



**St. Joseph The Worker Parish**  
Russell, MB

**St. Theresa's Parish**  
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## Ascension of the Lord, June 2, 2019

### Scripture Readings

**Acts 1: 1-11** Jesus rose from the dead and returned to prepare the disciples to preach his kingdom and continue his work

**Ps 47** Celebrate with great joy for God rules all the earth

**Eph 1:17-23** Believers are called to profess belief in the triune God whose greatness over all is manifested in Jesus Christ

**Luke 24:44-53** The disciples were sent into the world to preach, heal and bring all people to belief in Christ

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### ***Joke of the Week....***

John, an avid golfer, came in from the course one Saturday. His wife, Mary asked him with whom he had played that day. He said, "oh, no one in particular." She asked, " Why don't you play with Bill anymore?" John replied, " Would you like to play golf with someone who throws his clubs, swears all the time, lies about his scores, moves his ball in the rough, and won't stop talking while you're trying to play a shot?" "Of course not!" said Mary. John said, " Well, neither does Bill."

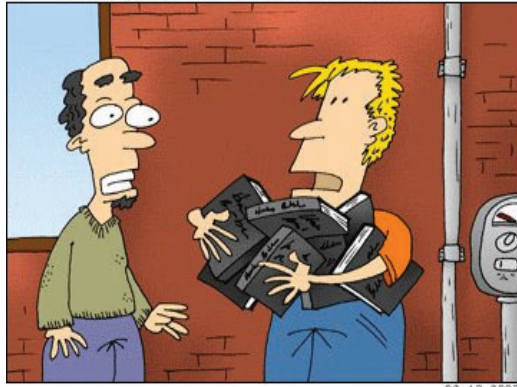


**Responsorial Psalm 47**

“God has gone up with a shout,  
the Lord with the sound of a  
trumpet.”



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GOOD THING I FOUND YOU GIDEON ... IT  
SEEMS SOMEONE HAS BEEN HIDING ALL YOUR  
BIBLES IN HOTEL ROOMS

**Introduction:** Today’s readings describe the Ascension of the Lord Jesus his Heavenly glory after promising to send the Apostles the Holy Spirit as the source of Heavenly power and commanding them to bear witness to Him through their lives and preaching throughout the world. But the ascended Jesus is still with us because of His promise, “*I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.*” He is with us at all times and in all places, releasing a new energy upon the earth, the energy of the Holy Spirit.

**Life messages:** **1) We need to be proclaimers and evangelizers:** To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and an evangelizer. There is a difference between preaching and proclaiming. We preach with words, but we proclaim with our lives. Let us ask the guidance of the Spirit of God to bear witness to Jesus by our transparent Christian lives. **2) We have a teaching mission:** Jesus taught us lessons of Faith, Hope, Love, forgiveness, mercy and salvation by his life and preaching and gave us the same mission to teach others. Hence, let us learn about Jesus and his teachings through our daily study of the Bible and the teachings of the Church, experience Jesus in personal prayer, our reception of the Sacraments and our works of charity, and convey to others Jesus whom we experience with the help of the Holy Spirit. **3) We need Jesus as our source of strength and encouragement in doing His will:**

We will be able to overcome doubts about our Faith and baseless fears, anxiety and worries by meditating on Jesus’ Ascension and the lesson it teaches that we, too, are called to share his glory in Heaven.

in a special way the price Jesus paid for our redemption. May this Eucharistic celebration empower us to lead a true Life of the Spirit!

*“In our lives there are crosses, there are difficult moments. But in these difficult moments we feel that the Holy Spirit helps us to go forward and to overcome the difficulties.” Pope Francis message to the world, May 28, 2019.*

## **June 2, 2019 – The Ascension, Stewardship Reflection:**

Just when the Apostles were getting used to having Jesus around after His resurrection, He leaves again and ascends into heaven. The natural reaction of the Apostles would be one of fear at the prospect of being alone again. Instead, as we hear in today's Gospel, they "*returned to Jerusalem with great joy*". The Apostles trusted in our Lord's promise that He would send them the Holy Spirit. Trust is a virtue central to the life of a disciple and Christian steward. It is only through completely trusting in the Holy Spirit that we are able to confidently trusting in the Holy Spirit that we are able to confidently and generously share our gifts and do our part in proclaiming the Good News.

## **Mass Intentions For The Week:**

### **Ascension of The Lord**, World Communications Day

Saturday June 1 11:00 a.m. Rossburn: +Wendy Woychyshyn req. David Woychyshyn  
7:30 p.m. Russell: For all Parishioners req. Father Paul

Sunday June 2 9:00 a.m. Russell: +Eva Fleury req. family  
11:00 a.m. Rossburn: For all Parishioners req. Father Paul

Monday June 3 **No Mass**

Tuesday June 4 6:30 p.m. Russell: Amanda & Shawn Fontaine  
req. Carlene & Darin Douglas

Wed. June 5 10:30 a.m. Russell PCH Music  
11:00 a.m. Mass: For the sick & shut-in req. Father Paul

Thursday June 6 9:00 a.m. Russell: Mass  
11:00 a.m. Rossburn: +Friends of suffering souls in Purgatory  
req. Joe, Rose & family

Friday June 7 8:30 a.m. Russell: Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament  
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 Kaskiw

### **Pentecost Sunday**

Saturday June 8 7:30 p.m. Russell: For family req. Jean Goba

Sunday June 9 9:00 a.m. Russell: For all Parishioners req. Father Paul  
11:00 a.m. Rossburn: + Joseph Zimmerman req. Stella & family

**St. Augustine Roman Catholic Brandon Church, presents Israel Trip, Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**, Hosted by Father Michael Savarimuthu, October 27 – November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Optional 4-Night Jordan Post Tour Extension. For more information contact, McPhail Travel & Discovery Tours, 204-727-2305. [info@mcphailtravel.net](mailto:info@mcphailtravel.net) . See poster at back of church.

**World Communications Day**

Today Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communications (films, radio, TV, newspapers, etc.) and how these influence our lives.

The media can promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is two-fold. The media can be used to help promote the gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media and reject those which promote values contrary to spiritual growth.



**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.

**St. Theresa's Finance Report 2019    Month of May**

<b>REVENUES:</b>		<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
April 25 collection	\$695.00	Snow removal	\$210.00
May 5 collection	\$1,620.00	Church & cemetery maintenance	\$500.00
May 12 collection	\$575.00	Hydro	\$376.00
May 19 collection	\$605.00	St Joseph shared expenses	\$4,000.00
May 26 collection	\$920.00	Archdiocese Chrism Mass tickets	\$140.00
		Holy Land collection remittance	\$660.00
		Development & Peace collection remittance	\$125.00
		Archdiocese SGG funds remittance	\$3,465.00
		RCAW cemetery funds investment	\$6,744.81
		RCAW St Theresa funds investment	\$10,000.00
<b>Year To Date Revenues</b>	<b>\$39,077.80</b>	<b>Year To Date Expenses</b>	<b>\$36,704.54</b>

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

**St. Joseph the Worker Parish News:**

**Ladies, you are invited** to join the CWL for tea, dessert and fellowship on Wednesday June 12 from 2 to 4 in the church basement. Everyone welcome!



**Sincere Sympathy** to Brad & Brenda Robin, family & friends on the passing of Brads father, Don Robin. May he rest in the arms of our Father.

**Please Take Note!** Coffee Sunday in June is changed to Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>! Cynthia Nerbas group will supply coffee, snacks, after Mass in our church basement. We will also honor our parish graduates, so don't miss it!