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

**Responsorial Psalm 25:** Lord, be mindful of your mercy.

### **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 October:** *For the Synod: We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.*

### **Mass Intentions For This Week:**

#### **Twenty Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

Saturday Sept 30 7:30 p.m. Russell +Jutta & Erich Leven req. Anne & Ubald Deschambault  
Sunday Oct 1 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. & YouTube after 10:15 am**  
+Adrien & Evone Bisson Wedding Anniversary  
11:00 a.m. Rossburn For all parishioners req. by Father Paul  
Monday Oct 2 Health of family & friends req. by Jean Goba  
Tuesday Oct 3 In thanksgiving for God's Blessings req. by Holly & family  
Wed. Oct 4 + Frank Mangin from Funeral Mass offering  
Thurs. Oct 5 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration  
11:00 a.m. Mass + Emilienne Mangin req. by George Mangin & family  
Friday Oct 6 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration  
9:00 a.m. Russell Mass  
10:45 a.m. Rossburn Mass **Sacred Heart Of Jesus**  
+ John Ryshytylo & all the Souls in Purgatory req. by Lynda & family



#### **Twenty Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time**

Saturday Oct 7 10:45 a.m. Rossburn Mass **Immaculate Heart Of Mary**  
+ John Ryshytylo req. by The Sabourin family  
7:30 p.m. Russell For all parishioners by Father Paul  
Sunday Oct 8 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 + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. by Rose & family

#### **“2023 Coats For The Cold”**

Anyone that has extra, gently used, clean coats or any type of outer winter wear that they'd like to donate can leave them at the back of our St Joseph's church or at Reavie's Pharmacy any day during the week by October 22 as they will be distributed from the Grace Lutheran church on 114 Bonny Avenue S. Russell on Monday October 23rd from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday October 24th from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### **St. Josephs The Worker Russell, CWL will be praying the rosary before Sunday**

**mass in October!** We will begin the Rosary at 9:40 a.m., come early to join in to our pray to our Mother in needs of the Church.

### **St. Theresa's Church**

**Annual Public Rosary to pray for Canada & the world will be held Sat, Oct 14th at the Town Hall. If weather inclement it will be at St Theresa's church.**

### **Which Son Did the Father's Will?**

Meditation: What kind of future are you preparing for? Jesus encourages us to think - to think about the consequences of our choices, especially the choices and decisions that will count not just for now but for eternity as well. The choices we make now will affect and shape our future, both our future on earth as well as in the life of the age to come.

#### **Repaying a debt of gratitude and showing respect where it is due**

Jesus tells a simple story of two imperfect sons to illustrate the way of God's kingdom. The father amply provided for his sons food, lodging, and everything they needed. Everything the father had belonged to them as well. The father also rewarded his sons with excellent work in his own vineyard. He expected them to show him gratitude, loyalty, and honor by doing their fair share of the daily work.

#### **Converting both heart and will to do what is good and pleasing to God**

The "rebellious" son told his father to his face that he would not work for him. But afterwards he changed his mind and did what his father commanded him. The "good" son said he would work for his father, but didn't follow through. He sought his own pleasure, contrary to his father's will. Now who was really the good son? Both sons disobeyed their father - but one repented and then did what the father told him. Jesus makes his point clear - Good intentions are not enough. And promises don't count unless they are performed.

#### **A transformed heart filled with gratitude and respect**

God wants to change our hearts so that we will show by our speech and by our actions that we respect his will and do it. God offers each one of us the greatest treasure possible - indestructible peace, joy, and friendship with him in his everlasting kingdom. We can lose that treasure if we refuse the grace - the free gift of God's blessing and strength - which the Lord Jesus has won for us through his victory on the cross. The Lord Jesus fills us with the gift of the Holy Spirit who works in and through us for the glory of God. Do you seek to please God and respect his will and loving plan for your life? Allow the Holy Spirit to fill your heart with the peace, joy, and righteousness of God's kingdom (Romans 14:17).

### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, change my heart that I may only desire that which is pleasing to you. Help me to respect your will and give me the strength, joy and perseverance to carry it out wholeheartedly.

