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

Responsorial Psalm 95: O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord.
Do not harden your hearts.

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 **September:** *For people living on the margins: We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.*

Holy Trinity Christian Retreat House

"If you enjoy interior house painting, and have a bit of time this coming mid-week, Holy Trinity Christian Retreat House is inviting volunteers to paint walls.
For more information call, 204-532-2157, Carlene & Deacon Darin Douglas. Leave a message, and we will return your call. " Thank you,

Mass Intentions For This Week:

Twenty Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday Sept 9 7:30 p.m. Russell + Paul Leven req. by Anne & Ubald Deschambault

Sunday Sept 10 9:00 a.m. Rossburn + John Ryshytylo req by Mervin Koscielny
11:00 a.m. Russell For all parishioners by Father Paul **Zoom on-line Mass 11:00 a.m.**

Monday Sept 11 Health of family & friends req. by Jean Goba

Tuesday Sept 12 Private Mass

Wed. Sept 13 Private Mass

Thurs. Sept 14 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration
11:00 a.m. Mass Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. by Rose & family

Friday Sept 15 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
9:00 a.m. Mass Emily Sanders for her health and healing req. by Darin & Carlene

Twenty Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday Sept 16 7:30 p.m. Russell + Jutta & Erich Leven req. by Anne & Ubald Deschambault

Sunday Sept 17 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 + Marie-Claire & Cyrille Sabourin req. by The Sabourin family

Your kind prayers are requested for the repose of **Most Reverend Adam Axner, OMI** who passed away Sept 5, 2023 at the age of 94.

Archbishop Exner served as Archbishop of Winnipeg from 1982 to 1991, at which time he was appointed Archbishop of Vancouver.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, September 19 from 6:00p.m. to 7:30p.m. with Prayers following at 7:30p.m. all from St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church, Killaly, SK.

The Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday, September 20 at 10:00a.m. from St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Grayson, SK.

Post Cards are available at back of Church to the Honourable Mark Holland Minister of Health in Ottawa. About MAiD – That Normalizing MAiD reduces the level of care, support, and resources available to vulnerable people, increasing the pressure for them to chose it. All you need to do is fill in the Return Address and mail as no postage is required.

Is Your Image of God Too Small?

Scrupulous people often unintentionally minimize the infinite mercy of God. They sink into despair over their sins and imperfections, not fully realizing that God — even then and there — is working His grace to make them worthy of His eternal kingdom.

Read on to discover just how enormous God's love is for you.

God shows that He wants to save our humanity by assuming it.

Jesus, the Second Person of the Trinity, takes on a human soul, body, intellect, will, and emotions. He even adopts the defects associated with sin, but without the sin itself.

God became flesh to give you the confidence that your whole life can be a place of encounter with Him. He too lived a human life. He knows what it's like to be hungry, thirsty, and even die.

Be patient with yourself.

Let this give you confidence as you anxiously regard your imperfections. God created your humanity to grow progressively over time. There are things you may struggle to possess now (such as virtue), but you'll have them later if you persevere.

When you look at particular moments in your life, you may be horrified. A better approach is to ask yourself, "Where is the Lord on the move in my life at the present moment and in the big picture?" This will inspire you to feel the mercy of God in your life more deeply.

For example, humility is usually an old man's virtue. If a younger man boasts, "I'm going to show just how humble I am," he manifests false humility. It's easier for him to simply say, "I'm proud, but I believe that God's healing grace can grow me beyond my present pride, so long as I continue to show up to prayer, Mass, and my friendships."

God has given you a whole life and He intends to perfect you over the course of it so that you come to a better knowledge and love of Him. Trust that He'll make something of you beyond your limited capabilities — if you simply let Him.

