be determined. Please sign up or if you know of someone wanting to receive this sacrament please let them know. If you have any questions see Glenda or call me at 1-204-821-5216. Thank you.

**Pancake Breakfast Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>** after 9:00 Mass, Russell, St. Mary's Ukrainian Church basement. All are welcome! Hosted by the Knight of Columbus.

**Stations of the Cross** The Knights of Columbus will be leading Stations of the Cross starting at 8:30 a.m. Sunday mornings during Lent, the Knights invite you to come and join them to pray!

**2020 World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 am, Russell PCH and 2:00 p.m. at Russell Grace Lutheran Church. Everyone welcome! Service was written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Zimbabwe.

**Sincere sympathy to family & friends** on the passing of Paul Ducharme, may he rest in peace.

**For Your Information:**

- our parish has donated \$300 to the Major Pratt Breakfast Program in January and a \$300 donation to Catholic Christian Outreach in February. This is part of our parish tithing or donations that we do each year.
- **Thank You! The children collection** for Feb 2020 was \$65.
- **1<sup>st</sup> Communion group, Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.**, Glenda's house - #429 Maclsaac Cres.
- **Lenten Reflection Booklets** available at the back of the church, if you haven't already picked one up!
- **Daylight Saving Time Change!** Next Sunday marks the beginning of daylight-saving time, remember to this week set your clocks ahead Saturday night.

**March 1, 2020 - 1st Sunday of Lent – Stewardship Message**

"It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." (Matthew 4:10)

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things. Ask God how he is calling you to serve.

**THANK YOU to all our parish children in St. Theresa's & St. Joseph's for the coins they put in the treasure chest each Sunday.**

**Mass Intentions For The Week:**

**First Sunday of Lent**

Saturday Feb. 29 7:30 p.m. Russell: +Deceased Family req. Alan Kuzmicki  
 Sunday March 1 9:00 a.m. Russell: +Deceased Family req. Frank & Madeline Mangin  
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn: For all Parishioners req. Father Paul

**Monday No Mass**

Tuesday March 3 6:30 p.m. Russell: Special intentions req. Jean Goba  
 Wed. March 4 10:30 a.m. Russell Personal Care Home Music  
 11:00 a.m. Mass: For the sick & the shut-in req. Father Paul  
 Thursday March 5 9:00 a.m. Russell: Mass  
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn: Ed Vandenberghe req. Laurette & family

Friday March 6 8:30 a.m. Russell: Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament  
 9:00 a.m. Russell: +Nico req. Deacon Darin & Carlene  
 10:30 a.m. Rossburn: Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament  
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn: Mass

**Second Sunday of Lent**

Saturday March 7 11:00 a.m. Rossburn: Mass  
 Saturday March 7 7:30 p.m. Russell: Special intentions req. Jean Goba  
 Sunday March 8 9:00 a.m. Russell: For all Parishioners req. Father Paul  
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn: +Adeline Sobie req. Bernadine Brown

**Anamnesis: Inner Healing Retreat – St. Charles Retreat Center, Winnipeg – March 13-17<sup>th</sup>.** Four-day retreat in silence, an opportunity to review our life's story in the light & love of God in order to be reconciled with ourselves. Includes: teachings, personal prayer with the Word of God, daily personal spiritual accompaniment, practical workshops, community prayer/Mass. Located on the west perimeter side of Winnipeg. Retreat Centre, "Chemin Neuf Community" is hosted by Deacon Ted Wood & Nancy (his wife). Deacon Ted Wood works in our diocese office with role with, Pastoral Works. Website: [www.chemin-neuf.ca](http://www.chemin-neuf.ca) for more information, or call 204-885-2260.

**Lenten Parish Mission with Fr. Larry Kondra – St. Mary's Ukrain. Cath. Church, Russell:**  
 Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. – Presanctified Liturgy (confession available during service), 7:00 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Session  
 Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Session "Moleben to Merciful God" (confession available)  
 Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 3<sup>rd</sup> Session Prayers for Healing. Lenten lunch \$10.00/plate. All are Welcome!  
 Holy Eucharist Ukrain. Catholic Church, Oakburn (1 session): Saturday, March 14, 2:00 p.m. Sunday's Divine Liturgy & Easter Confession, Prayers for Healing, General Session, Potluck Supper.

