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

**Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 34):** Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**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 August:** *For political leaders: We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.*

**Mass Intentions For This Week:**

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday Aug 10 7:30 p.m. Russell + Roy Joseph Lazarte & Consorcio Buensuceso Jr.  
 req by Mark & Jean Lazarte & family

Sunday Aug 11 9:00 a.m. Russell For all parishioners by Father Paul  
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn + John Ryshtylo req by Allie Macdenski & family  
**Cemetery Blessing Rossburn after Mass**

Monday Aug 12 Health of family and friends req by Jean Goba

Tuesday Aug 13 Fr Paul req. by Jean Goba

Wed Aug 14 For Fr Paul req by Eugene & Joyce Lepischak

Thurs Aug 15 10:30 Rossburn Adoration  
 11:00 a.m. For Fr Paul req by the Kaskiw family

Friday Aug 16 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration  
 9:00 a.m. For Fr Paul req by Doug and Donalda Wishart

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday Aug 17 7:30 p.m. Russell + For Duncan Spurway req by Charm

Sunday Aug 18 9:00 a.m. Russell + For Lucille Nickerson req by Louise Trinder  
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn For all parishioners req by Father Paul

**Oakburn Farm Church Mass** will be on Sunday August 18, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

Followed by the blessing of the cemetery and graves.

A good lunch will follow after Mass so plan to visit a while.

The blessing of the Oakburn Cemetery will be around 2:00 p.m.

**We are planning to clean the church on Monday August 12 at 9:00 am. If you are able to help.**

**Kaposvar Pilgrimage** will be held August 18<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine – 3 miles South and ½ mile West of Esterhazy on Grid 637. Please see poster at the back of the church.

**Our sincere Sympathy** to Marcella Collins and family on the passing of Marcella's husband Wayne. His funeral was held at St. Joseph's yesterday August 10<sup>th</sup>. May he rest peacefully in the arms of our Lord and Saviour.



**Scripture lessons:** The first reading describes the physical and spiritual hungers experienced by the prophet Elijah. The Bread of Life Jesus speaks about is prefigured in this reading by the miraculous food with which the angel nourished the Prophet Elijah in the desert while he was fleeing from the soldiers of Queen Jezebel. After being nourished by the Lord, Elijah was strengthened for the long journey of “forty days and forty nights,” to Mount Horeb where God instructed Elijah to continue his prophetic work. The second reading presents Christ Jesus, the “Bread of Life,” as a “sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma.” Paul reminds the Ephesian Christians that, instead of seeking satisfaction in the stale food of anger, slander, bitterness, and malice, they are to nourish one another with the spiritual food of compassion, kindness, and mutual forgiveness. Today's Gospel describes Jesus' discourse in the synagogue at Capernaum on his return there after miraculously feeding the five thousand. During the discourse, Jesus reveals himself as the true “Bread of Life that came down from Heaven,” to give life to the world. Jesus proclaims that it is He Himself, the Incarnate Son of God, who is the new and perfect manna, literally “come down from Heaven.” This means that in the Holy Eucharist, Jesus gives us a share of eternal life while we are still on earth. But some of Jesus' followers turn away when Jesus explains the Source of His mysterious power and Heavenly origin.

**Life messages:** 1) Let us accept the challenge to become bread and drink for others: “You are what you eat?” Let us recognize that Jesus whom we consume in the Holy Eucharist is actually God Who assimilates us into His being. Thus, from Sunday to Saturday we will grow into Jesus as Jesus grows in us, our lives will be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit, and we will become more like Jesus. In this way, we shall share in the joyous and challenging life of being the Body of Christ for the world – Bread for a hungry world, and Drink for those who thirst for justice, peace, fullness of life, and even eternal life. In other words, the Eucharist challenges us to sacrifice ourselves for others as Christ has done for each of us. 2) Let us appreciate Christ's presence in the Holy Eucharist: Since the Holy Eucharist is “the Body and Blood, together with the soul and Divinity, of our Lord, Jesus Christ,” the Sacrament a) increases our intimate union with Christ; b) preserves, increases, and renews the Sanctifying Grace we received at Baptism; c) cleanses us of past sin and preserves us from future sins; d) strengthens the theological virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity in us, thus enabling us to be separated from our disordered attachments and to be rooted in Christ; and e) unites us more deeply with the mystery of the Church.

