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

**Responsorial Psalm 105:** The Lord is our God, mindful of his covenant forever.

**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 December:** For persons with disabilities: We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

**Mass Intentions For This Week:**

**Holy Family**

Saturday Dec 30 7:30 p.m. Russell + Duncan Spurway req. by Funeral Mass offering  
 Sunday Dec 31 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. & YouTube after 10:15 a.m.**  
 For all parishioners by Father Paul  
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn + John Ryshytylo req. by Michael & Myrna & family

**New Years Day Day of obligation**

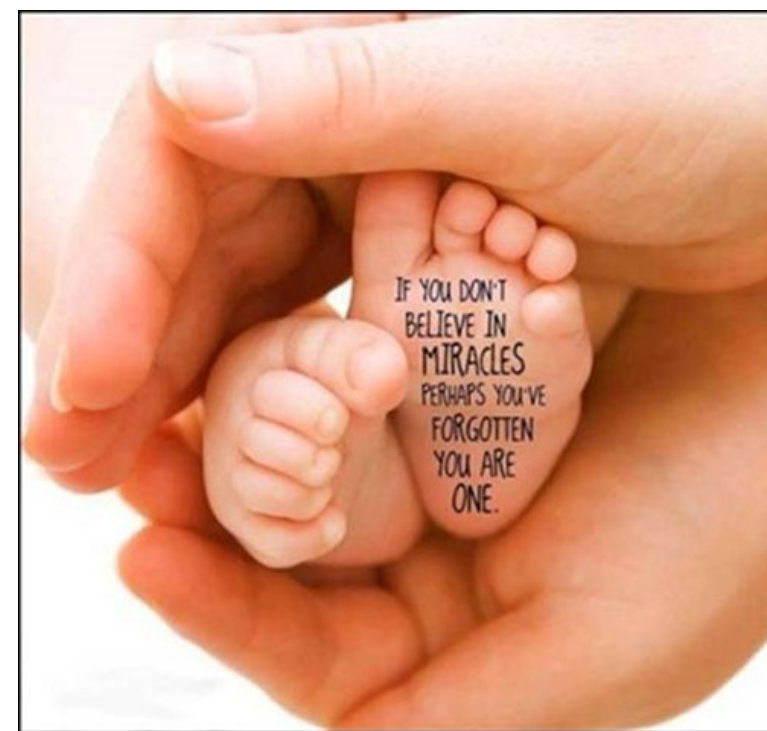
Monday Jan 1 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. & YouTube after 10:15 a.m.**  
 For all parishioners by Father Paul  
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Frank & Nellie Kaskiw req. by Kaskiw family  
 Tuesday Jan 2 + Mary & Andrew Welechenko req. by John Welechenko  
 Wed. Jan 3 Russell Personal Care Home Music & Mass  
 + Frank Mangin req. by Madeline & family  
 Thurs. Jan 4 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration  
 11:00 a.m. Mass + John Ryshytylo req. by Vince Kaskiw  
 Friday Jan 5 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration  
 9:00 a.m. Mass Dana & Jordan Wedding Blessings req. by Darin & Carlene  
 10:45 a.m. Rossburn **Sacred Heart Of Jesus**  
 11:00 a.m. Mass

**Epiphany Of The Lord**

Saturday Jan 6 10:45 a.m. Rossburn **Immaculate Heart Of Mary**  
 11:00 a.m. Mass  
 7:30 p.m. Russell + Duncan Spurway from Funeral Mass offering  
 Sunday Jan 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  
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn + John Ryshytylo req. by Michael & Myrna & family

**Helping Hands Soup Kitchen**, Brandon is a non-profit serving communities for decades. They depend on volunteers to help serve daily lunch. St. Joseph The Worker Parish plans soon in the New Year to travel to Brandon, volunteering as a group to assist giving out food at their lunch buffet. For more information contact Deacon Darin Douglas, 204-532-2157.

\*\*\*\* Please Remember that all **2023 donations** have to be in by December 31, 2023 to be eligible for a Tax Receipt for this year. \*\*\*\*



\* **“But...But....you tell better lies Mum!”:** A mother was shocked to hear her son tell a lie. Taking the youngster aside for a heart-to-heart talk, she graphically explained what happened to liars. “A tall black man with red fiery eyes and two sharp horns grabs little boys who tell lies and carries them off at night. He takes them to Mars where they have to work in a dark canyon for fifty years! Now” she concluded, “you won’t tell a lie again, will you, dear?” “No, Mum,” replied the son, gravely, “But...But...you tell better lies Mum!” – Children learn to tell lies from the elders. With them it does not work to say, “Do as I tell and not as I do.” (G. Francis Xavier in Inspiring Stories; quoted by Fr. Botelho). (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).

