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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 92): Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

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 June: *We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.*

Mass Intentions For This Week:

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Father's Day

Saturday Jun 15 7:30 p.m. Russell For Fr Paul req by the Knights of Columbus

Sunday Jun 16 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 + Frank Kaskiw req by the Kaskiw family

Monday Jun 17 For Fr Paul req by Jean Goba

Tuesday Jun 18 For family req by Jean Goba

Wed Jun 19 + Deceased family members req by Madeline & family

Thurs Jun 20 10:30 Rossburn Adoration

11:00 a.m. Fr Paul req by the McLaughlins

Friday Jun 21 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration

9:00 a.m. Mass Health of Fr Paul req by Brad & Brenda Robin

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Jun 22 7:30 p.m. Russell + Mary Orsak req by the CWL

Sunday Jun 23 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m & YouTube after 10:15 am**

For all parishioners req by Father Paul

+ Roy Joseph Lazarte & Consorcio Buensuceso Jr. req by Mark & Jean Lazarte & family

11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req by Rose & family



This year our parish graduates are Kiefer Cabrera, Rylan Kiliwnik, Sash Pratt, Kaitlyn Roszell, Criselda Sales, Gabriel Sapao and Hayden Seib. **Grad Mass will be celebrated next Sunday, June 23rd.** Plan to attend and join us for coffee Sunday!



Sincere sympathy to Michelle and Curtis Kempthorne and family on the passing of Michelle's father, Myron Andrews.

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**

For those interested in finding out more, an information session will be held on:

Tuesday June 25th 7:00pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 4588 Roblin Blvd, Winnipeg.

For and additional questions, contact Fr. Eric Giddins, Director of THE SUMMONS, at 204-832-1993

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To You, My Child – A Father's Day Reflection.

If there could be only one thing in life for me to teach you, I would teach you to love. To respect others so that you may find respect in yourself. To learn the value of giving, so that if ever there comes a time in your life that someone really needs, you will give. To act in a manner, that you would wish to be treated; to be proud of yourself. To laugh and smile as much as you can, in order to help bring joy back into this world. To have faith in others. To stand tall in this world and to learn to depend on yourself. To only take from this earth those things which you really need. To not depend on money or material things for your happiness, but to learn to appreciate people who love you, the simple beauty that God gave you and to find peace and security within yourself. To you, my child, I hope I have taught all these things, for they are love.

"I never knew that I meant anything to anyone!" Helen Mrosia remembers teaching a ninth grade class

"new math" a number of years ago. Her students were working hard, but she could tell that they just didn't understand the new concepts. And they were growing more frustrated and edgy with each passing class. Then one Friday afternoon Helen decided to depart from her lesson plan. She instructed each student to list each person's name in the class on a sheet of paper and then write something nice about each one. The unusual assignment took the entire class period for them to complete. The next day, Saturday, Helen took those papers and compiled a list for each student of what others in the class liked about them. On Monday she gave each student a paper with what other classmates had written about them. The atmosphere in the class changed instantly; her students were smiling again. Helen overheard one student whisper, "I never knew that I meant anything to anyone!" The students were happy with themselves and one another again. It was time to continue with their math lessons, and no one ever said anything about those papers again. Years passed. Students came and went. Then the class was suddenly brought together again as young adults, and Helen's former students gathered around her. One of them had something to show her. Opening his wallet, he carefully removed two worn pieces of notebook paper that had obviously been taped and refolded many times. Helen knew without looking that the papers were the ones on which she had listed all the good things of each classmate. She was amazed as another former student told her that she still kept her list in the top drawer of her desk at home. Another had placed his list in his wedding album. Still another classmate took out her wallet, showed her worn and frazzled list to the group, and said she carried it with her everywhere she went. Helen was simply overwhelmed. [Jack Canfield & Mark Victor Hanen, *Chicken Soup for the Soul* (Deerfield Beach, Florida: Health Communications, Inc., 1993), pp. 126-128.] –Whoever would have thought that what a teacher did out of desperation on a Friday afternoon would have such a lasting effect on her students? You never know. You never know how something you or I do will affect someone else. The funny thing is that we might not even think that what we did was all that important, but to another person it could have made a world of difference. Jesus taught us that the Kingdom of God is like that: seeds are scattered on the ground and the very tiniest of seeds produces an enormous harvest. (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).

