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

Responsorial Psalm 33: Let your love be upon us, Lord, even as we hope in you.

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.

St Joseph's vigil light stand

We will be putting out a row of battery operated candles in our vigil light stand. People will now have a choice of either wax candles or the battery operated ones.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

Fifth Sunday Of Easter

Saturday May 6 2:00 p.m. **Funeral for Lucy Senek** at St Joseph the Worker Russell

7:30 p.m. Russell + Duncan Spurway from Funeral Mass offering

Sunday May 7 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. & YouTube after 10:15 am**

For all parishioners by Father Paul **First Communion**

11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Parents & Grandparents req. by David Woychyshyn & family

7:00 p.m. **Vigil Prayers for Rita Fleury** at St Joseph the Worker Russell

Monday May 8 10:00 a.m. **Funeral for Rita Fleury** at St Joseph the Worker Russell

Health of family & friends req. by Jean Goba

Tuesday May 9 + Deceased Family req. by Frank & Madeline Mangin

Wed. May 10 10:30 a.m. **Westman Deanery Meeting Brandon**

Health of family and friends req. by Irene Deschamps

Thurs. May 11 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration

11:00 a.m. Mass Lynda Rhyshylylo req. by Michelle & Curtis & family

Friday May 12 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration

9:00 a.m. Michelle & Curtis - Anniversary

10:15 a.m. Rossburn Personal Care Home Music & Mass

Sixth Sunday Of Easter

Saturday May 13 7:30 p.m. Anniversary Blessing for Michelle & Curtis Kempthorne req by the McLaughlins

Sunday May 14 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. & YouTube after 10:15 am**

+Emilienne Mangin req by George Mangin & family

11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Nellie & Frank Kaskiw & all deceased mothers of St. Teresa's Parish req. by Vince kaskiw

Ordination of Deacon Oliver Omega to the Ministerial Priesthood will be on Friday June 9th at Saint Mary's Cathedral at 7:30 p.m.

Ordination of Christopher Pugh to Transitional Diaconate will be June 30th at Saint Augustine's Brandon at 7:30 p.m.

Praying with Pope Francis, May: *For Church movements and groups*: We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world



Coffee Sunday is today, Sunday, **May 7th** after Mass following First Communion celebrations. *All are welcome to join us to celebrate this great day with the First Communicants from our Parish! We hope to see you there!*

Celebrating their first Communion today are Rhynie Evalarosa, Vander Evalarosa, Daniel Kleebaum, Derek Kleebaum, Tavrey Reichmuth, Sean Reyes, Radley Romin and Adam Tibbatts. Also, Jeannah Remogat received the Holy Eucharist a few weeks ago! Congratulations to all our First communicants!

Marian Month: for the month of May the CWL will lead the Rosary. Please come early to join them as they will start **at 8:40 a.m.**

This past weekend \$181.00 was deposited for the **Children collection** and the Year-to-date total is \$531.00.

God Has Blessed Us Abundantly!

Congratulations to all the parishioners and pastors (past & present) of St. Joseph the Worker Parish.....after years of concerted effort we have finally **paid off our Archdiocesan loan for the new addition!**

Here is a recap:

During his time at St. Joseph's (1996-2006), Fr. Dominic Yuen initiated the plans for an addition to our church building that would make it wheelchair accessible. At that time, our parishioners decided to begin raising money for this building project and establish a Building Fund for parishioners who wished to donate to this proposed new addition. The plans for the new addition included a new large entrance, a bathroom and an elevator, and later new furnaces and air conditioning at a cost of \$429,540. In 2011 the project savings totaled \$336,462.37, achieved through the generous donations of parishioners who gave to the Building Fund and Sharing God's Gifts. The remaining amount of \$83,077.63 was obtained by a loan we received from the Archdiocese. With the funding in place, it was then decided that the project should go ahead. Since April 2012 we have been making loan payments every year to the Archdiocese, and finally in *March 2023 we made the last loan payment.*

What an achievement! Our parishioners and pastors have worked hard and given generously all these years so our church community could be welcoming and accessible to all. The large gathering area and elevator, the comfort of air conditioning and new furnaces have made a big difference in the way our parish greets friends, family, and visitors to our faith community. Paying off this loan is a major accomplishment, however, as everyone is aware, our church and rectory buildings need constant maintenance and repairs. Your dedication and continued support of Sharing God's Gifts will ensure that we can continue to maintain our parish buildings and any future capital projects. Some of the current projects that are being considered include replacing the windows above the stained-glass windows of the church, as well as drywall repairs and painting in the rectory.

