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

Responsorial Psalm 103: The Lord is merciful and gracious.

St. Joseph's Russell needs volunteers to read and usher on Sunday Morning Mass, please choose which Sunday and sign up on the Ministry Schedule – found on the table where the donation envelopes are located. Thank you!

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.

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.

First Communion – Next class will be February 23rd from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Praying with Pope Francis, February: For Parishes: We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage You are invited in the New Year at St. Joseph The Worker
Next Session Tuesday February 21st at 7:00 p.m.

For more information contact Father Paul Bisson, 204-773-2924, or
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Stations Of The Cross will be available on Zoom at
7:00p.m. starting on Feb 24th. This will continue until Easter.

This is a good way to enliven our prayer life and slow down our mind to really see what God has in mind for us.



Coffee Sunday is back Sunday, February 26th after
9 am Mass and *everyone is invited!* ***We hope to see you there!***



St. Theresa's News:

On February 26th Following Mass St. Theresa's Parish will be having it's Annual General Meeting with the parish and some refreshments to follow.

A day of fasting for peace in Ukraine

Friday February 24th, marks one year of the tragic war in Ukraine. The entire Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Church globally has been asked to participate in a day of fasting for peace in Ukraine. So, on that day, abstain from meat and keep your meals simple and to a minimum. Let us offer this small sacrifice in our own lives in order to bring peace and solidarity to the Ukraine.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Feb 18 7:30 p.m. Russell + Duncan Spurway from Funeral Mass offering &
+ Avery Josephina Osborne's 2nd anniversary of death (February 17)
req. by Ritchell & Wesley

Sunday Feb 19 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. & YouTube after 10:15 am**
+ Deceased Family req. by Brad & Brenda & family

11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Norma Kaskiw req. by Kaskiw family

Monday Feb 20 Health of family & friends req. by Jean Goba

Tuesday Feb 21 + Deceased Family req. by Frank & Madeline Mangin
7:00 p.m. **Beloved:** Finding Happiness in Marriage at St Joseph the Worker

ASH Wednesday **Day Of Fast & Abstinence******

Wed. Feb 22 6:30 p.m. Russell Liturgy of the Word with Deacon Darin
6:30 p.m. Rossburn + Norma Kaskiw req. by Vince Kaskiw

Thurs. Feb 23 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration
11:00 a.m. + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. by Rose & family

Friday Feb 24 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
9:00 a.m. For Youth req. by Carlene Douglas

First Sunday Of Lent

Saturday Feb 25 7:30 p.m. Russell + Duncan Spurway from Funeral Mass offering

Sunday Feb 26 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. & YouTube after 10:15 am**
+ Lorne Gallant req. by Lori, Kyle & Kim, Colin
11:00 a.m. Rossburn For all parishioners by Father Paul



Do This Before You Judge Your Neighbor

It's ironic. In many ways, we live in one of the most tolerant ages in history. Yet, many of us — liberals, moderates, and conservatives alike — love getting up on our pedestals and dealing out judgment on our neighbors.

You see this a lot on social media: name-calling, rash judgment about people's motives. We see the bitter fruits of this behavior — those we judge attack us back. The cycle of hate continues.

You need to love people into letting go

You need to love before you judge. Love your neighbor into letting go of their faults. Love is like the fuel in a car. When your car tank is empty, you can't yell at it for not going where you want it to go. The car can't do anything about it. It doesn't have gas.

It's the same way with us. How can you yell at your neighbor for not changing direction when they have no fuel? Love is the fuel. You need to love them into life.

It's possible that your neighbor may use that "gas" to continue going down the wrong road. But at least you've given them a fighting chance to change direction.

But if you just judge them, they stay stuck in the mud.

Continue loving while you correct someone

Not only should love precede judgment. It should inspire the way you correct your neighbor. As we said, love doesn't mean ignoring things that shouldn't be ignored. It just means not trying to cut someone down, but instead building them up.

It means showing your neighbor that you believe in them and their ability to change (with God's grace, of course).

If you struggle to show love when correcting someone, ask God for help. Remember the great mercy He has shown you. After all, you are full of your own sins. Don't be too quick to jump on someone just because they struggle with something you don't. [Do This Before You Judge Your Neighbor - Pints with Aquinas](#)

Dear Padre,

I am wondering why Ash Wednesday is sometimes in February and sometimes in March. Who decides when Lent begins, and why is it always different?

The beginning of Lent is determined by the date of Easter, which is a movable feast, unlike Christmas, which is always on December 25. Easter falls on the first Sunday following the first full moon of spring. The first Sunday of Lent is six weeks before, and the Wednesday before the first Sunday of Lent is Ash Wednesday.

