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

Responsorial Psalm 45: At your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

St. Theresa's Parish News & St. Joseph The Worker Parish News: We also welcome Sacred Heart Parish Roblin & St. Claire's Parish San Clara for the next few weeks as Fr Tony is away on holidays.

The Archdiocese has issued new Protocols as of Saturday, July 17. The Provincial Government now allows a group of 50% presently in churches. Please remember there are government rules in relation to COVID-19. Such as Wearing a mask is mandatory. • Everyone has to Hand Sanitize entering the Church and leaving the Church. • Social distancing is mandatory (stay 6 feet apart)

***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. & Sunday zoom Mass is at 9:00 a.m. **Daylight savings Time****

5 Steps to Discover Your Calling – continued from last week

5. Keep your heart open

Once you've made a commitment, stick with it, look for confirmation over time, and be patient. Anything worth committing to takes a while to adjust to. We often regret decisions immediately after we make them — unsure about whether we made the right choice or grieving all the other possibilities we've left behind. In time, however, we come to realize that many of our best decisions involved a fair amount of risk and struggle early on.

In general, we can trust the Spirit that led us to commitment. We can trust the friends who accompanied us along the way. And we can trust that, come what may, we are never abandoned by the God who called us into being in the first place. In loving fully, courageously, and completely, nothing is lost. An open heart is a listening heart. And a life of open-hearted decision-making and self-giving love? That's vocation.

Four Ways of Helping People

When Ignatius began to look at where God was truly nudging him, God was nudging him not toward withdrawal but toward engagement. Not toward suspicion but to trust. Not toward an unloving removal from human life but a love of human life. Gradually what came into Ignatius' mind was that everything God does comes as a helping presence. Everything that is not from God comes as a destructive presence. So when I move away from love or life, God's not there. But when I move toward love or life, God is there. Ignatius called this movement [discernment of spirits](#). Discernment was a way of sifting through the movements in his heart. Gradually what he felt drawn to was this wonderful expression, "to help people." He didn't know what it meant in the beginning. He was awkward about what it meant—how he understood it. It took him a number of years of study and trial and error to finally say what most helps people. . .

Ignatius said, first of all, **people have to know that God is love** and I want to preach that.

Secondly, people have to learn **how love can enter into their lives as a basic way of being human**. Thirdly, most people that come to talk with me have a part of their life in which something is screwed up. They need to be reconciled. They're mad at some relative. They're unhappy about where their life has gone. Or they just feel that somehow or another they're not as good as they could be. And so **they need some kind of reconciliation**, some way of being at home with who they are in the world in which they live. Finally, Ignatius realized that **people need education**. He didn't think of schools at the beginning. The schools came gradually. But he did think of how important it was to educate both the mind and the heart. And we call that whole connection of educating mind and heart, the ministry of the word: the way in which the word of God can come to life in people through preaching, teaching, through personal counseling and conversation. When people ask, "What is this 'Ignatian thing' that Jesuits invite us to understand?", tell them it is just one more human experience of life's non-negotiables but channeled in

ways that help other people. From the speech "Ignatian Spirituality: What Are We talking about and Why?" by Howard Gray, SJ. Howard Gray, SJ, is currently the Assistant to the President at Georgetown University. Excerpts used with permission. For more from Fr. Gray, see [a collection of his lectures](#).

*******REMINDER: Please do not use Old 2020 parish donation envelopes as your 2021 envelope number may likely have changed! Thank you. *******

Mass Intentions For The Week:

Assumption Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday Aug. 14 **4:00 p.m. Rossburn Mass** +Barb Tucker req. St. Theresa's Parish

7:30 p.m. Russell Mass For All Parishioners req. Father Paul

Sunday Aug. 15 9:00 a.m. Russell Mass & **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m.**

+Ted Yankoski req. from family

11:00 a.m. Oakburn Farm Church Mass For All Parishioners req. Father Paul

Procession around church & Blessing of graves

Drive to mass grave for Blessing of mass grave site

Bring your own Picnic Lunch and Beverage for your own family at mass grave site (Bring your own lawn chairs)

Drive to Oakburn Cemetery 3:00 p.m. for Blessing of graves

Deacon Conrad Plante will be celebrating:

Aug 15 9:30 a.m. Roblin Liturgy of the Word

- **readers:** Marcel Gregoire and Yvette Bailes

11:30 a.m. San Clara Liturgy of the Word

Monday Aug. 16 3:00 p.m. Internment Russell Cemetery Margaret Wagner
Health of family & friends req. Jean Goba

Tuesday Aug. 17 For Priest req. Don Bisson

Wed. Aug. 18 +Emilienne Mangin req. George Mangin & family

Thurs. Aug. 19 **Zoom on-line Adoration 10:30 a.m. & Mass 11:00 a.m.**
Health of family & friends req. Mike & Alice Shenderevich

Friday Aug. 20 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
9:00 a.m. Mass For Family req. Carlene & Darin Douglas

10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration

11:00 a.m. Mass

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Aug. 21 7:30 p.m. Russell Mass +Emilienne Mangin req. George Mangin & family

Deacon Conrad Plante will be celebrating:

Sunday Aug. 22 9:00 a.m. Russell **Liturgy of the Word & Zoom on-line 9:00 a.m.**

11:00 a.m. Rossburn **Liturgy of the Word**

Father Paul will be celebrating:

Aug. 22 9:30 a.m. Roblin Mass- readers: Teresa Paul and Mike Shenderevich

+Kimberly Ludwig req. Bernice LaPlante

11:30 a.m. San Clara Mass

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.

