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

**Responsorial Psalm 85:** Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

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

***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\*\***

## **Staying Spiritually Resilient during this pandemic**

**FROM SELF-CENTRED TO GOD-CENTRED** *By Vernon D'Cunha, SJ*

Was St. Ignatius a spiritual man? A saintly or holy man? A deeply God-fearing, prayerful man? Certainly not at least for the first 26 years of his life. St. Ignatius himself says that up to the age of 26 he was a man given over to the vanities of this world and was primarily concerned with a great and foolish desire to win fame!

### **Finding/Encountering God in all things:**

It means that nothing is considered outside the purview of the spiritual life. Ignatian spirituality considers everything as possible encounters with God. In the *Principle & Foundation* in the *Spiritual Exercises*, Ignatius would like us to be indifferent to health and sickness, a long life and a short one, honour and dishonour, riches and poverty... because all these can be occasions to encounter God. God is present in everyone and everything, labouring for its growth. Ultimately, everything shares in the source that is God – like the rays of sun and the sun, the waters of the fountain and the fountain.

**How are we encountering God in the context of the wave of the Covid-19 pandemic? What is God's message to us in these trying and challenging circumstances?**

**Contemplative even in action:** We are called to be contemplatives even in action, that means being active people with a contemplative stance towards the world. Instead of seeing the spiritual life as enclosed within the walls of a monastery, Ignatius asks us to see the world as our monastery. This concept - totally novel and radical for religious life at that time - is an invitation and a challenge for us today. This is a *sine qua non* if we are to encounter God in all things.

**Freedom and detachment:** I think that what prevents us from a life of freedom and joy is that we are inordinately attached to people and things. We have disordered affections. Having affections and being attached to certain people and things are fine. However, inordinate, disordered attachments is what brings us sorrow and pain. Since it is an affection, it is appealing. But it is disordered, it is not life-giving. It causes death. Ignatius invites us to move towards ordered attachments. If we did so, we would become freer and happier. Ignatius certainly wanted us to have life and have life to the full!

**Discernment:** During the crisis of the Covid-19 pandemic, we are constantly called to make choices. The crisis is at once global in its spread and impact, and local in its visibility. It has affected nearly everything and everyone, and has brought us face to face with a plethora of choices. The challenge is to choose correctly when faced with a conflicting set of choices. To this end, the Rules for Discernment from the *Spiritual Exercises* could prove helpful. They are valid and relevant even today after more than 470 years. They are deeply rooted in reality and have stood the test of time. The challenge is not only to know the rules but also to have the wisdom and grace to know how and when to use them.

**The Magis:** The *magis*, everything for the greater Glory of God, is one of the hallmarks of our spirituality. Mediocrity had no place in the world-view of Ignatius. The spirituality of the *magis* is the spirituality of infinite possibilities. It is not a spirituality that would result in a heart attack. Rather, it is a spirituality that would bring depth,

joy and a breath of fresh air into our lives. Fr. General, when talking about the *magis* says that it is a call not only to do more but also to do it better.

**Conclusion:** The life of Ignatius is the story of how a self-centered man eventually becomes a God-centered man. Over the years, Ignatius grew in the ease of finding God, so much so that, towards the end of his life, he could say talking about himself as a pilgrim, "Anytime, anyplace he wanted to find God, he could." May St. Ignatius bless each one of us with this grace, so that we may be ablaze with God as Ignatius was!

## **Mass Intentions For The Week:**

### **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday July 10 +Emilienne Mangin req. George Mangin & family

Sunday July 11 **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m.**

Marlene & Loren Pettitt 60th Wedding Anniversary  
req. Bev & Family

&

For All Parishioners req. Father Paul

Monday July 12 For health of family req. Jean Goba

Tuesday July 13 For Family req. Mary Shenderevich

Wed. July 14 +Emilienne Mangin req. George Mangin & family

Thurs. July 15 **Zoom on-line Adoration 10:30 a.m. & Mass 11:00 a.m.**

+Joe Zegalski req. Gord Lyshyshyn

Friday July 16 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration  
9:00 a.m. Mass

10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration  
11:00 a.m. Mass

+Ed Bobinski req. Bernice Rybuck & Clayton, Monte & Jolene

### **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday July 17 Emilienne Mangin req. George Mangin & family

Sunday July 18 **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m.**

Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. Rose & family  
&

For All Parishioners req. Father Paul

**St. Philomena Walking Pilgrimage** sponsored by the R.C. Archdiocese of Regina **August 11-14, 2021 from Yorkton to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Rama, SK**

Come on a pilgrimage to somewhere special to your faith. As a pilgrim, you will have time to pray by leaving behind the everyday concerns from back home and spending time in the presence of God. If you are looking for peace or healing, this is a good time to do it. You may become closer to God. TO REGISTER: contact Deacon Dave & Bev Hudy at [dave@stphilomena.ca](mailto:dave@stphilomena.ca) 306-728-5525 For more information: [www.stphilomena.ca](http://www.stphilomena.ca) DEADLINE IS AUG.4. Inquiries also contact – Deacon Darin Douglas or Carlene

**You are Invited! 3 miles South & half mile West of Esterhazy, SK on 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 \*\*\*

**Thank You** for everyone who helped in cleaning and washing the walls of the church on Monday July 4th.

people that helped: Florence, Carol, Michelle, Gary, Nicole, Bev, Jim

Thanks, the church looks and smells summer fresh after being closed up for so long.

