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

Responsorial Psalm 63: My Soul thirst for you, O Lord my God.

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 November: *For the Pope: We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.*

Mass Intentions For This Week:

Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday Nov 11 7:30 p.m. Russell + Duncan Spurway Funeral Mass offering Russell
 Sunday Nov 12 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 Kaskiw family
 Monday Nov 13 Health of family & friends req. by Jean Goba
 Tuesday Nov 14 + Duncan Spurway from Funeral Mass offering
 Wed. Nov 15 + Frank Mangin - Funeral Mass offering
 Thurs. Nov 16 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration
 11:00 a.m. Mass + Nellie Kaskiw req. by Kaskiw family
 Friday Nov 17 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
 9:00 a.m. Mass Special Intentions req. by Carlene

Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday Nov 18 7:30 p.m. Russell Special Intentions req. by Irene Deschamps
 Sunday Nov 19 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

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS! Our **Parish Advent Potluck Party** will be held on Saturday, December 2nd, 2023 starting with Mass at 5:00 p.m. (No 7:30 pm. Mass that Saturday!). Just like last year, we are celebrating the beginning of the advent season with Mass, a potluck supper, games, carols (with Fr. Paul playing the guitar), and our Lucky Draw Auction. Bring a dish or two for the potluck, food items for the Russell & Area Food Connections (for each item you bring you receive a ticket towards the "Lucky Draw Auction" downstairs) and bring some money to buy tickets as well. Tickets are just a Loonie each for our auction with all proceeds also going to our local food bank. If you would like to donate an item for our Lucky Draw Auction Table (we only accept new items, no used or old ones) please contact the parish office or anyone on the parish social committee. **Please Note:** we will also be accepting donations that evening for the Orphanage & Missions in Peru that Sr. Hilda Simard (Deacon Conrad Plante's sister-in-law) teaches at. Let's all gather together once again for a fun evening while we also help those most in need. **Door prizes** for the children and another for the adults! Mark your calendars and plan to be there!

A few copies of the **"Coffee Sunday Groups & Dates for 2024"** have been placed at the back of the church. Please take a copy if you wish!

St Joseph CWL invite all the ladies from our parish to our Christmas Supper on **Wednesday Dec 6** at Arbuckles in Binscarth. We will meet at 5:30 with supper at 6 o'clock. Supper and drinks will be at your own expense (Around \$25 to \$30). Tunes and Trivia entertainment will be provided by Vagabond, sponsored by the CWL. No gift exchange just the pleasure of your company. Please contact Margaret Mushumanski 204-773-2868 by Dec 1, if you plan to attend.

Attention CWL Ladies: membership of \$25 is now due for 2024. Please pay Darlene Witty Box 426 Russell, Man R0J 1W0. Our CWL have been together for 68 years. New members are very welcome to join.

Would you like to provide a gift this Christmas for a child in your community?

The Russell & Area Food Connections is asking for your help for a child's gift, limit of \$35 - with no batteries. It will be distributed in the annual Christmas food hampers in our area. Just take a "Gift Tag" from the Stewardship Tree, which should be up shortly in St. Joseph The Worker Church. When you bring your un-wrapped gift with attached Gift Tag - place it in the hamper next to the tree. Deadline is Sunday, Dec. 10th.

Socks (unwrapped) of all sizes and colors are also needed! Bring those to the church by Sunday, December 10th, and place them under the Stewardship Tree.

If you are unable to drop off gifts/socks at the church, you may also drop off at Bev & Jim Roszell's at 328 Mather St. E. Russell (phone 204-773-3998)

A letter from the Archdiocese has been sent out to all Parishioners that they have on their records, concerning **Sharing God's Gift Appeal** and **Solidarity Fund for Healing and Reconciliation**.

Sharing God's Gift Appeal: Our Parish does the Sharing God's Gift Appeal during lent. A couple of years ago the Archdiocese changed the SGG Appeal to the fall. We at St. Joseph decided to keep it during Lent. As far as this letter from the Archdiocese concerning SGG, if you have made your donation for 2023, please ignore that part of the letter. If you have not yet donated to Sharing God's Gifts than please use it as a reminder. You have until middle of December to donate.

The Solidarity Fund for the Healing and Reconciliation (a **NEW** program that you can support that includes programs of healing and reconciliation for those affected by the legacy of Residential Schools) you can participate as you wish.

