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

Responsorial Psalm 40: "Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will."

Visiting the Sick: Please let us know who is ill, at home or in hospital so that we can visit and offer the sacraments.

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.

Note: Sharing God's Gifts contribution total for 2019 is \$12,935 at 70% parishioner participation.

Regarding the Whole Life Confession, we have the books on hand, total of 10 for now, please let me know as soon as possible if you wish to participate or if you have any questions. We will begin on the week of January 19th. This will prove to be a most beautiful Lenten Exercises! Lynda Ryshtylo 859-2760

St. Theresa's Finance Report 2020		Month of January	
REVENUES:		EXPENSES:	
Jan 1 collection	\$1,065.00	Hydro	\$301.00
Jan 5 collection	\$1,305.00		
Year To Date Revenues	\$2,370.00	Year To Date Expenses	\$501.00

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

St. Joseph The Worker Parish News:

Coffee Sundays – After a few months' absence due to the Advent party & Christmas celebrations...the next one will be next Sunday, January 26th and Paulette Vandamme's group will supplying the snacks, coffee, etc. Plan to be there!

There is a sign-up sheet for First Communion at the back of the church on the confessional door. Classes will begin in March and the actual date is yet to be determined. Please sign up or if you know of someone wanting to receive this sacrament please let them know. If you have any questions see Glenda or call me at 1-204-821-5216. Thank you.

January 19, 2020 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Stewardship

"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." (Isaiah 49:5)

God has given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do, and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and generously share them with others.

Parish Volunteer Opportunity

A group from our parish is planning to drive to Brandon, assisting the "Helping Hands Soup Kitchen", to serve those in need, Wednesday, January 29th. We will leave Russell at 8:30 am. and return in the afternoon. This is an opportunity for ministry of service with Social Justice, and for parishioners to work together. If you have questions/those interested, please call Deacon Darin Douglas or Carlene Douglas, 532-2157 (Hm.). Numbers of individuals going, needs to be known before Sun Jan. 19th.

1 Peter 4: 10-11 Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

THANK YOU to all our parish children in St. Theresa's & St. Joseph's for the coins they put in the treasure chest each Sunday.

Mass Intentions For The Week:

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Saturday Jan. 18 7:30 p.m. Russell: +Arthur Geniston req. Blue
 Sunday Jan. 19 9:00 a.m. Russell: For all Parishioners req. Father Paul
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn: +Frank Kaskiw req. Nellie Kaskiw

Monday Tuesday or Wednesday - No Mass

Wed. Jan. 22 7:00 p.m. **Prayer for Christian Unity, hosted at Knox United Church in Russell**

Thursday Jan. 23 9:00 a.m. Russell: Mass
 10:30 a.m. Rossburn: Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn: +Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. Joe, Rose & family

Friday Jan. 24 8:30 a.m. Russell: Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
 9:00 a.m. Russell: + Alice Branconnier req. Armond Lucier

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Jan. 25 7:30 p.m. Russell: +Deceased Family req. Frank & Madeline Mangin
 Sunday Jan. 26 9:00 a.m. Russell: For all Parishioners req. Father Paul
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn: Father Paul req. by a parishioner

Prayer for Christian Unity – January 18-25

During this week, it is celebrated around the world, as recommended by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

It encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical & other community activities & to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires. All members should seek to have a deeper understanding of ecumenism (working to restore unity among all Christians and religions. The model of unity we seek is found in the Trinity Jesus prays that all his followers will be one as he and the Father are one, so that all people may come to believe in Christ (John 17.21). Ecumenism is one of the primary tasks in the Church today & invites a change in attitudes (e.g. toward the work of the Spirit, the use of the Scriptures, social justice, ministries) & by praying & working for greater unity among those who believe in Jesus.

Ecumenical Service in Russell – prayer for Christian Unity

2020 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, hosted at Knox United Church in Russell
 Wednesday, January 22, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.
 More information to follow. Time of fellowship following service. All welcome!

Pope Francis message:

"It is my hope that interreligious and ecumenical cooperation will demonstrate that men and women do not have to forsake their identity, whether ethnic or religious, in order to live in harmony with their brothers and sisters. How many ways there are for the followers of the different religions to carry out this service!
 How many are the needs that must be tended to with the healing balm of fraternal solidarity!"

Speak Out Against Expanding Canada's Euthanasia Regime

Our present euthanasia regime is an utter travesty and a complete sham. And it will only get worse if Mr. Trudeau has his way. Soon we will be at the point of "euthanasia on-demand"! This is why we need your help!

There is a very short public consultation taking place as we speak, which ends on January 27th. In this consultation, the public has been granted the opportunity to fill out a brief online survey offering their views on expanding euthanasia.

We would urge you to please fill out the survey ASAP, stating your opposition to euthanasia expansion in the strongest possible terms. **Here is the link to the survey:** <https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/cons/ad-am/index.html>

To make filling out this survey easier, I have listed the questions on insert, along with our suggested responses. Just be aware that these government questions are highly skewed in favour of expanding euthanasia.

Thank you for helping to stop the spread of this evil in our country.

Dear Padre,

A religious community invited me to become a lay associate. What kind of commitment is needed?

When laypeople and ordained ministers are attracted to the *charism* of a religious order (its distinctive ministry, mission, and spirituality), they're often invited by its vowed members to participate as "associates" in their prayer life, community dynamics, and apostolic works. After a period of formation, associates may make degrees of commitment, with varying expectations on those who profess a formal commitment. Associates may



also be given a distinctive sign of their membership to wear during prayer and ministry.