**Joke of The Week: "I, myself, have decided to give up drinking for Lent."**: A bartender notices that every evening, without fail, one of his patron's orders three beers. After several weeks of noticing this pattern, the bartender asks the man why he always orders three beers. The man says, "I have two brothers who have moved away to different countries. We promised each other that we would always order an extra two beers whenever we drank as a way of keeping up the family bond." Several weeks later, noticing that the man only ordered two beers, the bartender said, "Please accept my condolences on the death of one of your brothers. You know, the two beers and all..." The man replied, "You'll be happy to hear that my two brothers are alive and well... It's just that I, myself, have decided to give up drinking for Lent."

**Reconciliation Schedule**

**Russell – at St Joseph's Tuesday March 17, 2020 4-5 p.m. then after 6:30 p.m.**

**Rossburn – at Sacred Heart Thursday March 26, 2020 4-5 p.m. then after 6:30 p.m.**

# Dear Padre,

## Is gambling a sin?

**T**he *Catechism of the Catholic Church* mentions gambling in the context of “temperance” to moderate attachment to worldly goods, “justice” to render to our neighbor what is due, and “solidarity in accordance with the golden rule” (CCC 2407). “Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others. The passion for gambling risks becoming an enslavement. Unfair wagers and cheating at games constitute grave matter...” (CCC 2413).

Gambling, therefore, is morally neutral. When properly controlled, it can be a form of recreation for some. However, it becomes an enslavement when obsessive gamblers neglect their families or jobs, risk financial security, and compromise their responsibilities to self, others, and God. The allure of winning and the desire to win even more—along with venues that provide easy gambling credit and other incentives—often make it harder for people to know their limits. Consequently, a severe gambling addiction can lead and has led to stealing to pay debts, divorce, job loss, despair, and suicide.

No wonder St. Augustine cautioned, “The devil invented gambling.” Even if Satan didn’t invent it, he’ll gladly take credit for it when gambling becomes a means to his ends. In so many words, those who win large amounts from lotteries and games of chance frequently warn, “All that glitters isn’t gold.” Despite its enticements, gambling ultimately fails to satisfy the human heart’s longing for meaning and fulfillment.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR | [Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)



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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*There are three temptations of Christ...First, wealth: seizing hold of goods destined for all and using them only for “my own people.” That is, taking “bread” based on the toil of others or even at the expense of their very lives. That wealth tastes of pain, bitterness, and suffering.*

