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

Responsorial Psalm 86: Lord, you are good and forgiving.

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.

*******Mass will resume at St. Theresa's on August 2nd, 2020, (masks will be mandatory) *******

St. Joseph The Worker Parish News:

*******Very Important Notice at Russell, St. Joseph's Parish*******

-Russell, St. Joseph's Parish will **begin weekend masses on Saturday, July 25 (7:30 pm) & Sunday, July 26 (9:00 am). Please note the following:**

-People wanting to come to weekend mass, need to first call to register. They need to leave a message at the parish office, 204-773-2924 with the following information: mass day requesting, number & names of people attending, and a number so we may return their call, or an email address. Once a message has been received at the parish office, parishioners will be receiving a return call mid-week before the weekend mass - to confirm their attendance, from the parish office.

-Please know masks will be provided for you if you do not have one (wearing masks are mandatory).

-Please arrive early before mass, to ensure you are in the church before the door is locked preventing access from the outside, since we cannot have numbers which may exceed church capacity. An usher will greet you & explain protocols.

-If you wish to make a parish offering and/or your S.G.G. contribution, please mail to St. Joseph's The Worker Box 776, Russell R0J 1W0.

-If you have any questions or concerns please call the parish office for clarification, please leave a message and your call will be returned.

Father Paul

July 19, 2020 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Stewardship Message

“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom.” (Matthew 13:24, 37-38)

As children of God, we are all “good seeds.” We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God’s plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others, and share our financial gifts to help build God’s kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow “good seeds” on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

Zoom Along with Us – Sundays at 10:30 a.m.!

If you use the internet you can join St Joseph and St Theresa with the Zoom Mass Each Sunday as one more option to celebrate community and the sharing of the Word together. After Mass we will be having *Coffee Sunday* with each other who wish to stay and visit with the rest of the community. **If you wish to join into the Zoom Mass** send an e-mail to St Joseph the Worker to get on the Access List.

Congratulations Cory and Micheal Razor! They were just this past week baptized in St. Joseph The Worker!

Mass Intentions For The Week:

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday July 18 7:30 p.m. Russell: Special intentions req. Simone

Sunday July 19 9:00 a.m. Russell: Special intentions req. Dwayne Pastuck

10:30 a.m. Zoom Mass For all Parishioners req. Father Paul

Monday July 20 **No Mass**

Tuesday July 21 **No Mass**

Wed. July 22 9:00 a.m. Russell: Special intentions req. Albina Kozak

Thursday July 23 9:00 a.m. Russell: Mass

10:30 a.m. Rossburn: Adoration

11:00 a.m. Rossburn: + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. Joe, Rose & family

Friday July 24 8:30 a.m. Russell: Adoration

9:00 a.m. Russell: Special intentions req. Jean Goba

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday July 25 7:30 p.m. Russell: Special intentions req. Simone

Sunday July 26 9:00 a.m. Russell: For all Parishioners req. Father

10:30 a.m. Zoom Mass + Budz Family req. Nellie Kaskiw

The Saint Philomena Walking Pilgrimage will be happening again this year, we start on August 11th in Yorkton and finish on August 14th at Rama. This is a supported pilgrimage with rest stops along the way and a trailer carrying tents and sleeping gear to each overnight stop. Pilgrims are invited to join us for all or part of the walk. Precautions are in place to prevent the spread of the Covid 19 virus. For more information check the website at stphilomena.ca or phone 306 728 5525.

Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, Kaposvar – Annual Pilgrimage (near Esterhazy, SK) – Sunday, August 16th. For more information contact: Eola Stevenson 306-740-6095. Details to follow.

Personnel Announcements in the Archdiocese, Changes effective August 1, 2020

Fr. Leo Fernandes becomes Pastor of Our Lady of the Angels' Parish in Amaranth, Our Lady of Guadalupe in Sandy Bay & Assumption of Our Lady in Alonsa.

Fr. Jose Cabral on-loan to the Archdiocese of Keewatin-The Pas for a two-year term.

Fr. Christopher Dubois becomes Pastor of Paroisse St. Lazare, St. Mary's in Birtle & St. Helen's in Shoal Lake

Fr. Michael Raj Savarimuthu becomes Pastor of Good Shepherd Parish in Portage la Prairie & St. Ambroise (Sept. 14th). **Note: Please see additional changes of personnel announcements, posted at back of church.**

Growing God's Kingdom in a Material World Series - Growing the Stewardship Garden, Fr. John Weckend

The analogy of comparing the various plots of a garden to different ways in which stewardship applies to many facets of our everyday lives was first introduced to me a number of years ago in a talk given by Robert Morneau, retired auxiliary bishop of Green Bay Wisconsin. What I would like to do in this presentation is to expand on that analogy and explore 12 areas relating to stewardship that might be a little surprising. (12-Part Series continued in coming weeks):

