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

St. Theresa's Parish News:

If anyone has any personal petitions, you can place them in the box at the back of the church. They will not be individually read but prayed for generally.

St. Theresa's Finance Report 2019 Month of August

REVENUES:		EXPENSES:	
July 28 collection	\$792.00	Church & cemetery maintenance	\$525.00
Cemetery plot sale	\$1,000.00	Hydro	\$376.00
Aug 4 collection	\$1,610.00	Life's Vision remittance	\$290.00
Aug 11 collection	\$885.00	Archdiocese SGG remittance	\$3,035.00
		2020 donation envelope sets purchase	\$162.30
		Postage	\$9.45
Year To Date Revenues	\$52,949.87	Year To Date Expenses	\$50,503.40

For a donation envelope set contact Raymond Lysyshin at 204-859-2409 or 204-859-2134

Annual Mass will be held at Our Lady of Assumption, Roman Catholic Church (Oakburn Farm), on Sunday, August 18, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. Lunch to follow. Everyone welcome! (No mass at St. Theresa on that Sunday)

St. Joseph The Worker Parish News:

Please Note!!!: Sunday, time change of Mass – on Sunday August 25, morning Mass will be at 11:00 a.m., not 9:00 a.m., at Russell, St. Joseph The Worker.

All invited! Picnic hosted by the Knights of Columbus at our Parish. You are invited to attend the picnic on Sunday, August 25th after Mass. It is always nice to gather together for food & fellowship!

Responsorial Psalm 40: "Lord, make haste to help me!"

Mass Intentions For The Week:

Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday Aug. 17 7:30 p.m. Russell: +Joyce Mushmanski req. St Joseph's CWL

Sunday Aug. 18 9:00 a.m. Russell: For all Parishioners req. Father Paul

11:00 a.m. Oakburn farm: +Wendy's Parents Leon & Mildred Cox req.
David Woychyshyn

5:00 p.m. Roblin: Mass

Please Note: Father Paul is away on holidays this coming week Monday, Aug. 19 – Friday, Aug. 23. Please leave a message on the parish office phone, and your call will be returned.

Monday, August 19 – Friday, August 23rd: **No Masses**

Twenty-first Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday Aug. 24 7:30 p.m. Russell: +Phyllis Keller req. Frank & Family

Sunday Aug. 25 **9:00 a.m. Rossburn:** +Friends of suffering souls in Purgatory req. Joe, Rose & family

11:00 a.m. Russell: For all Parishioners req. Father Paul
Parish Barbeque after 11:00 Mass

"Love Your Enemies" - A Book Review - Thank you, Patti Fitzmaurice, for this excellent book review! Patti is the Archdiocese of Winnipeg's Social Justice Coordinator. You may contact her at sjustice@archwinnipeg.ca. Archdiocese of Winnipeg (a necessary read in this election season) - A book review of "Love Your Enemies: How Decent People Can Save

America From the Culture of Contempt" by Arthur C. Brooks We, in Manitoba, are facing two elections this fall. Several issues will be raised and platforms presented. Inevitably we will enter into a discussion with someone during this time about the issues presented. How we discuss those issues with each other is our choice. Last year I attended a meeting of certain individuals of a particular party and in the course of the meeting there was a discussion of positions taken by the federal party in power now. I was sadly not surprised when some individuals responded by saying they hated the Prime Minister and then vilified him and his party for the position they were taking. I accepted that their opinion differed but questioned the need to attack the person. So it was with great interest that I picked up this book by Arthur Brooks. Arthur Brooks is a social scientist and the president of the American Enterprise Institute, a leading policy research organization in Washington, D.C. He is also a Catholic who stated in a recent interview that "My Catholic faith has always been at the core of my interest in policy and public life..... I believe that efforts to overcome acrimony and polarization in American politics can be catalyzed by turning to the example and teachings of Christ. "His main premise is that we are living in a culture of contempt. We have a tendency to treat those with different points of view with anger, disgust and complete disdain. The idea that people who have a different perspective must hate our country and be destroyed is what drives us apart. So, what overcomes this divide? We have to treat each other with civility and tolerance but more than this with love. That "we listen with our hearts but think clearly, look at the facts and do difficult things when necessary to truly lift people up and bring them together". Arthur Brooks has written a book that reminds us that we are called to treat each other with love, a love that reflects God's love for us. We can still disagree but when we reject another's views, we must do so with respect. We must really listen to one another with empathy, trying to understand their point of view and not listening just to rebut. We must never treat another person with contempt and if we should begin to feel contempt then our main thought should be to practice warm-heartedness. Furthermore, we should not reject the need for love and warm-heartedness as a weakness, for it is not.