\* **Giving up or going on!** One day in Port Huron, Michigan a partially deaf boy came home from school with a note from his teacher. He handed it to his mother. She opened it and slowly read it. The note suggested that her son was too dull to learn. He was holding back the whole class. It would be better for everybody if he would be withdrawn from school. When the boy's mother finished reading the note, she felt awful — and challenged. “My son, Tom, is not too dull to learn,” she said to herself. “I'll teach him myself.” When Tom died decades later on October 18, 1931, the entire nation honored him in a remarkable way. At exactly 9:59 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, every home in the United States turned off its lights for one minute, as a tribute to the man who had invented those lights. Thomas Edison invented not only the electric light but also the movie projector and the record player. When he died, the great inventor, who was “too dull to learn” as a boy, had over a thousand patents to his credit, thanks to his mother who never gave up. — Today's first reading tells us how God himself fed His disappointed prophet Elijah and encouraged him to keep going for forty days to have an encounter with Him (Fr. Mark Link, in *Journey*.) (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).

“**I won the world championship. So what?**” The night after winning the heavyweight boxing title from Jess Willard, the new champion Jack Dempsey woke up in his hotel room. It was two o' clock in the morning. Suddenly he felt terribly empty inside. He said later, “Success didn't taste the way I thought it would. I'd won the championship. So what?” — That is why Jesus gives us this warning in today's Gospel: “Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life.” [Fr. Mark Link, SJ, *Illustrated Sunday Homilies*.] (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).

\***Fond of spicy food**, the pastor kept a jar of pure, hot horseradish on his kitchen table. One evening an unsuspecting dinner guest Jimmy took a big spoonful of the stuff and was taken aback. When Jimmy finally

regained the ability to speak, he gasped, “I’ve heard ministers preach hellfire before, but you’re the first one who passed out samples!”



# Dear Padre,

*I miss the use of incense. Is it forbidden or out of style?*

Incense is not out of style, nor is it forbidden. It is still burned to signify that Christ's sacrifice ascends to God as an odor of sweetness and as a sign of people's prayers rising to the throne of God. In the Book of Revelation, we read: "Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a gold censer. He was given a great quantity of incense to offer, along with the prayers of all the holy ones, on the gold altar that was before the throne. The smoke of the incense along with the prayers of the holy ones went up before God from the hand of the angel" (Revelation 8:3-4).

Incense is a resinous substance obtained by cutting into the bark of a fir or pine tree. The original meaning of the Hebrew word for incense was "fragrant smoke." Ancient Jews burned incense as an act of worship in the tabernacle and temple. Scripture mentions incense often (Ephesians 5:2 and Philippians 4:18, for instance).

Today, incense is often used at the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, at funerals, and during other special liturgical celebrations to highlight the festivity of a particular occasion. Celebrants may also use incense in any liturgy to bless the congregation, the altar, the book of the Gospels, and the gifts of bread and wine. ●