Congratulations and thank you to all for your service and generosity which has truly blessed our parish. Today, on the Lord's Day, let's celebrate all the gifts that He has so generously given to us in the past and continues to bless us with each and every day!

The National Week for Life and the Family (NWLF) this year is, **May 7th to May 14th, 2023.**

In Manitoba, the NWLF involves a tri-diocesan effort (Archdiocese of St. Boniface, Archdiocese of Winnipeg, and Archeparchy of Winnipeg). **The theme this year is: *Grandparents and the Elderly: A Legacy to Cherish.***

Our theme follows the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops scriptural focus for the NWLF, "Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." John 13:34

The Archbishops of Winnipeg are asking each parish to celebrate "Grandparents and the Elderly" within our families, communities, and parishes. We invite you to join us in marking this momentous year by celebrating the experience and wisdom of the elderly and their important role in passing on and preserving the Catholic faith through generations.

Dear Padre,

I know a Catholic couple who wanted to celebrate their sacrament of matrimony at a Mass in a forest, but the bishop didn't allow it. Why not marry in God's creation?

A marriage between Catholics or between a Catholic and a baptized non-Catholic is usually celebrated in a parish church. It can be celebrated in another church or oratory with the bishop or pastor's permission. A marriage between a Catholic and an unbaptized person can be celebrated in a church or another suitable place, although a Catholic church remains the preferred place for the celebration.

Why is the parish church the preferred site for the celebration? For Catholics, matrimony is a sacrament—one of the seven sacred signs through which God communicates love to us. When Catholics ask God to bind their union as a sacrament, the couple's love for each other is a sign of God's love for both, and their union is also a continuous sign of Christ's love for the Church. Thus, the church as a "house of God," which contains the presence of Christ, is revered as the most sacred place to make this most sacred commitment. Marriage, according to Pope Francis in a 2015 General Audience, "is not merely a ceremony in a church, with flowers, a dress, photographs....Christian marriage is a sacrament that takes place in the Church, and which also makes the Church, by giving rise to a new family community....[Saint] Paul says that the love between spouses is an image of the love between Christ and his Church. An unimaginable dignity!" ●



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11	May 12	May 13	May 14
Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Weekday	Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 14:5–18	Acts 14:19–28	Acts 15:1–6	Acts 15:17–21	Acts 15:22–31	Acts 16:1–10	Acts 8:5–8, 14–17
Jn 14:21–26	Jn 14:27–31a	Jn 15:1–8	Jn 15:9–11	Jn 15:12–17	Jn 15:18–21	1 Pt 3:15–18
						Jn 14:15–21



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

[Jesus] knows that, in life, the worst anxiety, anguish, arises from the sensation of not being able to cope, of feeling alone and without points of reference when faced with events. We cannot overcome this anguish alone...and this is why Jesus asks us to have faith in him, that is, to lean not on ourselves but on him.

