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St. Joseph The Worker Parish, Russell, MB St. Theresa's Parish Rossburn, MB
Responsorial Psalm 118: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glade.

St. Theresa's Parish News:

St. Theresa's Finance Report 2020 Month of March

REVENUES:		EXPENSES:	
Additional SGG overage 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
Mar 15 collection	\$575.00	Archdiocese of Wpg 1/4ly assessment	\$1,047.50
Mar 16 Children's collection	\$260.08	Kitchen supplies	\$10.70
Mar 29 collection	\$695.00	Church Supplies	\$51.52
Year To Date Revenues	\$11,896.44	Year To Date Expenses	\$10,060.26

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

St. Joseph The Worker Parish News:

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

- No Saturday or Sunday Masses at St. Joseph's - until further notice.
 - 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
 - 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.
- Father Paul

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 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Monday to Friday at St Joseph's. At this time of Covid-19 we encourage monetary donations. Cheques can be made payable to "Russell and Area Food Connections" and mailed to Box 118 Russell MB, R0J 1W0.

April 12, 2020 - Easter Sunday – Stewardship Message

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." (Colossians 3:2)
Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment – I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.

St. Joseph The Worker Church will be Closed from now on due to concerns from Covid-19 until further notice.

Mass Intentions For The Week:

Holy Thursday Apr 9 Murray Kalyniuk for return of Health
req. by St. Theresa's Parish
Good Friday Apr 10 **Day of Fast and Abstinence from meat**
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Apr 11 For all Parishioners req.
Father Paul &
+For all souls in purgatory req. by Simone

Easter Sunday Apr 12 Deceased Family req. by Jean Goba
Monday Apr 13 +Deceased Family req. by Frank & Madeline Mangin
Tuesday Apr 14 Dr. Laurel Marie req. by Jim and Diana

Funeral Annie Bart - Due to our current world situation, the service will not be open to the community. A public memorial mass will be held at a later date.

Wed. Apr 15 Special intentions req. by Simone
Thursday Apr 16 For forgiveness of our sin & that of the whole world, for healing & conversion of all who suffer from the effects of the Corona virus & for an end to it req. by St. Theresa's Parish
Friday Apr 17 Special intentions req. by Jean Goba

Second Sunday of Easter Devine Mercy

Saturday Apr 18 Fr Paul & Family req. by Simone
Sunday Apr 19 For all Parishioners req. Father Paul &
+ Adeline Sobie req. by Bernadine Brown

This is Pope Francis Twitter, April 7th:
"In these holy days let us stand before the Crucified One and let us ask for the grace to live in order to serve. May we reach out to those who are suffering and those most in need. May we not be concerned about what we lack, but what good we can do for others."

Did you Know! The National Catholic Broadcasting Council offers Sunday and Daily TV Mass on the Web, visit the website at www.dailytvmass.com or 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.

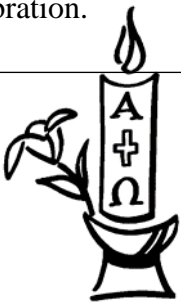
THE WATER PISTOL ☺

WHEN MY THREE-YEAR-OLD SON OPENED THE BIRTHDAY GIFT FROM HIS GRANDMOTHER, HE DISCOVERED A WATER PISTOL... HE SQUEALED WITH DELIGHT AND HEADED FOR THE NEAREST SINK.
I WAS NOT SO PLEASED. I TURNED TO MOM AND SAID, "I'M SURPRISED AT YOU. DON'T YOU REMEMBER HOW WE USED TO DRIVE YOU CRAZY WITH WATER GUNS?"
MOM SMILED AND THEN REPLIED.... "I REMEMBER!!"

☺ GRANDMA'S AGE

LITTLE JOHNNY ASKED HIS GRANDMA HOW OLD SHE WAS.
GRANDMA ANSWERED, "39 AND HOLDING."
JOHNNY THOUGHT FOR A MOMENT, AND THEN SAID, "AND HOW OLD WOULD YOU BE IF YOU LET GO?"

