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

**Responsorial Psalm 105:** The Lord is our God, mindful of his covenant forever.

### **St. Theresa's Parish News & St. Joseph The Worker Parish News:**

Due to Covid-19, both parishes are closed for Mass' until further notice.

\*\*\*\* Please Remember that all **2020 donations** have to be in by December 31, 2020 to be eligible for a Tax Receipt for this year. \*\*\*\*

**The new Sunday envelopes** can be picked up by calling the Parish Office to arrange an appointment time.

**Sunday Missal (2020-2021)** now available! \$4.00 each. Also: Parish Advent Daily Reflection Booklets (new this year-space for journaling). Contact the Parish Office, if you would like one! [204-773-2924](tel:204-773-2924)

**THANK YOU**, your generosity was truly heartwarming considering the circumstances we find ourselves in right now. We collected an amazing amount of food items, socks and children's gifts for the annual Christmas Food Hampers to be distributed in our area. Huge thanks to those who donated prizes for our Draws! **Draw is on Dec24th and Names will be in Next Bulletin.**

**Thank you** also to all you participated in organizing/assisting in any way to make this event happen!

### ***Zoom Along with Us***

If you use the internet you can join St. Joseph & St. Theresa with the Zoom Mass Each Sunday as one more option to celebrate community and the sharing of the Word together. After Mass we will be having *Coffee Sunday* with each other who wish to stay and visit with the rest of the community. If you wish to join into the Zoom Mass send an email to St. Joseph The Worker, [stjoewkr@mymts.net](mailto:stjoewkr@mymts.net) to get on the Access List.

**Did you Know!** The National Catholic Broadcasting Council offers Sunday & Daily TV Mass on the Web, visit the website at [www.dailytvmass.com](http://www.dailytvmass.com) or [www.youtube.com/dailytvmass](http://www.youtube.com/dailytvmass) to watch Mass each day.

**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for the month of January:** *"Human Fraternity: May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all."*

### **December 27, 2020 Stewardship Message**

#### **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

*"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive." - Colossians 3:13*

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share give the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

**People who  
wonder whether  
the glass is half  
empty or half full  
miss the point.  
The glass is  
refillable.**

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

#### **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

Saturday Dec. 26 For health of family req. Jean Goba

Sunday Dec. 27 Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. – For all Parishioners req. Father Paul  
 &  
 +Michael Sobie req. Bernadine Brown

Monday Dec. 28 For care providers & residents in care homes req. Darin & Carlene

Tuesday Dec. 29 Rosaline Swidzinski req. Albina Kozak

Wed. Dec. 30 +Emilienne Mangin req. George Mangin & family

Thurs. Dec. 31 **Zoom on-line Adoration 7:00 p.m. & Mass 7:30 p.m.**

**New Years Eve** **Vigil Of Holy Mary Mother Of God**  
 +Frank Kaskiw req. Emile, Laurette & Sacha Sabourin

Friday Jan. 1 **Zoom on-line Mass 10:30 a.m.**

**New Years Day** **Holy Mary Mother Of God** \*\*\* Day of obligation\*\*\*  
 For all Parishioners req. Father Paul

#### **Epiphany of The Lord**

Saturday Jan. 2 Special intentions req. Simone

Sunday Jan. 3 Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. – For all Parishioners req. Father Paul  
 &  
 +Cyrill & Marie-Claire Sabourin req. Emile, Laurette & Sacha Sabourin

**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.

#### **Speak out against expanding the criteria for**

**euthanasia and assisted suicide.** The Government of Canada has introduced legislation to expand the criteria for euthanasia so that even more people will be eligible. This was triggered by a decision by a Quebec judge, who decided that the requirement that death be "reasonably foreseeable" is not constitutional. If this clause is removed, persons with disabilities will be eligible for euthanasia even in circumstances where death is not reasonably foreseeable. You may write your MP today to let them know what you think, to access a written letter or email to send see: [https://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/federal\\_government](https://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/federal_government).

#### **Little Red Wagon**

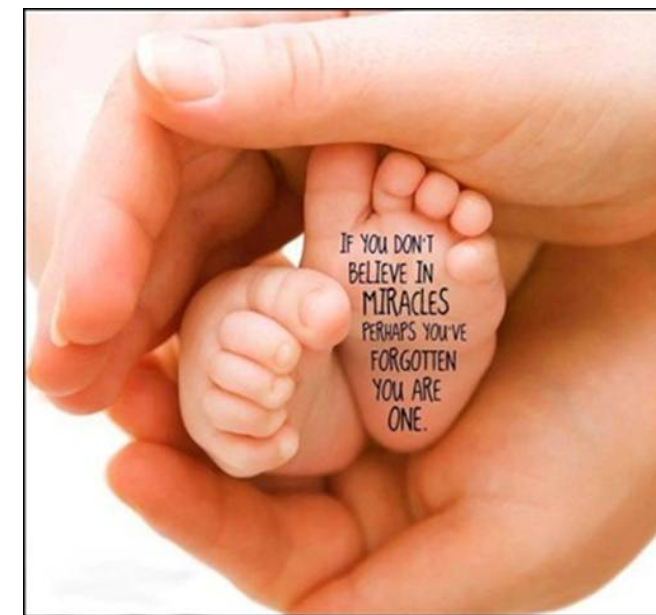
It was the day after Christmas at Russell. The pastor was out in front looking over the manger scene set up on the front lawn when he noticed that the Christ Child figure was missing.