7. Our Technological Garden

In previous eras, it was enough to learn the three 'Rs' -Reading, writing and 'Rithmetic.' However, we live in a vastly different time than that of our parents and grandparents. The speed and advances in technology and social communication have dragged many of us, `techno-immigrants', kicking and screaming into the digital age. And many of us are indeed immigrants to the technologies, such as this Zoom Webinar, because we were not born into it like our children or grandchildren. So stewardship, in this instance, involves overcoming our hesitations or even resistance to innovation and to responsibly learn how to use these instruments of social communication and gathering. Perhaps one of the upsides of the present Corona Virus pandemic is, in fact, that of forcing us to find new ways of communicating. And while there may be many weeds and intrusive species that may invade our technology plot, there is still an overwhelming world there waiting for us to explore.

Dear Padre,

In Scripture, we hear about the “reign of God” or the “kingdom of God.” How does this notion of “kingdom” fit with modern Catholicism?

Recently I heard a father tell his son: “I am the master of my domain!” The ten-year-old son was acting up and the father issued a statement clarifying that he, the father, was in charge, and the son was not!

When we hear “reign of God” or “kingdom of God,” we are reminded again that God is “master of our domain.” We acknowledge that it is God who runs the show. Remember when Jesus first began to preach, he asked the people to repent because the kingdom of God was at hand (Matthew 4:17). This “kingdom” is the reign of justice and compassion that had been the core of the Jews’ hopes for centuries preceding Jesus. This reign comes now in the person of Jesus. His preaching and work proclaim the birth of this new regime. It is a kingship where God, in the person of Jesus, now lives among the people (Luke 17:20–21).

What virtues must we practice as members of the kingdom? These are outlined by Jesus in the beatitudes given in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:3–10). Jesus pronounces that those who are blessed are those who live such a life as Jesus chose for himself. Our rewards are also outlined here. God will comfort us, fill us with good things, and make us children of God.

It is our task, then, to proclaim the kingdom of God by living like Jesus. One of the ways we do this is through the Sunday liturgy. It is there that we both hear how Jesus lived and prayed for “your kingdom come.”



—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Calendar

Monday

JULY 20

Weekday

Mi 6:1–4, 6–8

Mt 12:38–42

Tuesday

JULY 21

Weekday

Mi 7:14–15, 18–20

Mt 12:46–50

Wednesday

JULY 22

St. Mary Magdalene

Sg 3:1–4b or

2 Cor 5:14–17

Jn 20:1–2, 11–18

Thursday

JULY 23

Weekday

Jer 2:1–3, 7–8, 12–13

Mt 13:10–17

Friday

JULY 24

Weekday

Jer 3:14–17

Mt 13:18–23

Saturday

JULY 25

St. James,
Apostle

2 Cor 4:7–15

Mt 20:20–28

Sunday

JULY 26

Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3:5, 7–12

Rom 8:28–30

Mt 13:44–52

or 13:44–46

Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 19, 2020

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Wis 12:13, 16–19

Rom 8:26–27

Mt 13:24–43 or 13:24–30

“The Kingdom of Heaven Is Like...”

The Gospel reading consists of parables, one of which Jesus explains. The two that seem easy to understand compare the kingdom with a mustard seed that begins small and then grows large enough to welcome all manner of birds for nesting, and of a bit of yeast that completely transforms the entire batch of dough. The parable about the weeds in the field of wheat needed explanation. Any farmer would have recognized the situation described. We don’t always know where they come from, but weeds seem to crop up everywhere. What should one do? Lest wheat be inadvertently pulled up, let both wheat and weeds grow till the harvest. That is the time of separation.

So, what’s the meaning of these parables? Like the mustard seed, the kingdom—the new way of living that Jesus came to inaugurate—consists of small acts of unselfishness and genuine love. But it grows and grows until it is opened to all manner of people. Like the

yeast, as insignificant as it might appear, this kingdom can transform all of society.

The parable of the wheat and the weeds is about the last judgment. But it also insists that the field (society), even the Church, is made up of both good and bad. It is very dangerous to try to get rid of what might be considered bad seeds, bad citizens, or bad members. One might pull up the wrong ones. There will be a time of judgment, and it will be in God’s time, and in God’s hands.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ We belong to this kingdom. Are we open to all manner of people? Do our lives transform society?
- ★ How do you interact with people you think are living wrongly?

[Jesus said,] “I will say
to the harvesters,
‘First collect the weeds
and tie them in bundles
for burning; but gather
the wheat into my barn.’”

MATTHEW 13:30



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

There are no unemployed people in the kingdom of God. Everyone is called to do their part; and there will be a reward from divine justice for everyone in the end...the salvation that Jesus Christ acquired for us with his death and resurrection, a salvation which is not deserved, but donated.

—ANGELUS, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017