*One morning after church, a mother asked her little son, "Who was your teacher today at Sunday School?" "Well, I don't know," the boy replied, "she may have been Jesus' grandmother. He was all she talked about."

Archbishop Richard Gagnon is pleased to announce that **Deacon Christopher Pugh** will be ordained to the Ministerial Priesthood on Friday, June 28, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Cathedral. A reception will follow at the Delta Marriott across from the Cathedral.

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

Dear Padre,

**Why did Jesus always speak in parables?
Why didn't he give us clearer answers?**

Parables are short, relatable stories. Their simple images or comparisons convey a moral or religious lesson and put us in touch with the mystery of God and ourselves. Thus, parables confront the hearer or reader with a radical choice to enter God's kingdom: "One must enter the kingdom, that is, become a disciple of Christ, in order to 'know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven' (Matthew 13:11). For those who stay 'outside,' everything remains enigmatic" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 546).

About a third of Jesus' recorded teachings are in parable form. After the Pharisees rejected Jesus (Matthew 12:14), he immediately changed his straightforward preaching to parables. This fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation [of the world]" (Matthew 13:35; see Psalm 78:2).

Parables are intended to reveal as much about us as they do about God. As John Shea writes in *Stories of God*, "God not only loves to hear our stories, God loves to tell stories. And, quite simply, we are the story God tells." In the telling, we ourselves are told. The timeless, universal stories of Jesus speak to us at different stages of life and provide multiple levels of meaning to the openhearted. ●



RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON, GUERCINO / WIKICOMMONS

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
June 17 Weekday	June 18 Weekday	June 19 Weekday	June 20 Weekday	June 21 St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious	June 22 Weekday	June 23 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 21:1-16 Mt 5:38-42	1 Kgs 21:17-29 Mt 5:43-48	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	Sir 48:1-14 Mt 6:7-15	2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20 Mt 6:19-23	2 Chr 24:17-25 Mt 6:24-34	Jb 38:1, 8-11 2 Cor 5:14-17 Mk 4:35-41

Our Parish COMMUNITY

June 16, 2024

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Ezekiel 17:22-24 / 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 / Mark 4:26-34



With many such parables [Jesus] spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it.

MARK 4:33



Life Happens

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The adage that "life is what happens to us as we're busy doing other things" seems to be a rewording of this week's Gospel about the kingdom of heaven, namely about God's reigning activity in our lives. It is a parable about a man who sows seeds in his field. The seeds sprout, grow, and bear fruit, all without his knowing how. In effect, the message says that it is *God* who happens to us as we're busy doing other things.

We tend to convince ourselves that we have complete control over our lives, when in reality that is somewhat of an illusion. Though we may decide what we will have for dinner, what TV program to watch, or what we will wear, we have much less control over the portions of life that so often give meaning and shape to who we are. The person someone marries

is dependent upon the mutual commitment of the two people in love. The degree of job satisfaction we eagerly hope to find can partly depend upon the people with whom we work and the expectations of others. "We walk by faith and not by sight" reveals that we recognize the reigning presence of God bringing us to a life we'd never imagined. In reality, the one thing we do have control over is how we respond to life's events, which can then open us to the ways by which God brings us to fruitful abundance. ●

Reflect

**Think of three of your blessings:
How much did you have to do
with their coming about?**



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

It may happen that we get discouraged, because we see the weakness of good as compared to the apparent power of evil.... The Gospel asks us to take a fresh look at ourselves and at reality...to discover the presence of God who as humble love is always at work in the soil of our life....

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