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

Responsorial Psalm 137: Let my tongue cling to my mouth if I do not remember you!

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

Stations of the Cross – Will be sent out in a Mp4 video format by e-mail just click on the icon and play at your convenience The Mass will be sent out by e-mail at the same time - just click on the icon and play at your convenience. **Email the church for an invite for taped 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 or www.youtube.com/dailytvmass to watch Mass each day.

March 14, 2021 Stewardship Message

4th Sunday of Lent

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

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.

Prayer To Saint Joseph

Glorious patriarch Saint Joseph whose power makes the impossible possible. Come to my aide in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome.

My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen.

Newest Issue of *On the Way Magazine* - Now Available!

Archdiocese of Winnipeg - With our Lenten theme in mind, Archbishop Richard Gagnon said in his article, "Lent includes more than personal penitential practices, such as fasting from things. It also includes a sense of outreach. The prophet Isaiah quotes the Lord: 'If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light will rise in the darkness' (Is. 58:9). The era of physical distancing must now begin to change, now is the time to activate our missionary outreach to others even in the simplest of ways. Lent impels us to take the time to encounter loved ones, friends and neighbours in meaningful ways.'" [Click here to view/print our magazine.](#)

Mass Intentions For The Week:

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday March 13 7:00 p.m. Russell Mass +Nellie Lusier req. Armand Lusier

Sunday March 14 On-line Stations of the Cross & 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

Monday March 15 Fr Paul req. Jean Goba

Tuesday March 16 +Alice Braconier req. Armand Lusier

Wed. March 17 Special intentions req. Albina Kozak

Thurs. March 18 **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 19 **Solemnity St. Joseph** 8:30 a.m. Russell adoration
 9:00 a.m. Mass +Deceased Family req. Frank & Madeline Mangin
 10:30 a.m. Rossburn adoration
 11:00 a.m. Mass

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday March 20 7:30 p.m. Russell Mass
 Special Intentions req. Darlene

Sunday March 21 On-line Stations of the Cross & 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

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.

Development and Peace - March 21, 2021

The past year has been marked by the COVID-19 pandemic. It has shaken social, economic and political structures globally. In his catechesis on the pandemic, Pope Francis implores us to work together as one human family to overcome the global challenges we are facing. Already, we have witnessed many beautiful acts of kindness and love. The Share Lent campaign invites you to take part in this beauty by following our merciful and just Lord Jesus.

Share Lent has been a tradition in Canadian parishes since 1968. It was established to embody the two pillars of social action—charity and justice—that Pope Benedict XVI described as “not only social, but also spiritual actions, accomplished in the light of the Holy Spirit”.

Each year, the campaign reaches schools, parishes, and the members of our communities across Canada. It tells the stories of our sisters and brothers in the Global South. Not stories of poverty and misery, but of incredible strength, resourcefulness and courage. Stories of people working together to change the unjust social, economic and political situations that hinder their integral human development. Development and Peace and its partners can accompany and support them in their quest for justice because thousands of Canadians like you volunteer for and donate to Share Lent every year. Thank you for your generous support. Envelopes are avail back of church.

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,

My friend's parish is having a St. Joseph's Day Altar. What is that?

According to tradition, the altar to St. Joseph originated in the Middle Ages by Sicilians who invoked their patron saint during an extended drought and famine. When rain finally brought relief, the people expressed their gratitude in two ways: by displaying a table with the foods they harvested and by distributing their plenitude to those most in need.

Over time, the custom of an altar around the March 19 feast day of St. Joseph gained popularity and is now embraced by the faithful of any nationality wishing to share their good fortune with those who have less. The meatless feast usually includes baked items, beans, nuts, fruits, and seafood presented in ways that symbolize elements of the faith. Prayerful rituals and children portraying the Holy Family add to the celebration and heritage.

Whether the altar is modest or elaborate, at home or in church, it's a labor of love meant to strengthen the bonds of family and friends in its preparation and to strengthen one's faith and charity in its execution.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Saint Joseph appears as a strong and courageous man, a working man, yet in his heart we see great tenderness, which is not the virtue of the weak but rather a sign of strength of spirit and a capacity for concern, for compassion, for genuine openness to others, for love. We must not be afraid of goodness, of tenderness!

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH, MARCH 19, 2013

Calendar

Monday
MARCH 15
Lenten Weekday
Is 65:17-21
Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday
MARCH 16
Lenten Weekday
Ez 47:1-9, 12
Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday
MARCH 17
Lenten Weekday
Is 49:8-15
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday
MARCH 18
Lenten Weekday
Ex 32:7-14
Jn 5:31-47

Friday
MARCH 19
St. Joseph,
Spouse of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Sm 7:4-5a,
12-14a, 16
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
or Lk 2:41-51a

Saturday
MARCH 20
Lenten Weekday
Jer 11:18-20
Jn 7:40-53

Sunday
MARCH 21
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Jer 31:31-34
Heb 5:7-9
Jn 12:20-33

Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

Eph 2:4-10

Jn 3:14-21

You Decide

We normally take great pride in making our own decisions. When we did this as children, it was a sign that we were growing up; as adolescents, it was a proclamation of independence. Now as adults, when making decisions we demonstrate that we are self-directed. The problem doesn't seem to lie in decision-making itself but in the options given to us that require a decision. And there is the rub. Often these are options not of our choosing. This can make decision-making very difficult.

Today's Gospel is all about making decisions. Options are placed before us. We either choose Jesus and the extraordinary way of life that he has outlined for us, or we go along with the movements of society. This could include making money at any cost, denying hospitality to those who knock on our door, harboring an attitude of superiority over others. We either choose to live in the light with the insights that our faith provides, or we simply accept the values that bombard us each day through the media, namely: Me first. What's mine is mine. What's in it for me? Not in my back yard.

If we look carefully, we will realize that the way of life Jesus promotes is based on the dignity of each person, who is made in the image and likeness of God. Actions that dismiss, demean, damage, or destroy human life are contrary to the teaching, life, and example of Jesus. Accepting his way brings forth a new society called "the reign of God." Rejecting it will undermine the foundations of the society we have. Which will it be? You decide.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- ✦ How might you have compromised your religious values in order to get by in life?
- ✦ Might God be asking you to choose something new?



And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil.

JOHN 3:19