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

**Responsorial Psalm 51:** Create in me a clean heart, O God.

**St. Theresa's Parish News & St. Joseph The Worker Parish News:**

Due to Covid-19, **both parishes are opening for Mass' at reduced levels.** People need to call to ensure there is still room. Also remember that Masks are mandatory.

**Zoom Along with Us** you can use it on your computers, tablets, i-pads & smart-phones

We still have **Thursday, Zoom adoration at 10:30 a.m.** followed by **Mass at 11:00 a.m.** **\*\*Daylight savings Time\*\***

**The Sunday Mass** will be sent out by e-mail - just click on the Link and play at your convenience. **Email the church for the Link to the Mass - as Zoom** not required for this format.

**Did you Know!** The National Catholic Broadcasting Council offers Sunday & Daily TV Mass on the Web, visit the website at [www.dailytvmass.com](http://www.dailytvmass.com) or [www.youtube.com/dailytvmass](http://www.youtube.com/dailytvmass) to watch Mass each day.

**March 21, 2021 Stewardship Message**

**5th Sunday of Lent**

*"I will be their God and they shall be my people." - Jeremiah 31:33*

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for March:** *Sacrament of reconciliation:* Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

**\*\*\*\*\*Please know, Reconciliations are available before and after Mass, or call the parish office to arrange a time.\*\*\*\*\***



**Envelopes** are available at the back of the church to donate to Share Lent Development & Peace Canada to show solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the Global South. Or Visit [devp.org/sharelent](http://devp.org/sharelent) to donate and directly support some of the poorest communities in over 30 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. Thank you for your generosity. -

In this pandemic time, let's us do good... and share love!

**Mass Intentions For The Week:**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Saturday March 20 4:00 p.m. Rossburn For all Parishioners req. Father Paul  
 7:30 p.m. Russell Mass Special Intentions req. Darlene  
 Sunday March 21 On-line Mass  
 9:00 a.m. Russell Mass +Tony Shenderevich req. Mary Shenderevich  
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn For all Parishioners req. Father Paul

Monday March 22 Fr Paul req. Jean Goba

Tuesday March 23 For health of family req. Jean Goba

Wed. March 24 Special intentions req. Albina Kozak

Thurs. March 25 **Zoom on-line Adoration 10:30 a.m. & Mass 11:00 a.m.**  
 +Joe Zegalski req. Gord, Melanie, Bill, Mary-Lou & Eugene Lyshyshyn

Friday March 26 8:30 a.m. Russell adoration  
 9:00 a.m. Mass Special Intention req. Carlene Douglas

**Passion/Palm Sunday – World Day of Youth**

Saturday March 27 4:00 p.m. Rossburn For all Parishioners req. Father Paul  
 7:30 p.m. Russell +Ted Yankoski req. Knights of Columbus

Sunday March 28 On-line Mass  
 9:00 a.m. Russell Mass For all Parishioners req. Father Paul  
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn +Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. Rose & family

**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.

**Note: The Holy Land Collection is on Good Friday.**

**Palm Sunday**

**Palms can be picked up on Saturday or Sunday at Mass. If you know of someone who would appreciate receiving a Palm please bring them one.**



**Please Note! (St. Joseph The Worker)**

- Our Parish Office has a new email address: [stjoewkr@gmail.com](mailto:stjoewkr@gmail.com)
- The thank you card to St. Joseph's from Major Pratt School for support of their breakfast program
- Don't forget to pick up your Living With Christ's book, monthly prayer calendar, Word Among Us
- We need volunteers to usher, sanitize & sit at the entrance to welcome those arriving for mass – Please sign up on the sheet by the church entrance.

**Holy Week Schedule 2021**

April 1st Holy Thursday Russell 8:00 p.m. Rossburn 6:00 p.m.  
 April 2nd Good Friday Russell 3:00 p.m. Rossburn 1:00 p.m.  
 April 3rd Easter Vigil Russell 7:30 p.m.  
 April 4th Easter Sunday Russell 9:00 a.m. Rossburn 11:00 a.m.

