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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 116): I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

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 February: *For the terminally ill: We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.*

Mass Intentions For This Week:

2nd Sunday of Lent

Saturday Feb 24 7:30 p.m. Russell + Duncan Spurway Funeral Mass offering

Sunday Feb 25 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. & YouTube after 10:15 am**
 +Lorne Gallant req by Lori, Kyle & Kim, Colin
Come & join us today for Coffee Sunday!

11:00 a.m. Rossburn For all parishioners by Father Paul

Monday Feb 26 Health of Fr Paul req. by Jean Goba

Tuesday Feb 27 + Deceased family members req. by Madeline & family

Wed Feb 28 Fr Paul req. by Irene Deschamps

Thurs Feb 29 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration
 11:00 a.m.

Friday Mar 1 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
 9:00 a.m. Mass Health of Fr Paul req. by the Pettitt family

11:00 a.m. Rossburn **First Friday Sacred Heart Of Jesus**
 Mass

2:00 p.m. **World Day of Prayer** at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church

3rd Sunday of Lent

Saturday Mar 2 11:00 a.m. Rossburn **First Saturday Immaculate Heart of Mary**
 Mass

7:30 p.m. Russell + Mary Orsak req. by Irene Deschamps

Sunday Mar 3 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. & YouTube after 10:15 am**
 For all parishioners by Father Paul

11:00 a.m. Rossburn + John Ryshtylo req. by Iris Kosteci & family

We are still looking for someone who would like to shovel snow for St. Joseph's the Worker Parish. This would be to clear sidewalks throughout the winter and is a paid position. Please call the office or Gary Petz for more information. Thank you.

Station of the Cross will be celebrated **each Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.** The next Stations of the Cross will be on **March 1st.** If you wish to join in and are not presently on Zoom e-mail stjoewkr@gmail.com to get the link for Zoom. We also plan to do the Stations of the Cross on the last Friday of Lent at St. Joseph's parish.

Father Jay from St. Mary's is heading up "Assumption Alpha" on Thursdays from February 1st to April 11th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish. It is a series of group conversations that freely explore the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. You're invited, no matter your background or beliefs. It's free and there's no pressure to come back.

The **World Day of Prayer** will be held on March 1st, 2024 at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church at 2:00 p.m.

Free zoom Webinar from CCBI on a Spiritual Approach to the Meaning of Suffering – Feb. 21, 2024

The Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute invites you to join them for a free webinar. Many have lost any sense of 'meaning' in suffering. Some want to avoid it at all costs, even choosing early death. Our Catholic faith talks about 'redemptive' suffering, but what does that mean? Erin Kinsella will discuss this through the lens of her experience of chronic illness and developing spirituality of suffering. To register, email CCBI at bioethics.usmc@utoront... to receive a Zoom invitation. Please submit questions to the same email!

Sharing God's Gifts 2024 Kick-off Sunday is Palm Sunday once again! All parishioners will be receiving a letter and pledge sheet. Thank you for continuing to make our SGG campaign a success!

*****Lenten Confessions*****
Rossburn – at Sacred Heart, Wednesday, March 20 2024.
 4-5 p.m. then after 6:30 p.m.
Russell – at St. Mary's, Thursday, March 21, 2024.
 4-5 p.m. then after 6:30 p.m.

We need "mountain-top experiences" in our lives:

We share the "mountain-top experience" of Peter, James and John when we spend extra time in prayer during Lent. Fasting for one day will help the body to store up spiritual energy. This spiritual energy can help us have thoughts that are far higher and nobler than our usual mundane thinking. The hunger we experience puts us more closely in touch with God and makes us more willing to help the hungry. The crosses of our daily lives also can lead us to the glory of transfiguration and resurrection.

Each time we receive one of the Sacraments, we are transformed: For example, Baptism transforms us into sons and daughters of God and heirs of Heaven. Confirmation makes us temples of the Holy Spirit and warriors of God. By the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God brings back the sinner to the path of holiness.

