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

Responsorial Psalm 33: “Let your love be upon us, Lord, even as we hope in you.”

St. Theresa’s Parish News:

*******St. Theresa’s Annual Meeting and potluck will be on Sunday March 15th. Please join us in a time of fellowship, important information and elections of roles in our parish.*******

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.

Bible Study will take place each Wed at the Lion's Manor Rossburn, 12-1pm.
We will be studying the Sunday readings. Please bring your Bibles, if this is your lunch time you are welcome to bring your lunch! Everyone welcome!

Those working on their Whole Life Confessions will be meeting every 2 weeks after mass briefly, next meeting March 8th.

Tuesday, March 10, Rossburn Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

St. Theresa's Finance Report 2020	Month of February
REVENUES:	EXPENSES:
Feb 2 collection	\$1,190.00
Feb 9 collection	\$815.00
2019 SGG overage refund	\$11,435.00
Feb 16 collection	\$775.00
Feb 23 collection	\$825.00
Year To Date Revenues	\$8,131.36
	EXPENSES:
	Hydro
	\$501.00
	St Joseph The Worker (shared expenses)
	\$2,000.00
	Wheatland (postage, church supplies)
	\$19.17
	Year To Date Expenses
	\$6,375.14

For a donation envelope set contact Raymond Lysyshin at 204-859-2409 or 204-859-2134

**Lighthouse
CD's/Books are
available for you, at
the back of the
church, well priced.
Don't miss out on the
wide selection!**

St. Joseph The Worker Parish News:

There is a sign-up sheet for First Communion at the back of the church on the confessional door. Classes will begin in March and the actual date is yet to be determined. Please sign up or if you know of someone wanting to receive this sacrament please let them know. If you have any questions see Glenda or call me at 1-204-821-5216. Thank you.

Pancake Breakfast Sunday, March 22nd after 9:00 Mass, Russell, St. Mary’s Ukrainian Church basement. All are welcome! Hosted by the Knight of Columbus.

Stations of the Cross The Knights of Columbus will be leading Stations of the Cross starting at 8:30 a.m. Sunday mornings during Lent, the Knights invite you to come and join them to pray!

Thank you to all who attended the 2020 World Day of Prayer, March 6th at 11:00 am,Russell PCH and 2:00 p.m. at Russell Grace Lutheran Church. Service was written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Zimbabwe.

Lenten Reflection Booklets available at the back of the church, if you haven’t already picked one up!

*******Please Note: No Coffee Sunday in March*******

Sharing God’s Gifts 2020 Kick-off Sunday is Palm Sunday, April 5th Everyone welcome for our parish Coffee Sunday after Mass downstairs! All parishioners will be receiving a letter and pledge sheet, pick up at back of church. Thank you for continuing to make our SGG campaign a success!

Non-perishable food items always needed for the Russell & Area Food Connections hampers given to those in need in our communities.

F.Y.I.: Parish Finances: Enclosed in the bulletin you will find financial statements for 2018 and 2019.

The February issue of On the Way is now available! It features key and pivotal stories from throughout our local church, including updates from our various Archdiocesan pastoral ministries.

March 8, 2020 – 2nd Sunday of Lent – Stewardship Message

“Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you.” (Genesis 12:1)
God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness, and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, “God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful.”

THANK YOU to all our parish children in St. Theresa’s & St. Joseph’s for the coins they put in the treasure chest each Sunday.

Mass Intentions For The Week:

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday March 7 11:00 a.m. Rossburn: Mass
Saturday March 7 7:30 p.m. Russell: Special intentions req. Jean Goba
Sunday March 8 9:00 a.m. Russell: For all Parishioners req. Father Paul
11:00 a.m. Rossburn: +Adeline Sobie req. Bernadine Brown

Monday No Mass

Tuesday March 10 6:30 p.m. Russell: Even Special Intentions req. Alvin & Geraldine

Wed. March 11 9:00 a.m. Russell: Special intentions req. Simone

Thursday March 12 9:00 a.m. Russell: Mass
10:30 a.m. Rossburn: Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
11:00 a.m. Rossburn: Father Paul req. Nellie Kaskiw

Friday March 13 8:30 a.m. Russell: Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
9:00 a.m. Russell: Mass
10:30 a.m. Music, Rossburn Personal Care Home
10:45 a.m. Mass: For the sick & shut-in req. by Father Paul

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday March 14 7:30 p.m. Russell: +Deceased Family req. Mary Shenderevich

Sunday March 15 9:00 a.m. Russell: For all Parishioners req. Father Paul
11:00 a.m. Rossburn: Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. Joe, Rose & family
All welcome! St. Theresa’s Annual Meeting & potluck after Mass

Lenten Parish Mission with Fr. Larry Kondra – St. Mary’s Ukrain. Cath. Church, Russell:
Friday, March 13th, 6:00 p.m. – Presanctified Liturgy (confession available during service), 7:00 p.m. 1st Session
Saturday, March 14th, 7:00 p.m. – 2ndSession “Moleben to Merciful God” (confession available)
Sunday, March 15th, 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 3rd Session Prayers for Healing. Lenten lunch \$10.00/plate.
All are Welcome!
Holy Eucharist Ukrain. Catholic Church, Oakburn (1 session): Saturday, March 14, 2:00 p.m. Sunday’s Divine Liturgy & Easter Confession, Prayers for Healing, General Session, Potluck Supper.

