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Thank you to the K of C for the great BBQ and for all their hard work in preparing the meal for us! **Thank you** also to all the ladies for their help in bringing the salads and stuff to round out our meal! It was great to get together and celebrate with the parishioners from St. Mary's!

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 September: *For the cry of the earth:* We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Zoom Along with Us – You can use it on your computers, tablets, i-pads and smart phones. **Sunday Zoom masses resumed last Sunday, September 8th!!**

Mass Intentions For This Week:

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Sep 14 7:30 p.m. Russell Fr Paul req by Irene Deschamps
 Sunday Sep 15 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. and YouTube after 10:15 a.m.**
 For all parishioners by Father Paul
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req by Rose & family

Monday Sep 16 Health of family & friends req by Jean Goba
 Tuesday Sep 17 For Health & treatments for Fr Paul req by Eugene & Joyce Lepischak
 Wed Sep 18 + Family & friends req by Jean Goba
 Thurs Sep 19 10:30 Rossburn Adoration
 11:00 a.m. + Lorne Woychyshyn req by David Woychyshyn & family
 Friday Sep 20 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
 9:00 a.m. Fr Paul req by Darin & Carlene

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Sep 21 7:30 p.m. Russell + Duncan Spurway req by Charm
 Sunday Sep 22 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. and YouTube after 10:15 a.m.**
 For all parishioners by Father Paul
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req by Rose & family



***The **sign up sheet for first communion** is at the back of the church. Classes will be starting shortly and time and dates need to be planned out.

Our coffee Sundays will be starting up again on September 29th. Emme and our Filipino parishioners will be providing the food for us this month. A wonderful start to the fall...a time for fellowship and reconnecting after the summer!!

Russell & Area Food Connection's Basket is located at the church entrance for your food donations. Please help those less fortunate in our communities.

Scripture lessons summarized: Jesus saw aspects of His own life and mission foreshadowed in Isaiah's Servant Songs. Hence, a large portion of the Third Song of the Suffering Servant is presented as the first reading today, while in the Gospel, Jesus foretells his passion, death, and Resurrection for the first time, in response to Peter's profession of Faith in him as God's Messiah and Savior. Like the servant described in today's first reading, Jesus' lived a life of radical obedience and conformity to God's will. Thus, the Servant passage provides background for the revelation of Jesus as the suffering Messiah. In today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 116), the Psalmist invites us to turn to the Lord for help amidst the trials of this world. It is in God that we will find deliverance from trouble and relief from our afflictions. (Ps 116). Today's second reading, taken from the Letter of James to the Church, reminds us that suffering is not only something to be accepted but also something to be alleviated. James explains how our Faith in Jesus, the Messiah, should help us to alleviate the sufferings of others by our works of mercy, both corporal and spiritual. In the Gospel, in response to Peter's profession of Faith in Jesus as God's Messiah and Savior, Jesus foretells, for the first of three times, his passion, death and Resurrection which lie ahead. Today's Gospel consists of two sections: 1) the Messianic confession of Peter, who acknowledged Jesus as "the Christ (Messiah), the Son of the living God." and 2) Jesus' prediction of his passion, death and Resurrection, followed by Jesus clear teaching on the three conditions of Christian discipleship: "Whoever wishes to come after Me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me."

Shakespeare and Jesus. It was the 19th century British essayist, Charles Lamb, who snatched the 17th century playwright William Shakespeare from his undeserved obscurity, returning him to the limelight of fame. Charles Lamb was once involved in a discussion on the question of who the greatest literary genius of all time had been. Two names finally emerged: William Shakespeare and Jesus of Nazareth. Lamb put an end to the debate when he said: "I'll tell you the difference between these two men. If Shakespeare walked into this room right now, we would all rise to greet him, but if Christ came in, we would all fall down and worship." — There is the essential difference between the Man from Nazareth and all the other great people you can think of. Jesus Christ is God, and all others, no matter what their deeds, are but fools strutting on the stage for a brief time and then exiting. Today's Gospel describes who Jesus really is and gives us the unique conditions for Christian discipleship. (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).