\* **“If only I had her looks.”** There is a story of the thirty-eight-year-old scrubwoman who would go to the movies and sigh, “If only I had her looks.” She would listen to a singer and moan, “If only I had her voice.” Then one day someone gave her a copy of the book, The Magic of Believing. She stopped comparing herself with actresses and singers. She stopped crying about what she didn’t have and started concentrating on what she did have. She took inventory of herself and remembered that in high school she had had a reputation for being the funniest girl around. She began to turn her liabilities into assets. When she was at the top of her career, Phyllis Diller made over \$1 million a year. In the 1960’s that was a great deal of money. She wasn’t good-looking and she had a scratchy voice, but she could make people laugh. — Maybe God is saying something like that to us through today’s parable of the talents. Maybe when we complain that we wish that we had more, if only we were like someone other than ourselves, if only... He says to us: “Use the gifts I have given you!” Stop crying about what you do not have and start concentrating on what you do have. Use the gifts that God has given you. (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).

\* **There are actually seven forms of intelligence:** There is a psychologist at Harvard named Howard Gardner who is trying to revolutionize the study of intelligence. He says we have been studying I.Q. all wrong. On our intelligence tests we only measure one or two forms of intelligence. Gardner says that there are actually seven forms of intelligence. Some people are gifted with linguistic intelligence, he says. These are our writers and poets. Others have what he calls logical/mathematical intelligence. They make good accountants and scientists. Some people are gifted spatially. These are our artists and architects. Some are gifted kinesthetically. Their bodies are unusually graceful and coordinated. These are our athletes and dancers. Others are gifted interpersonally. They know instinctively how to get along well with the people around them. These are our sales persons, counselors, teachers. Some are gifted in their ability to look within. These are our philosophers “our wise people.” Some are gifted musically. — Here is the important point. Gardner claims that everyone he has ever tested has scored high on at least one of these seven forms of intelligence. All of us are gifted in our own way. Many of us are smarter than we think we are. Don’t you wish that someone had told you that a long time ago? Do tell your children, please. Many of them will go through life thinking they are dumb because their form of intelligence is not valued in school. All of us are gifted. All of us have what we need to succeed. God has created us differently so that different tasks will get done in this world. But all of us have a place where we fit in. All of us have what we need to succeed. WE ALL HAVE WHAT WE NEED TO SUCCEED. God has given us all we need! The sad thing is that we do not appreciate the gifts we have. (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).



# Dear Padre,

**How much should we support our adult children? We have a niece and a daughter who are both healthy, capable, and in their twenties. We have set boundaries and continue to give to them but they just can't seem to get their act together. Would it be unchristian to cut them off?**



SHUTTERSTOCK

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* describes in detail the duties of family members toward each other (CCC 2214–33). Parents are responsible to ensure that their children grow up in faith and to meet their basic needs. Children should show respect toward their parents and, as they grow older, assist them as needed. As children become adults, they should take on responsibility for themselves and parents are not to pressure them into choices of a profession or a spouse, while at the same time, “giving their children judicious advice....” (CCC 2230). At some point, children need to become responsible adults, which brings us to your point.

You seem to have done what is required as parents. At the same time, you would not want to abandon young adults if physical, mental, or emotional factors prevent them from assuming the responsibility of adulthood. If they are healthy, capable young people they should be able to progress in life without your financial assistance. To help them toward this goal, you may want to set very specific limits, perhaps with the help of a counselor, and then consistently follow those limits. ●

**Fr. John K. Schmidt, CSsR / DearPadre.org**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
January 1 <i>Mary, Holy Mother of God</i> Nm 6:22–27 Gal 4:4–7 Lk 2:16–21	January 2 <i>Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church</i> 1 Jn 2:22–28 Jn 1:19–28	January 3 <i>Christmas Weekday</i> 1 Jn 2:29–3:6 Jn 1:29–34	January 4 <i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious</i> 1 Jn 3:7–10 Jn 1:35–42	January 5 <i>St. John Neumann, Bishop</i> 1 Jn 3:11–21 Jn 1:43–51	January 6 <i>Christmas Weekday</i> 1 Jn 5:5–13 Mk 1:7–11 or 3:23, 31–34, 36, 38	January 7 <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i> Is 60:1–6 Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6 Mt 2:1–12

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HOLY FAMILY WITH SAINTS ANNE AND JOHN THE BAPTIST (DETAIL), ANDREA MANTEGNA / WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**In imitation of the Holy Family, we are called to rediscover the educational value of the family unit: it requires being founded on the love that always regenerates relationships.... [I]f you quarrel within the family, do not end the day without making peace....And do you know why? Because a cold war, day after day, is extremely dangerous.**

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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 31, 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (B)

Sirach 3:2–6, 12–14 / Colossians 3:12–21 or 3:12–17 / Luke 2:22–40 or 2:22, 39–40



## Family Gifts

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I asked some folks what they carried with them as their most treasured gift from their parents. One spoke of the gift of freedom. As an adult he always felt loved and welcomed by his parents. Although he was not always able to visit them as frequently as his life would allow, he was never made to feel guilty about it. It was an atmosphere unpressured by any “have-tos” whether it concerned choices for marriage or profession or simply for occasional family visits.

