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

**Responsorial Psalm 24:** “The Lord of hosts, he is king of glory.”

**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.

**Bible Study will take place each Wed** at the Lion's Manor Rossburn, 12-1pm.  
We will be studying the Sunday readings. Please bring your Bibles, if this is your lunch time you are welcome to bring your lunch! Everyone welcome!

**Regarding the Whole Life Confession, we have the books on hand**, total of 10 for now, please let me know as soon as possible if you wish to participate or if you have any questions. We will begin on the week of January 19th. This will prove to be a most beautiful Lenten Exercises! Lynda Ryshytylo 859-2760.

**Those working on their Whole Life Confessions will be meeting every 2 weeks after mass briefly, first meeting Feb.9.**

St. Theresa's Finance Report 2020		Month of January	
REVENUES:		EXPENSES:	
Jan1 collection	\$1,065.00	Hydro	\$501.00
Jan 5 collection	\$1,305.00	St Joseph The Worker shared expenses	\$2,000.00
Jan 12 collection	\$995.00		
Jan 19 collection	\$475.00		
Year To Date Revenues	\$3,840.00	Year To Date Expenses	\$2,501.00

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:**  
-Paulette VanDammes group last Coffee Sunday for supplying snacks, coffee & all who attended!  
-all who attended the parishioner volunteer day at, Helping Hands Soup Kitchen, Brandon, this past Wednesday!

**There is a sign-up sheet for First Communion at the back of the church** on the confessional door. Classes will begin in March and the actual date is yet to be determined. Please sign up or if you know of someone wanting to receive this sacrament please let them know. If you have any questions see Glenda or call me at 1-204-821-5216. Thank you.

**2020 Coffee Sunday Schedule-** copies of the new schedule now available! Parishioners please pick up a copy so you can check when your group will be doing Coffee Sunday this year. If you are not on the list and would like to be, please contact Julie Zimmer or the parish office.

**February 2, 2020 - The Presentation of the Lord - Stewardship**

“...they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord...” (Luke 2:22)  
How seriously do you take being a Catholic? Is “being Catholic” something I just do when I attend Sunday Mass or attend one of my parish functions? It’s easy to be Catholic then, it’s harder to be Catholic when I am out in the world. Would someone recognize you as a Catholic by the way you act, dress, and talk? How do you present yourself to the Lord and to others?

**Pope Francis Message:** “To have faith is to make space for God’s love, to make space for His power... for the power of the One who is in love with me, and who wants to rejoice with me. This is faith. This is believing: making space for the Lord so that He can come and change me.”

***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.***

**Mass Intentions For The Week:**

**Presentation of The Lord** – World Day for Consecrated Life

Saturday	Feb. 1	7:30 p.m. Russell:	+Alice Branconnier req. Dixon Family
Sunday	Feb. 2	9:00 a.m. Russell:	For all Parishioners req. Father Paul
		11:00 a.m. Rossburn:	+Budz Family req. Nellie Kaskiw
<b>Monday No Mass</b>			
Tuesday	Feb. 4	6:30 p.m. Russell:	+Deceased family req. Frank & Madeline Mangin
Wed.	Feb. 5	10:30 a.m. Russell	Personal Care Home Music
		11:00 a.m. Mass:	+Special intentions req. Jean Goba
Thursday	Feb. 6	9:00 a.m. Russell:	+Suffering Souls in purgatory req. Simone
		11:00 a.m. Rossburn:	Mass
Friday	Feb. 7	8:30 a.m. Russell:	Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
		9:00 a.m. Russell:	Gladys & family req. Jean Goba
		10:30 a.m. Rossburn:	Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
		11:00 a.m. Rossburn:	Mass

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday	Feb. 8	7:30 p.m. Russell:	+Marie Bisson req. Simone
Sunday	Feb. 9	9:00 a.m. Russell:	For all Parishioners req. Father Paul
		11:00 a.m. Rossburn:	+Frank Kaskiw req. Nellie Kaskiw

**The Myriam Family Sisters** warmly welcome anyone to their home in Regina, Saskatchewan during scheduled activities/prayer times. The sisters come to Russell St. Josephs parish during the summer children's camp. You are welcome to visit their home, learn who they are, know their mission and experience it! Bible activities for children/youth, experience adoration or if you need a time of retreat. Mass, pot-lucks, songs, short talks and prayer. To see scheduled events please see the poster at the back of the church. **(see poster at back church)**

**Sunday, Feb. 2: World Day for Consecrated life:** The purpose of the day is “to help the Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those who have chosen to follow Christ & for consecrated persons to renew their commitment & rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord. “

**Dying Healed Workshop Dauphin, St. Viator’s R. Catholic Church, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – 4pm.** Cost includes lunch: \$10. To keep the workbook, cost is instead \$15. The Dying healed program is a project of LifeCanada which works to foster a deep & lasting awareness of the meaning & dignity of each human life & the meaning & dignity of human suffering, especially at the end of life, when the human person is preparing for their final moments on earth. Our aim is to rain people both in concepts of “Dying Healed” & to train volunteers to spend time with those who suffer, those socially isolated or those who are dying, so they can experience the power of human presence & obtain some healing both spiritually & emotionally. The program isn’t complicated & doesn’t require advanced degrees. It requires faith in our ability to effect change by giving of our time to those most in need. If we don’t reach out to the suffering, who will? **(see poster at back of church for more information)**

**Personnel Announcement in The Archdiocese: Deacon Conrad Plante** becomes Pastoral Administrator *pro term* of St. Jude’s Parish in Erickson, St. Alphonsus’ in Minnedosa and Sacred Heart in Elphinstone, for four months.

