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

Responsorial Psalm 103: The Lord is merciful and gracious;
slow to anger, and abounding in love.

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 people living on the margins: We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.*

Mass Intentions For This Week:

Twenty Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday Sept 16 7:30 p.m. Russell + Jutta & Erich Leven req. by Anne & Ubald Deschambault

Sunday Sept 17 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 + Marie-Claire & Cyrille Sabourin req. by The Sabourin family

Monday Sept 18 Health of family & friends req. by Jean Goba

Tuesday Sept 19 In thanksgiving for God's Blessings req. by Holly & family

Wed. Sept 20 Health of family & friends req. by Carol & Wade Schott

Thurs. Sept 21 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration
11:00 a.m. Mass + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. by Rose & family

Friday Sept 22 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
9:00 a.m. Mass + Frank Mangin from Funeral Mass offering

Twenty Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday Sept 23 7:30 p.m. Russell + Duncan Spurway req. by Funeral Mass offering

Sunday Sept 24 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. & YouTube after 10:15 am**
For all parishioners by Father Paul **Coffee Sunday**

11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. by Rose & family

Next Sunday, September 24th, Coffee Sunday is back after two months off! Everyone is welcome to come downstairs and enjoy some coffee and snacks! A wonderful start to the fall....a time for fellowship and reconnecting after the summer.

Our Annual Mass was held at **St John Cantius, Roman Catholic Church (Oakburn Farm Church)**, on Sunday, August 13, 2023. At that time, it was made known that the steeple was **in need of repairs** along with some window repairs and some painting to extend the life of the church. These costs are still being worked out and if you are able to help out with the cost to keep the church in good order and the history the church holds, it would be appreciated. If you are able to help in this way, please make cheques payable to St Theresa's with a note in the memo that it is for the repairs for St John Cantius, so Raymond L. our accountant will know what it is dedicated to and you can receive a tax receipt.

Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation

From the Center for Action and Contemplation

Edge of the Inside ***Inside/Outside People***

Father Richard describes prophets as “inside/outside” people, another way of saying they lived on the edge of the inside.

None of the prophets held highly established or institutional roles within Israel. They were by definition inside/outside people. I’ve heard it said that in the world of business and management, after we’re in a company for about two months, we begin to lose our ability to criticize that business or company because we’re a part of it. Unless we somehow retain our distance, and have healthy and balanced outside voices, we become an insider and start protecting the institution. We start shoring it up and building it up. That’s what happens to all of us in any system we get into. Once we accept these rules and this game, to a certain degree, we lose the ability to creatively criticize it anymore.

There are also those people who forever stand outside criticizing. Such people never participate and never become involved. There are those kind of people in every prayer group, and every parish, and every family, and every church. They go to services, but they never lay down their lives. They critique from without, and that doesn’t work either.

We can only criticize something if we walk the narrow line of being an inside/outside person that the prophets dared to walk. I find so few people can do that. I think only the Spirit can create it. There are a few prophets who can love their church, their country, or their company so much that they see it clearly and deeply and are free to criticize it. But there’s a difference when critique comes from anger and rebellion and spite, and when it comes from love. All of our actions and prophetic words must come out of an experience of gratitude for what is given. Only out of the joy and the fullness of what is given can we dare to speak against what is not given. Because if we speak against what is not given merely out of our own resentment and compulsion, we’ll destroy ourselves and probably others too.

How many cynical and bitter people do we know in the church and religious life? How many clergy have lost the ability for that creative balance? No one has taught them how to walk that narrow road of being inside/outside people. Maybe the church didn’t allow many examples to stay around to show us, because for years we’ve eliminated the prophets. Anyone who didn’t speak the party line was deemed a heretic. Anyone who didn’t say it in the one and only orthodox and appropriate way to say it was kicked out. So, we lost those creative models to show us how to be inside and yet creatively speaking from an outside perspective. That’s the wisdom we need. The model of the prophet is one who can love and yet criticize, and who can speak words of correction out of an experience of gratitude.

Adapted from Richard Rohr, *The Prophets* (San Antonio, TX: Catholic Charismatic Bible Institute, 1980).

