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 St. Theresa's -Rossburn, MB  
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**Nativity of The Lord**

Tuesday, Dec.24 6:00 p.m. **Russell:** *Christmas Eve – Nativity of the Lord*  
 +Felix & Joyce Mushumanski req. Julian and Sandra & Family  
 8:00 p.m. **Russell:** *Christmas Eve – Nativity of the Lord*  
 +Ben Schmidt req. Bev, Jim & Family

Wednesday, Dec 25 11:00 a.m. **Rossburn:** *Christmas Day – Nativity of the Lord*  
 +Melvin Bart req. Mary Kaskiw & family

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

Saturday, Dec 28 7:30 p.m. Russell: Special intentions req. Simone

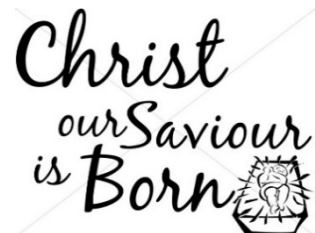
Sunday Dec 29 9:00 a.m. Russell: For all Parishioners req. Father Paul  
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn: +Michael Sobie req. Bernadine Brown

Monday Dec 30 **No Mass**

Tuesday, Dec. 31 7:30 p.m. Russell: *New Year's Eve – Solemnity Mary, The Holy Mother of God*  
 For sick & shut-ins req. Simone

Wednesday, Jan. 1 9:00 a.m. Russell: *New Year's Day - Solemnity Mary, The Holy Mother of God – World Day of Peace*  
 For all Parishioners req. Father Paul

11:00 a.m. Rossburn: *New Year's Day - Solemnity Mary, The Holy Mother of God – World Day of Peace*  
 +Melvin Bart req. Mary Kaskiw & family



**Our Parish**  
 COMMUNITY

**December 29, 2019**  
*Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (A)*  
 Sir 3:2–6, 12–14  
 Col 3:12–21 or Col 3:12–17  
 Mt 2:13–15, 19–23

**Practicing Family Values**

“Do we have to go to Grandma’s!” Children aren’t the only ones who sometimes dread the family Christmas gathering. Adults might, too. Why is that? Our family is the cradle that embraced us at birth, nourished us, and helped us grow. At least that’s what it was supposed to be. Perhaps we didn’t come from such a family. Still, when our time comes, it is within our power to form such a family. How are we to do it?

In today’s readings we have two quite different descriptions of family dynamics. The first, from Sirach, focuses on children’s respect for and support of parents. The Gospel passage recounts parents’ protection of a vulnerable child. Together these readings tell us that every family member, regardless of age or position within the family, owes all the other members concern and care. Paul provides a short list

of what I like to think of as genuine family values: “heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another” (Colossians 3:12–13). Are such values asking too much of us?

It’s not by accident that we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family during Christmastime. Some think that this is a season for children. It’s actually a season for family, a time when generations—three, sometimes four or five—at least contact each other.

It’s a time for us to decide whether or not Paul’s list of virtues reflects our own family portrait. How authentic are our smiles? How deep are our family values?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

**FOR Reflection**

★ Try reaching out in a special way to a family member in the generation before you and one that follows you.

Those who respect their father will live a long life; those who obey the Lord honor their mother.

SIRACH 3:6





### Solemnity of Mary

## January 1, 2020 - Mary, Mother of God

“All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds.” - Luke 2:18

#### Scripture Reading:

Nm 6:22-27 God’s loving presence is announced to Moses and Aaron  
Ps 67 May God be gracious to us and bless us.

Gal 4:4-7 God sent his Son that we might receive adoption as heirs

Lk 2:16-21 Mary ponders all that has happened

Today’s feast focuses on the role of Mary in the wonderful miracle of the Incarnation. She was closest to all that happened, and it was she who came to know that God is here with, for and among us. As we celebrate this feast of Mary as the Mother of God, we, too, pause to ponder. What does it mean to be the Mother of God? What does this title say about Mary? About God? About us? And about the church that gave her this title? We begin this new year with fascinating questions.