**Prayer for Lent**

*Loving Father,*

As I journey with you during this time of Lent, bless me to come closer to you. Open my heart to realize your abundant love for me, as I strive to be a better version of myself. Help me to develop the generosity of heart & mind to spend more time with you in prayer, to courageously let go of the things that I am overly attached to, to be more charitable with my time & resources. Grant me courage when I'm afraid, strength when I'm weak, trust in your steadfast love when I fail. Bless that this Lent may be a time of inner transformation for me, that I may humbly become a living example of your compassionate love in our hurting world. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.



# Dear Padre,

## I'm a non-Catholic church secretary who receives questions about a Purgatorial Society. What is it?

**T**hose who die in God's grace and friendship imperfectly purified, although they are assured of their eternal salvation, undergo a purification after death, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of God" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1054). This process of purification is known as purgatory. Saint Gregory the Great (540–604) wrote "certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come" (see *Dialogues* 4, 39). This forgiveness of sins granted after death is also suggested in Matthew 12:32 and 2 Timothy 1:18.

Because Catholics believe we're in communion with one another through an active relationship that transcends death, our prayers and sacrifices benefit the deceased (see 2 Maccabees 12:38–46). Thus, a Purgatorial Society is a formal association of Catholics who offer prayers, Masses, and other works of charity to benefit the souls in purgatory. Souls that get to heaven, in turn, offer their prayers to benefit the living. This mutual assistance affirms our belief in an earthly and heavenly Church forming one body in Christ.

Purgatorial societies were especially prevalent from the Middle Ages through the previous century, but they're currently seeing a revival in some church parishes and religious communities. Societies generally maintain a

registry to enroll names of the deceased so that Masses are regularly offered for the holy souls in purgatory—especially during the month of November.

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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*



*By visiting the tombs of our loved ones we remember that we have a multitude of saints who before God intercede for our needs. Let us not forget, however, that so many deceased also await our spiritual support. Let us remember them in our prayers...asking that they be welcomed into the ranks of the elect in heaven.*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, OCTOBER 31, 2018

## Calendar

**Monday**  
MARCH 22  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Dn 13:1–9, 15–17,  
19–30, 33–62  
or 13:41c–62  
Jn 8:1–11

**Tuesday**  
MARCH 23  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Nm 21:4–9  
Jn 8:21–30

**Wednesday**  
MARCH 24  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Dn 3:14–20, 91–92, 95  
Jn 8:31–42

**Thursday**  
MARCH 25  
*The Annunciation  
of the Lord*  
Is 7:10–14, 8:10  
Heb 10:4–10  
Lk 1:26–38

**Friday**  
MARCH 26  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Jer 20:10–13  
Jn 10:31–42

**Saturday**  
MARCH 27  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Ez 37:21–28  
Jn 11:45–56

**Sunday**  
MARCH 28  
*Palm Sunday of the  
Passion of the Lord*  
Mk 11:1–10 or  
Jn 12:12–16  
Is 50:4–7  
Phil 2:6–11  
Mk 14:1–15:47  
or 15:1–39

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)

Jer 31:31–34

Heb 5:7–9

Jn 12:20–33

## Do I Have to Die?

**W**ho has not asked this question, at least to oneself? It's a valid question, because at the core of every living being is the drive to live. Jesus also must have asked this question. Today's Gospel account implies this in John 12:27. ("I am troubled now.") Despite his passion for living, Jesus was more passionate about the transformation that would take place later. The example of the grain that must die if a harvest of wheat is to be produced is a perfect metaphor to make this point. Just as the grain is insignificant compared with the possible harvest, so—our faith assures us—there is no comparison between this life and the wondrous transformation that awaits us. And yes, in order to move from this life to that splendid future, we will have to die.