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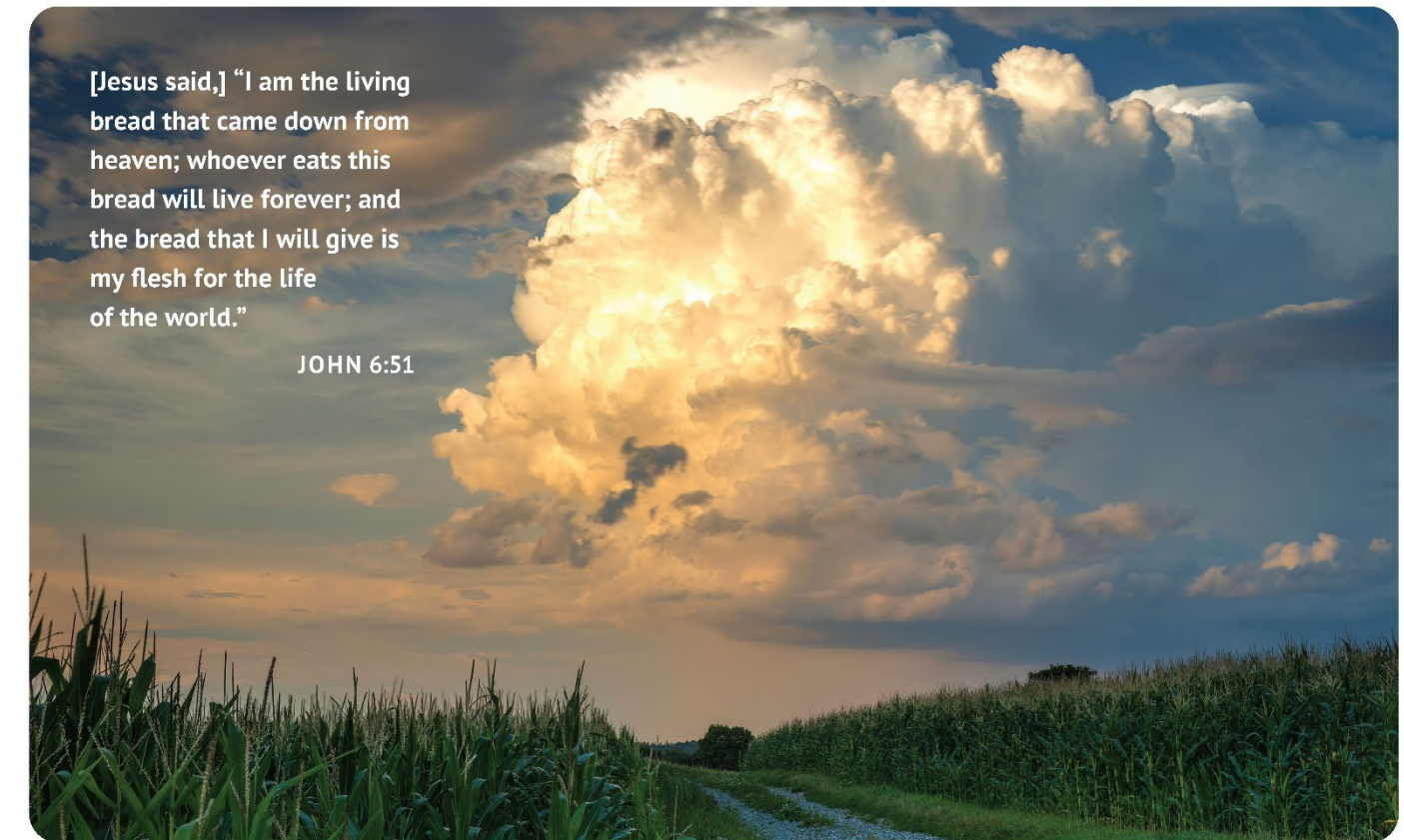
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August 12	August 13	August 14	August 15	August 16	August 17	August 18
Weekday	Weekday	St. Maximilian	Assumption of	Weekday	Weekday	Twentieth Sunday
Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c	Ez 2:8-3:4	Kolbe, Priest	the Blessed	Ez 16:1-15, 60,	Ez 18:1-10, 13b,	in Ordinary Time
Mt 17:22-27	Mt 18:1-5, 10,	and Martyr	Virgin Mary	63 or 16:59-63	30-32	Prv 9:1-6
	12-14	Ez 9:1-7;	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-	Mt 19:3-12	Mt 19:13-15	Eph 5:15-20
		10:18-22	6a, 10ab			Jn 6:51-58
		Mt 18:15-20	1 Cor 15:20-27			
			Lk 1:39-56			

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 11, 2024

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

1 Kings 19:4-8 / Ephesians 4:30-5:2 / John 6:41-51



[Jesus said,] "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

JOHN 6:51

## The Wisdom Journey

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**O**n the journey of life, how does one know when to keep struggling to make the dream come true, to continue pushing and refusing to surrender, or when to pull back, to recognize it was not meant to be and accept that? One thinks, perhaps one more effort will bring success. But our insistence may be our ego striving for something which, in the end, would be to our detriment. How does one know?

Though one can never be sure, there may be a moment when life calls us to surrender. When Elijah found himself rushing to escape the fearsome revenge of Queen Jezebel, whose 450 prophets of Baal he had bested and consigned to the netherworld, he fled into the desert, sat down beneath a broom tree, and prayed for death (1 Kings 18:22-19:4). Life as a

prophet of God had become too much to bear. He had surrendered, yet it was at this point that he was fed by God to continue the journey.

The Gospel's message is that we shall all be taught by God. There comes a time to recognize that God's wisdom is greater than our own and we must be open to a different path of life than what we had anticipated. It is one of God's ways of teaching us, of feeding us with wisdom to seek another course. ●

### Reflect

**Do you find it difficult to change your mind, to accept that someone else may be correct, to believe and apply the challenging message of the Gospel?**



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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Without [Jesus], rather than living, we get by: because he alone nourishes the soul; he alone forgives us from that evil that we cannot overcome on our own; he alone makes us feel loved even if everyone else disappoints us; he alone gives us the strength to love and, he alone gives us the strength to forgive.*

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