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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 22): Lord, from you comes my praise in the great congregation.

St. Joseph The Worker News:

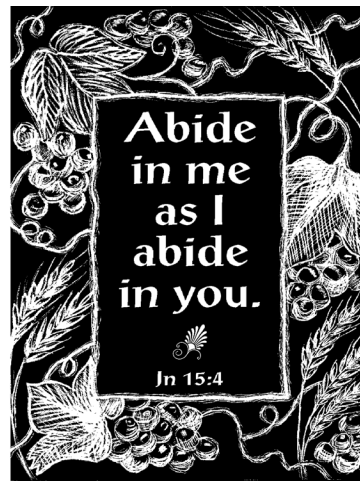
Please remember in your prayers those who are sick in hospitals, care homes, or in their homes & those who care for them. If you wish to receive the Sacraments of Anointing, Confession, or Holy Communion – please call the parish office & leave a message: 204-773-2924.

Praying with Pope Francis April: For the role of women: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

5th Sunday of Easter

Saturday Apr 27 7:30 p.m. Russell + Phyllis Keller req by Frank & Family
 Sunday Apr 28 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 + John Ryshytylo req by Allie Macdenski & family
 Monday Apr 29 Health of Father Paul req. by Jean Goba
 Tuesday Apr 30 Health of Father Paul req by Brad & Brenda Robin
 Wed May 1 10:20 a.m. Russell Personal Care Home
 Health of family and friends req by Jean Goba
 Thurs May 2 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration
 11:00 a.m. Mass for Father Paul req by Rose & family
 Friday May 3 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
 9:00 a.m. Mass Health of Fr Paul req. by Brad & Brenda Robin
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn – **Sacred Heart of Jesus**



6th Sunday of Easter

Saturday May 4 11:00 a.m. Rossburn – **Immaculate Heart of Mary**
 In thanksgiving for God's Blessings The Sabourin family
 7:30 p.m. Russell For all parishioners by Father Paul
 Sunday May 5 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 +John Ryshytylo req by Nellie Nychuk & family

Marian Month: For the Marian Month the CWL will lead the Rosary on Mother's Day May 12th. **Please come early to join them as they will start it at 8:40 a.m.**

CWL meeting Tuesday April 30 at 1:30 p.m. in the church basement. Thanks. Margaret M.



*****Stay tuned we are planning a cleaning bee to clean the church!!**

Coffee Sunday is today, April 28th after 9 am Mass and everyone is invited!



Please note... If you haven't already done so and would like to be added to a group, please contact Brenda Robin at 204-564-2646 or cell 204-937-0270. Louise Trinder's group will be busy in the church kitchen downstairs today handing out the coffee and juice and providing us with some delicious goodies! Coffee



Sunday is part of the Ministry of Hospitality, a time to gather together, greet one another and visit after Mass while enjoying coffee and snacks. *We hope to see you there!*

International Workers' Day – May 1

International Workers' Day is celebrated in many countries on May 1st. This can be a day to recognize the value of human work, defend the dignity of working people, encourage all to be responsible in their work, and celebrate the role that human work has in God's plan for creation.

“Love Hopes all Things”

The National Family and Life week (NFLW) this year is, **May 13th to May 19th, 2024.**

The theme is: **“Love Hopes all Things.”**

In Manitoba, the NFLW involves a tri-diocesan effort

(Archdiocese of St. Boniface, Archdiocese of Winnipeg & Archeparchy of Winnipeg).

The Archbishops of Winnipeg are asking parishes to celebrate “Love Hopes all things” with our families, communities, and parishes through the CCCB resource package (by going to the link below) and by taking part in the upcoming Tri-diocesan events in our diocese.

