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

Responsorial Psalm 138: Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

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 **August:** *For World Youth Day:* We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

Twenty First Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday Aug 26 7:30 p.m. +Jutta Leven req by Anne & Ubald Deschambault

Sunday Aug 27 9:00 a.m. For all parishioners by Father Paul

11:00 a.m. Rossburn Norma Kaskiw req. by Clarence & family

Monday Aug 28 Health of family & friends req. by Jean Goba

Tuesday Aug 29 In thanksgiving for God's Blessings req. by Holly & family

Wed. Aug 30 Health of family & friends req. by Carol & Wade Schott

Thurs. Aug 31 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration

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

Friday Sep 1 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration

9:00 a.m. Mass

10:45 a.m. Rossburn **Sacred Heart Of Jesus**

11:00 a.m. Mass + John Ryshytylo & all the Souls in Purgatory req. by Lynda & family

Twenty Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday Sep 2 10:45 a.m. Rossburn **Immaculate Heart Of Mary**

Rose Zegalski req. by Knights of Columbus

7:30 p.m. Russell For all parishioners by Father Paul

Sunday Sep 3 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 Michael & Myrna & family

September 10th The Knight's of Columbus will be hosting our parish BBQ along with St. Mary's Church Parish. Picnic after **11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's** with St. Mary's Invited to join us. So, **no Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass in Russell** as Fr Paul will be in Rossburn

* **Transformation in old age:** 😊 Two old men are chatting. One man says, "My friend, you must try this memory pill I'm taking. I remember everything. It's an amazing memory booster." The other man says, "Sounds wonderful. What is the name of the pill?" The first man says, "Hmm! The name of the pill ... Let's see ... Hmmm, what is the name of the flower produced on a garden plant with thorns? It's red ... You give it on Valentine's Day." The other man says, "A rose?" The first man says, "Yes, that's right!" Then, calling for his wife, he says, "Rose, what is the name of that pill which I take to boost my memory?"

Discernment at Different Stages of Life By [Vinita Hampton Wright](#)

A major gift from Ignatian spirituality is its wisdom about [discernment](#). Discernment enables us to assess situations, pay attention to various clues, approach our decision making prayerfully, and ultimately choose well according to our faith and our life situation.

But discernment is not the same at every stage of life. Each season presents unique challenges that require yet another nuance of Spirit-helped discernment.

When we're young—in late childhood and the teen years—much discernment has to do with recognizing right from wrong. We discern what it means to be honest, to treat others fairly, to admit when we're wrong, and to calculate the outcome of potential actions. Discernment in these early stages helps us understand ourselves morally. As Christians, we learn, through discernment, to identify what is Christ-like behavior and what is not.

In the years of young adulthood, we face—sometimes quite suddenly—major decisions that can have great impact on the rest of life. Our discernment at this time has much to do with self-understanding. Am I a good fit to be in relationship with this person, or that one? Am I suited well to this kind of work/career or to something else? By this time, we should have right and wrong figured out for the most part. But what about our priorities? Do our daily choices and actions move us toward what we see as a life purpose?

Into middle adulthood—by this I mean late 30s into the 50s—the discernment gets even trickier, because by now we likely have multiple and appropriate attachments. Many of us are in serious relationships, are parents, have begun careers or at least have established a steady working life. Much of our discernment involves figuring out how all these aspects of life are interacting and where corrections need to be made. We are discerning how to discipline and guide children and how to work through marital difficulties; at the same time, we are moving outward, trying to help others, [to be people for others](#). We probably were helping others years ago, but it's more complicated now that we have multiple obligations.

And in our later years, we must discern how best to use the energies and resources we have. We are likely diminished in some respects—health and income—but may have become freer from [unhealthy attachments](#) thanks to a lifetime of learning and discerning. We must discern how involved to become in the problems and pressures of people in our families and our communities. We must discern how we will face our physical/mental decline and also our death.