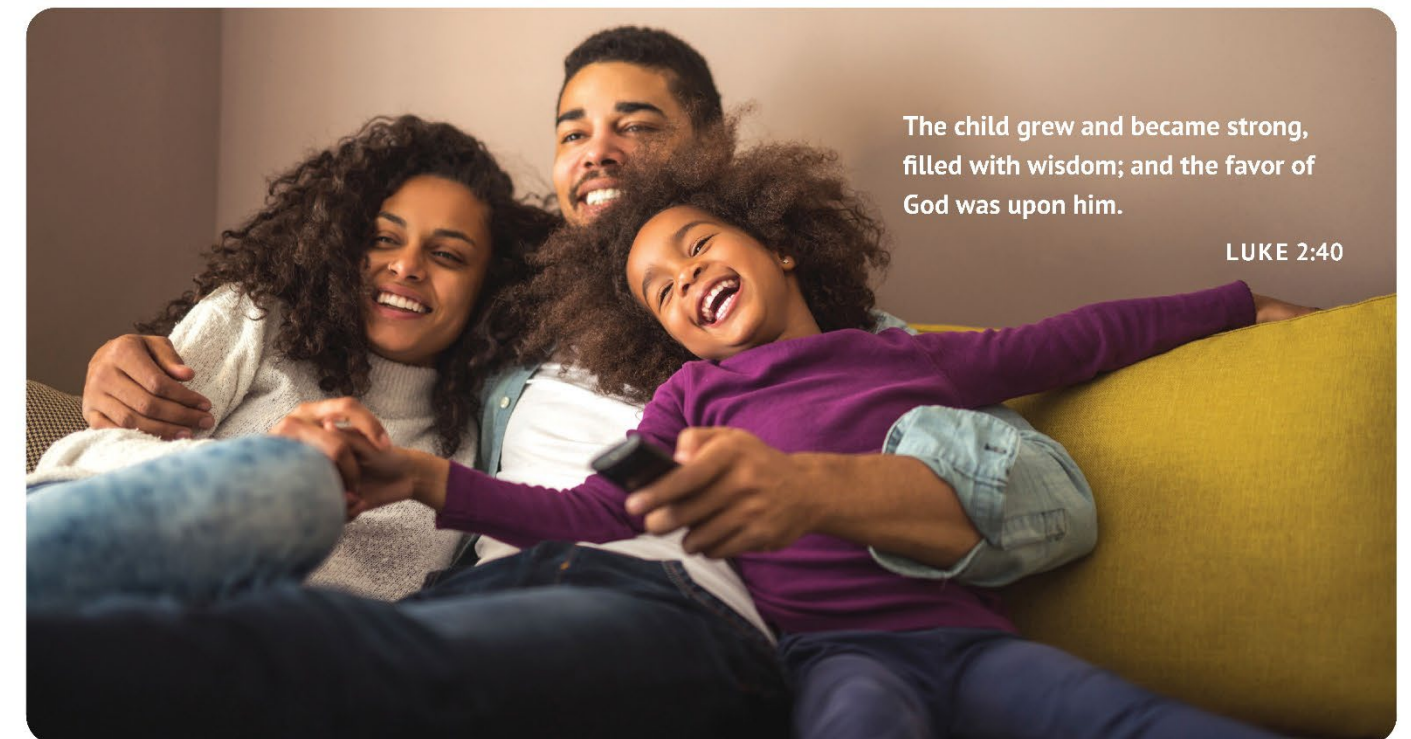
Another spoke of being taught by example that love in a family always extends to welcoming the stranger, caring for the unfortunate, opening one’s home to those in pain. She learned to live that way because that was how her parents lived.

Yet another spoke of her father’s gentleness and faithfulness as treasured gifts. And in truth she herself had become gentle and faithful, both with life and with God. Yet another took note of his parents’ acceptance and openness to differing cultures and traditions and value systems. It was a way of living he now took to himself and his own family.

Not every family may seem as graced as these individuals remember their own families, and no doubt these families had flaws, too. Yet those qualities of a believer, enumerated by St. Paul in his Letter to the Colossians, make for good family life as well: “heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another. And over all these put on love” (Colossians 3:12–14). ●

### Reflect

**What gift from your family do you hope to pass to the next generation?**



The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

LUKE 2:40