WORKS OF MERCY

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Feed the hungry. 	Instruct the ignorant. 
Give drink to the thirsty. 	Counsel the doubtful. 
Shelter the homeless. 	Admonish sinners. 
Clothe the naked. 	Forgive offenses. 
Visit the sick. 	Comfort the afflicted. 
Visit the imprisoned. 	Bear wrongs patiently. 
Bury the dead. 	Pray for the living and the dead. 

A bit of mercy makes the world less cold & more just. - Pope Francis -

Dear Padre,

What are the guidelines for producing a passion play? My pastor said there are special guidelines to follow. What are they?

Please read “Criteria for the Evaluation of Dramatizations of the Passion,” issued in 1988 by the Bishops’ Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of what was then called the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. (The document is located at usccb.org.)

Passion plays should emphasize the saving action of Christ’s death and resurrection without becoming stumbling blocks to understanding the role of the Jewish people in salvation history. The document warns that “stock ideas,” unfortunately, can become vividly alive in passion dramatizations. It is all too easy...to resort to artificial oppositions...to heighten interest or provide sharp contrasts between the characters.” We must avoid portraying the Jewish tradition as “a religion of only justice, fear, and legalism with no appeal to the love of God and neighbor.”

It is simplistic and incorrect to blame Christ’s death on certain historical groups and neglect the complexities of the Gospel portrait and of Christ’s life. Christ freely undertook his passion and death because of the sins of all, so that all might attain salvation. This is the truth that passion plays should strive to communicate most clearly. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

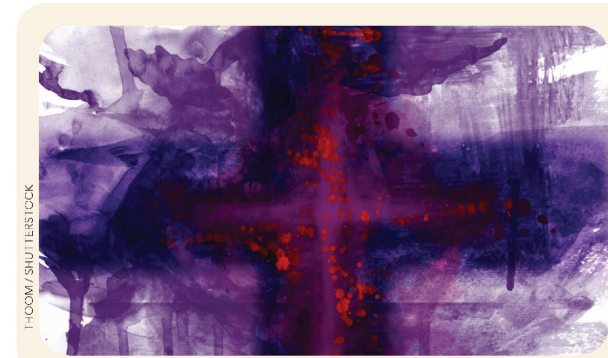


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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
February 26	February 27	February 28	February 29	March 1	March 2	March 3
<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>
Dn 9:4b-10	Is 1:10, 16-20	Jer 18:18-20	Jer 17:5-10	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17
Lk 6:36-38	Mt 23:1-12	Mt 20:17-28	Lk 16:19-31	Mt 21:33-43, 45-46	Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	1 Cor 1:22-25
						Jn 2:13-25



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Our Father said this to these Apostles, and says it to us as well: “Listen to Jesus!” The Pope is not saying this, God the Father says it to everyone: to me, to you, to everyone, all people! It is like an aid for going forward on the path of Lent. “Listen to Jesus!” Don’t forget.

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 25, 2024

Second Sunday of Lent (B)

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 / Romans 8:31b-34 / Mark 9:2-10