[Is Your Image of God Too Small? - Pints with Aquinas](#)

“Not bad for a small Church like ours. Not bad.” Our text for the morning reminds me of a story of a pastor in a drought-stricken part of the South who implored his people to begin praying for rain. In fact, he asked each member of the Church to join in a prayer vigil that would continue day and night until God granted their request. Never had there been a greater sense of urgency in that Church than was revealed over the next few days. At any hour, one might pass that small rural church and find the lights on and someone at the altar praying. Finally, late Wednesday evening, some dark clouds began to roll in. Soon rain began falling in torrents. For four straight days it rained without ceasing. The creeks began overflowing their banks. It became necessary to evacuate persons from their homes. Still the water kept rising. The entire community was now under water. As rescue workers made their way in a boat through the perilous floodwater evacuating the last reluctant stragglers, one of the boats passed that little country Church, now almost completely submerged. Here sat the pastor on the roof of the Church with a look of grand satisfaction on his face. He could be heard saying to himself as he surveyed the flood waters around him, “Not bad for a small Church like ours! Not bad!” — Jesus said, “If two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in Heaven.” That is a stunning endorsement of corporate prayer. It is important that we pray, but it is even more important that we pray together. We are a community. Better yet, we are a family.

Dear Padre,

Recently our new pastor relocated the rectory away from the church and parish office. Why is this becoming more common?

“The laborer deserves his payment” from Luke 10:7 has been traditionally interpreted to suggest that ministers for the Lord engaged in pastoral service are provided with certain basic necessities, such as a place to call home. Some priests are now choosing a distinct location in which to live that is apart from where their ministry is primarily conducted. A reason for this move is often attributed to rectories that have no clear boundaries between the private living space and the parish office.

While clergy in apostolic ministry are not necessarily seeking a cloistered existence, they do deserve the fundamental privacies enjoyed by everyone else. Sometimes this courtesy is not respected by those who have an unhealthy curiosity about the lives of their parish priests or by those who are preoccupied with being “in the know” (and sharing what they know with the rest of the congregation).

Dedicated priests can be accessible and available at various hours during the day or night without having to live in a fishbowl. Sometimes this may warrant a new rectory location or facility, especially if the pastor in stocking feet on his day off can’t pour his morning coffee without stumbling into a DRE staff meeting! ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The great gossip is the devil, who always goes about saying bad things about others, because he is the liar who seeks to separate the Church to distance brothers and sisters and not create community. Please, brothers and sisters, let us make an effort not to gossip. Gossip is a plague more awful than Covid!

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020



MONDAY

September 11
Weekday
Col 1:24–2:3
Lk 6:6–11

TUESDAY

September 12
Weekday
Col 2:6–15
Lk 6:12–19

WEDNESDAY

September 13
St. John Chrysostom, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church
Col 3:1–11
Lk 6:20–26

THURSDAY

September 14
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b–9
Phil 2:6–11
Jn 3:13–17

FRIDAY

September 15
Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Tm 1:1–2, 12–14
Jn 19:25–27
or Lk 2:33–35

SATURDAY

September 16
Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian,
Bishop, Martyrs
1 Tm 1:15–17
Lk 6:43–49

SUNDAY

September 17
Twenty-fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Sir 27:30–28:7
Rom 14:7–9
Mt 18:21–35

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 10, 2023

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Ezekiel 33:7–9 / Romans 13:8–10 / Matthew 18:15–20



Tweaked by God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

While the Scripture readings this week remind us we are responsible for one another, do any of us really want someone serving as our conscience, telling us what to do? A national insurance company once aired a TV ad in which “Cynthia” takes it upon herself to make sure everyone was abiding by the established regulations of the subdivision. She checks to make sure everyone is breaking down cardboard, cuts down hanging flower baskets that are contrary to regulations, and takes a chainsaw to mailboxes that are even two inches too high.