Luke asks us to make our hearts like Mary’s ... to resolve to notice the angels that appear in our lives; to resolve to welcome the shepherds of today – the poorest of the poor; to resolve to open our hearts to new possibilities, new beginnings, new dreams. On this first day of the new year, let us resolve to make the heart of Mary our own. Let us promise ourselves that we will clean out a room in our hearts so there will always be space for God to be wrapped in the swaddling clothes of our love and our trust – a space within us in which the child Jesus can be re-born.



**Prayer:** Mary, Holy Mother of God, pray for us as we aim to treasure our blessedness as you did. Lay our “yes” at the feet of your Son, Jesus, that we might carry Him into the world, to be blessed by His love and to bless others with it. Amen.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Weekdays of Christmas

<u>Thursday, Jan. 2</u>	9:00 a.m. Russell: Mass
	11:00 a.m. Rossburn: +Eleanor Mackendenski req. Vince Kaskiw
<u>Friday, Jan. 3</u>	8:30 a.m. Russell: Exposition/ Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
	9:00 a.m. Russell: Mass
	10:30 a.m. Rossburn: Exposition/ Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
	11:00 a.m. Rossburn: +Eleanor Mackendenski req. Vince Kaskiw

### Epiphany of The Lord

<u>Saturday Jan. 4</u>	11:00 a.m. Rossburn: Special intentions req. Simone
	7:30 p.m. Russell: For all parishioners req. Father Paul
<u>Sunday Jan. 5</u>	9:00 a.m. Russell: Father Paul req. Deacon Darin & Carlene
	11:00 a.m. Rossburn: For all parishioners req. Father Paul



### St. Theresa’s Parish News:

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.

**K of C** meeting at St. Theresa’s Parish, Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm.

### St. Joseph The Worker Parish News:

**Thank you to all** the children who are attending children’s liturgy. For the Christmas holidays there will be no children’s liturgy. It will resume on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Merry Christmas and see you all in the new year!

### Parish Volunteer Opportunity:

A group from our parish is planning to drive to Brandon, assisting the "Helping Hands Soup Kitchen", to serve those in need, Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. We will leave Russell at 8:15 am. and return in the afternoon. This is an opportunity for ministry of service with Social Justice, and for parishioners to work together. If you have questions/those interested, please call Deacon Darin Douglas or Carlene Douglas, 532-2157 (Hm.). Numbers of individuals going, needs to be known before Sun Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>.

## *Christmas Message 2020*

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

The days preceding Christmas are particularly laborious for all and a danger of neglecting ourselves. Christmas is a feast of union – the union of God and humanity in Christ. This is the basis of Christmas joy.

No matter what our age may be, it is impossible to await Christmas without some expectancy and excitement of a child. This does not stem from looking forward to gifts or reunion with our families but from a stirring hope for an even deeper joy a Christmas of profound peace and intimate divine friendship.

As on the first Christmas, God gave himself to us out of love. I believe we are sincere in this expectation but a little slow to place our own gift before the manger.

I wish to thank you for the many kindness, invitations, cards, prayers and gifts that you have offered me and to the community. May God richly bless you, with hope, happiness, and peace during this Christmas season and throughout the coming New Year.

Sincerely,

*Father Paul Bisson, Pastor*



**Christmas Blessings and Sincere Thanks** to all parishioners for generously and faithfully serving the Lord with your time, talent and treasure this past year. We are grateful to each of you for all the work you do to enhance our liturgies, our parish gatherings, and community outreach. You keep this parish alive!

Thank you for your generosity towards all our special collections, building fund and Sharing God's Gifts.

Special thanks to those who prepared and served the parish for advent and Christmas. May you and your family be blessed with peace, hope and happiness!

**THANK YOU**

