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

**Responsorial Psalm 19:** Lord, you have the words of eternal life.

### **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** - Volunteers will be leading Stations of the Cross starting at 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings, followed by our Sunday mass, during Lent, the Parish community invite you to come and join them to pray!

**Did you Know!** The National Catholic Broadcasting Council offers Sunday & Daily TV Mass on the Web, visit the website at [www.dailytvmass.com](http://www.dailytvmass.com) or [www.youtube.com/dailytvmass](http://www.youtube.com/dailytvmass) to watch Mass each day.

### **March 7, 2021 Stewardship Message**

#### **3rd Sunday of Lent**

*"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - Exodus 20:4*

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times, they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

**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.

**\*\*\*Daylight Saving Time Change!** Next Sunday marks the beginning of daylight-saving time, remember to this week set your clocks ahead Saturday night.\*\*\*

### **Zoom Workshop - Offered by Catholic Health Assoc. of Manitoba**

MANAGING YOUR MENTAL HEALTH for you & for others you care about VIA ZOOM A TWO-PART SERIES  
MARCH 10TH | 6:30 PM TO 7:15 PM Tips for people suffering from mental health issues  
MARCH 24TH | 6:30 PM TO 7:15 PM Tips for people who know someone suffering from mental health issues.

Annick Boulet has a master's degree in social psychology and has a passion for personal growth. She has a strong love for the Lord and desires to share how a relationship with God can transform one's life. She taught psychology at the University of Saint-Boniface for 6 years and currently works as a spiritual care provider for Actionmarguerite. In addition, she teaches the Personal Growth pillar and is part of the Formation Team for Nathanael at the Archdiocese of St-Boniface. She hopes to continue pursuing a career as a public speaker on the issues surrounding personal growth, mental health and spirituality.

FREE WORKSHOP - TO REGISTER CONTACT Julie Turenne-Maynard | [jtmaynard@cham.mb.ca](mailto:jtmaynard@cham.mb.ca) 204.235.3136

**Parish Mission, Ukrainian Catholic Church - March 12-14th.** For more information contact Fr. Jay, 204-773-6594 or email, [rossburnpastor@gmail.com](mailto:rossburnpastor@gmail.com)

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

#### **Third Sunday of Lent**

Saturday March 6 Shenderevich & Welenchenko family req. Mary Shenderevich  
Sunday March 7 Zoom on-line Stations of the Cross 9:00 a.m. with Mass to follow  
For all Parishioners req. Father Paul

&  
+Adeline Sobie req. Bernadine Brown

Monday March 8 Special Intentions req. Darlene

Tuesday March 9 Special intentions req. Albina Kozak

Wed. March 10 +Emilienne Mangin req. George Mangin & family  
*Deanery Meeting 10:30 a.m.*

Thurs. March 11 **Zoom on-line Adoration 10:30 a.m. & Mass 11:00 a.m.**  
+ Rose Yeo req. Mike & Alice Shenderevich

Friday March 12 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

#### **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

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

Sunday March 14 Zoom on-line Stations of the Cross 9:00 a.m. with Mass to follow  
9:00 a.m. Russell Mass For all Parishioners req. Father Paul

11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. Rose & 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.

**Condolences** to Ted Yankoski family. Ted was very involved with St Joseph in the building of the current Church and was a charter member of the Knights of Columbus. He was also very involved with the Russell community.  
Service was held on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. June 1924 ~ February 25<sup>th</sup> 2021

**Let us take this opportunity, an invitation to join Winnipeg Life's Vision** as we listen to Stephanie Gray Connors present compassionate and effective apologetics on Assisted Suicide. This workshop will take place virtually on Saturday, March 13, 2021 at 7:30 PM. This is a free-will event where your support is greatly appreciated!

Register and order your book now to receive one free book! Register and/or place your order by emailing [winnipeg@lifesvision.ca](mailto:winnipeg@lifesvision.ca).

Stephanie Gray Connors' new book Start with What draws on stories of people who have endured profound suffering and what we can learn from them. At a time when laws for assisted suicide are increasingly being passed, at a time when some people are tempted to give up on life, this workshop will equip you to converse about this controversial topic in a way that demonstrates compassion, persuasion, and grace.

### **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.

### **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,

**Our deacon was preaching about Lent and mentioned that the Church calls us to *metanoia*. What did he mean?**

**M**ost of us think of Lent as a time of penance. We receive our ashes and take up some traditional practice of giving up something or doing something for Lent. But there's more to Lent than just practices of piety or acts of penance and mortification. Your deacon is correct. In Lent, the Church calls us to *metanoia*, a Greek word meaning "a change of mind and heart."



We begin a new way of thinking and acting. We take a long, hard look at our lifestyle and compare it to the values Jesus offers. Then we change our lives to match the values of the Lord. This, of course, is difficult to do alone. The Church asks us to pray during Lent that the Lord's power will enter our lives and give us the wisdom to see a new direction and the courage to move in that direction. The Church suggests we strengthen our resolve through acts of personal mortification and sacrifice for others. This will tighten the belt of our discipline and

train us for the more sweeping changes that we must make.

The Scripture readings for the first three weeks of Lent center on metanoia. The readings direct us to understand what is involved with "changing our hearts" and seeking a new life direction. Listen to them well and they will lead you to metanoia.

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## A WORD FROM Pope Francis



*I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting, and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.*

LENTEN MESSAGE FOR 2018, NOVEMBER 1, 2017

## Calendar

**Monday**  
MARCH 8  
*Lenten Weekday*  
2 Kgs 5:1–15ab  
Lk 4:24–30

**Tuesday**  
MARCH 9  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Dn 3:25, 34–43  
Mt 18:21–35

**Wednesday**  
MARCH 10  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Dt 4:1, 5–9  
Mt 5:17–19

**Thursday**  
MARCH 11  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Jer 7:23–28  
Lk 11:14–23

**Friday**  
MARCH 12  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Hos 14:2–10  
Mk 12:28–34

**Saturday**  
MARCH 13  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Hos 6:1–6  
Lk 18:9–14

**Sunday**  
MARCH 14  
*Fourth Sunday of Lent*  
2 Chr 36:14–16,  
19–23  
Eph 2:4–10  
Jn 3:14–21

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 7, 2021

Third Sunday of Lent (B)

Ex 20:1–17 or 20:1–3, 7–8, 12–17

1 Cor 1:22–25

Jn 2:13–25



*While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing.*

JOHN 2:23

## The Long Arm of the Law

**E**ventually you're going to get caught. That's what this expression means. And that is pretty much how most people understand law—as something that hems them in and, if disregarded, will get them in the end. But that is not how Israel understood its law. The psalm verses for today insist that the law refreshes the soul, rejoices the heart, enlightens the eye, is more precious than gold, and is sweeter than syrup or honey from the comb. The people cherished the law because it outlined for them how they were to live as God's Chosen People.

People who want to run a marathon, learn to fly a plane, or join a club are eager to take on the directives that will enable them to accomplish their goal. That is how Israel viewed the law outlined in today's first reading. It's as if God said: "If you want to be my people, this is the way you should live."

Whenever the law of Israel seems to be criticized (as is often the case in St. Paul's writings), it is not really the law itself but the inappropriate attitude toward it that is censured. As important and precious as the law might be, it is only a means to an end. It is not the end itself, any more than the directives for flying a plane are what are uppermost. From the Bible's point of view, the long arm of the law is meant to direct and support us, not intimidate us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## For Reflection

- ★ The laws in today's first reading deal with basic living. Which ones seem to be the hardest to live by? Why?
- ★ Which laws give you the most support as you try to live with integrity?