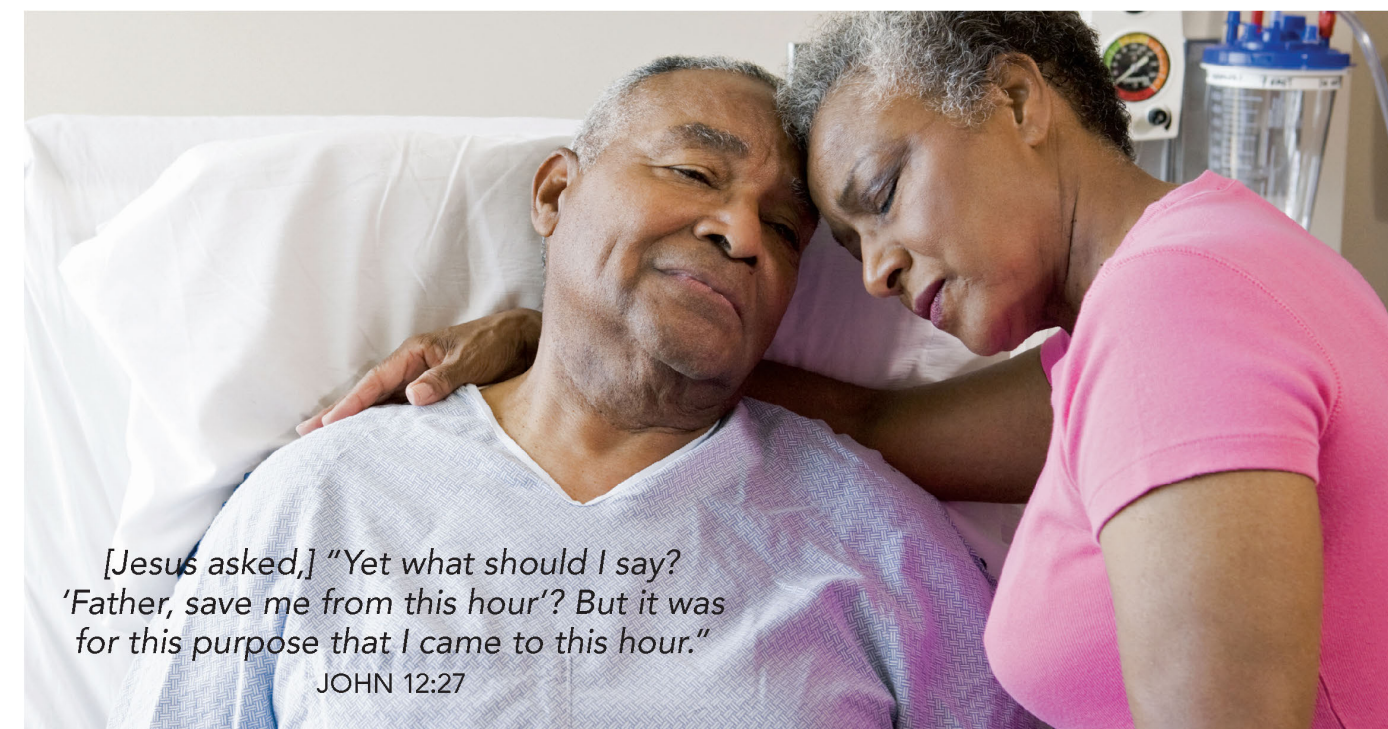
Our Lenten meditations will soon focus on the suffering and death of Jesus. However, to concentrate solely on suffering and death is like examining the

death of the grain without any thought of its transformation and the bountiful harvest that will come. We must not minimize Jesus' suffering. However, it was precisely by means of his having been lifted up on the cross in suffering and death that he was lifted up in glory and exaltation. This is why we claim that death is not the end of life but the gateway to new life. So, as difficult as it might be to leave the life we love, like Jesus we have to die in order to enter that new life.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### For Reflection

- ★ Begin to place yourself in God's hands with little things so that you are better able to do so in bigger things.
- ★ The second reading reminds us that Christ is the source of our eternal salvation. Spend a moment in gratitude for this great gift.



[Jesus asked,] "Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour."

JOHN 12:27

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