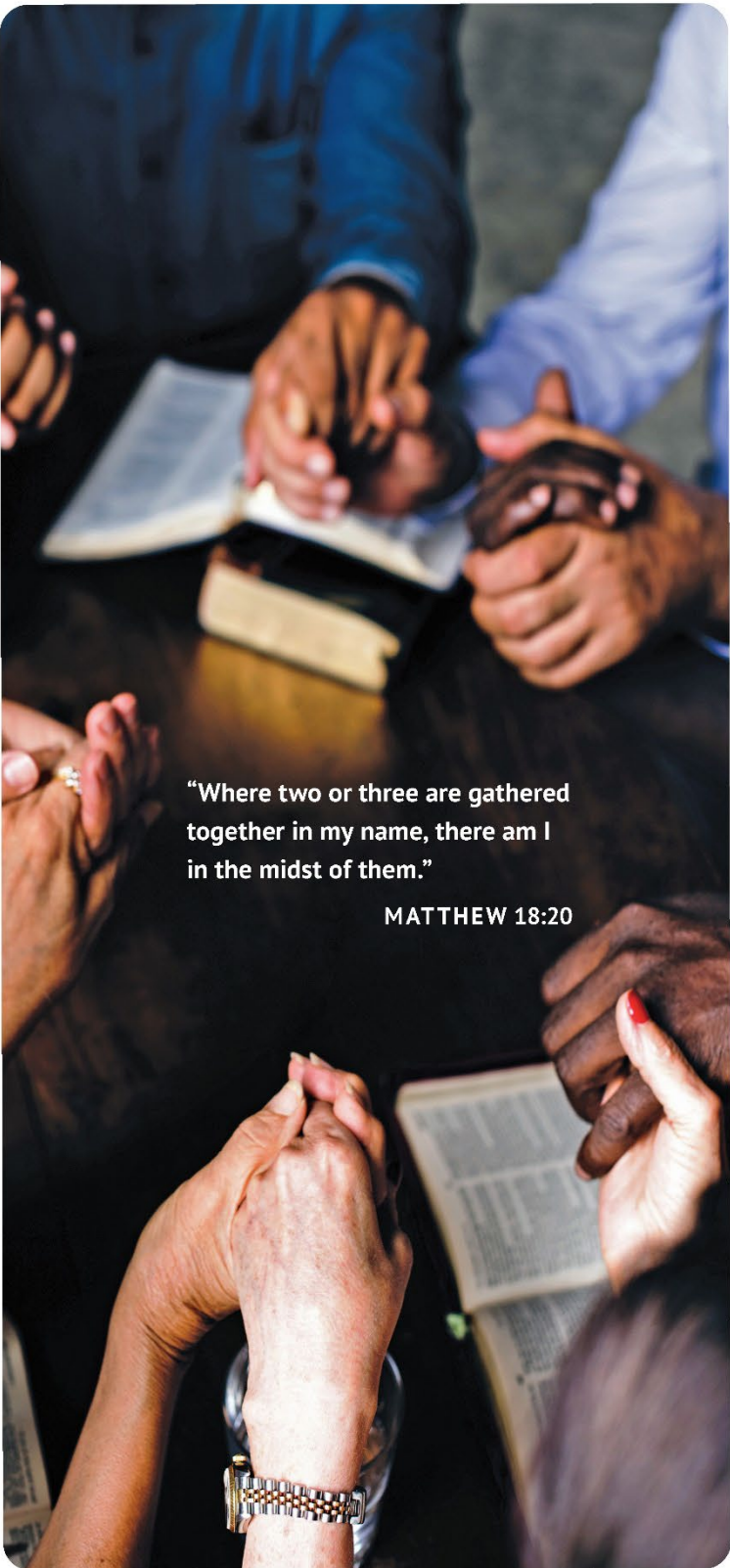
None of us want a “Cynthia” for a neighbor. It may be that it takes a community to raise a child, but once we have become adults—well, thanks but no thanks. So what do we do with these readings?

The Gospel adds the ingredient of community to the “cake batter.” Praying with a faith community can help correct our personal opinion, remind us what we might be blind to, and broaden our vision by affirming that we are a part of a larger world, all from the perspective of faith.

A faith community that reflects “Cynthia” thinking is a church that seeks to control. It motivates by fear, discourages prayerful reflection, and expects everyone to march in unison. A healthy faith community is a church that respects everyone as serious individuals of faith, encourages study and dialogue to seek out truth, and recognizes that growth in faith occurs in different ways. Prayerful, respectful communities of faith are how God tweaks our lives. ●

Reflect

What role does the faith community play in your religious practice and your spirituality?



“Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

MATTHEW 18:20