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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.

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

The new Sunday envelopes can be picked up by calling the Parish Office to arrange an appointment time.

***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\*\***

### **Stewardship is...**

A way of life that is deeply rooted in the person of Jesus Christ, who came to teach us how to live. He came not to do His own will, but the will of the One who sent Him.

He came not to be served, but to serve. God is sending each of us to continue the mission of Jesus.

**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for April:** *Fundamental rights:* We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under democracies, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crises.

### **Catholic Eastertide Practices...**

The annual blessing of families may take place in our homes during the Easter season. Appreciated by the faithful, this practice provides a precious occasion to recollect God's constant presence among Christian families. It is also an opportunity to invite the faithful to live according to the Gospel, and to exhort parents & children to preserve & promote the mystery of being "a domestic church".

**Today, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday.** The church teaches that St. Faustina, a 20th-century Polish nun, recorded revelations that she received from Jesus who, as she wrote in her diary, desired that "a Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls." The readings tell the story of God's abundant mercy and love for us. We ask for the grace to more clearly respond to these great signs and wonders of mercy and love that God continues to bestow on us and our world.

**Thank you to all** who have generously donated to the following at St. Joseph The Worker: The Holy Land - \$903, Dev & Peace - \$335 and the Children collection was \$89. Thank you!

**St. Joseph The Worker Parish Council Meeting**, Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**Condolences to** family and friends of Elisabeth Neuhofer, and Alphonse Fleury, they have recently passed away, may they rest in peace in the arms of our Father in heaven.

**\*\*\*\*\*REMINDER: Please do not use parish donation envelopes from previous years as your 2021 envelope number may have changed! Thank you. \*\*\*\*\***

**Notice from our diocese** the Archdiocese of Winnipeg - "This coming Spring the Diaconal Formation Committee is inviting men to prayerfully consider becoming part of a one-year Aspirancy program in the Fall of 2021. This inquiry period is drawn to show formal interest in the permanent diaconate, to be immersed in the questions of Holy Orders, discernment, and suitability to be admitted to the four-year period of formation." For more information contact Father Paul Bisson, or Deacon Darin Douglas.

**We warmly welcome Father Paul back from his holiday, this coming Wednesday!**

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

### **Second Sunday of Easter** – Divine Mercy Sunday

Saturday April 10 4:00 p.m. Rossburn **Liturgy of The Word**  
 7:30 p.m. Russell **Liturgy of The Word**

Sunday April 11 9:00 a.m. Russell **Liturgy of The Word**  
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn **Liturgy of The Word**

Wed. April 14 Special intentions req. Albina Kozak  
*Deanery Meeting 10:30 a.m.*

Thursday April 15 **Zoom on-line Adoration 10:30 a.m. & Mass 11:00 a.m.**  
 +Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. Rose & family

Friday April 16 8:30 a.m. Russell adoration  
 9:00 a.m. Mass Special Intention req. Deacon Darin & Carlene

### **Third Sunday of Easter**

Saturday April 17 4:00 p.m. Rossburn Mass For All Parishioners req. Father Paul  
 7:30 p.m. Russell Mass +Leonard Neumeier req. Lucy Senek

Sunday April 18 9:00 a.m. Russell Mass For All Parishioners req. Father Paul  
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn +Wendy Woychyshyn req. David & 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.

### **TAKING CAMPS ON THE ROAD! – St. Malo Catholic Camp**

We would like to announce that this summer camp season we will once again be coming to a community near you! Since we are still unable to have overnight camps this year, and because of the success of our day camp program last year, we will once again be offering a day camp program that will be offered in various centers in Winnipeg and the surrounding area. We have taken the suggestions from camp families from last year and will be offering a new and improved program for ages 5-14.

Be assured that we are continuing to monitor the COVID 19 progress. We are doing everything that we can to ensure that we have everything in place to be able to offer these day camps in a safe and healthy way, while following all the protocols and recommendations in dealing with the COVID 19 pandemic put out by the Province of Manitoba as well as the Manitoba Camping Association. For more information on how we are doing this, please email us for more information: [camps@catholicway.net](mailto:camps@catholicway.net).