You are Invited! 3 miles South & half mile West of Esterhazy, SK - Grid 637 – Kaposvar Pilgrimage Sunday, August 22, 2021 Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine (all Saskatchewan times listed)

11:00 am – noon: Visitors arrive 12:00 – 1:00: Individual Stations of Cross 1:00 pm – 2:00 Rosary in Church

2:00 – 2:45: Private confessions in Church 2:45 – 3:00 Procession from Church to Shrine

3:00 – 4:00: Holy Mass & Anointing of the Sick 4:00 pm: Procession back to Church 4:15 pm: Supper

For more info.: Eola Stevenson @306-853-7880 Bring your own lawnchairs, concession booth on site

***Please Note that we will be adhering to COVID protocols in effect August 22, 2021 ***

****Time Out
in
The Park**
Wednesday
Aug. 18th at
10 a.m.
at Millennium
Park Russell
Bring your own
lawn chair &
coffee**

Dear Padre,

Why do Catholics believe in Mary's assumption into heaven?

Mary's assumption to heaven is a belief shared by Eastern Christians and Roman Catholics, although the explanations of this dogma have different emphases in the two traditions. While there is no biblical or historical record of this event, the first explanation of this doctrine is found in a document from the late 300s.

Mary's assumption was considered a pious opinion until 1950, when Pius XII defined it as dogma (an official Church teaching). The Pope made the declaration after bishops and he found overwhelming consensus throughout the Church.

The definition of Mary's assumption—body and soul—to heaven reaffirmed that God had not only created humans, but also redeemed and claimed them. Mary's assumption reminded the world of the goodness of God's creation and that Christ redeems us from the evil around us (and in us) and made us a new creation.

Perhaps the best explanation can be found in St. John Paul II's 2004 homily at Lourdes. "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be," he said, quoting John 14:3. He explained that Mary's assumption is the pledge that Christ's promise will be fulfilled. The Pope's words echo the teaching of bishops at the Second Vatican Council, which described this dogma as "a sign of sure hope and solace" (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church [*Lumen Gentium*], 68).

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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY, PAVIA CATHEDRAL
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Calendar

Monday
AUGUST 16
Weekday
Jgs 2:11–19
Mt 19:16–22

Tuesday
AUGUST 17
Weekday
Jgs 6:11–24a
Mt 19:23–30

Wednesday
AUGUST 18
Weekday
Jgs 9:6–15
Mt 20:1–16

Thursday
AUGUST 19
Weekday
Jgs 11:29–39a
Mt 22:1–14

Friday
AUGUST 20
St. Bernard, Abbot and
Doctor of the Church
Ru 1:1, 3–6, 14b–16, 22
Mt 22:34–40

Saturday
AUGUST 21
St. Pius X, Pope
Ru 2:1–3, 8–11; 4:13–17
Mt 23:1–12

Sunday
AUGUST 22
Twenty-first Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Jos 24:1–2a, 15–17, 18b
Eph 5:21–32 or
Eph 5:2a, 25–32
Jn 6:60–69

**Do you have
a question
for the Padre?**

Go to DearPadre.org
to send your question
and to learn more
about *Dear Padre*.

Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 15, 2021

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (B)

Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab

1 Cor 15:20–27

Lk 1:39–56

And Mary said...
"The Mighty One has done great
things for me,
and holy is his name."
LUKE 1:46, 49



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"All Generations Will Call Me Blessed"

Today's readings help us see why Mary should be called blessed. The first reading depicts a woman as gloriously "clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet" (Revelation 12:1). This image is captured in well-known Marian statues. However, this woman is wailing "aloud in pain as she labored to give birth" (12:2). In fact, here and in the Gospel, women are depicted as pregnant.

When a woman is in labor, she is both at her most vulnerable and her strongest. When giving birth she faces the real possibility of death. Yet, she places herself in such jeopardy to bring another to life. Her steely inner resolve is matched with remarkable physical strength when she is called upon to "Push!" The labor pains that precede birth became a striking metaphor, in both ancient Israel and the early Church, for the struggle experienced in bringing forth the reign of God (see Isaiah 21:3, Matthew 24:8, Mark 13:8, and Romans 8:22). Such suffering came to be known as "the birth pangs of the Messiah."

Certainly, Mary is blessed because of her physical birthing of the Messiah. However, the Magnificat, her revolutionary prayer in the Gospel, describes the birthing of the reign of God when the powerful are brought down and the lowly uplifted, the hungry filled and the rich "sent away empty" (Luke 1:53). This is not a feast of a plastic statue but of a woman willing to give her life for the reign of God. She certainly deserves to be "clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet."

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ Where does the Magnificat throw light on issues in our own society?
- ★ Pray for the courage you need to be faithful to your calling in life.



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Mary is assumed into heaven: small and humble, she is the first to receive the highest glory. She, a human creature, one of us, attains eternity in soul and body. And there she awaits us as a mother waits for her children to come home. Indeed, the people of God invoke her as the Gate of Heaven.

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