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

Responsorial Psalm 98: The

St. Joseph's Russell needs volunteers to read and usher on Sunday Morning Mass, please choose which Sunday and sign up on the Ministry Schedule – found on the table where the donation envelopes are located. Thank you!

Did you Know! The National Catholic Broadcasting Council offers Sunday & Daily TV Mass on the Web, visit the website at www.dailytvmass.com or www.youtube.com/dailytvmass to watch Mass each day.

Zoom Along with Us you can use it on your computers, tablets, i-pads & smart-phones
We still have **Sunday zoom Mass at 9:00 a.m.**

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.

First Communion – Next class will be January 26th from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Praying with Pope Francis, January: *For educators*: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Crossing the threshold of prayer

I'm far more aware of the moment at which I cross into sacred space, when I commit myself to a time of prayer.

Prayer takes us to a threshold, one that perhaps we should not always cross unaware, or unprepared. When we deliberately walk into God's space, it might be wise to be "sensible of conditions," as Annie Dillard suggests in her essay, "An Expedition to the Pole." She wonders how we dare to come to prayer at all, "Does anyone have the foggiest idea what sort of power we so blithely invoke?"

In his "Spiritual Exercises," St. Ignatius of Loyola recommends that we come to the threshold of prayer — literally, stop a few steps before the place where you will pray — and pause for a moment: "before all contemplations and meditations, there ought always to be made the preparatory prayer." This suggested preparation of Ignatius sets a boundary and provides an orientation.

Before prayer, Ignatius directs, ask for God's grace that your every intention and action be directed purely to the service and praise of His Divine Majesty. Know who you have come to meet in prayer; don't drift in, blithely insensible of conditions. Know that this time of prayer depends not on you, but on God.

This preparation to pray, which so directly acknowledges our relationship to God, orients not only the time of prayer, but trains us up to be oriented to God in the same way in all our daily work.

I am a bit more sensible of conditions when it comes to prayer, attentive to the need to seek God's grace as I approach the threshold, moving cautiously into the space that opens before me. I can only pray that my heart is ready, O Lord. This column appeared in the Catholic Standard & Times 12 May 2011.

[Preparing to Pray - Ignatian Spirituality](#)

Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage You are invited in the New Year at St. Joseph The Worker

In 6 stunning sessions, BELOVED uncovers the mystery and the meaning of the sacrament of marriage. What if marriage is more than you think it is? What if God has woven into the very fabric of your humanity a purposeful need and desire that can only be fulfilled in your marriage?

BELOVED invites all couples to experience firsthand the wonder, mystery, and joy behind that first "I Do".... whether you said it last year or many years ago.

For more information contact Father Paul Bisson, 204-773-2924, or Deacon Darin Douglas, 204-532-2157.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

- Saturday Jan 14 7:30 p.m. Russell + Duncan Spurway Funeral Mass offering
Sunday Jan 15 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. & YouTube after 10:15 am**
+ Annette Schmitz req. by Knights of Columbus
11:00 a.m. Rossburn For all parishioners by Father Paul
Monday Jan 16 Health of family & friends req. by Jean Goba
Tuesday Jan 17 +Suffering Souls in Purgatory req by Rose & family
Wed. Jan 18 For family & Nowa Birthday Dec 24 req. by Mary Shenderevich
Thurs. Jan 19 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration
11:00 a.m. + Norma Kaskiw req. by Joe & Shirley Slobodian & Family
Friday Jan 20 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
9:00 a.m. Fr Paul req. by Irene Deschamps

Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

- Saturday Jan 21 7:30 p.m. Russell + Duncan Spurway Funeral Mass offering
Sunday Jan 22 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. & YouTube after 10:15 am**
+ Ben Schmidt req. by Jim & Bev & family
11:00 a.m. Rossburn For all parishioners by Father Paul



* "I'm surprised at you!" An English teacher of a 21-sophomore high school class put a small chalk dot on the blackboard. He then asked the class what it was. A few seconds passed and then someone said, "That is a chalk dot on the blackboard." The rest of the class seemed relieved that the obvious had been stated, and no one else had anything to say. "I'm surprised at you," the teacher told the class. "I did the same exercise yesterday with a group of kindergartners and they thought of 50 different things the chalk mark could be: an owl's eye, a cigar butt, the top of a telephone pole, a star, a pebble, a squashed bug, a rotten egg, a bird's eye, and so on." — The older students had learned how to find a right answer but had lost the ability to look for more than one right answer. The Holy Spirit helps us, in His wonderful Wisdom, to see more than we might

