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

Responsorial Psalm 118: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

Zoom Along with Us - You can use it on your computers, tablets, i-pads & smart-phones. We still have **Sunday zoom Mass at 9:00 a.m.**

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.

A big Thank You for all who let their names stand for Saint Joseph's New Ministry List and a big thank you to Brenda for taking the time to organize the list.

First Communion – Next Class will be April 20th from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Coffee Sunday will be May 7th, 2023 following First Communion celebrations. All our welcome to join us to celebrate this great day with the First Communicants from our Parish!

The St Joseph's CWL will have a Mass on April 26th at 9:00 a.m. to celebrate Our Lady of Good Council. All are welcome to join in.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

Second Sunday Of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

Saturday Apr 15 7:30 p.m. Russell Special Intentions req. by Carlene Douglas

Sunday Apr 16 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 + Wendy req. by David Woychyshyn & family

Monday Apr 17 Health of family & friends req. by Jean Goba

Tuesday Apr 18 + Deceased Family req. by Frank & Madeline Mangin

Wed. Apr 19 Thanksgiving req. by Irene Deschamps

Thurs. Apr 20 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration

11:00 a.m. Mass + John Ryshytylo req. by Glen & Denise Walley

Friday Apr 21 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration

9:00 a.m. + Erich & Jutta Leven req. by Michelle & Curtis

Third Sunday Of Easter

Saturday Apr 22 7:30 p.m. Russell Special Intentions req. by Carlene Douglas

Sunday Apr 23 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 + John Ryshytylo req. by Michael & Myrna & families, Kevin & Lisa Marie,
Richard & Beverly & family, Michael & Stephanie & family, John & Rachel & family, Scott & Lisa & family

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.

From The Russell Welcoming Committee

It has been over a year since Russia invaded Ukraine. Since that time, we have had over 50 women, men and children move to our area to escape war and devastation.

They are working, attending school and contributing to our communities. Having left their homes and extended family they still need our support. **What can you do to help?**

VOLUNTEERS are needed to drive individuals to work and appointments, to check in on the families and to be a support when they have questions about Canadian life & customs. Volunteers will be required to have a Criminal Record Check. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Becky Flundra at 204-796-0355.

DONATE or fundraise to help cover costs of settling into a new life including basic needs such as groceries, transportation and school costs. Donations can be made by e-transfer to rawc692@gmail.com or contact Pat Orsak at 204-532-2107 for more information. A receipt will be provided.

Russell and Area Welcoming Committee.

Safe Environment Update- THANK YOU to those parishioners (parish council members, catechists, staff, as well as our Deacon & our Pastor) who recently renewed and completed their Criminal Record Checks and Child Abuse Registry Checks. These Checks must be renewed every five years by those parishioners who are in a position of trust with children and/or vulnerable adults. Copies of these Checks are kept for safekeeping in our office, as well as the Archdiocese. All parishes in the Archdiocese are required to have these Checks done. These parishioners have also completed an online training session mandated by Archbishop Richard Gagnon last summer. Thank you for your work and dedication to this.

Creating Safe Environments is an important part of our Church's response to the need to protect the most vulnerable. It is important for each of us to do everything we can to create safe spaces and practices so all may feel secure in a safe environment.

Dear Padre,

I am very curious why, after his resurrection, Jesus told Mary Magdalene not to touch him, but in the upper room, Thomas was encouraged to touch him.

Saint John tells us of this incident between Mary and the risen Jesus. There are scholars who say that immediately after Jesus spoke to Mary he ascended to heaven. His encounter with Thomas, then, would be after the ascension, and the feast of the Ascension we celebrate forty days after Easter is simply a termination of Jesus’ earthly appearances.

There is another explanation to consider, offered by other Scripture scholars. The word Jesus uses to tell Mary Magdalene not to touch him is more like “cling” to him. She cannot *cling* to her old relationship with Jesus. Since his resurrection, a new relationship is necessary. Mary was looking for the Jesus she knew before the passion, not the Jesus of the resurrection. She must now come to know the risen Jesus.

Mary could not cling to Jesus because she had to see him in a new way. For Thomas, the situation is different. Jesus invites Thomas to place his hand on the wounds to prove that he is “real”—that he is really a new kind of being, a resurrected being. Thomas, in his way, also wants to cling to what he thought he knew about Jesus. Both he and Mary Magdalene were close to Jesus, but even so, there were things they still did not understand. Jesus always has the ability to surprise us. ●



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20	April 21	April 22	April 23
Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:23–31	Acts 4:32–37	Acts 5:17–26	Acts 5:27–33	Acts 5:34–42	Acts 6:1–7	Acts 2:14, 22–28
Jn 3:1–8	Jn 3:7b–15	Jn 3:16–21	Jn 3:31–36	Jn 6:1–15	Jn 6:16–21	1 Pt 1:17–21
						Lk 24:13–35



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Don’t be afraid of doubts, because they are not a sign of the lack of faith....On the contrary, doubts are “vitamins of faith”: they help strengthen faith and make it more robust. They enable faith to grow, to become more conscious, free and mature. They make it more eager to set out, to persevere with humility, day after day.

MEETING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE, ATHENS, DECEMBER 6, 2021



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Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 16, 2023
Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy) (A)
Acts 2:42–47 / 1 Peter 1:3–9 / John 20:19–31



The Gift of Doubts

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When people tell me they have doubts about their faith, I usually tell them that doubts can be a good thing. “Reflect on your doubts,” I say. So very often the doubts bring someone to deeper faith and understanding. When people say they’re not sure they believe in God anymore, often what they mean is that they don’t believe in a particular idea of God, like the bearded old man in the sky or a God who “allows” children to die of cancer and “permits” wars that slaughter people.

What such doubts ask us to do is to rethink our understanding of who God is. Tossing out our old idea of God does not mean there is no God. It simply means we had a faulty or immature notion of God. It may take some time to rethink who God is, but if we stay with it, do some reading, ask some questions, and pray over it, we

may come to a deeper and richer understanding of God. In short, because I don’t understand how something can be does not mean that that something—or someone—is not true or real.

In this week’s Gospel, Thomas, who was not with the community when Jesus appeared, later could not believe that the Jesus he had known was alive. He doubted. Yet when he was with the community the following week, he discovered that the risen Lord was indeed real but in an entirely new reality. It takes a community of faith to become a believer. ●

Reflect

How has your understanding of God changed over the years?