At each stage of life, discernment may include:

- Identifying patterns of thought or behavior that we need to face and change.
- Identifying deep and lasting wounds and learning how to seek healing and restoration.
- Choosing the best out of multiple good options.
- Dealing with unhealthy attachments; praying and working toward [spiritual freedom](#).
- Discovering the best way to use our resources—gifts, money, time, and energy—to help the world.

Of course, this short article does not touch every area of discernment, only some of the highlights. May you embrace the discernment important to your spiritual journey this day.

[Discernment at Different Stages of Life - Ignatian Spirituality](#)

Dear Padre,

Why do Catholics believe they are the only true Church?

Roman Catholics believe our Church has historical continuity with St. Peter and the apostles who were present on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit gave birth to the Church. Catholics believe the work begun by Peter and the other apostles continued under men they appointed and on whom they laid hands—giving them apostolic authority to carry their work into the next generation. Apostolic authority, understood by Catholics to be historical and traceable, is a mark of authenticity and continuity of the Church. For Catholics, this essential mark of the Church is missing if a Christian community rejects apostolic authority and Peter’s leadership of the other apostles—carried on by their successors in the persons of bishops and popes—over the last 2,000 years.

Nevertheless, “numerous elements of sanctification and truth” are present in separated Churches and ecclesial communities, and “the Spirit of Christ has not refrained from using them as instruments of salvation” (*Responses to Some Questions Regarding Certain Aspects of the Doctrine on the Church*, by the Vatican Offices of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 2007).

Dialogue with other Christians continues, and we hope the love and respect we have for one another can grow over time. While our Church leaders have the role of conserving the faith we have received, all Christians should remember that the Law of Love must prevail. If we violate that principle, we fail to comprehend an essential truth of our faith. ●



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From *Catholic and Cornered: Answers to Common Questions About Your Faith* (Liguori Publications, 2011)

Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 27, 2023
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Isaiah 22:19–23 / Romans 11:33–36 / Matthew 16:13–20



The Jesus Question

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Over the years I’ve asked many people what they believe about Jesus and who he is for them. I’ve always nudged them away from the expected answer simply because I was interested in who he was for them down deep in their spirits. It’s been a whole wheelbarrow full of answers, yes it has, a full and varied garden.

Some said they thought he was a very good human being, though they hedged when I asked if they thought he was also of God. Others thought he was a prophet, though they also backed away from anything that hinted of the divine. For some, Jesus was God dressed in human skin, as if he were simply playing at being human. Some labeled him a reformer and others a teacher. None of them dismissed Jesus as irrelevant or a remnant of the past. And for many, Jesus is the truth professed by Peter, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” He is the Word made flesh, the wisdom of God among us, the one who lives.

In one way or another all of us must answer the question Jesus asks of his disciples in today’s Gospel: “Who do you say that I am?” The question is just as relevant today as it was when Jesus asked it. For some, their yes is without doubt. For others, it is a questioning journey of coming to faith. All of us are faced with that question: Who is Jesus for us today in the way we live our life? ●

Reflect

Who do you say Jesus is and how does your answer make a difference in your life?

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Even today, so many people think Jesus may be a great prophet, knowledgeable teacher, a model of justice....And even today Jesus asks his disciples, that is, all of us: “Who do you say that I am?”...Let us pray that God grants us the grace to respond..., “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

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MONDAY August 28 <i>St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> 1 Thes 1:1–5, 8b–10 Mt 23:13–22	THURSDAY August 31 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Thes 3:7–13 Mt 24:42–51
TUESDAY August 29 <i>Passion of St. John the Baptist</i> 1 Thes 2:1–8 Mk 6:17–29	FRIDAY September 1 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Thes 4:1–8 Mt 25:1–13
WEDNESDAY August 30 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Thes 2:9–13 Mt 23:27–32	SATURDAY September 2 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Thes 4:9–11 Mt 25:14–30
	SUNDAY September 3 <i>Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Jer 20:7–9 Rom 12:1–2 Mt 16:21–27