* **"Were you there when they crucified my Lord?"** We must carry a cross to remind us that we are responsible in part for the cross that Jesus carried. When Rembrandt painted his famous work of the crucifixion called "The Three Crosses" which now hangs in the Louvre in Paris he did something most unusual. Among the faces in the crowd beneath the cross, he painted himself. That was his way of saying that he could not envision the crucifixion without admitting that he had a participation in it. Unfortunately, there are some who never see that. They identify with the Christ on the cross, rather than the Rembrandt in the crowd. –That haunting old Negro spiritual gives the refrain "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" The emphasis is on the you. If we were to be perfectly honest, we would have to answer, "Yes, I was there. Yes, I had a role in this." It is only as we come to that understanding that we can then sing the last part of the hymn: "Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble." I must so identify with the event of the crucifixion as to see myself in the story. It is not simply His story; it is our story as well. That is why Jesus challenges us in today's Gospel to take up our crosses and follow him. (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>)

Dear Padre,

Why does OCIA take so long? I've been married to a Catholic for fifty years and would like to become Catholic. My parish's Order of Christian Initiation of Adults program runs from September through Easter. That's a long time for someone in her eighties. Is there any way to accelerate the process?

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults and the new name for RCIA) was designed to meet the needs of two main groups: those who have been baptized as Catholics or in a Protestant tradition but have received no additional instruction in the Catholic faith, and those who have not been baptized. Someone in the first group has a different starting point from someone who has little knowledge of Christ, or who has never participated in a church community. OCIA programs use an instruction process called catechumenate, in which people seeking to become Catholic (catechumens) experience a worshiping community, learn to pray, and reflect on God's word. The catechumenate is divided into steps that are marked by liturgical rites; some parts of the process are optional, depending on each catechumen's pastoral situation. Catechumens can be received into the Church at any time of year. Talk to your priest about your closeness to Catholicism since your marriage and how it has formed your faith. Together, you can determine the amount and type of preparation that's right for you. ●



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Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 15, 2024

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Isaiah 50:5-9a / James 2:14-18 / Mark 8:27-35



Who Do People Say You Are?