REGINA CAELI, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, MAY 10, 2020

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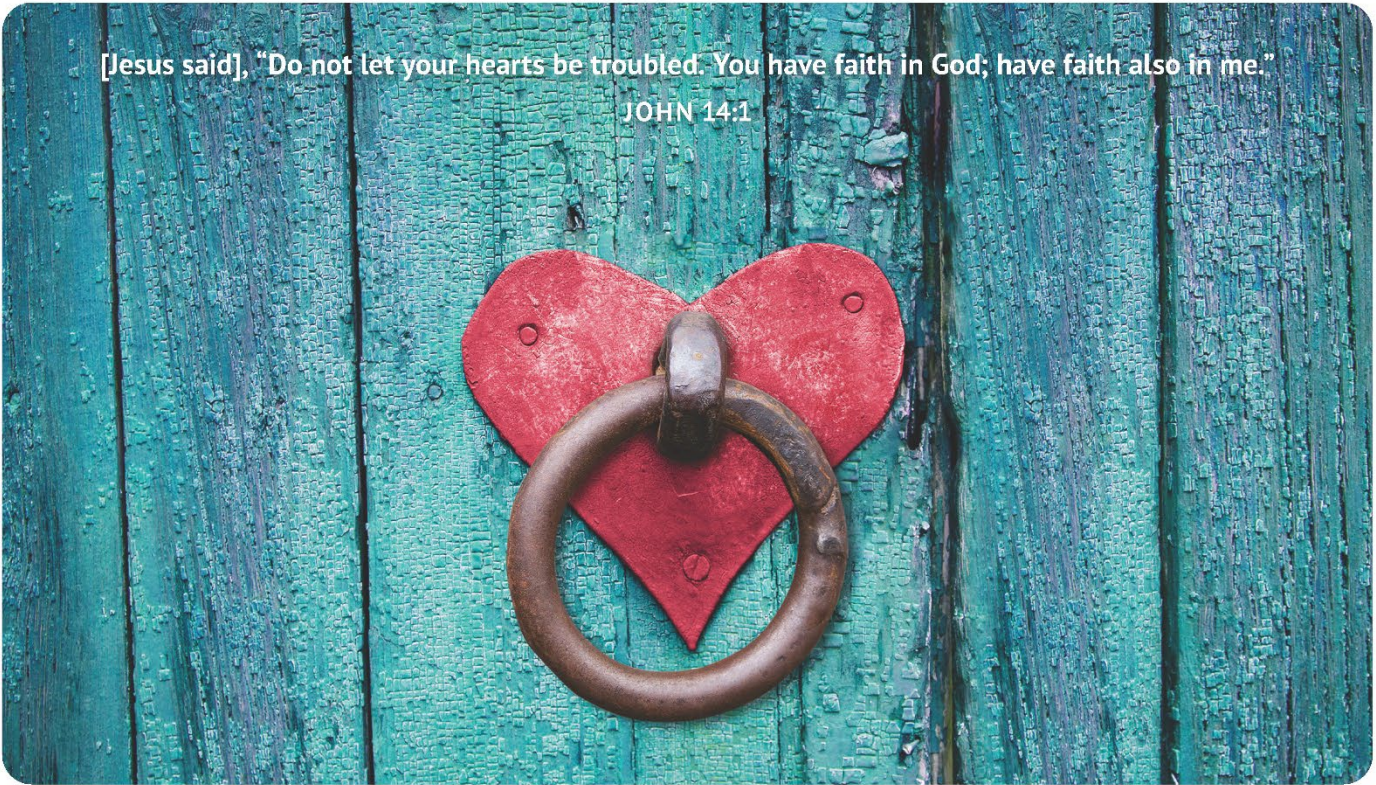
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Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 6:1–7 / 1 Peter 2:4–9 / John 14:1–12



Where the Heart Is

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Some would say that the purpose of life is to save one's soul. And certainly we should try, with the grace of God, to live our lives in such a way that we avoid evil and do good in order to do our part in building God's kingdom on earth. At the same time, we must remember that it is God who saves us. We don't save ourselves. Eternal life and happiness are byproducts of loving others. If the focus of one's life is to be happy, one never achieves it. If one seeks to serve others, however, happiness seems to find us. So also eternal life.

Robert Frost's "The Death of a Hired Man" is a poem about Silas, an aging drifter farmhand, and Warren and Mary, a farming couple who give Silas a room whenever he comes around.

Silas comes when he is needed the least and leaves when his presence would be most helpful, all of which frustrates Warren. In the poem Silas has returned, and Mary thinks it will be his last time, that he is dying. She says to Warren that theirs is the only home Silas has. Warren simply shakes his head as if to gently mock the idea of home: "Home is the place where, when you have to go there, / They have to take you in." Mary says it differently, "I should have called it / Something you somehow haven't to deserve."

Is that not also the promise of Jesus? "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" (John 14:2). Something we somehow haven't to deserve. ●

Reflect
Where do you feel truly at home—and is Jesus invited?