Right on cue, he turned to see a little boy with a red wagon coming down the street and in the red wagon was the figure of the infant Jesus. So, the pastor walked up to the boy and asked, "Well, young man, where did you pick up your passenger?"

"I got Him here, from the church." said the boy.

"And why did you take him?" inquired the preacher.

The little boy replied, "Well, about a week before Christmas I prayed to the little Lord Jesus, and told Him if He would bring me a red wagon for Christmas, I would give Him a ride around the block in it."





# Dear Padre,

**Why does the Church celebrate the Holy Family? Jesus doesn't seem to be much of a family person. Scripture show him ignoring—even rejecting—Mary and Joseph.**

**A**s Jesus grows in age and wisdom, it becomes clear that he hasn't come to build up his own little family but to create a worldwide family of disciples. This family would claim God as the father of everyone in the family, with Jesus and all others as brothers and sisters. All who followed him would be as dear to Jesus as his mother or his foster father. As Jesus said: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you" (John 15:9).

The roles of Mary and Joseph in this new family of Jesus were not to be only earthbound parents but, more importantly, to be examples of how to follow God's purpose. Both Mary and Joseph accepted God's path for them, even though they didn't know where the path would take them.



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In the new family of God, we are people who seek out and follow God's purpose in our lives. We are to say yes with Mary; we are to imitate Joseph in following God's direction. Jesus said this quite plainly: "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:35). The will of God becomes the cornerstone of Jesus' new, universal family of humankind. Every Christian family, then, has a double task in raising their children: teaching and inspiring them to love and believe in Jesus and to always seek God's will.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR | [Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)



## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

*Instead of returning home with his family, he stayed in Jerusalem, in the Temple, causing great distress to Mary and Joseph who were unable to find him....Returning home, Jesus surely remained close to them, as a sign of his complete affection and obedience. Moments like these become part of the pilgrimage of each family.*

—FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, DECEMBER 27, 2015

## Calendar

**Monday**  
DECEMBER 28  
*Holy Innocents, Martyrs*  
1 Jn 1:5—2:2  
Mt 2:13–18

**Tuesday**  
DECEMBER 29  
*Christmas Weekday*  
1 Jn 2:3–11  
Lk 2:22–35

**Wednesday**  
DECEMBER 30  
*Christmas Weekday*  
1 Jn 2:12–17  
Lk 2:36–40

**Thursday**  
DECEMBER 31  
*Christmas Weekday*  
1 Jn 2:18–21  
Jn 1:1–18

**Friday**  
JANUARY 1  
*Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God*  
Nm 6:22–27  
Gal 4:4–7  
Lk 2:16–21

**Saturday**  
JANUARY 2  
*Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church*  
1 Jn 2:22–28  
Jn 1:19–28

**Sunday**  
JANUARY 3  
*Epiphany of the Lord*  
Is 60:1–6  
Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6  
Mt 2:1–12

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

**December 27, 2020**  
*Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (B)*  
Sir 3:2–6, 12–14 or Gn 15:1–6; 21:1–3  
Col 3:12–21 or 3:12–17  
or Heb 11:8, 11–12, 17–19  
Lk 2:22–40 or 2:22, 39–40

*The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.*

LUKE 2:40



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## Family Values

**S**ome of the most popular television programs depict family interactions. Unfortunately, many of these families are dysfunctional, and those that are not often appear to be vapid, boring, even unrealistic. Today's readings offer examples of genuine family values and the kind of relationships for which most people yearn.

Sirach describes the tender care that bonds parents and children. First it is the parents who care for the children. Over the years the roles reverse and adult children care for elderly parents. The family is the basic community, where one first learns the hard lessons of unselfishness and forgiveness. The psalm response also describes a model family. The husband will experience success in his work and enjoy the blessings of family life with his wife and their children. Paul provides a list of values to which family members should

commit themselves: "compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another" (Colossians 3:12–13). Finally, the Gospel reading provides a glimpse into the lives of the Holy Family. Here they are: a refugee family with Joseph as the protector.

In a way, these are all "holy families." Prayer is important in the first reading; fear of the Lord is rewarded in the psalm; Paul calls the people "God's chosen ones" (Colossians 3:12). This feast is not meant to be only a look into the past at the Holy Family. It is an opportunity for us to look into the present and do our part to make our own families holy.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## FOR Reflection

- ✧ What already makes your family holy?
- ✧ What might make it holier?