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

Responsorial Psalm 23: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

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.



Coffee Sunday will be Sunday, **May 7th** after 9 am Mass following First Communion celebrations. *All are welcome to join us to celebrate this great day with the First Communicants from our Parish! We hope to see you there!*

LENTEN SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU to all of St. Joseph's parishioners who gave so generously to our Lenten special collections.

Development & Peace's Share Lent collection was \$505.00 and the collection on Good Friday for the Holy Land totaled \$1,067.00.

Praying with Pope Francis, April: **For a culture of peace and non-violence:** We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by states and citizens.

St Joseph's vigil light stand

We will be putting out a row of battery operated candles in our vigil light stand. So, people will now have a choice either wax candles or the battery operated ones.



Mass Intentions For This Week:

Fourth Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday

Saturday Apr 29 7:30 p.m. Russell + Phyllis Keller req. by Frank & Family

Sunday Apr 30 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 Health of family & friends req. by The Sabourin family

Monday May 1 For Family req. by Jean Goba

Tuesday May 2

Wed. May 3

Thurs. May 4

Friday May 5

Fr Paul is at the Priest Retreat in Pinnawa this week
From May 1st to May 5th
 In case of an Emergency call Donalda Wishart at - 204-773-6345

Fifth Sunday Of Easter

Saturday May 6 2:00 p.m. **Funeral for Lucy Senek** at St Joseph the Worker Russell

7:30 p.m. Russell + Duncan Spurway from Funeral Mass offering

Sunday May 7 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. & YouTube after 10:15 am**
 For all parishioners by Father Paul **First Communion**

11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Parents & Grandparents req. by David Woychyshyn & family

7:00 p.m. **Vigil Prayers for Rita Fleury** at St Joseph the Worker Russell

Monday May 8 10:30 a.m. **Funeral for Rita Fleury** at St Joseph the Worker Russell

World Day of Prayer for Vocations - April 30, 2023

Office of Vocations - The World Day of Prayer for Vocations is observed each year on the Fourth Sunday of Easter also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (cf. Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life.

Ordination of Deacon Oliver Omega to the Ministerial Priesthood will be on Friday June 9th at Saint Mary's Cathedral at 7:30 p.m.

Ordination of Christopher Pugh to Transitional Diaconate will be June 30th at Saint Augustin's Brandon at 7:30 p.m.

Marian Month: for the month of May the CWL will lead the Rosery. **Please come early to join them as they will start it at 8:40 a.m**



National Week for Life and the Family

Prayer for Grandparents

Lord Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary,
 daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne,
 look with love on grandparents the world over.
 Protect and support them!
 As they grow older, may they continue to be for their
 families
 strong pillars of Gospel faith,
 guardians of noble ideals,
 living treasures of sound religious traditions.

Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the
 presence and roles of grandparents.
 Mary, Mother of all the living,
 keep grandparents constantly in your care,
 accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,
 and by your prayers, grant that all families
 may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland,
 where you await all humanity for the great embrace of
 life without end.

Amen!

Benedict XVI

The National Week for Life and the Family (NWLF) this year is, **May 7th to May 14th, 2023.**

In Manitoba, the NWLF involves a tri-diocesan effort (Archdiocese of St. Boniface, Archdiocese of Winnipeg, and Archeparchy of Winnipeg). **The theme this year is: Grandparents and the Elderly: A Legacy to Cherish.**

Our theme follows the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops scriptural focus for the NWLF, "Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." John 13:34

The Archbishops of Winnipeg are asking each parish to celebrate "Grandparents and the Elderly" within our families, communities, and parishes. We invite you to join us in marking this momentous year by celebrating the experience and wisdom of the elderly and their important role in passing on and preserving the Catholic faith through generations.

Death

*A man was surprised to read the announcement of his own death in the obituary column of the local newspaper. Ringing up his close friend Jimmy, he enquired, "Did you see the announcement of my death in the paper this morning?" "Yes," was the frightened answer in a shivering voice. "But where are you speaking from? Heaven or Hell?"

Dear Padre,

In the Apostles' Creed, we profess that Jesus "descended into hell." Is there any biblical reference to this? Do we know what he did when he was there?

Jesus Christ—who experienced death completely—descended to the realm of death. By his resurrection from the dead on the third day, he conquered death and the devil, “who has the power of death” (Hebrews 2:14). Other scriptural references include Acts 3:15, Romans 8:11, 1 Corinthians 15:20, and Hebrews 13:20. An ancient homily for Holy Saturday also attests to this belief: “God has fallen asleep in the flesh and he has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began....Greatly desiring to visit those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death, he has gone to free from sorrow Adam in his bonds and Eve, captive with him....I order you, O sleeper, to awake. I did not create you to be a prisoner in hell. Rise from the dead, for I am the life of the dead.”