Saturday, March 21, 7:00 p.m. Russell Grace Lutheran Church – “Saskia & Darrel, The Great Plains” concert, Celtic Bluegrass Folk Country & Gospel Flavors. Tickets, \$20/person. More infor. See poster at back of church.

Monday, April 6th, the Chrism Mass will be celebrated, we will gather in our Archdiocese of Winnipeg. Two parishioners to represent each parish will be picking up the sacred oils at the Chrism Mass and taking them to their parish to be used during the year for sacramental purposes. The evening begins with supper at the Delta Hotel (parish pays for it!) followed by the Mass. If you would like to attend please contact the parish office by Thursday, March 26th. This special Mass is celebrated each year at this time...every parishioner should experience it at least once in their lifetime!

**Reconciliation
Schedule**

Shoal Lake – Tuesday,
March 10, 2020
4-5 p.m. then after 6:30 p.m.

Russell – at
St Joseph’s
Tuesday March 17, 2020
4-5 p.m. then after 6:30 p.m.

St. Lazare – Monday,
March 23, 2020
4-5 p.m. then after 6:30 p.m.

Rossburn – at
Sacred Heart
Thursday
March 26, 2020
4-5 p.m. then after 6:30 p.m.

Dear Padre,

Is the new life that Jesus promises available now for the taking, or is he talking about life in heaven? The transfiguration seems to give Jesus new life and spirit immediately.

I remember preparing an ecumenical prayer service to commemorate the life and work of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I came across a statement he made on April 3, 1968, the night before he was assassinated. Utilizing the Gospel of Jesus' transfiguration, Dr. King said, "I just want to do God's will. He's allowed me to go up to the mountain....I'm happy tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."

Indeed, Jesus went to the mountaintop centuries ago and was transfigured. In the glory of God's voice and vision, Jesus came back down, fearing no one as he faithfully preached God's word, even as he went to another mountaintop, that of Calvary. Only then, in his moment of obedient death, was God's earthly glory fulfilled in him. "It is finished," he proclaimed (John 19:30). Yet even here, there is still more: the wait in hope and expectation of God's ultimate vindication three days later in the resurrection.

So my hope for you, for me, for everyone, is that we also have mountaintop experiences of God's grace and blessing. Such moments of prayer, obedience, and service are there for the taking whenever we receive God's courage to act with integrity, justice, or forgiveness. Still, the culmination of our own bearings of the cross always awaits its ultimate completion beyond the grave in the kingdom of heaven.

—Fr. James A. Krings
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



FORTY ZERO SHUTTERSTOCK

Calendar

Monday
MARCH 9
Lenten Weekday
Dn 9:4b–10
Lk 6:36–38

Tuesday
MARCH 10
Lenten Weekday
Is 1:10, 16–20
Mt 23:1–12

Wednesday
MARCH 11
Lenten Weekday
Jer 18:18–20
Mt 20:17–28

Thursday
MARCH 12
Lenten Weekday
Jer 17:5–10
Lk 16:19–31

Friday
MARCH 13
Lenten Weekday
Gn 37:3–4, 12–13a,
17b–28a
Mt 21:33–43, 45–46

Saturday
MARCH 14
Lenten Weekday
Mi 7:14–15, 18–20
Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

Sunday
MARCH 15
Third Sunday
of Lent
Ex 17:3–7
Rom 5:1–2, 5–8
Jn 4:5–42 or 4:5–15,
19b–26, 39a, 40–42

Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 8, 2020
Second Sunday of Lent (A)
Gn 12:1–4a
2 Tm 1:8b–10
Mt 17:1–9

What a Blessing!

Today's readings don't seem Lenten. They are uplifting, not penitential. God makes promises to Abram of extraordinary good fortune, political protection, and international status. The man must have been thrilled. Paul reminds Timothy that the life of holiness and blessing to which we have been called is a gift from God; always available to us, and not a reward for any good works we might have performed. And then we hear of Jesus' transfiguration in the sight of a few disciples. They were so overwhelmed by that spectacular experience they wanted to pitch tents so they wouldn't have to leave the place. How are such wondrous ideas penitential?

While God's marvelous blessings are free gifts, we are expected to respond to them appropriately, to accept them and use them for the common good. Abram's blessings were not simply for him and his family. "All the families of the earth will find blessing in you" (Genesis 12:3). His blessings would open a door to others—other nations, other ethnic groups, other religious communities. Abram was not simply chosen by God. He was chosen so that others might be blessed through him.

Timothy was instructed to "bear your share of hardship for the gospel" (2 Timothy 1:8). The blessing might be a gift, but it carried the responsibilities of discipleship. The voice from heaven told the disciples: "Listen to him" (Matthew 17:5). Being chosen by God or having seen the glory of Jesus calls for a change of mind and heart. This change isn't easy to accomplish. It is the reason for penance.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ In what ways might you be a blessing for others?
- ★ Listen to Jesus. What is he saying to you?

*And he was transfigured before them;
his face shone like the sun and
his clothes became white as light.*

MATTHEW 17:2



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

The event of the Lord's transfiguration offers us a message of hope—thus shall we be, with him. It invites us to encounter Jesus, to be at the service of our brothers and sisters.

—ANGELUS, AUGUST 6, 2017

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