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

**Responsorial Psalm 27:** "The Lord is my light and my salvation."

**Visiting the Sick:** Please let us know who is ill, at home or in hospital so that we can visit and offer the sacraments.

**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.

**Note:** Sharing God's Gifts contribution total for 2019 is \$12,935 at 70% parishioner participation.

**Regarding the Whole Life Confession, we have the books on hand**, total of 10 for now, please let me know as soon as possible if you wish to participate or if you have any questions. We will begin on the week of January 19th. This will prove to be a most beautiful Lenten Exercises! Lynda Ryshylylo 859-2760



St. Theresa's Finance Report 2020		Month of January	
REVENUES:		EXPENSES:	
Jan 1 collection	\$1,065.00	Hydro	\$501.00
Jan 5 collection	\$1,305.00	St Joseph The Worker shared expenses	\$2,000.00
Jan 12 collection	\$995.00		
Jan 19 collection	\$475.00		
<b>Year To Date Revenues</b>	<b>\$3,840.00</b>	<b>Year To Date Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,501.00</b>

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

**Thank you to all** attended the 2020 Ecumenical Service hosted at Knox United Church in Russell, this past Wednesday, during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

**St. Joseph The Worker Parish News:**

**This Sunday, January 26 Coffee Sunday** – All welcome for coffee and snacks, etc. provided by Paulette Vandamme's group, after Mass in the church basement. Plan to be there!

**There is a sign-up sheet for First Communion at the back of the church** on the confessional door. Classes will begin in March and the actual date is yet to be determined. Please sign up or if you know of someone wanting to receive this sacrament please let them know. If you have any questions see Glenda or call me at 1-204-821-5216. Thank you.

**Knights of Columbus** meeting at St. Joseph's Parish, Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm

**2020 Coffee Sunday Schedule-** copies of the new schedule now available! Parishioners please pick up a copy so you can check when your group will be doing Coffee Sunday this year. If you are not on the list and would like to be, please contact Julie Zimmer or the parish office.

**January 26, 2020 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Stewardship** "He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." (Matthew 4:22) Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries, and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

**Joke of the week: Teaching ministry:** A pastor told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17." The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up. The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only 16 chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."

**Pope Francis Message Jan. 23:** "Ecumenical hospitality requires a willingness to listen to other Christians, paying attention to their personal stories of faith and to the history of their community."

**THANK YOU** to all our parish children in St. Theresa's & St. Joseph's for the coins they put in the treasure chest each Sunday.

**Mass Intentions For The Week:**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday Jan. 25 7:30 p.m. Russell: +Deceased Family req. Frank & Madeline Mangin  
 Sunday Jan. 26 9:00 a.m. Russell: For all Parishioners req. Father Paul  
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn: Father Paul req. by a parishioner

**Monday No Mass**

Tuesday Jan. 28 9:00 a.m. Russell: For family req. Simone  
 Wed. Jan. 29 7:00 p.m. Russell: For health of family req. Mary Shenderevich  
 Thursday Jan. 30 9:00 a.m. Russell: For family req. Jean Goba  
 10:30 a.m. Rossburn: Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament  
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn: Mass  
 Friday Jan. 31 8:30 a.m. Russell: Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament  
 9:00 a.m. Russell: Special intentions req. Simone

**Presentation of The Lord** – World Day for Consecrated Life

Saturday Feb. 1 7:30 p.m. Russell: +Alice Branconnier req. Dixon Family  
 Sunday Feb. 2 9:00 a.m. Russell: For all Parishioners req. Father Paul  
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn: +Budz Family req. Nellie Kaskiw

**Speak Out Against Expanding Canada's Euthanasia Regime**

Our present euthanasia regime is an utter travesty and a complete sham. And it will only get worse if Mr. Trudeau has his way. Soon we will be at the point of "euthanasia on-demand"! This is why we need your help!

There is a very short public consultation taking place as we speak, which ends on January 27th. In this consultation, the public has been granted the opportunity to fill out a brief online survey offering their views on expanding euthanasia.

We would urge you to please fill out the survey ASAP, stating your opposition to euthanasia expansion in the strongest possible terms. **Here is the link to the survey:** <https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/cons/ad-am/index.html>

To make filling out this survey easier, I have listed the questions on insert, along with our suggested responses. Just be aware that these government questions are highly skewed in favor of expanding euthanasia.