Transfigurations in a Mutilated World

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

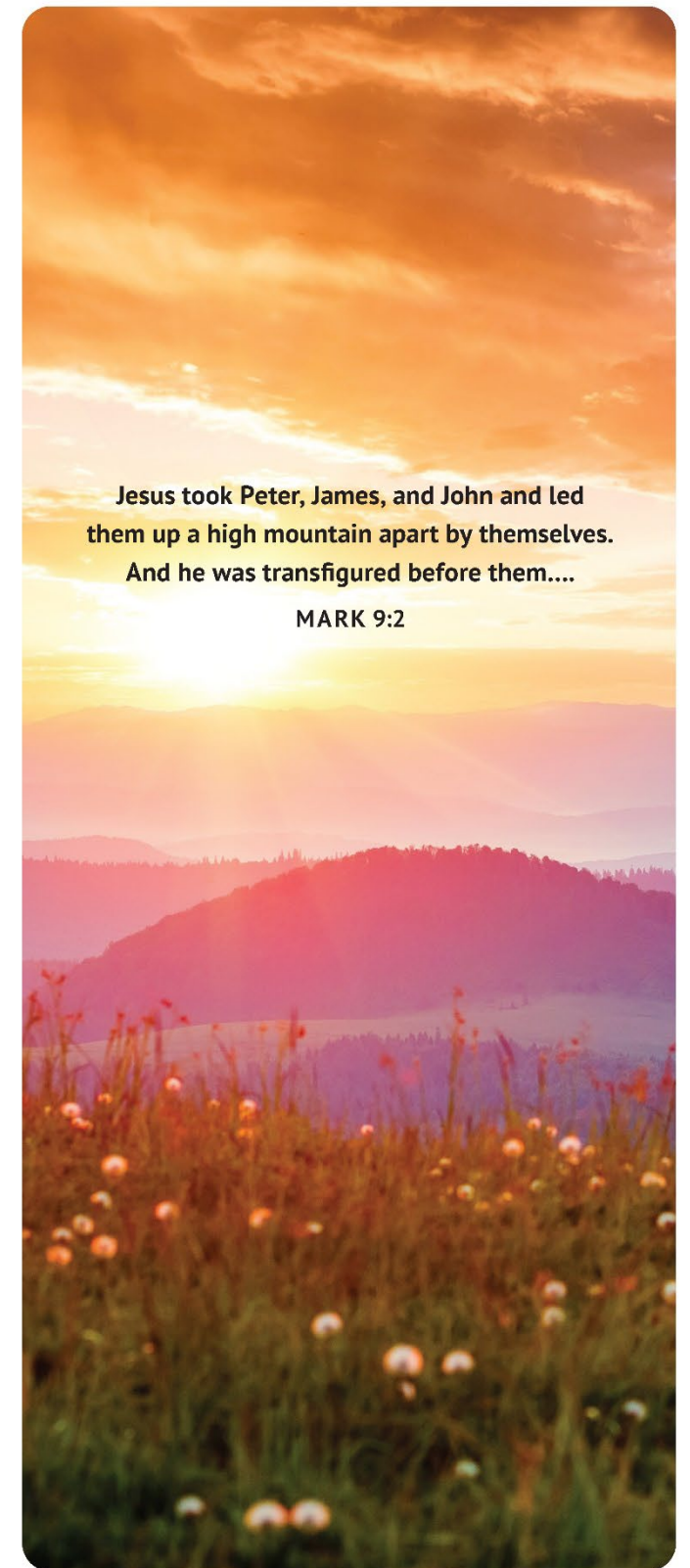
I’ve never met anyone who thought today’s story in Genesis of Abraham and Isaac to be a good story. Abhorred, they ask, “Why would God test someone by asking him to sacrifice his son?” But what if we change the question and ask, “Why would the Hebrew people include that story in their most holy writings? Why would they tell it over and over?” Because of the ending—that’s why. Like a movie we watch over and over even though we know how it ends, we watch it, in part, because the ending is satisfying.

The ending of the Abraham/Isaac story shows God is not interested in death and human sacrifice, contrary to the gods of that time. The God of the Hebrews is a God of Life—that’s the surprise ending they love, and they keep telling it over and over lest they forget. For them, the part about the testing is simply a means to that unbelievable ending when God insists upon life, contrary to false gods.

In his poem “Try to Praise the Mutilated World,” Adam Zagajewski writes of life’s Godly moments in a world we have mutilated by violence, greed, division, and more. He muses on tender moments when we fall in love, on laughter until our sides hurt, on nature’s dazzle, on the sweet taste of wine—all simple moments of a life-giving God transfigured in a mutilated world, for our God insists upon life. ●

Reflect

Remember and give thanks for the moments of this past week that made you smile.



Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them....

MARK 9:2