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

Responsorial Psalm 92: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

St. Theresa's Parish News & St. Joseph The Worker Parish News:

Due to Covid-19, both parishes are closed for Mass' until further notice.

Zoom Along with Us you can use it on your computers, tablets, i-pads & smart-phones

We still have **Thursday**, zoom adoration at 10:30 a.m. followed by **Mass at 11:00 a.m. & Sunday zoom Mass is at 9:00 a.m.** ****Daylight savings Time****

Staying Spiritually Resilient during this pandemic

Five (surprising) Places to Find God - Great opportunities for spiritual growth

... (More Information to Be Continued in upcoming bulletins)

1. At Work

The relationships you have, the results you achieve, the quality and mindfulness with which you do your work can all be the stuff of holiness. Plus, the money you earn to support your family and the esteem you hold as a contributor to the world can either help serve the kingdom or be an impediment to it. Each day we "suit up and show up" at work we get opportunities to learn more about ourselves and to contribute our gifts to the good of the world.

2. In Difficult Relationships

It's easy to love other people when everything's going well. But when there are hurt feelings, mistrust, or clashing wills, relationships don't feel very much as though they are of God. Yet it is at just those times, that we can witness the movement of God in our lives, leading us to healing, trust, and cooperation. These can be opportunities to let go of character defects and to exercise virtues.

3. In Our Failings

We all like to be heroes. But it's a given that each of us will fail in our lives. Nevertheless, when we hit our limits or even when we sin, we can turn to God for acceptance, mercy, and the strength to make amends and sin no more. In that turning to God and in our opening ourselves up to God's grace and forgiveness, we become better people.

4. In Loneliness

Our hearts are restless until they rest in you, O God. Rather than trying to fill the emptiness with mindless entertainment or indulging our cravings, sit still and find God in the emptiness. It takes patience and courage and humility, but you will hear the "still small voice" of God even in the midst of your emptiness responding to your loneliness and restlessness with the only love that fully satisfies.

5. In Pleasure

Many people seem to think that if something's fun, it must be at least partially wrong. Yet God gives us the world to live in and enjoy. In the words of St. Irenaeus, the "glory of God is a human being fully alive." Therefore, pleasure is a place to meet God, whether it be the pleasure of nature, of playing, of loving one another, of beauty, or of the occasional overwhelming conviction that we are loved by God.

Mass Intentions For The Week:

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday June 12 Emilienne Mangin req. George Mangin & family

Sunday June 13 **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m.**

Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. Rose & family
&

For All Parishioners req. Father Paul

Monday June 14 For health of family req. Jean Goba

Tuesday June 15 +Emilienne Mangin req. George Mangin & family

Wed. June 16 +Joe Zegalski req. Gord Lyshyshyn

Thurs. June 17 **Zoom on-line Adoration 10:30 a.m. & Mass 11:00 a.m.**
+Frank Kaskiw req. Nellie Kaskiw

Friday June 18 Return of Health, Ernie req. Carlene & Darin Douglas

Twelve Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday June 19 +Delbert & Denis Deschamps req. Irene & Family

Sunday June 20 **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m.**

+Sobie Family Members req. Bernadine Brown
&

For All Parishioners req. Father Paul

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.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for June: *The beauty of marriage:* Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

Prayer for the Year of St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Condolences to family and friends of Ed Bobinski, he has recently passed away, may he rest in peace in the arms of our Father in heaven.

Refugee Sponsorship Workshop

For all parishes and religious organizations interested in sponsoring refugees in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, there will be a workshop on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Please contact Patti Fitzmaurice, Social Justice Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Winnipeg at sjustice@archwinnipeg.ca.

*** Come In 😊**

A exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him, Jimmy, how do you expect to get into heaven someday?"

Jimmy thought it over and explained, "Well, I'll just run in and run out and in and out and keep slamming the gate until St. Peter says, 'For heaven's sake Jimmy, come in or stay out.'"

