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

Responsorial Psalm 72: "Lord every nation on earth will adore you."

Visiting the Sick: Please let us know who is ill, at home or in hospital so that we can visit and offer the sacraments.

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.

K of C meeting at St. Theresa's Parish, Tuesday, January 14th, 7:30 pm

Note: Sharing God's Gifts contribution total for 2019 is \$12,935 at 70% parishioner participation.

St. Theresa's Finance Report 2019	Month of December		
REVENUES:		EXPENSES:	
Dec 1 collection	\$984.00	Hydro	\$501.00
Dec 8 collection	\$825.00	Cemetery subdivision expenses	\$407.38
Cemetery plot sales	\$3,000.00	Parish potluck supplies	\$21.99
Dec 15 collection	\$850.00	SGG remittance	\$1,190.00
Dec 22 collection	\$720.00	Postage & Church supplies	\$25.28
		Archdiocese 1/4ly assessment	\$1,492.50
		St Joseph The Worker shared expenses	\$2,000.00
Year To Date Revenues	\$76,280.92	Year To Date Expenses	\$77,254.06

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

St. Joseph The Worker Parish News:

Thank you to all parishioners who volunteered and helped at the Community Christmas Dinner at the Hall Christmas Day!

Thank you to all the children who are attending children's liturgy. Welcome back after the x'mas break, it now will resume on Sunday, January 12th.

Congratulations, Emilie Nernberg baptized December 23, and to family & friends!

Parishioners please pick up:

-your missalettes, living Faith booklets, Word Among Us, etc. for January

-Sunday Missal (2019-2020) now available! \$4.00 each – at back of church!

Attention Parishioners! Please do not use your old 2019 parish donation envelopes. Your 2020 envelopes are now available, please pick them up today! If you are a new parishioner, and would like to be on our parish list and receive donation envelopes, then please fill out the form available on the back table. Thanks!

Coffee Sundays – After a few months' absence due to the Advent party & Christmas celebrations...the next one will be Sunday, January 26th and Paulette Vandamme's group will supplying the snacks, coffee, etc. Plan to be there!

Merry Christmas! To our Ukrainian family, friends, and neighbors who celebrate Christmas according the Julian calendar!

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.

IF GUNS KILL PEOPLE, THEN PENCILS MISSPELL WORDS, CARS MAKE PEOPLE DRIVE DRUNK, AND SPOONS MAKE PEOPLE FAT.



Mass Intentions For The Week:

Epiphany of The Lord

Saturday Jan. 4 11:00 a.m. Rossburn: Special intentions req. Simone
7:30 p.m. Russell: For all Parishioners req. by Father Paul

Sunday Jan. 5 9:00 a.m. Russell: Father Paul req. Deacon Darin & Carlene
11:00 a.m. Rossburn: For all Parishioners req. by Father Paul

No Masses Monday Jan. 6, Tuesday Jan. 7 or Wednesday Jan. 8

Thursday Jan. 9 9:00 a.m. Russell: Mass
10:30 a.m. Rossburn: Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
11:00 a.m. Rossburn: +Budz Family req. Nellie

Friday Jan. 10 8:30 a.m. Russell: Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
9:00 a.m. Russell: Vocations to the priesthood req. Ellen Carels
10:30 a.m. Music, Rossburn Personal Care Home
10:45 a.m. Mass: For the sick & shut-in req. by Father Paul

Baptism of the Lord

Saturday Jan. 11 7:30 p.m. Russell: Father Paul req. Joe, Rose & family
Sunday Jan. 12 9:00 a.m. Russell: For all Parishioners req. Father Paul
11:00 a.m. Rossburn: +Souls suffering in purgatory req. Joe, Rose & family

Happy New Year to all parishioners of St. Theresa's & St. Joseph's! Thank you for faithfully serving your parish this past year!

Parish Volunteer Opportunity

A group from our parish is planning to drive to Brandon, assisting the "Helping Hands Soup Kitchen", to serve those in need, Wednesday, January 29th. We will leave Russell at 8:30 am. and return in the afternoon. This is an opportunity for ministry of service with Social Justice, and for parishioners to work together. If you have questions/those interested, please call Deacon Darin Douglas or Carlene Douglas, 532-2157 (Hm.). Numbers of individuals going, needs to be known before Sun Jan. 19th.