😊 **"At last I've met a man more stupid than myself."** There is an old legend about a man who had a rather stupid servant. The master often got exasperated with his servant. One day in a fit of frustration he said to the servant, "You've got to be the stupidest man I've ever met. Look, I want you to take this staff and carry it with you. And if you ever meet a man stupider than you are, give him the staff." So the servant carried the staff. Often out in the marketplace, he'd meet some pretty stupid people. But he was never sure they were worse off than he. Years passed with the servant carrying his staff. Then one day, he came back to the castle and was ushered into the bedroom of his master. His master was quite sick. In the course of their conversation, the master said, "I'm going on a long journey." The servant said, "When do you plan to be back?" The master said, "This is a journey from which I'll not return." The servant said, "Sir, have you made all the necessary preparations?" The master said, "No, I have not." The servant said, "Could you have made preparations?" The master said, "Yes, I guess I've had my life to make them, but I've been busy about other things." The servant said "Master, you're going on a journey from which you'll never return, you could've prepared for it, and you just didn't?" The master said, "Yes, I guess that's right." The servant took the staff he'd carried so long and said, "Master take this with you. At last I've met a man more stupid than myself!" — Telling us the parable of the 10 virgins Jesus warns us to be ever prepared to meet him as our judge on the day of our death. (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).

Dear Padre,

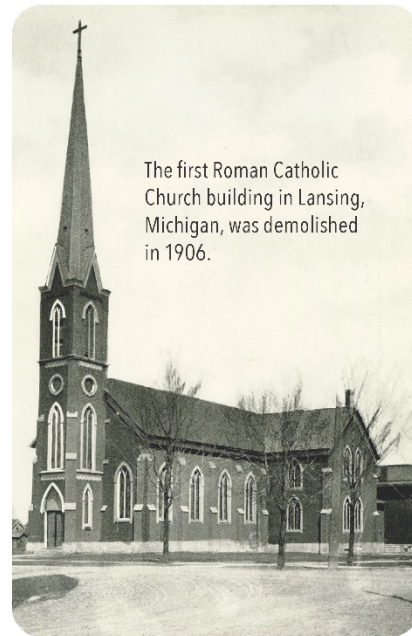
I was taught that Catholic churches are built on consecrated ground. How can a church be torn down and replaced by a shopping mall if it's sacred ground?

Church buildings are blessed and considered by the Church to be sacred places. But when they're damaged and can no longer be repaired or their repair is impractical or they no longer effectively serve their purpose for the faithful of God, the bishop can remove that blessing. By doing this, the bishop opens them for nonsacred use. Subsequently, they can be torn down or sold, as long as the new purpose is not scandalous to the people of God.

In the end, what is truly sacred is not the brick and mortar or even the soil, but the purpose for which they were built. Churches are blessed and declared sacred because we perform sacred rituals within them. When those rituals are no longer being performed in that location, there is no longer a need for them to be declared sacred.

When a church is closed, it is often a sad event. Many people carry deep emotional ties to their parish churches. But a diocese cannot always maintain all of its churches. Catholic populations shift, local needs change. Money is limited, and good stewardship demands that bishops sometimes make the difficult decision to close or merge parishes. Remember what is truly important and of ultimate and sacred value—our worship and service of God. ●

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR / DearPadre.org



The first Roman Catholic Church building in Lansing, Michigan, was demolished in 1906.

WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
November 13 <i>St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin</i> Wis 1:1-7 Lk 17:1-6	November 14 <i>Weekday</i> Wis 2:23-3:9 Lk 17:7-10	November 15 <i>Weekday</i> Wis 6:1-11 Lk 17:11-19	November 16 <i>Weekday</i> Wis 7:22b-8:1 Lk 17:20-25	November 17 <i>St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious</i> Wis 13:1-9 Lk 17:26-37	November 18 <i>Weekday</i> Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9 Lk 18:1-8	November 19 <i>Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 1 Thes 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Do you have a question for the Padre?
Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus wants to tell us that we must be prepared for the encounter with him. Not only for the final encounter, but also for the everyday great and small encounters, with a view to that encounter for which the lamp of faith is not enough; we also need the oil of charity and good works.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 8, 2020

Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 12, 2023

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Wisdom 6:12-16 / 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 4:13-14 / Matthew 25:1-13