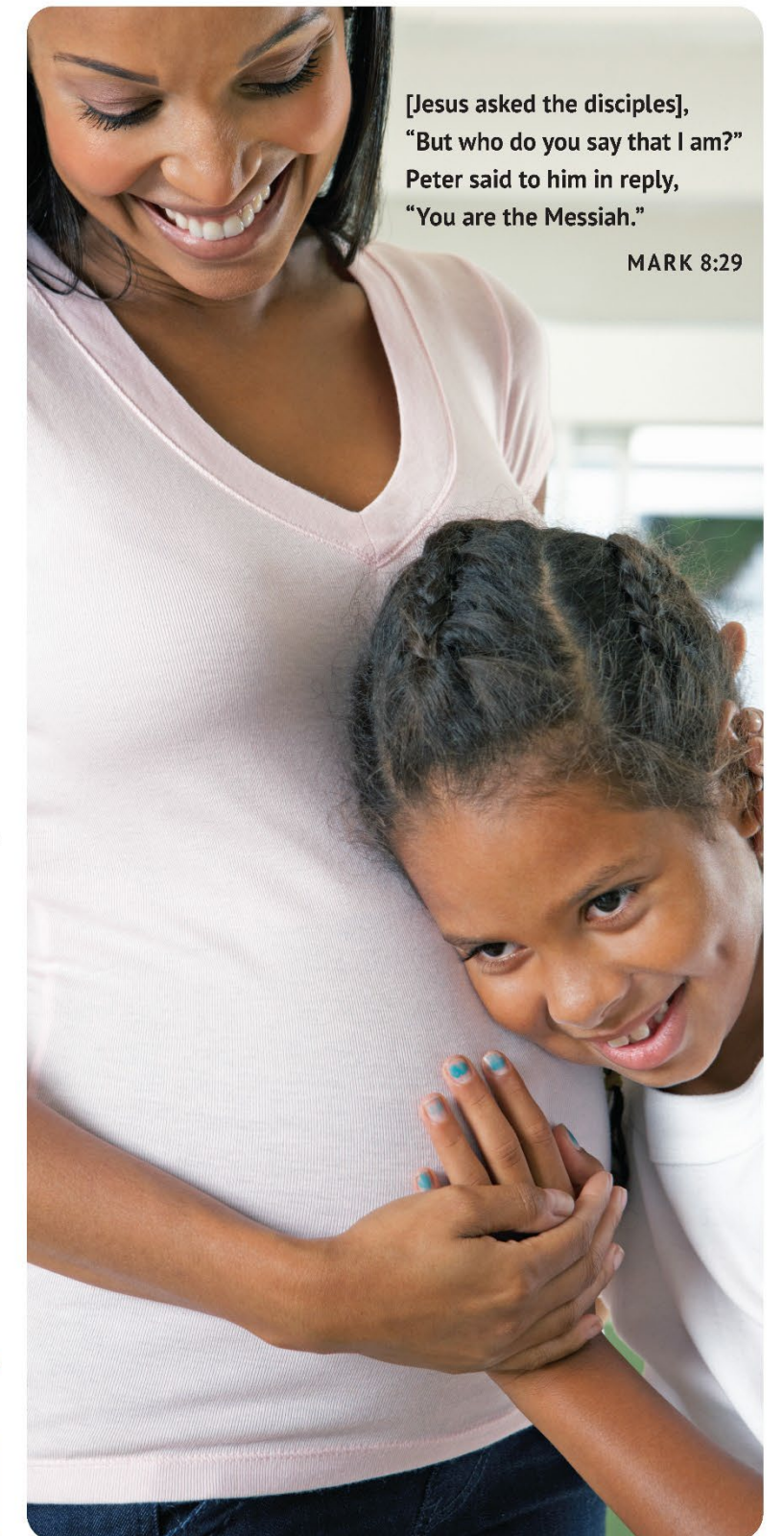
FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Pain is the body's alarm clock that something is broken or not working correctly. Suffering, on the other hand, is a marker of our identity and points to what we value. Suffering through the struggles of raising a family says, "I am a parent. That's what parents do." Mental suffering that accompanies committed love says to the world that "I am married. This is something to be valued." Suffering seems to accompany our commitments and consequently contributes to our identity. We don't suffer over what is unimportant in our lives. When Peter recognized that Jesus was the Christ, the Messiah, Jesus then pointed out what sort of commitment accompanied being the Christ—that he would suffer greatly, be killed, and then rise on the third day. It was all much to Peter's dismay, especially when Jesus noted that those who follow him can expect similar suffering.

The suffering that flows from our own commitments may not pin us to a physical cross, but it often reveals a faithfulness to live out the values of Jesus. For people of faith, those values become woven into our everyday living: of raising a difficult child, caring for aging parents, working at jobs that sap our energy, or tolerating those who are unkind. Many times, we may not display those values as a conscious expression of our faith, yet it does point to who we are—followers of Jesus. ●

Reflect

Does your suffering reflect your values, your commitment to follow Jesus?



[Jesus asked the disciples],
"But who do you say that I am?"
Peter said to him in reply,
"You are the Messiah."

MARK 8:29



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus asks his disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" ...Today too, the Lord looks at each of us personally and asks: "Who am I—in fact—for you?"... This question, addressed to each of us, calls for more than a quick answer straight out of the catechism; it requires a vital, personal response.

HOMILY, BUDAPEST, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Monday

September 16
Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and
Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
1 Cor 11:17-26, 33
Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday

September 17
Weekday
1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday

September 18
Weekday
1 Cor 12:31-13:13
Lk 7:31-35

Thursday

September 19
Weekday
1 Cor 15:1-11
Lk 7:36-50

Friday

September 20
Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön,
Priest, and Paul Chông
Ha-sang, and Companions,
Martyrs
1 Cor 15:12-20
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday

September 21
St. Matthew, Apostle
and Evangelist
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13
Mt 9:9-13

Sunday

September 22
Twenty-fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Wis 2:12, 17-20
Jas 3:16-4:3
Mk 9:30-37