ENGLISH LESSON

Tsunami — T is silent

Honest — H is silent

Psychology — P is silent

Knife — K is silent

Wife — Husband is silent

Class dismissed ...

have seen by ourselves. The Spirit's vision allows us wonderful options for expansion and new possibilities. It is the Spirit's Wisdom that reveals the Word to us. It is the Wisdom of the Spirit that shows us our sin, which guides us, which instructs us, and which leads us in the way to Life Everlasting.

God isn't asking you to figure it out.

He's asking you to trust that He already has.

JER 29:11

Dear Padre,

I am African American. When I go to church, I feel disconnected from the rest of my life. How does the Church fit with my culture?

Church documents lift up different cultures as treasures to be preserved and incorporated into the life of the Church. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches, “[The gospel] must be proclaimed, celebrated, and lived in all cultures in such a way that they themselves are not abolished by it, but redeemed and fulfilled: It is with and through their own human culture, assumed and transfigured by Christ, that the multitude of God’s children has access to the Father, in order to glorify him in the one Spirit” (CCC 1204).

Many think “catholic” means homogenous, that the Mass should be exactly the same everywhere. On the contrary, it is “catholic” because it takes in everything. It is, or at least it should be, a cross-cultural experience, for we all are the children of God. All cultures should find their expression in the Catholic Mass.

The difficulty is putting this into practice, especially in communities with members from more than one culture. Receptivity on the part of the pastor is important, too. As he learns about another culture, he’ll be more open to using the best of it in worship. Perhaps you, along with other concerned parishioners, might discuss this with your pastor. There are resources and institutes available to assist you in making your worship truly reflect who you are individually and communally. ●

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
JANUARY 16 Weekday	JANUARY 17 St. Anthony, Abbot	JANUARY 18 Weekday	JANUARY 19 Weekday	JANUARY 20 Weekday	JANUARY 21 St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr	JANUARY 22 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Heb 5:1–10 Mk 2:18–22	Heb 6:10–20 Mk 2:23–28	Heb 7:1–3, 15–17 Mk 3:1–6	Heb 7:25–8:6 Mk 3:7–12	Heb 8:6–13 Mk 3:13–19	Heb 9:2–3, 11–14 Mk 3:20–21	Is 8:23–9:3 1 Cor 1:10–13, 17; Mt 4:12–23 or Mt 4:12–17

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Lord is deliberate in repeating the word all. He knows that we are always using the words “my” and “our”: my things, our people, our community.... But he constantly uses the word all. All, because no one is excluded from his heart, from his salvation.

HOMILY, WORLD MISSIONS DAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019



Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 15, 2023
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Isaiah 49:3, 5–6 / 1 Corinthians 1:1–3 / John 1:29–34



Who’s Calling?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

God called Isaiah: “You are my servant.... I will make you a light to the nations” (Isaiah 49:3, 6). God called John the Baptist: “The one who sent me to baptize with water...” (John 1:33). God called St. Paul: “Called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus....” (1 Corinthians 1:1). And Paul says God calls us: We are “called to be holy” (1 Corinthians 1:2). Given that call, the question is, “What are we called to do with our lives?”

Frederick Buechner, an author, suggests we are called to wherever our deep hunger and the world’s great need meet. As he explains, the world’s great need may be to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless, but if we become depressed helping the poor, that is not where God wants us to be. On the other hand, we may love designing sandcastles, but the world has no great need for sandcastles, so that surely is not what God calls us to do. Rather, God calls us to the place where what we love doing and what the world desperately needs intersect.

Adults are often inclined to ask children what they want to be or do when they grow up. Perhaps asking them what they think God wants them to do might be a question laced with greater wisdom. To turn the question may call forth a more thoughtful answer. ●



The LORD has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb....I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God is now my strength!

ISAIAH 49:5

Reflect
What is God calling you to do now, and how has God’s call changed over the years?