1 Peter 4: 10-11 Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Solemnity of the Lord's Epiphany...

Is a time of opportunity for "The blessing of homes" by the parish priest. An inscribed Cross of salvation written, together with the indication of the year and the initials of the three wise men (C+M+B), which can also be understood to mean *Christus mansionem benedicat*, written in blessed chalk; this custom, often of a procession of family members, expresses the blessing of Christ through the intercession of the three wise men and is an occasion for gathering offerings for charitable and missionary purposes.

Also may be a time in which Saints/Patrons may be assigned for the coming year.

Epiphany marks the 12th day of x'mas, and continues until the feast of the "Baptism of the Lord", next Sunday.

January 5, 2020 - Epiphany of the Lord - Stewardship

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." (Matthew 2:11)

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to us.



Dear Padre,

What do we know about the Three Kings?

Your question reminds us how much human tradition has embellished some of the events described in sacred Scripture. Historically, the name Magi designates members of an ancient Near Eastern priestly caste. In Matthew's Gospel, they are presented as noble wise men and astrologers.

The number three has long been associated with the Magi. However, the Gospel narratives never mention their number (though they did offer three gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh). Saint Matthew is also silent about their names. However, in the eighth century, Western traditions began calling them Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. Other Christian traditions use different names.

Though their gifts indicate they were from South Arabia, it's doubtful that they represented particular nations or the major racial families. At the very least, the Magi represent the Gentile peoples coming from afar to find the true God in Jesus Christ. This contrasts with King Herod and Israel. Both neglected this manifestation of God's presence in their midst.

Astrology permeated ancient cultures, so it isn't strange that astrologers appear in the Bible. The Church responded by "Christianizing" aspects of astrology. For example, the Church deliberately called Christ the "Sun of Justice," thus replacing the pagan god Sol with one true God. In the fourth century, the Church placed the celebration of Christ's Nativity on December 25, the birthday of the sun. We emphasize Jesus as the Light of the World and celebrate his feast every week on Sunday.

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Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 6
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 3:22–4:6
Mt 4:12–17, 23–25

Tuesday

JANUARY 7
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:7–10
Mk 6:34–44

Wednesday

JANUARY 8
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:11–18
Mk 6:45–52

Thursday

JANUARY 9
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:19–5:4
Lk 4:14–22

Friday

JANUARY 10
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:5–13
Lk 5:12–16

Saturday

JANUARY 11
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:14–21
Jn 3:22–30

Sunday

JANUARY 12
Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1–4, 6–7
Acts 10:34–38
Mt 3:13–17

Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

For more than fifty years, Redemptorists have ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity.

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 5, 2020

Epiphany of the Lord (A)

Is 60:1–6

Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6

Mt 2:1–12

Having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

MATTHEW 2:12

A Christ for Every Nation

"Go back where you came from!" What if the Magi heard this when they came to the house where the Child was, and they heeded that deriding message? The "signs of the times" that they read told them a king had been born. They might not have known exactly where to look, but they knew what they were looking for, and they recognized that king when they found him. These righteous men were not Israelites, yet God revealed this great mystery to them. Furthermore, there is no indication that they eventually became Israelites. Rather, "they departed for their country" (Matthew 2:12). God really does not play favorites.

Then how are we to understand the claim of being God's Chosen People, whether ancient Israelites or the Christian community? What's the point of being chosen if you are not the favorite? While acknowledging God's special love for his Chosen People, both Isaiah and Paul answer this question.

The prophet claims that "nations will walk by your light, kings by the radiance of your dawning" (Isaiah 60:3), and Paul says "the stewardship of God's grace... was given to me for your benefit" (Ephesians 3:2). In other words, some have been chosen by God to bring the light of God's love to others.

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates two important realities—the revelation of God to all people and the responsibility to reveal that astounding mystery to others. The Magi personify both realities. They were men of another faith tradition to whom God revealed the mystery of the Incarnation, and they returned home and probably proclaimed to others the wonder of that mystery.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ How respectful are you of the religious quests of others?
- ★ In what ways might your life shine the light of God's love on others?



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Do we know how to dream, to long for God, ...or do we let ourselves be swept along by life, like dry branches before the wind? The Magi were not content with just getting by, with keeping afloat. They understood that to truly live, we need a lofty goal and we need to keep looking up.

—EPIPHANY HOMILY, JANUARY 6, 2018