**PASS IT AROUND AND MAKE SOMEONE LAUGH**

-Due to current economic conditions the light at the end of the tunnel has been turned off.  
-What disease did cured ham actually have?

# Dear Padre,

**A guided meditation on the rosary's fourth Joyful Mystery (The Presentation of Our Lord) mentions "our Blessed Mother's purification." What does that mean?**

**A**ccording to Jewish law, a mother was considered ritually impure for forty days after giving birth to a son, and eighty days after the birth of a daughter (see Leviticus 12:1-8). After the prescribed period of purification, she made an offering to God in the Temple for her atonement and another offering to support the priests. Her purification offering was a pigeon or

turtledove; the burnt offering for the priests was a yearling lamb. However, if a woman couldn't afford the lamb, she could instead substitute two turtledoves or pigeons. Mary's offering of two birds indicated her poverty (see Luke 2:24).

Moreover, the Law stipulated that every firstborn male be presented to God in the Temple. "The LORD spoke to Moses and said, 'Consecrate to me every firstborn; whatever opens the womb...whether of human being or beast, belongs to me'" (Exodus 13:1-2). As a devout, law-abiding Jewish couple, Mary and Joseph traveled eighty miles from Nazareth to

Jerusalem to present their son to God. Mary couldn't afford a lamb as a burnt offering; rather she offered Jesus as the true Lamb of God in the name of the human race. Saint Alphonsus Liguori wrote, "O my God, I on my part unite my sacrifice to that of Mary. I offer to you your own divine Son, and by his merits I ask you to grant me all the graces I need for salvation."

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR  
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## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

*In the Temple...Mary and Joseph find the roots of their faith, for faith is not something learned from a book, but the art of living with God, learned from the experience of those who have gone before us. The two young people, in meeting two older people [Simeon and Anna], thus find themselves.*

—FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD,  
FEBRUARY 2, 2018



WILDLIFE WORLD / SHUTTERSTOCK

## Calendar

### Monday

FEBRUARY 3

Weekday

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30;

16:5-13

Mk 5:1-20

### Tuesday

FEBRUARY 4

Weekday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b,

24-25a, 30-19:3

Mk 5:21-43

### Wednesday

FEBRUARY 5

St. Agatha,

Virgin and Martyr

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17

Mk 6:1-6

### Thursday

FEBRUARY 6

St. Paul Miki and

Companions, Martyrs

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12

Mk 6:7-13

### Friday

FEBRUARY 7

Weekday

Sir 47:2-11

Mk 6:14-29

### Saturday

FEBRUARY 8

Weekday

1 Kgs 3:4-13

Mk 6:30-34

### Sunday

FEBRUARY 9

Fifth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10

1 Cor 2:1-5

Mt 5:13-16

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 2, 2020

Presentation of the Lord (A)

Mal 3:1-4

Heb 2:14-18

Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32



[Simeon said,] "Now,  
Master, you may let your  
servant go in peace,  
according to your word,  
for my eyes have seen  
your salvation."  
LUKE 2:29-30

## We Belong to God

**E**veryone wants to belong to someone or something. In fact, we do not merely want to belong; we need to belong. However, sometimes we forget to whom we really belong. This feast reminds us to whom Jesus belonged. The reading from Hebrews underscores the fact that Jesus was one of us. He also was a descendant of Abraham, thus we are his brothers and sisters. But he really belonged to God.

The ritual of presentation, a ritual that was and continues to be common in religious Israel, was meant to remind everyone to whom we belong. True, only male infants were so presented. This reflects the custom of tracing lineage in the family, tribe, or clan through the male line, with women participating through the agency of men. This cultural gender bias need not prevent us from understanding the profound

meaning of the presentation. Though one of us, Jesus belonged to God.

The Gospel story tells of a man and a woman who recognized that this child would be the one through whom God saves all people. It describes two important religious insights: First, it acknowledges that the child we cherish as one of us really belongs to God. Second, it illustrates how each child has a mission to the world to somehow make it a better place. So even with its gender and cultural bias, this feast is about us as well as Jesus. We all belong to God; and we all have a mission to the world.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## FOR Reflection

- ★ Do we really cherish every child as belonging to God?
- ★ How have you made your world better?