I wish to encourage parishioners to mark the celebration of the Vigil by placing a lighted or electric candle in their windows and or by ringing bells during their households Easter celebration.
Fr Paul



Dear Padre,

What's the origin of the word *Easter*? It's not mentioned in the Bible. Wouldn't a better name be Resurrection Sunday?

Experts trace Easter back to Old-English meanings associated with *Eostre*, the goddess of spring and fertility. Others point to the German word for east, which is derived from the Latin word for dawn. Regardless, Christianity found new meaning in the ancient celebration of nature's rebirth during the spring equinox. This resurrection of new life over the dead of winter also pointed to Christ's resurrection from the dead at dawn.

Likewise, early Christians gave new meaning to ancient symbols of fertility, such as rabbits and eggs. For example, a hatching chick represented the risen Christ emerging from the shell of a tomb, and the Roman proverb *Omne vivum ex ovo* ("All life comes from an egg") symbolized the resurrection. Eggs, prohibited during the Lenten fast, were reintroduced at the Easter meal and shared as decorated gifts. In 1610, a prayer by Pope Paul V blessed the egg, "that it may become a wholesome sustenance to thy faithful servants, eating it in thankfulness to thee, on account of the resurrection of the Lord."

"Each week, on the day called the Lord's Day, [the Church] commemorates the Resurrection of the Lord, which she also celebrates once a year in the great Paschal Solemnity" (*The Roman Missal*, "Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar," 1). Thus, every Sunday—even those in Lent—is a Resurrection Sunday in celebration of Christ's triumph over death, which will include our own!



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—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
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Calendar

Monday
APRIL 13
Octave of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22–33
Mt 28:8–15

Tuesday
APRIL 14
Octave of Easter
Acts 2:36–41
Jn 20:11–18

Wednesday
APRIL 15
Octave of Easter
Acts 3:1–10
Lk 24:13–35

Thursday
APRIL 16
Octave of Easter
Acts 3:11–26
Lk 24:35–48

Friday
APRIL 17
Octave of Easter
Acts 4:1–12
Jn 21:1–14

Saturday
APRIL 18
Octave of Easter
Acts 4:13–21
Mk 16:9–15

Sunday
APRIL 19
Second Sunday
of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)
Acts 2:42–47
1 Pt 1:3–9
Jn 20:19–31