This subject has caused division in the Church since the second century, because the Eastern Church and the Western Church had different calendars. So, the calculations of the first full moon of spring differed and therefore the date of Easter and Ash Wednesday were different. Sometimes on a calendar you will see both Easter and Orthodox Easter listed on different Sundays. It is hard for most of us to appreciate why the differences between East and West are so important. Remember the prayer of Jesus, that we all may be one. We can honor our Lord's desire for unity and pray during this Lent for the unity of Christians everywhere. ●

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

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
February 20	February 21	February 22	February 23	February 24	February 25	February 26
Weekday	Weekday	Ash Wednesday	St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr	Friday after Ash Wednesday	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	First Sunday of Lent
Sir 1:1-10	Sir 2:1-11	Jl 2:12-18	Dt 30:15-20	Is 58:1-9a	Is 58:9b-14	Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7
Mk 9:14-29	Mk 9:30-37	2 Cor 5:20-6:2	Lk 9:22-25	Mt 9:14-15	Lk 5:27-32	Rom 5:12-19 or Rom 5:12, 17-19
		Mt 6:1-6, 16-18				Mt 4:1-11



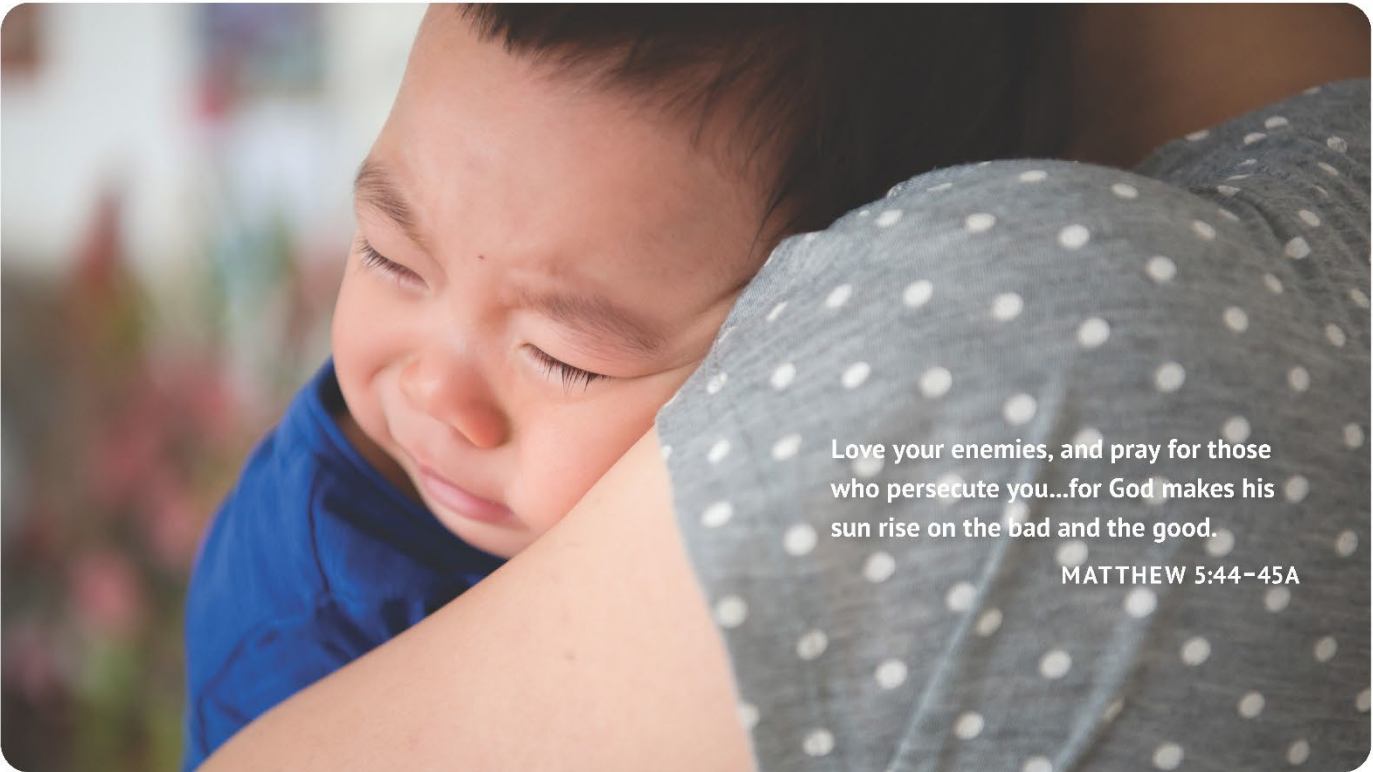
A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

If we want to call ourselves Christians, this is the only way; there is no other. Having been loved by God, we are called to love in return; having been forgiven, we are called to forgive; having been touched by love, we are called to love without waiting for others to love first....

HOMILY IN BARI (ITALY), FEBRUARY 23, 2020

Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 19, 2023
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 / 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 / Matthew 5:38-48



Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you...for God makes his sun rise on the bad and the good.
MATTHEW 5:44-45A

Like a Sponge

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

To turn the other cheek, to go the extra mile, to love one's enemy, all of that is to absorb and thus stop the evil that can saturate life. When we do that, then evil ends with us, lest it keep escalating like a tsunami that overwhelms life.

Is anyone really willing to absorb the evils of life? Many are. Parents do who walk the floor at night with a crying infant or care for a child sick with a cold and then find themselves suffering the same illness. They absorb the evil in order to bring some comfort and so ease the child's pain. Someone does as well who listens endlessly to a lonely person on the phone or over a cup of coffee. They absorb the loneliness even as it tests their own patience. Those who protest injustice by participating in nonviolent demonstrations and then find themselves mistreated or even dealt with violently, they absorb the hate of others.

"Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy" (Leviticus 19:2), says the Lord to Moses. Absorbing the evils of life is a different sort of holiness, different than saying more prayers or giving up enjoyments during Lent. Part of our tradition is to do penance during the season of Lent. Perhaps this year a penance might be to become conscious of each day's opportunities to simply absorb someone's suffering, another's pain, a bit of the evil that so often ricochets through our days, always doing so in the image of Jesus. ●

Reflect

When have you ever suffered as you absorbed someone else's pain?