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, “Jesus did not descend into hell to deliver the damned, nor to destroy the hell of damnation, but to free the just who had gone before him” (CCC 633). His descent was to proclaim the Good News to the spirits imprisoned there, bringing “the Gospel message of salvation to complete fulfillment” to all people of all times and all places (CCC 634). Thus, “the gospel was preached even to the dead” (1 Peter 4:6). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org



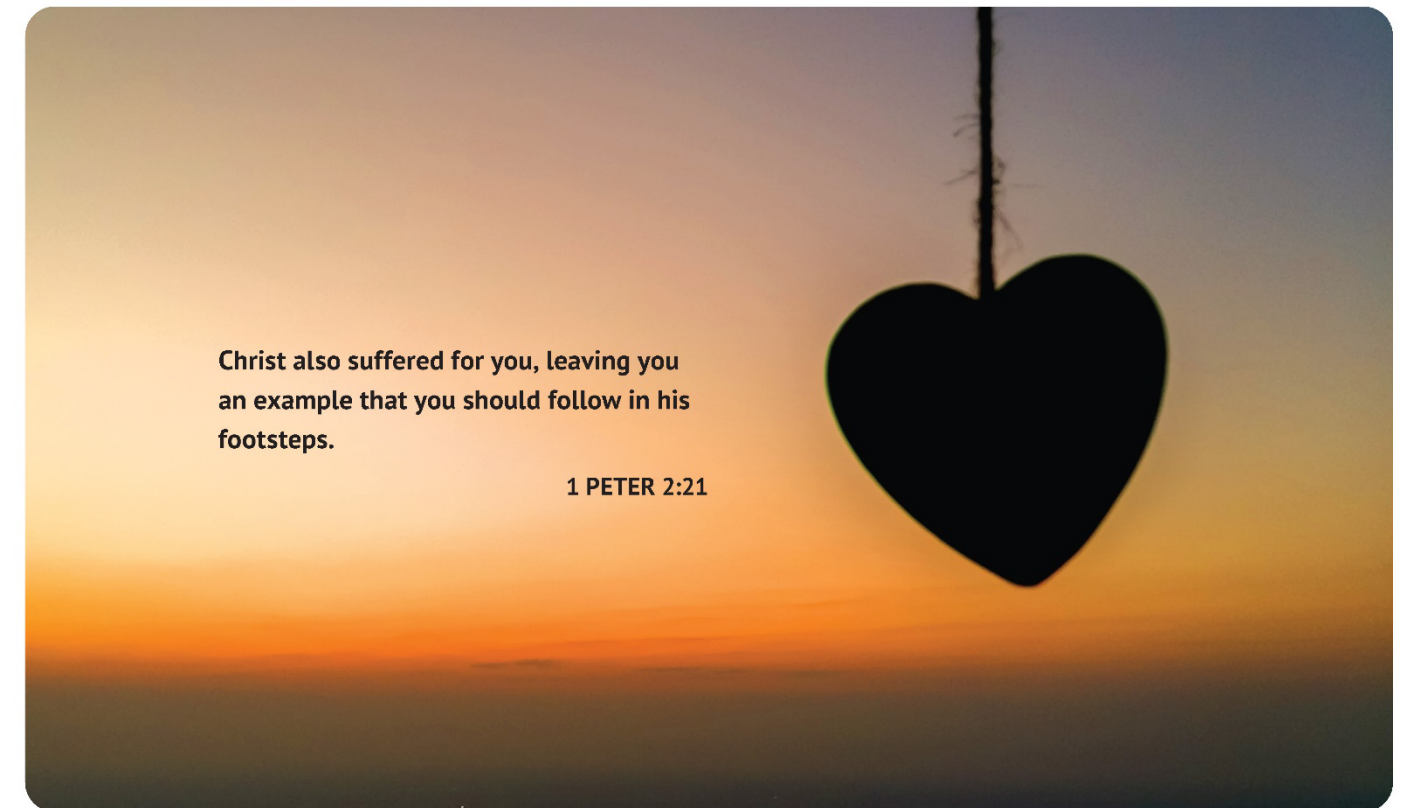
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Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 30, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 / 1 Peter 2:20b-25 / John 10:1-10



Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps.

1 PETER 2:21

Saved by Love, Not by Suffering

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Im not sure there is any value in suffering in and of itself. Nor do I think God wants us to suffer. That would make him sadistic. Nor is it, then, Jesus' suffering and death that saves us, but rather his love even to the point of suffering and death that saves us. It is his love that reveals the greatness of God's love for us that is so unbelievable. The basis of our faith is Jesus' trust in God, who would bring about life even through death. We also hear the wisdom of St. Peter today: "...If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God" (1 Peter 2:20). Such is the shepherd's voice that teaches us and leads us.

Does anyone ever choose to suffer for doing what is good? Yes. Every day. Spouses become caregivers for husbands or wives robbed of their memories. Each day people go to jobs that are pure drudgery, and they do so because they love their families. Some choose to live simply, to be countercultural in a consumer society. Others help their community by living in neighborhoods many avoid. Some parents willingly postpone a career in order to be present to their growing family. Teachers often go beyond expectations for students who need extra help. It is never the suffering of these people that captures and reflects the image of Jesus, but the love even to the point of suffering. ●

Reflect

When are you patient in suffering for the sake of doing good?

Who has done the same for you?

MONDAY

May 1
Easter Weekday
Acts 11:1-18
Jn 10:11-18

TUESDAY

May 2
St. Athanasius,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
Acts 11:19-26
Jn 10:22-30

WEDNESDAY

May 3
Sts. Philip and
James, Apostles
1 Cor 15:1-8
Jn 14:6-14

THURSDAY

May 4
Easter Weekday
Acts 13:13-25
Jn 13:16-20

FRIDAY

May 5
Easter Weekday
Acts 13:26-33
Jn 14:1-6

SATURDAY

May 6
Weekday
Acts 13:44-52
Jn 14:7-14

SUNDAY

May 7
Fifth Sunday
of Easter
Acts 6:1-7
1 Pt 2:4-9
Jn 14:1-12

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS
It is not always easy to discern the Good Shepherd's voice. Be careful. There is always the risk of being distracted by the din of so many other voices. Today we are invited not to let ourselves be distracted by the false wisdom of this world, but to follow Jesus...the one sure guide....
REGINA CAELI, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, MAY 7, 2017



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