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Please remember to pray for the sick and shut-in in our parishes...



St. Joseph The Worker Parish, Russell, MB

St. Theresa's Parish Rossburn, MB

Responsorial Psalm 122: "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."

St. Theresa's Parish News:

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.

What a better way to prepare for Christmas as a Christian community to begin Advent with a Community Pot Luck Brunch, today, Dec. 1st after 11:00 am Mass. If you can't bring anything, that's OK. There is always to much, so come and share with the rest of us!

K. of C. Meeting, Thurs., Dec. 10th, 7:30 p.m., St. Theresa's Parish

St. Theresa's Finance Report 2019		Month of November	
REVENUES:		EXPENSES:	
Nov 3 collection	\$1,610.00	Hydro	\$501.00
Nov 10 collection	\$1,150.60	Rosburn Municipality (levies)	\$62.53
Nov 17 collection	\$605.00	Society for Propagation of the Faith remittance	\$610.00
Votive stand donations	\$67.45	SGG remittance	\$2,450.00
Nov 24 collection	\$663.00	Fire insurance	\$2,348.00
Cemetery fund donation	\$105.00	St Joseph The Worker shared expense	\$2,000.00
Year To Date Revenues	\$69,901.92	Year To Date Expenses	\$71,615.91

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

Why do doctors
leave the room while
you change?
They're going to see
you naked anyway.

St. Joseph The Worker Parish News:

****Note: There will not be children's liturgy Sun., December 1.**

Our Parish Advent Potluck Party is today Saturday! Everyone is invited for this evening of fun on Saturday, November 30th starting with **Mass at 5:00 p.m. (no 7:30 p.m. Mass this evening, Saturday)** followed by a potluck supper, games, a door prize (worth over \$100), and carols with Fr. Paul playing his guitar. Presentations will be made to our Deacon and our altar servers. Please remember to bring; a dish or two for the supper, food items for Russell & Area Food Connections (for each item you bring you receive a ticket towards the "Lucky Draw" auction) and money to buy tickets...only a loonie per ticket! All proceeds from the tickets go to the Orphanage in Peru. Please note, if you would like to make a personal donation to the Orphanage that evening, (make your cheque out to "Oeuvres Regis-Vernet") we will make sure it is sent to the Presentation of Mary Sisters for Sr. Hilda Simard's Orphanage in Peru. Tax receipts will be sent to you directly from them. "If you would like to donate an item for our Lucky Draw auction contact Glenda (773-2652) or Nicole (773-3198), please note that only new items will be accepted." If you can't bring anything, that's OK. Come & share with the rest of us, all Welcome!

The CWL invite all ladies of our parish to our Christmas Party on Tuesday Dec 3 at Arbuckle's in Binscarth. Cocktails 5:30 until 6 and Supper at 6. We will have a gift exchange of a value of \$20 and your gift is to start with the letter **C** (exp: Candle, Chocolates, Cookies, Cards). Please let Margaret Mushumanski 204-773-2868 know if you are able to come by November 28. Hope to see you there.

CWL membership (\$20) for 2020 are due now. New members are very Welcome to come and join our group.

Consider this your invitation to join together to help decorate our church for Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 22 at 1:00 p.m.. Everyone is welcome to join. Any question please phone Bev Roszell, 204-773-3998.

Annual Community Carol Sing - Wednesday, December 11th, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the George P. Buleziuk Centre in Russell, donations to Russell & District Food Connections. Everyone is welcome to attend. Anyone interested in putting in a choir/relaxed informal singing groups are welcome from the community, please contact 204-773-2096, Chris Pilon, or you are welcome to join our parish choir for this occasion, practices are after Mass Sundays. We need lots of voices!

Sunday Missal (2019-2020) now available! \$4.00 each

Mass Intentions For The Week:

