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

**Responsorial Psalm 96:** Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

### **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 October:** *For the Synod: We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.*

### **Mass Intentions For This Week:**

#### **Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

Saturday Oct 21 7:30 p.m. Russell + Duncan Spurway req. by Funeral Mass offering

Sunday Oct 22 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 + Anne Palmer req by St Theresa's Parish

Monday Oct 23 Gladys, Randy, Nellie, Jean & family & friends req. by Jean Goba

Tuesday Oct 24 Health of family & friends req. by Jean Goba

Wed. Oct 25 + Frank Mangin req. by Funeral Mass offering

Thurs. Oct 26 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration  
11:00 a.m. Mass + Rheal Forest req. by Lynda & family

Friday Oct 27 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration  
9:00 a.m. Mass David Haney req. by Doug and Donalda Wishart

#### **Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

Saturday Oct 28 7:30 p.m. Russell + Paul Leven req. by Anne & Ubald Deschambault

Sunday Oct 29 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 + Norma Kaskiw req. by Vince Kaskiw

### **“2023 Coats For The Cold”**

Anyone that has extra, gently used, clean coats or any type of outer winter wear that they'd like to donate can leave them at the back of our St Joseph's church or at Reavie's Pharmacy any day during the week by October 22 as they will be distributed from the Grace Lutheran church on 114 Bonny Avenue S. Russell on Monday October 23rd from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday October 24th from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Commemorative Mass at St. Joseph's – If you have lost a family member or friend please come and join us** on All Souls Day, Thursday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., as we remember and honor all our deceased loved ones. All Souls' Day is the traditional time to remember loved ones who have died. Particular attention will be given to remembering those who have died within the past years, but we will celebrate all of our loved ones enjoying eternal life in the nearer presence of God. We invite families to remember their loved ones by lighting one or more of the votive candles in memory of them and the bond of love that holds their memories strong. It is not just a memory but in a place that is beyond suffering and tears, and we yearn to see our love one again. All are invited to attend and join us for coffee, juice and muffins!

**St. Joseph The Worker Russell, CWL will be praying the rosary before Sunday mass in October!**  
We will begin the Rosary at 9:40 a.m., come early to join in to pray to our Mother for the needs of the Church.

In July, **Deacon Conrad and Jeannine Plante** celebrated Conrad's 80th birthday, actually May 12, and their 60th anniversary of marriage coming up on Nov 19. Belated Happy Birthday Conrad, and early Happy Anniversary, Conrad and Jeannine. Our congratulations to you both, and may God continue to shower His Blessings upon you in the years ahead. Deacon Conrad is also celebrating his Ordination on Wed Oct 25 and was Ordained in 1997 and thank you for your 26 years of service.  
**10<sup>th</sup> anniversary Of ordinations** for Deacon Murray Teetaert (Adrienne), Deacon Conrad Plante (Jeannine), +Deacon John MacKenzie (Carol)



### **Stop Hating Yourself**

As Christians, we are called to be humble. We are not God, nor are we any better than our fellow human beings. But there is such a thing as false humility. It poisons us with thoughts such as: *I'm worthless and incapable of great things.*

*If anyone knew the real me, they wouldn't love me anymore. I'm too sinful even for God to love me.* These thoughts are not truly humble, but actually prideful because you're elevating your personal feelings above what God has revealed about you.

Humility is rooted in truth. What's the truth about you? That your Father in Heaven takes delight in you! Here are two reflections to keep in mind if you struggle with self-contempt.

### **God never makes mistakes.**

God created you. As Pope Benedict XVI said, "We are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary."

God is a perfect being; therefore, He is incapable of making mistakes. It follows that since He created you, it's 100% impossible for you to be a mistake.

### **Christ commands you to love yourself.**

In the Gospels, Jesus tells us that the two greatest commandments are to love the Lord with your entire self and, likewise, to love your neighbor as yourself.

How you love yourself determines how you love your neighbor. You can't be there for others in the way God calls you to be if you're self-loathing. If you hate yourself, that hate will find its way to others.

You are not cursed. You are blessed! There is nothing you can do to make God stop loving you.

Go to the Lord in silent prayer and place all your self-hatred before Him. Ask Him for the grace to see yourself as He does, as His beloved child who is called to spend eternity united with Him. [Stop Hating Yourself - Pints with Aquinas](#)



Dear Padre,

Is it a sin to break the law? It is illegal to use fireworks in my city, but every year I do it anyway. Should I mention this in confession?

Strictly speaking, to break a government law does not automatically constitute the definition of sin, so it needn't be mentioned in the sacrament of penance. By definition, sin damages (or, with grave sin, destroys) communion with God and the Church (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1472). Some actions may not be objectively destructive to our relationship with God and Church—and therefore are not sinful—but they may affect others. Church members are part of society, which depends on its citizens to abide by the laws. Saint Paul encouraged everyone to obey the authorities, for all authority that exists is established by God (see Romans 13:1–7).

Not all sins are equally offensive to God; similarly, not all civil laws are equal in their gravity. To knowingly travel a few miles over the posted speed limit isn't the same as intentionally starting a fire in a posted area of a forest. The danger is in thinking one's actions are without consequence. Sensible civil laws are designed to ensure the safety and well-being of citizens, and many municipalities outlaw fireworks because of the hazards they pose.

When any civil law is broken for mere self-indulgence or when breaking the law places others at risk, the act has the potential of constituting the definition of sin. In that case, it would rightfully warrant sacramental reconciliation. ●



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
October 23	October 24	October 25	October 26	October 27	October 28	October 29
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Rom 4:20–25	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17–19, 20b–21	Rom 6:12–18	Rom 6:19–23	Rom 7:18–25a	Eph 2:19–22	Ex 22:20–26
Lk 12:13–21	Lk 12:35–38	Lk 12:39–48	Lk 12:49–53	Lk 12:54–59	Lk 6:12–16	1 Thes 1:5c–10
						Mt 22:34–40



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

[Jesus] acknowledges that the tribute to Caesar must be paid—for all of us, too, taxes must be paid—because the image on the coin is his; but above all he recalls that each person carries within him another image, that of God, and therefore it is to him alone that each person owes his own existence, his own life.

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 22, 2023  
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
Isaiah 45:1, 4–6 / 1 Thessalonians 1:1–5b / Matthew 22:15–21



When [the Pharisees] heard this they were amazed, and leaving him they went away.  
MATTHEW 22:22

Night Goggles

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It was a gathering of longtime friends. The conversation drifted from the shore of one topic to another like leaves bouncing down a river. Eventually the talk bumped up against politics. Because we tended to think alike, it turned to smashing and bashing the opposition—all until someone asked, “Can you name the wisdom in the others?” “There isn’t any,” came someone’s swift reply. “But surely there is,” the questioner persisted. “No one has all the wisdom, and everyone has some of the wisdom.” What followed was dumbfounded silence. Truth can do that.

We live in a time when the wisdom on the street, over our backyard fence, and at the coffee pot at work all tend to skew “You’re only OK if you think the way I do.” It’s a hard-core bias that surrounds not only politics but also raising children, what constitutes a clean house, and the best way to boil spaghetti. Nothing remains untouched.

When Jesus was challenged about whether or not to pay taxes to Caesar, his response was, “Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God” (Matthew 22:21b). In other words, it’s OK to pay taxes to Caesar because even Caesar belongs to God. Everything and everyone does. God’s wisdom finds a home everywhere.

Having faith is a bit like wearing night goggles. We begin to see what no one else sees, even though it may be a bit blurry, and what we see is the hand of God at work everywhere, even in the opposition. ●

Reflect

Are you able to find truth in an opinion with which you disagree?