### **Prayer for the Year of St. Joseph**

**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust; with  
you Christ became man. Blessed  
Joseph, to us too, show yourself a  
father and guide us in the path of  
life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and  
courage, and defend us from every  
evil. Amen.**

**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.

### **\*\*Time Out In The Park\*\***

**Wednesday July 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.  
at Millennium Park**

**Bring your own lawnchair & coffee**





# Dear Padre,

At my church, some people take the votive candles out of the holders and place them next to the statues and icons. Does this make God or the saint pay more attention to the petition? And isn't doing that a fire hazard?

**V**igil lights, commonly known as votive candles, are usually lit when a person seeks some favor from the Lord or a saint's intercession. Lighting a candle is a way of extending one's prayer and showing solidarity with the person on whose behalf the prayer is offered.

In the lighting of candles we remember and truly live the words of our Lord,

"I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). We burn candles to symbolize the rising of our prayers to heaven day and night. Prayers for the saints' intercession are also common because of their friendship with God in heaven. Saints are powerful intercessors.

God hears all prayers uttered in sincerity. Burning a candle as we pray doesn't make that prayer more important than prayers offered without a candle; neither does moving the candle to the front of the line.

If your church has made sure that the placing of the votive candles complies

with local fire regulations, you have no worries about setting a fire with vigil lights.

Fr. Paul Borowski, CSSR

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## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

*Our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people—often forgotten people—who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines...doctors, nurses, supermarket employees, cleaners, caregivers, providers of transport, law and order forces, volunteers, priests, religious men and women and so very many others who have understood that no one reaches salvation by themselves.*

EXTRAORDINARY MOMENT OF PRAYER, MARCH 27, 2020

## Calendar

**Monday**  
JULY 12  
Weekday  
Ex 1:8–14, 22  
Mt 10:34–11:1

**Tuesday**  
JULY 13  
Weekday  
Ex 2:1–15a  
Mt 11:20–24

**Wednesday**  
JULY 14  
St. Kateri Tekakwitha,  
Virgin  
Ex 3:1–6, 9–12  
Mt 11:25–27

**Thursday**  
JULY 15  
St. Bonaventure,  
Bishop and Doctor of  
the Church  
Ex 3:13–20  
Mt 11:28–30

**Friday**  
JULY 16  
Weekday  
Ex 11:10–12:14  
Mt 12:1–8

**Saturday**  
JULY 17  
Weekday  
Ex 12:37–42  
Mt 12:14–21

**Sunday**  
JULY 18  
Sixteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Jer 23:1–6  
Eph 2:13–18  
Mk 6:30–34

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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 11, 2021

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Am 7:12–15

Eph 1:3–14 or 1:3–10

Mk 6:7–13



So they went off and preached repentance. They drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.  
MARK 6:12–13

## You Can Do It

**T**oday's readings are about unpretentious people who accomplished remarkable deeds. Amos, a shepherd from the southern kingdom of Judah who also cultivated sycamore figs, challenged the people at a northern shrine in Israel. He did not come from an illustrious family, nor was he particularly important. Yet he is the one called by God to summon the northern Israelites to repentance.

The disciples of Jesus pursued family businesses like fishing or were employed by the Romans like Matthew. They didn't come from socially prominent families, nor were they known as community leaders. But look at what they did: they cast out demons and cured the sick. Where did these people get their training? More importantly, where did they obtain their power? We find the answer to such questions in the second reading: "In him we were also chosen" (Ephesians 1:11).

The Ephesians letter assures us that God "has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens" (1:3). We don't have to worry about performing miracles; all we have to do is open ourselves to the graciousness of God. God will do the rest. Through us, God will cast out the demons of prejudice and bias that plague our world, of selfishness and spitefulness so prominent in our political rivalries, of greed and dishonesty in many of our social interactions. Through us, God will heal our country, our world, and our Church of hatred, violence, and oppression. With Amos and the Twelve we too hear: "You can do it."

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## FOR Reflection

- ✦ In what ways do you make the world better?
- ✦ Do you realize that you have the power of God to transform the world?