We are still finalizing dates and locations and are looking forward to opening up registrations soon – with camps beginning in mid- July. Thank you all for your patience and support during this time as we prepare. We are so looking forward to this upcoming camp season!



### **Prayer for Divine Mercy**

*Loving Father,*

*Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.*



# Dear Padre,

I get a lot of questions from Protestant friends about the Catholic “obsession” (as they put it) with Mary. What should I say to them?



**A** convert to Catholicism tells the story of a dinner he had with a friend who had a very evangelical outlook. As they talked about the new Catholic’s decision to convert, the friend asked hesitantly, “What do you think about Mary?” The new Catholic smiled and said, “I think she’s wonderful, don’t you?” The friend responded with an embarrassed “Yes, but....”

If Catholics and Protestants can begin with this premise—that Mary is wonderful—it might be possible to step back and consider why. Mary is an extraordinary human being who holds a special place in the Christian faith for two reasons: first, it was through her that God became flesh in the person of Jesus Christ; and second, she was the first to believe in Jesus’ mission and ministry.

All Catholic doctrine about Mary refers to two special relationships. She has a special relationship with God because she bore the “God-man” in her womb. She also has a special relationship with us because she was the first Christian.

Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSsR  
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## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

*[The disciples] had abandoned the Lord at his passion and felt guilty. But meeting them, Jesus did not give a long sermon. To them, who were wounded within, he shows his own wounds. Thomas can now touch them and know of Jesus’ love and how much Jesus had suffered for him, even though he had abandoned him.*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020



## Calendar

**Monday**  
APRIL 12  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 4:23–31  
Jn 3:1–8

**Tuesday**  
APRIL 13  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 4:32–37  
Jn 3:7b–15

**Wednesday**  
APRIL 14  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 5:17–26  
Jn 3:16–21

**Thursday**  
APRIL 15  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 5:27–33  
Jn 3:31–36

**Friday**  
APRIL 16  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 5:34–42  
Jn 6:1–15

**Saturday**  
APRIL 17  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 6:1–7  
Jn 6:16–21

**Sunday**  
APRIL 18  
Third Sunday of Easter  
Acts 3:13–15, 17–19  
1 Jn 2:1–5a  
Lk 24:35–48



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 11, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter  
(Sunday of Divine Mercy) (B)

Acts 4:32–35

1 Jn 5:1–6

Jn 20:19–31

## I Want Proof

**W**ho doesn’t? It’s not simply that we are children of the scientific age in which proof is essential. Concrete evidence gives us a sense of security; it helps us understand how things work. Even in ordinary human relationships, we want proof. A tune from *My Fair Lady* demands: “Don’t talk of love...show me.” It’s very difficult to live without a certain degree of surety. Consequently, we should not be surprised at Thomas’ insistence: “I want proof.”

Thomas is often described as lacking faith. This isn’t the full story. The reason the other disciples believed was because they had an experience of the risen Lord. Before that experience they were hiding behind locked doors. Thomas was absent; we are not told why. Whatever the reason, he also wanted an experience of the risen Lord. He was not content to base his believing on their word alone. In a sense, more was being asked of Thomas than the others.

Thomas is the patron of all of us whose faith in the risen Lord is based on the word of others rather than on our own unique revelatory experience. Who of us wouldn’t want some mystical experience? We are called to believe without seeing. Yet, this isn’t strictly true—we *can* see evidence of the resurrection. The best proof is evident in the lives of millions of people who commit themselves to God and who strive to live with integrity.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## For Reflection

- ✦ Who are the people who taught you your faith and who live it themselves? Thank God for them.
- ✦ Who looks to you as an example of one who believes that Christ is alive today?

Jesus said to [Thomas],  
“Have you come to believe  
because you have seen me?  
Blessed are those who have  
not seen and have believed.”

JOHN 20:29