Our Parish COMMUNITY

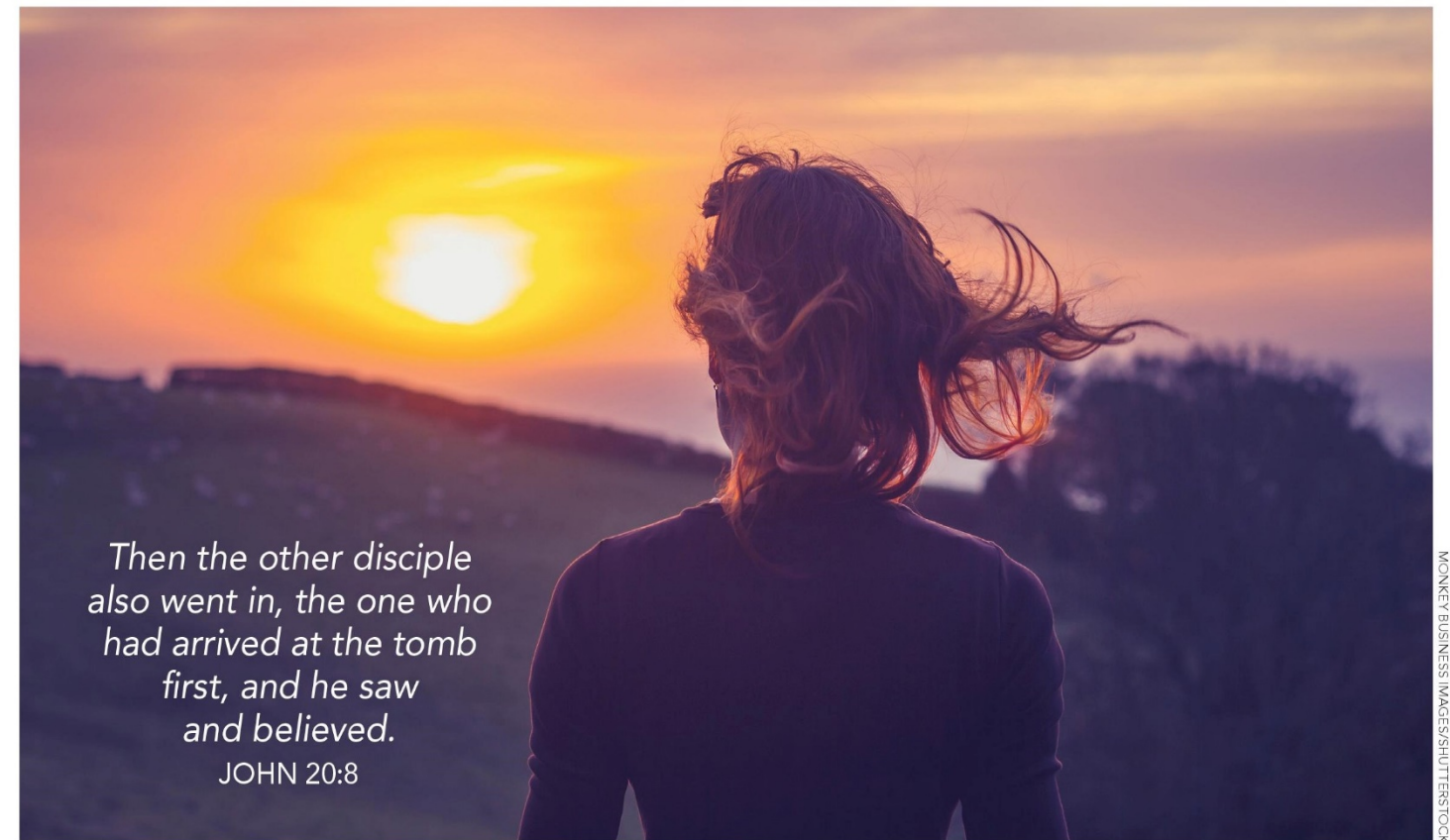
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Easter (A)

Acts 10:34a, 37–43

Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8

Jn 20:1–9 or Mt 28:1–10



Then the other disciple
also went in, the one who
had arrived at the tomb
first, and he saw
and believed.
JOHN 20:8

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With Mouths Wide Open

We normally speak of "eyes wide open," an experience of seeing and understanding. However, Easter is a time of total astonishment, of standing before mystery with our mouths wide open and not understanding. Even the closest followers of Jesus were dumbfounded. Mary Magdalene didn't expect to find an empty tomb. Upon seeing it, she presumed that the body had been stolen. The Gospel says that "they did not yet understand" (John 20:9). How could they? The magnitude of the mystery was overwhelming.

When did they finally understand? Actually, it's more a question of believing than understanding. The Gospel tells us that they came to believe. They came to believe in him—not that he would conquer death by not

dying, but that he would conquer it by dying and then being transformed into a new kind of life, a kind of living that isn't subject to death. They came to believe this through an experience of him.

We might envy the early followers who had Easter experiences of Jesus. But if we look carefully we will see that they experienced him in their everyday lives—in community gatherings, in the breaking of the bread. These are the very places where we can experience him in our own lives. The good news of Jesus' resurrection isn't just that we shall die and go home with him, but that he is risen and comes home with us.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ Be astonished today at how much God loves you. Think of the ways this is evident in your life.
- ★ He is not dead. He is with us. Where in your life are you touched by this mystery?



WORD FROM Pope Francis

Today however we see that our journey is not in vain. ... Why do you think that everything is hopeless, that no one can take away your own tombstones? Why do you give in to resignation and failure? Easter is the feast of tombstones taken away, rocks rolled aside.

—EASTER VIGIL HOMILY, APRIL 20, 2019

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