—HOMILY IN MEXICO, FEBRUARY 14, 2016

## Calendar

**Monday**  
MARCH 2  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Lv 19:1–2, 11–18  
Mt 25:31–46

**Tuesday**  
MARCH 3  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Is 55:10–11  
Mt 6:7–15

**Wednesday**  
MARCH 4  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Jon 3:1–10  
Lk 11:29–32

**Thursday**  
MARCH 5  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Est C:12, 14–16,  
23–25  
Mt 7:7–12

**Friday**  
MARCH 6  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Ez 18:21–28  
Mt 5:20–26

**Saturday**  
MARCH 7  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Dt 26:16–19  
Mt 5:43–48

**Sunday**  
MARCH 8  
*Second Sunday of Lent*  
Gn 12:1–4a  
2 Tm 1:8b–10  
Mt 17:1–9

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

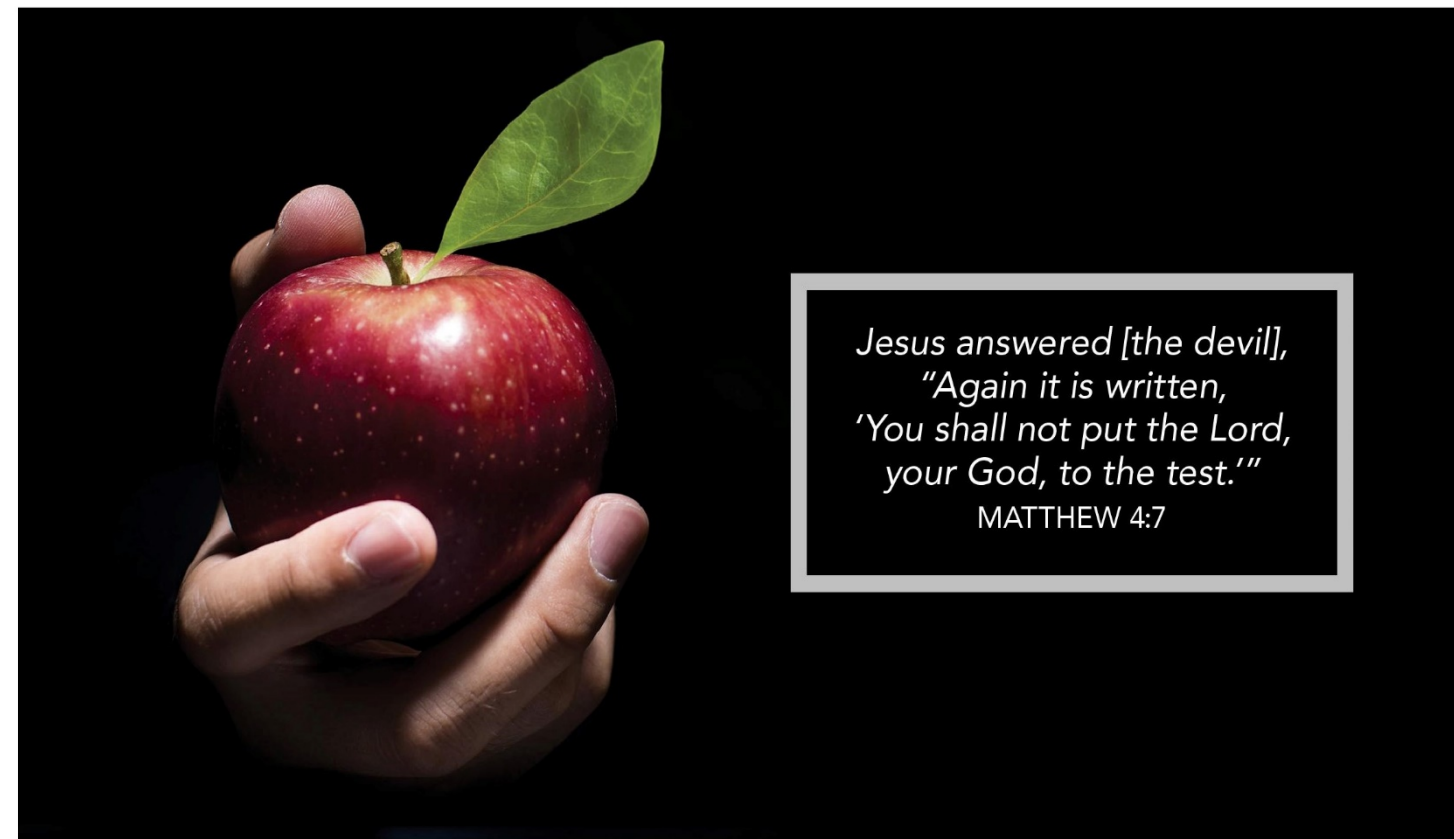
March 1, 2020

*First Sunday of Lent (A)*

Gn 2:7–9; 3:1–7

Rom 5:12–19 or 5:12, 17–19

Mt 4:1–11



*Jesus answered [the devil],  
“Again it is written,  
‘You shall not put the Lord,  
your God, to the test.’”  
MATTHEW 4:7*

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## Try It! You’ll Like It!

**I**f only temptation was obvious, we might have a better chance of avoiding it. But sometimes it’s so subtle. It often disguises itself as something rather attractive. This is precisely what happened in the Garden of Eden. Scripture says temptation takes on a living form—a serpent that convinces the woman that the fruit of the wisdom tree will make them “like gods, who know good and evil” (Genesis 3:5).

Who wouldn’t jump at such a possibility? Actually, who hasn’t already fallen into that trap—acting as if we are God, thinking we know everything or wishing to be in complete control? Our faith certainly encourages us to become more and more like God. What made that desire wrong was the way Adam and Eve sought to become like gods in their own way, not God’s way.

The Gospel passage tells us that Jesus also was tempted. Who doubts that Jesus wanted to be successful in his ministry? But what would he do to ensure success? Would he use divine power to attract a following? No! Would he call upon God to protect him from misunderstanding, rejection, even physical harm? No! Would he bargain with the devil, who obviously exercised power over many people? No! That was not the way he would be the Messiah. Unlike the couple in the Garden, Jesus recognized what was wrong even when it was disguised as something good. How good are we at recognizing temptation in our lives?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *In what ways does temptation sometimes trick you?*
- ★ *What can you do so you won’t be tricked?*