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

Responsorial Psalm 80: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

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 Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday Oct 7 7:30 p.m. Russell For all parishioners by Father Paul

Sunday Oct 8 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m.**
For all parishioners by Father Paul

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

Monday Oct 9 Health of family and friends req by Jean Goba

Tuesday Oct 10 10:00 a.m. St Joseph Funeral for Lorraine Kilimnik

**Fr Paul will be on Retreat this week from Tuesday to Friday in case of an emergency contact
Donalda Wishart at 204-773-6345 for help.**

Friday Oct 13 1:00 p.m. Wedding St Joseph

Twenty Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday Oct 14 7:30 p.m. Russell + Duncan Spurway Funeral Mass offering Russell

Sunday Oct 15 9:00 a.m. Russell For all parishioners by Father Paul **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m.**
11:00 a.m. Rossburn + John Ryshytylo req. by Michael & Myrna & family

“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.

St. Josephs 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.

We Thank the Filipino group for putting on our coffee Sunday at St Joseph on September 24th thank you for sharing your culture and food.

St. Theresa's Church

Annual Public Rosary to pray for Canada & the world will be held Sat, Oct 14th at the Town Hall. If weather inclement it will be at St Theresa's church.



The stone
that the
builders
rejected has
become the
cornerstone.

Mt 21:42



This Thanksgiving when we gather with family and friends around our table and offer up a blessing for our food, we should each take a turn around the table to say what we are thankful for.

How to Practice Christian Meditation

In the hustle and bustle of our world, we need to reclaim the practice of Christian meditation more than ever. Here are a few tips to get you started.

Sources to inspire your meditation

There are many. Scripture is one of the best, especially the Gospels and Psalms. Many saints have written about Christian meditation. St. Francis de Sales covers it in his “Introduction to the Devout Life.” This is one of the best sources because, unlike many other books of devotion up to that time, St. Francis wrote with laypeople in mind.

Steps for meditation

1. Recall yourself to the presence of God. St Francis de Sales emphasizes this point. Obviously, we're always in God's presence, but we often don't think of it. You can do this anywhere, but some times and places are more suitable, such as Holy Hour.
2. Ask for the grace of prayer. Prayer is tough. You're not guaranteed to pray well. Ask God to inspire you and make your prayer pleasing to Him.
3. Have the right intention. Your prayer should ultimately be for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. You can have other desires you want to offer up, but they are secondary.
4. Consider preparing for your meditation by spiritual reading. If you have time, take a moment to reflect after your meditation.

How to meditate

There are different methods. One is discursive prayer, where you work through certain points of meditation you prepared ahead of time (or that someone prepared for you).

You can meditate on the doctrines of the Church, especially as contained in the Creed. For example, “I believe in God, the Father almighty.” Use this as a basis to contemplate the fatherhood of God.

While working discursively through your meditation, form resolutions. For example, “Lord, help me to do better in approaching you as a child does their father.” This step helps you move from mere contemplation to action.

Always conclude your meditation with a prayer of thanksgiving to God.

Go ahead, give meditation a try! You'll find that it brings you much peace, even as the world around you falls apart. [How to Practice Christian Meditation - Pints with Aquinas](#)

Dear Padre,

How is an icon different from a regular painting of a saint?

Generally, *icon* means a symbol or image. In the Church, it refers to an image depicting Bible stories or holy people. “Icons express in images the same Gospel message that Scripture communicates by words” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1160).

Even though an icon is an image created with paints, icons are written, not painted. Icon writing, called iconography, is a vocation as well as a talent. The difference between a painter and an iconographer is that iconographers follow strict rules and standards set forth in Eastern Church canon law and Christian tradition. Rooted in God’s word, icons are rich in symbolism. The colors, gestures, and shapes speak spiritually to invite us to pray and worship.

Icons can be written on almost any surface, but historically most were written on wood and had a gold-leaf background. One example of this type of icon is Our Mother of Perpetual Help, which is believed to have been written in the fifteenth century. Pope Pius IX gave it to the Redemptorists in 1865, telling the order to “make her known throughout the world.” It now hangs in the Church of Sant’ Alfonso in Rome.

To see the original icon in real time and learn more about icons, please visit omphicon.org. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Discernment...involves hard work....We do not find set before us, prepackaged, the life we are to live. No! We have to decide it all the time, according to the reality that comes. God invites us to evaluate and choose: He created us free and wants us to exercise our freedom. Therefore, discerning is demanding.

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 8, 2023
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Isaiah 5:1-7 / Philippians 4:6-9 / Matthew 21:33-43



What more could be
done for my vineyard
that I did not do?
ISAIAH 5:4

When God Daydreamed Us

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

At the end of the Broadway musical *Camelot*, King Arthur finds himself confronted by the fact that his dream of the Round Table and justice for all has died without having borne the fruit he had hoped. A young boy, Tom of Warwick, comes up to him asking if he might be dubbed a knight. Arthur does so, and then commissions him to go forth and tell the story of Camelot to everyone he meets, all with the hope that someone someday will dare to try again to create a world with equal justice for all.

We all live with dreams of what we might be, of what life might be. They seldom turn out the way we had imagined, yet what would life be without such dreams. They push us into new futures. They create hope and new possibilities. They bring meaning to our lives.

The parable of the landowner and his vineyard is really a story of God and the dream God has for us. It is a story of how God withholds nothing from caring for his vineyard that it might bear fruit, that is, from trying to make his dream for us a reality, even to the point of giving his Son over to that dream.

Dreams never come easy. If they did, they would not be dreams. It was so for those who founded this nation in 1776. It is so for parents with dreams for their children. It is so as well for God, who dreams dreams for us in Jesus. ●

Reflect

Do the dreams you have for your life and the lives of your children reflect God's dreams for you?