1st Sunday of Advent

- Saturday Nov. 30 **5:00 p.m. Russell:** +Dennis Edgerton req. Pat Edgerton & family
Parish Advent Potluck Party in basement following Mass, all welcome!
- Sunday Dec. 1 9:00 a.m. Russell: +Delbert & Dennis Deschamps req. Irene & Family
11:00 a.m. Rossburn: For all Parishioners req. Father Paul
Rosburn Parish Advent Potluck Party in basement following Mass, all welcome!
- Monday Dec. 2 **No Mass**
- Tuesday Dec. 3 **No Mass**
Parish Ladies Christmas Party, Arbuckles, Binscarth 6:00 p.m. supper
- Wed. Dec. 4 10:30 a.m. Russell Personal Care Home Music
11:00 a.m. Mass: For the sick & shut-in req. Father Paul
- Thursday Dec. 5 9:00 a.m. Russell: Father Paul Birthday Blessings req. Deacon Darin & Carlene
11:00 a.m. Rossburn: Mass
Confessions in Brandon, p.m.
- Friday Dec. 6 8:30 a.m. Russell: Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
9:00 a.m. Russell: Mass
10:30 a.m. Rossburn: Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
11:00 a.m. Rossburn: +Eleanor Mackendenski req. Nellie Kaskiw

2nd Sunday of Advent

- Saturday Dec. 7 11:00 a.m. Rossburn +Eleanor Mackendenski req. David Woychyshyn & Family
7:30 p.m. Russell: Mass
- Sunday Dec. 8 9:00 a.m. Russell: For all souls in purgatory req. Simone
11:00 a.m. Rossburn: For all Parishioners req. Father Paul

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.

2019 Sharing God's Gifts deadline is fast approaching! Currently at St. Joseph The Worker parishioner participation rate is 53%. Fr. Paul told us that he will donate to our parish's SGG if we reach 50% parishioner participation, plus...he also indicated that the higher the participation the more he will contribute to our parish's SGG. Remember, by contributing to SGG you are helping our parish pay off our loan (new addition) as well as ongoing parish expenses. Questions? Speak to Fr. Paul or Gary Petz regarding this very important parish support

*****Advent Confessions-*****

Russell: St. Mary's UK Catholic parish
Tuesday, December 10th
from 4 to 5 p.m. and after 6:30 p.m.

St. Lazare: Wednesday, December 11th, 7:00 p.m.
Several priests will be in attendance for all services

Rosburn: Sacred Heart parish
Thursday, December 12th
from 4 to 5 and after 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve December 24
Russell: 6:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

Christmas Day December 25

New Years

New Years Eve December 31st
Russell: 7:30 p.m.

New Years Day January 2020

Russell: 9:00 a.m. Rossburn: 11:00 a.m.



Dear Padre,

A eucharistic minister at a parish we were visiting refused my eight-year-old granddaughter Communion from the cup. Her father asked if this was parish policy, and the minister replied, “No, I refuse!” My grandchild receives both species in our home parish. Can a eucharistic minister refuse the Blood of Christ to anyone?

According to the United States Conference of Catholic bishops, “It is the choice of the communicant, not the minister, to receive from the chalice. Children are encouraged to receive Communion under both kinds, provided they are properly instructed and that they are old enough to receive from the chalice” (*Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds*, 46–47). Children who have reached the age of reason—normally about age seven—are usually advised on this matter of reception by their parents or guardians before they step up to the chalice at Mass. In addition, first-Communion instructions provide adequate preparation on the proper and reverent reception of holy Eucharist.



Essentially, children eligible to receive this sacrament are entitled to participate in the same manner as other members of the ecclesial community. “Sacred ministers cannot deny the sacraments to those who seek them at appropriate times, are properly disposed, and are not prohibited by law from receiving them” (*Code of Canon Law*, 843). While this canon specifically pertains to ordained ministers, it’s applicable for all ministers at the service of the faithful who have a right to receive holy Communion by reason of their baptism.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We can ask ourselves: Is this sacrament fulfilled in me? More concretely: Do I just like to be served at the Lord’s table or do I get up to serve like the Lord?...And as a Church let us ask ourselves: After receiving Communion many times, have we become people of communion?

—EUCCHARISTIC CONCELEBRATION, APRIL 20, 2018



Calendar

Monday
DECEMBER 2
Advent Weekday
Is 4:2–6
Mt 8:5–11

Tuesday
DECEMBER 3
St. Francis Xavier,
Priest
Is 11:1–10
Lk 10:21–24

Wednesday
DECEMBER 4
Advent Weekday
Is 25:6–10a
Mt 15:29–37

Thursday
DECEMBER 5
Advent Weekday
Is 26:1–6
Mt 7:21, 24–27

Friday
DECEMBER 6
Advent Weekday
Is 29:17–24
Mt 9:27–31

Saturday
DECEMBER 7
St. Ambrose,
Bishop and
Doctor of the Church
Is 30:19–21, 23–26
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6–8