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**Indignant protestor or a well-intentioned procrastinator.** A certain nurse won the admiration of her entire community with her patience, her cheerfulness, her genuine concern for others. She gave far more of herself than anyone could ever expect. Her salary was inadequate by any standard, and one day a physician friend spoke to her about that. “Nurse,” he said, “Why don’t you get out of this backward little community and go where they will pay you a decent salary. God knows you are worth it.” With a smile she answered kindly, “If God knows I’m worth it, that’s all that matters to me.” — Does God know you are worth it? Am I a good worker in God’s vineyard?” An indignant protestor? Just a well-intentioned procrastinator? God needs laborers for the vineyard. Can He count on me? Can I pass the test of availability, sensitivity, and accountability to Him? ...(<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).

\* 😊 Little Jimmy listened intently in Sunday school while the teacher explained the parable of the “treasure” and “pearl” and gave a detailed description of eternal bliss in Heaven. She concluded her class asking the question, “All those who are ready to go to Heaven, raise your hands.” Every hand went up except one. “Don’t you want to go to Heaven, Jimmy?” asked the teacher. “Not this minute,” Jimmy replied, “Mom was baking apple pie when I left home!”



# Dear Padre,

Where does Church teaching on angels come from? Where did we get their division into classes and the concept of the guardian angel?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that the existence of angels is “a truth of faith” known in both Scripture and Tradition (CCC 328). Here is an ancient definition: An angel is a mighty, concentrated personality standing in God’s presence, ready to do his bidding instantly.

Jesus famously speaks of what we take to be the guardian angels of children. He says the angels of these children always look on the face of God (see Matthew 18:10). Angels took care of Jesus (see Matthew 4:11).

The Church understands angels to be spirits. Angel means “messenger,” and angels are servants of God. Different classes of angels are mentioned in the Bible (for example, Ephesians 1:21 and 3:10, and Colossians 1:16). We speak of Michael, Raphael, and Gabriel as archangels because the jobs God gave them to do were so important.

The Church holds that Satan is a fallen angel (CCC 391). Jesus tells us Satan “was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in truth, because there is no truth in him” (John 8:44). ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
October 2	October 3	October 4	October 5	October 6	October 7	October 8
The Holy Guardian Angels	Weekday	St. Francis of Assisi	Weekday	Weekday	Our Lady of the Rosary	Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Zec 8:1–8	Zec 8:20–23	Neh 2:1–8	Neh 8:1–4a,	Bar 1:15–22	Bar 4:5–12,	Is 5:1–7
Mt 18:1–5, 10	Lk 9:51–56	Lk 9:57–62	5–6, 7b–12	Lk 10:13–16	27–29	Phil 4:6–9
			Lk 10:1–12		Lk 10:17–24	Mt 21:33–43



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Today let us look at our hands, so often empty of love, and let us try to think of some free gift that we can give without expecting anything in return. That will please the Lord. And let us ask him: “Lord, let me rediscover the joy of giving.”

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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 1, 2023  
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
Ezekiel 18:25–28 / Philippians 2:1–11 or 2:1–5 / Matthew 21:28–32



## Being Emptied

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In his book *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, Robert Fulghum lists those basic qualities that enable us to negotiate the rest of life somewhat successfully. It’s what you might expect the curriculum of kindergarten to be about: being kind, saying you’re sorry, getting along with others, and sharing. In short, what we learned in kindergarten is about putting others’ needs ahead of our own comfort. It’s a kind of emptying of our selfishness that seems to take place.

Unfortunately, the process isn’t finished by the time we reach adulthood. We still tend to hoard, slam one another with insults, cheat in business, and neglect to apologize. In spite of that extended learning curve

that seems to take place, we slowly do take on those attitudes noted by Fulghum. Marriage can smooth our rough edges. Children’s needs call for self-sacrifice. Aging tends to mellow us. And somewhere along the line we learn that talking things out works better than hitting.

Saint Paul encouraged the Philippians to take on the attitude of the Lord Jesus, who emptied himself for our sake. Still, I think much of that emptying takes place in us unconsciously. Some would say it is simply the process of life. Maybe, but then again it may be the gentle hand of God. Saint Teresa of Calcutta is said to have commented that even God can’t fill what is already full. So then maybe that emptying is God’s way of making room for God. ●



Humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but [also] everyone for those of others.  
PHILIPPIANS 2:3B–4

Reflect

Since kindergarten, have you become better at putting others first? What do you still need to work on?