😊 * **“I use your toothbrush!”** A certain married couple had many sharp disagreements. Yet somehow the wife always stayed calm and collected. One day her husband commented on his wife’s restraint. “When I get mad at you,” he said, “you never fight back. How do you control your anger?”

The wife said: “I work it off by cleaning the toilet.”

The husband asked: “How does that help?”

She said: “I use your toothbrush!” (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>). 😊

Prayers for **Freddie Neumier** who passed away on September 12, 2023 at the age of 96. He has made for our parish many of our church furnishings. Such as our candle stands and offertory Chest and stand. FUNERAL SERVICE (SK TIME) was Saturday September 16, 2023 10:00 AM at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Langenburg, SK

Dear Padre,

Why are churches doing away with the confessionals?

In many churches, when it is feasible, the traditional confessional box is modified or even replaced by a more spacious, less darkened reconciliation room. In 1974, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops decreed that “small chapels or rooms of reconciliation be provided in which penitents might choose to confess their sins through an informal face-to-face exchange with the priest, with the opportunity for appropriate spiritual counsel.” Later, a further elaboration recommended austere furnishings and decoration in this space, “with nothing superfluous in evidence beyond a simple cross, table and Bible. The purpose of this room is primarily for the celebration of the reconciliation liturgy; it is not a lounge, counseling room, etc. The word ‘chapel’ more appropriately describes this space.” If a reconciliation chapel does not provide a fixed screen or grille between the penitent and confessor, it must be offered elsewhere, according to canon law. “The purpose of this norm is...to afford the penitent anonymity if he or she desires and to make certain that there is no suspicion of impropriety in the confessor-penitent relationship” (Code of Canon Law, 964 commentary).

Ideally, the environment of the reconciliation chapel helps the penitent and confessor feel they are “on holy ground” (Exodus 3:5) in encountering God in this sacrament. It offers an inviting sacred space to celebrate a powerful expression of God’s mercy and unconditional love. ●



PASQUALE SENATORE / SHUTTERSTOCK

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
September 18 Weekday	September 19 Weekday	September 20 Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs	September 21 St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	September 22 Weekday	September 23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest	September 24 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Tm 2:1–8 Lk 7:1–10	1 Tm 3:1–13 Lk 7:11–17	1 Tm 3:14–16 Lk 7:31–35	Eph 4:1–7, 11–13 Mt 9:9–13	1 Tm 6:2c–12 Lk 8:1–3	1 Tm 6:13–16 Lk 8:4–15	Is 55:6–9 Phil 1:20c–24, 27a Mt 20:1–16a

Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

As I was celebrating Mass, I paused, touched by a phrase... from the book of Sirach.... “Remember the end of your life, and cease from enmity.” A beautiful phrase! Think of the end! Think that you will be in a coffin...and will you take hatred there? Think of the end, stop hating! Stop the resentment.

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 17, 2023
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Sirach 27:30–28:7 / Romans 14:7–9 / Matthew 18:21–35



Forgive and Forget?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Terry Anderson was an American reporter in Lebanon when he was abducted by terrorists in 1985. He was held captive by them until his release in 1991. After his release he was asked if he forgave his captors. His response? “I’m a Christian and a Catholic, and it’s really required of me that I forgive, no matter how hard that may be.”

It’s been said that forgiveness is the most difficult thing we have to do, simply because all too often we do not feel like forgiving. Nor is forgiveness about overlooking the injury as if to say, “Oh, that’s OK. Don’t worry about it.” Forgiveness may not even mean being able to be nice. Sometimes the pain may be too much. Forgiveness as Jesus lived it is a choice one makes to care about the other. It is the gift of wanting what is best for the other even at times in the midst of our own pain. “Forgive and forget” is not always possible. At times the pain not only lingers but also throbs as if the wound continues to ooze and weep. Then we cannot forget. Yet it is possible to make the choice to care.

What do we do if we cannot even bring ourselves to do that much? Perhaps then we can at least ask God to bring goodness into that person’s life. And if that seems too difficult, then ask God to do what we cannot. That simple choice may very well be the seed that eventually sprouts into healing and peace in our own spirit. ●

Reflect

When have you been able to forgive even though memory of the pain lingered?



Peter...asked him, “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?”

MATTHEW 18:21