The Light of Wisdom

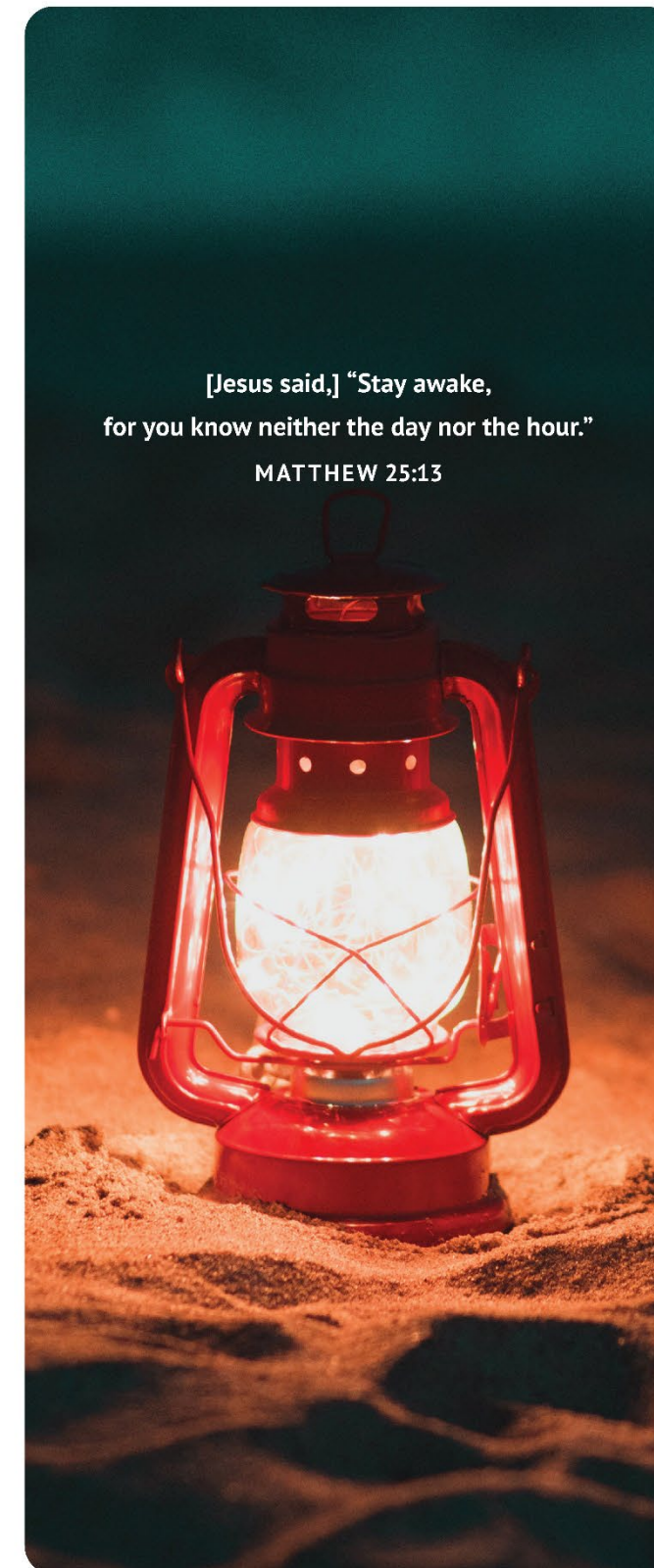
FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The dark of night can unsettle and frighten children, but darkness can disturb adults, too. It's not so much the feeling when the lights go off that unsettles us grownups as it is the dark of uncertainty. We graduate from school and wonder what to do with our lives. Should we stay in a relationship? How do we find meaning again in the midst of grief and the loss of someone we love? And sometimes most of all, where is God when we need God? We may even wonder whether to believe. At such times, we bump and bruise our way through the obstacles that life's darkneses cause.

Leonard Cohen's song "Anthem" echoes a note of hope when we feel lost in the dark as he sings about how light always seems to find a way to seep in between the cracks of our everyday living. Like stars that are visible only at night, new opportunities are often most readily recognized when we find ourselves stumbling through the dark.

Long before Leonard Cohen, Jesus told the parable of ten virgins, some wise and some foolish. In the midst of that story, he tells of a bridegroom who comes to the waiting virgin attendants at midnight. In other words, it is the Lord God who comes into our lives in the darkest times, if only we are wise enough to recognize such a coming.

How then to negotiate the darkness? Stay the course. In time, wisdom reveals a path. Trust that light will come, all in God's time and not ours. Finally, wisdom always comes in the darkest of times, seldom when our lives are bright as day. ●



[Jesus said,] "Stay awake,
for you know neither the day nor the hour."

MATTHEW 25:13

Reflect

When and how has God entered into your darkness?