Sunday
DECEMBER 8
Second Sunday
of Advent
Is 11:1–10
Rom 15:4–9
Mt 3:1–12

Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 1, 2019

First Sunday of Advent (A)
Is 2:1–5
Rom 13:11–14
Mt 24:37–44

God Is Near

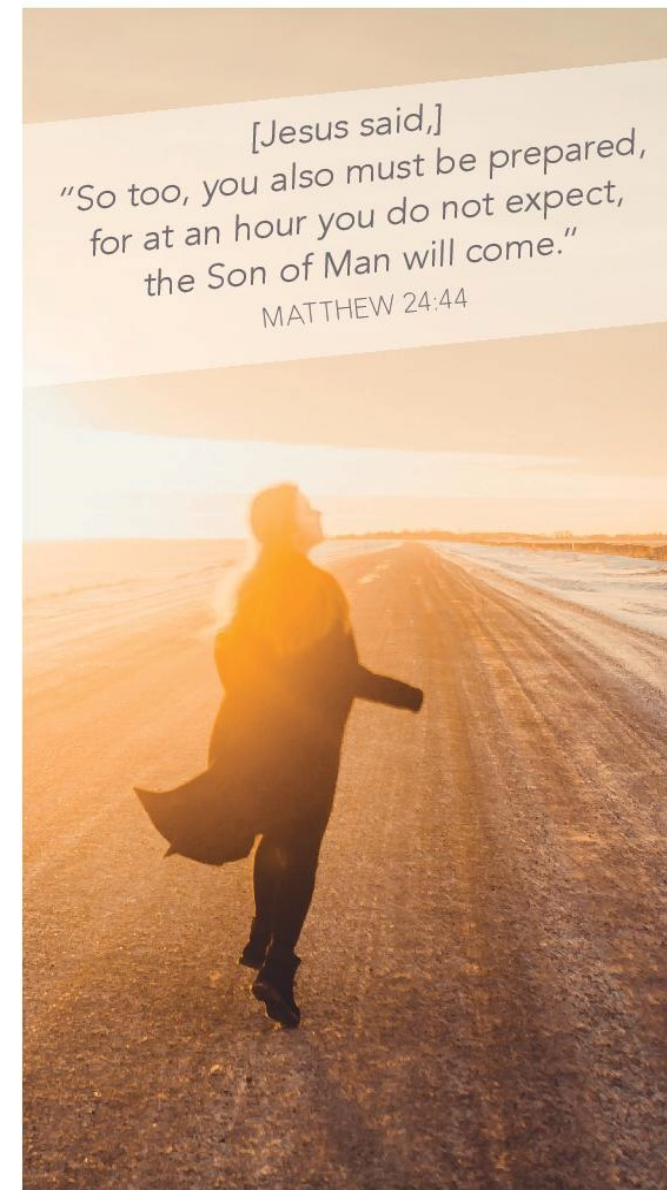
Be prepared! But for what? Since we’re entering the season of Advent, we might think that we’re called to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Advent is certainly the time to prepare for Christmas, but it’s much more than that, for God comes into our lives in many different ways, even today. We see evidence of that when, working together, we rebuild not only cities, as Isaiah describes in the first reading, but relationships in families, parishes, and countries.

Remarkable changes take place in our lives when, as Paul bids us, we “throw off the works of darkness,” works of rivalry and jealousy (Romans 13:12). God comes to us every day with the power we need to improve ourselves and our world. God often comes quietly in ways so ordinary we might miss them. That is the point of Jesus’ insistence to “stay awake” and “be prepared” (Matthew 24:42, 44).

God certainly came long ago as a human being. That was a one-time-only event. We believe that God will come again at the end. That, too, will happen only once. But God comes more often than this. God comes every day to help us be our better selves. This is what the Advent readings tell us.

What can we do? How are we to prepare for God’s coming? Today’s readings tell us. We must work for the peace that Isaiah describes; we must throw off the works of darkness, as Paul instructs; and we must do as Jesus tells us: stay awake and be prepared.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



FOR *Reflection*

- ★ Where do you see people’s goodness that tells us God is near?
- ★ What can you do to make that goodness present to others?



Editor’s note: Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA, is pleased to join you at Mass over the next three liturgical years, beginning with today’s reflection. A sister of St. Agnes, Sr. Dianne earned a master’s degree and a doctorate from Saint Louis University, and honorary degrees and accolades from many organizations. She is professor of biblical studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.