<https://lifeandthefamily.com/nwlf-resource-package-2024>

The scripture lessons summarized:

The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, testifies to the abundance of spiritual fruits yielded by the apostles because of their close bond with the risen Lord. The reading tells us how the Lord pruned the former fanatical Pharisee, Saul of Tarsus, who had persecuted the Church, to produce a fruit-bearing branch called Paul, the zealous Apostle to the Gentiles, a man now entirely dedicated to the proclamation of the Gospel. Even Paul's forced return to Tarsus for a brief period is an example of God's pruning of the vine to bring forth a greater harvest, namely, the mission to the Gentiles.

In today's second reading, John, in his first letter to the Church, explains that only if we remain united with Christ by putting our Faith in him and drawing our spiritual strength from him, will we be able to obey God's commandments, especially the commandment of love.

In the Gospel, taken from the Last Supper discourse, Jesus uses God's Old Testament image of the vine and branches to help his disciples to understand the closeness of their relationship with him and the necessity of their maintaining it. They are not simply rabbi and disciples. Their lives are mutually dependent – as close as a vine and its branches. In fact, in using this image, Jesus is explaining to them and to us what our relationship with him should become.

Dear Padre,

Several months ago my son died in a tragic car accident. Life, work, family, and even religion seem so meaningless now. How can I find my way back?

You have suffered a great loss. When you are able, you can choose to live in a way that will respect both your son's memory and your own ongoing life. Here are a few gentle steps that might help.

- Expect to feel numb at first. This is nature's way of helping you deal with your loss. Keep following the normal patterns of your life and, eventually, meaning will return.
- Allow your friends to help. "Sorrows shared are sorrows lessened."
- If you are sad, let the tears come! Even Jesus cried at the death of his friend Lazarus (John 11:32-35).
- If you are angry, look for a healthy release. Focus the energy of your anger into productive work, even if it's just doing dishes or yard work.
- Use your experience to help others. While helping others, the Lord often reveals to us the meaning of our own losses.
- Don't be afraid to seek professional help. A therapist has the expertise to help you talk about your loss and cope with your grief.
- Pray for yourself, for your son, for all whose lives he touched, for all those who are grieving.
- After you have done everything you can, leave your loss in God's hands. The Lord will do for you what you cannot do for yourself. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 29 St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Acts 14:5-18 Jn 14:21-26	April 30 Easter Weekday Acts 14:19-28 Jn 14:27-31a	May 1 Easter Weekday Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8	May 2 St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Acts 15:7-21 Jn 15:9-11	May 3 Sts. Philip and James, Apostles 1 Cor 15:1-8 Jn 14:6-14	May 4 Easter Weekday Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21	May 5 Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17



RICCARDO DE LUCCA / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus needs us, like the vine with the branches. Perhaps to say this may seem bold to us, and so let us ask ourselves: in what sense does Jesus need us? He needs our witness. The fruit that as branches we must bear, is the witness of our lives as Christians.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 2, 2021



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Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 9:26-31 / 1 John 3:18-24 / John 15:1-8



The Pruning Process

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The common myth is that we receive a new body every seven years as cells die and are replaced. However, stomach cells are renewed every two days or so because of acids and enzymes. Skin cells are replaced every two to three weeks. Bone cells last about ten years, and our brain cells stay with us for our entire lives. In a sense, then, we might say that our bodies are pruned, part of us remaining long-term to nurture and sustain like the trunk of a tree, and part of us severed so that life may be renewed and continue on.

If so with our bodies, are not our spirits also pruned? There is a core part of who we are that wends its way throughout our lives. Yet that "who" has rough edges in need of being smoothed; barbs need to be dulled; and certain inclinations simply need to be severed. Spouses tend to prune one another, the grace of a loving marriage. Children sometimes keep parents honest. Life events may grind down our independence and self-sufficiency. Illnesses, aging, job loss, the death of loved ones—all forcing us to recognize that we are not in control of life. We are thus pruned, forced to surrender much of what we once thought we could control.

Where is God in all of this? If God is woven into the warp and woof of all life, then all the events and rhythms of life can draw us closer to God, pruning us into goodness and fruitfulness. ●

Reflect

How have you been pruned and has this pruning led to new growth, new life?



[Jesus said,] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit."

JOHN 15:1-2