Calendar

Monday

AUGUST 19

Weekday

Jgs 2:11-19

Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday

AUGUST 20

St. Bernard,
Abbot and Doctor
of the Church

Jgs 6:11-24a

Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday

AUGUST 21

St. Pius X,
Pope

Jgs 9:6-15

Mt 20:1-16

Thursday

AUGUST 22

Queenship of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Jgs 11:29-39a

Mt 22:1-14

Friday

AUGUST 23

Weekday

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22

Mt 22:34-40

Saturday

AUGUST 24

St. Bartholomew,
Apostle

Rv 21:9b-14

Jn 1:45-51

Sunday

AUGUST 25

Twenty-first Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Is 66:18-21

Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

Lk 13:22-30

Dear Padre,

Why do we ask the saints to intercede for us with God? In Job 42:8, the Lord encourages Job's friends to seek his intercession on their behalf. Then in 1 Thessalonians 5:25, St. Paul asks Church members in Thessalonica to pray for him and his missionary companions: "Brothers, pray for us." In neither the New nor



Old Testament is there a concern that it might be inappropriate to ask living members of one's faith community for support in prayer before God. Therefore, if we believe the saints are "living" members of our community, why would we not ask for their prayerful support just as we do the flesh-and-blood members of the community we can see and touch? Christ is the one true mediator between God and humans, but Christ calls us into a community of faith. Prayer with the saints celebrates and builds this community that God delights in working through and in.

To ignore the saints is to deprive ourselves of gifts that God freely chooses to give. We hope to be in communion with the saints forever. At this time, we strengthen our fellowship with them through prayer. —Fr. Matthew Allman, CSsR Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A Word from Pope Francis I encourage you always to have prophetic courage in rejecting everything that demeans human beings, and all forms of exploitation that degrades them. Continue to show those signs of hospitality and solidarity, great and small, which can light up the lives of children and old people, migrants and refugees, in search of peace. —Address to Caritas Internationalis, November 17, 2016

Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, Kaposvar – Annual Pilgrimage (near Esterhazy, SK) – Sunday, August 18th. For more information contact: Bea Twardzik 306-745-6374 or Eola Stevenson 306-740-6095. See poster at back of church

Marian Eucharistic Conference, August 23-25th, Fairmont Hotel, Winnipeg. Bulletin/Registration form at the back of church. For more information call, 204-268-2046.



August 18, 2019
Twentieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Welcome

We Are All Prophets

Persecution is part of a prophet's life. Their strong messages are rarely met with open hearts even if conversion, rather than confrontation, is what the prophet seeks. Bartholomew, one of the Twelve Apostles, was preaching in India and Turkey in the first century and converted the Armenian king. But the king's brother had him flayed alive. Jeremiah foretold the destruction of Jerusalem unless the people returned their hearts to the Lord. This call to conversion was considered demoralizing for those who wished to continue in their self-centered ways. His



Piece: Martyrdom of St. Bartholomew, fifteenth century
Artist: Rhenish School
Location: Vatican Museums

words were even crushing the soldiers! Either Jeremiah was quite the preacher, the soldiers were weak, guilty—or both! The fire of the prophet's words is meant as a call to action for the soul caught up in lukewarm stagnation. They should be uncomfortable. When more than 2,000 bishops reflected on the Church at Vatican II, they insisted that every baptized Christian have a prophetic mission. We're called to shake things up. The role of the prophet is to examine in prayerful observation the signs of the times, and to read into them calls to action. The prophet listens with one ear to the Lord and another to society in order to speak wisely to his contemporaries. This call to preach whether convenient or not was experienced by Christ. The flame that burned in his bosom was a desire to turn hearts toward his Father.

Jesus didn't back down from preaching out of fear of rejection of the gospel. Neither should we. —Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Do I read the news and immerse myself in this culture with the examining heart of one called to transform culture with the gospel?

Are there ways I have become of the world and need to be more of the gospel?

Consider how [Jesus] endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart. Hebrews 12:3