Our Mother of Perpetual Help **June 27th**



Prayer to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Mother of Perpetual Help, you have been blessed and favored by God. You became not only the Mother of the Redeemer but the Mother of the redeemed as well. We come to you today as your loving children. Watch over us and take care of us. As you held the child Jesus in your loving arms, so take us in your arms. Be a mother ready at every moment to help us. For God who is mighty has done great things for you, and His mercy is from age to age on those who love Him. Our greatest fear is that in time of temptation, we may fail to call out to you, and become lost children. Intercede for us, dear Mother, in obtaining pardon for our sins, love for Jesus, final perseverance, and the grace always to call upon you, Mother of Perpetual Help — From the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Dear Padre,

I care for my mother, who has dementia. I was active in my parish, but now I hardly have a minute to spare for prayer, much less helping out at church. I'm getting very depressed. What should I do?

I have several ideas. First, make your prayer life part of your mother's routine, and you'll find it easier to fit prayer into your day. People with dementia find it soothing to listen to repetitive prayer, so consider praying the rosary aloud in her presence. Sometimes people with advanced dementia can still remember and recite the Our Father and the Hail Mary, so you could end up praying the rosary together. That would truly be a gift.

Next, try reading aloud Scripture stories from a youth Bible. They'll be easier for her to understand than passages from an adult Bible, and you'll get some time with God's word.

Last, but absolutely not least, it's important for you to be connected. If your parish has a parish nurse, he or she can help you find respite care, in which someone takes your place with your mom so you can get away for a while, or

a caregiver-support group where you can talk with other people in your situation. If your parish doesn't have a nurse, your diocese can give you the same information.

Remember, attending to your spiritual health doesn't just help you—it helps your mother, too.

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

How often do we see a man or woman arrive at work with a weary face, with a tired countenance and, when we ask them, "What happened?" they answer: "I only slept two hours because we are taking turns at home to be close to... our grandfather, our grandmother"....These are heroic deeds, the heroism of families!

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Calendar

Monday
 JUNE 14
 Weekday
 2 Cor 6:1-10
 Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday
 JUNE 15
 Weekday
 2 Cor 8:1-9
 Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday
 JUNE 16
 Weekday
 2 Cor 9:6-11
 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday
 JUNE 17
 Weekday
 2 Cor 11:1-11
 Mt 6:7-15

Friday
 JUNE 18
 Weekday
 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30
 Mt 6:19-23

Saturday
 JUNE 19
 Weekday
 2 Cor 12:1-10
 Mt 6:24-34

Sunday
 JUNE 20
 Twelfth Sunday
 in Ordinary Time
 Jb 38:1, 8-11
 2 Cor 5:14-17
 Mk 4:35-41

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

June 13, 2021

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Ez 17:22-24

2 Cor 5:6-10

Mk 4:26-34



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To What Shall We Compare the Kingdom of God?

Today's readings are rich with answers to this question posed in Mark's Gospel. The prophet Ezekiel selects the metaphor of a cedar tree. Like such a tree, the kingdom of God begins as a tender shoot planted on a high mountain where it can grow unimpeded by other growth. There it will grow tall and firm, boasting many branches, rich with fruit, the home to various species of birds. The Gospel writer chose another metaphor—that of a small seed. This parable characterizes the inconspicuous nature of the kingdom's origin. We may not see it in the beginning because it is so small and surrounded by soil, but it contains within itself the force of life that someday will burst forth into a rich harvest.

The mustard seed is a special kind of seed. Today's Gospel calls it "the smallest of all the seeds on the earth" (Mark 4:31). However, following the pattern of growth that is hidden in the core of its being, it also brings forth one of the marvels of nature, producing "the largest of plants" (Mark 4:32). Metaphors also underscore the fact that these seeds must first

transform, lose the appearance of a seed in order to rise, filled with the mysterious character of its growth. All of this happens quietly, unpretentiously, as if under the cover of night.

These are very moving metaphors, quite easy to understand and envision. However, the reality for which the metaphors stand is sometimes very difficult to realize because of human selfishness. Still, it is God's tree, God's seed, God's kingdom, and it is God who declares: "As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do!" (Ezekiel 17:24).

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ What about these metaphors gives you comfort and encouragement?
- ★ How do you contribute to the health and growth of the kingdom of God?