While associates like the Third Order (tertiaries) have partnered with Franciscans, Dominicans, and Carmelites for centuries, other congregations are only now nurturing new forms of collaboration. Usually, this partnership is mutually transformative for the associates and for those in consecrated life: "The

participation of the laity often brings unexpected and rich insights into certain aspects of the *charism*, leading to a more spiritual interpretation of it and helping to draw from it directions for new activities in the apostolate" (Apostolic Exhortation on Consecrated Life [*Vita Consecrata*], 55).

Partnerships between religious communities and their associates are growing in number, based not on utility or diminished numbers of religious today, but on shared faith and responsibility to our universal baptismal call. May the Holy Spirit guide you as you discern this special invitation to holiness!

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

"What about you?" It is significant that these words of the elderly Pope [Leo XIII] were also addressed to a laywoman [Katharine Drexel]. We know that the future of the Church in a rapidly changing society will call, and even now calls, for a much more active engagement on the part of the laity.

—MASS WITH BISHOPS, CLERGY, AND RELIGIOUS OF PENNSYLVANIA, SEPTEMBER 26, 2015

Calendar

Monday
 JANUARY 20
Weekday
 1 Sm 15:16–23
 Mk 2:18–22

Tuesday
 JANUARY 21
 St. Agnes,
 Virgin and Martyr
 1 Sm 16:1–13
 Mk 2:23–28

Wednesday
 JANUARY 22
 Day of Prayer for the
 Legal Protection of
 Unborn Children
 1 Sm 17:32–33, 37,
 40–51, Mk 3:1–6

Thursday
 JANUARY 23
Weekday
 1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7
 Mk 3:7–12

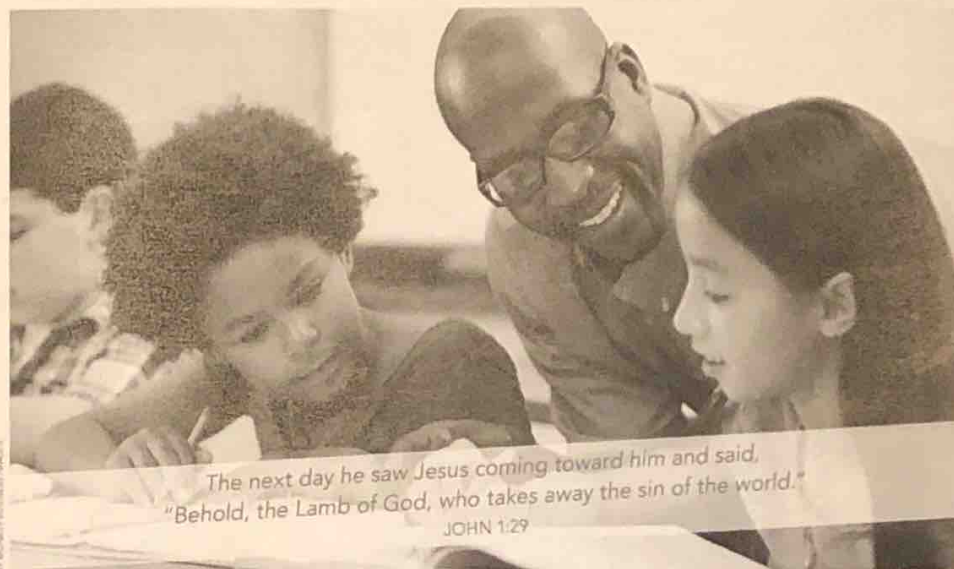
Friday
 JANUARY 24
 St. Francis de Sales,
 Bishop and
 Doctor of the Church
 1 Sm 24:3–21
 Mk 3:13–19

Saturday
 JANUARY 25
 Conversion of
 St. Paul, Apostle
 Acts 22:3–16 or
 Acts 9:1–22
 Mk 16:15–18

Sunday
 JANUARY 26
 Third Sunday in
 Ordinary Time
 Is 8:23–9:3
 1 Cor 1:10–13, 17
 Mt 4:12–23
 or 4:12–17

Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 19, 2020
 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
 Is 49:3, 5–6
 1 Cor 1:1–3
 In 1:29–34



The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said,
 "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."
 JOHN 1:29

Proud Servants of God

"My servant" is an identification a lot of people will shy away from. A servant seeks to accomplish someone else's goals, and the adjective "my" suggests belonging to another. Yet all of today's readings describe individuals who are proud to be servants—servants of God. What makes this kind of servant something to which all of us can aspire?

As a servant of God, Isaiah became "a light to the nations that [God's] salvation may reach to the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6). As a servant of God, Paul became "an apostle of Christ Jesus," proclaiming the good news of God's love "to the church of God that is in Corinth." As a servant of God, John the Baptist prepared the way so that Jesus "might be made known to Israel" (John 1:31). These servants sought to accomplish God's goals for the fulfillment of others. It is in such commitment to others that we ourselves are

fulfilled. Ask any parent, lover, or good friend if this is not the case.

We might not want to be the servant of another, but what a privilege it is to be called to be a servant of God, a light to others, to proclaim God's love and make Jesus known. By our baptism, we have all been so called. We enlighten others by the way we live with integrity. The unselfishness of our lives proclaims the good news of Christ Jesus. Authentic Christian living makes him known to the world. That's what it means to be a servant of God.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- * How does your life in the home, workplace, or community manifest the love of God for others?
- * How do you personally benefit by serving others?