Thank you for helping to stop the spread of this evil in our country.

**The Myriam Family Sisters** warmly welcome anyone to their home in Regina, Saskatchewan during scheduled activities/prayer times. The sisters come to Russell St. Josephs parish during the summer children's camp. You are welcome to visit their home, learn who they are, know their mission and experience it! Bible activities for children/youth, experience adoration or if you need a time of retreat. Mass, pot-lucks, songs, short talks and prayer. To see scheduled events please see the poster at the back of the church. **(see poster at back church)**

**Pope Francis has declared that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time will now be known as "Sunday of the Word of God"**. On January 26, 2020, with local Churches throughout the world, the Archdiocese of Winnipeg will celebrate this occasion for the first time.

The Popes call to observe the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday falls in nicely with our Synod Implementation. A key recommendation of the Synod delegates is that "we encourage all the baptized to acquire a familiarity with sacred scripture. To that end we have been encouraged, as an Archdiocese, to incorporate Lectio Divina into our way of life. This Sunday might provide another opportunity to emphasize the importance of breaking open the Word of God or Lectio Divina with our parishes.

**Dying Healed Workshop Dauphin, St. Viator's R.Catholic Church, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – 4pm.** Cost includes lunch: \$10. To keep the workbook, cost is instead \$15. The Dying healed program is a project of LifeCanada which works to foster a deep & lasting awareness of the meaning & dignity of each human life & the meaning & dignity of human suffering, especially at the end of life, when the human person is preparing for their final moments on earth. Our aim is to raise people both in concepts of "Dying Healed" & to train volunteers to spend time with those who suffer, those socially isolated or those who are dying, so they can experience the power of human presence & obtain some healing both spiritually & emotionally. The program isn't complicated & doesn't require advanced degrees. It requires faith in our ability to effect change by giving of our time to those most in need. If we don't reach out to the suffering, who will? **(see poster at back of church for more information)**



# Dear Padre,

## What are deacons' duties? Can they preside at wedding ceremonies? What about baptisms and other duties usually reserved for priests?

**T**he Catholic Church has two kinds of deacons: transitional deacons, seminarians in the last stage of their studies for the priesthood, and permanent deacons, men who will remain deacons.

Transitional and permanent deacons can baptize, give homilies at Mass, give blessings (for example, the blessing of throats on St. Blaise's feast day), perform the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and preside at wedding and funeral services where there is no Mass.

Neither type of deacon can administer the sacrament of reconciliation. They can visit and bless the sick, but they cannot anoint them. Deacons can distribute holy Communion, but they cannot consecrate the bread and wine.

Unlike transitional deacons, permanent deacons can be married. If a deacon's wife dies, he may not remarry except in certain circumstances, for example, if his children are still very young. Unmarried permanent deacons must remain unmarried.

Deacons are vital to the life of the Church. Many permanent deacons have families and full-time jobs in addition to their Church work. We don't thank deacons and their families enough for the many sacrifices they make for the people of God.

—Fr. Donald Kirchner, CSSR  
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



DEACON, AT LEFT / CNS PHOTO SEAN GALLAGHER, THE CRITERION



### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*It deeply troubles me when I see a timetable in a parish: "From such a time to such a time." ...Don't worry about the timetable: have the courage to look past the timetable. In this way, dear deacons, if you show that you are available to others, your ministry will not be self-serving, but evangelically fruitful.*

—JUBILEE OF DEACONS, MAY 29, 2016

## Calendar

### Monday

JANUARY 27  
Weekday  
2 Sm 5:1–7, 10  
Mk 3:22–30

### Tuesday

JANUARY 28  
St. Thomas Aquinas,  
Priest and Doctor of  
the Church  
2 Sm 6:12b–15, 17–19  
Mk 3:31–35

### Wednesday

JANUARY 29  
Weekday  
2 Sm 7:4–17  
Mk 4:1–20

### Thursday

JANUARY 30  
Weekday  
2 Sm 7:18–19, 24–29  
Mk 4:21–25

### Friday

JANUARY 31  
St. John Bosco,  
Priest  
2 Sm 11:1–4a, 5–10a,  
13–17  
Mk 4:26–34

### Saturday

FEBRUARY 1  
Weekday  
2 Sm 12:1–7a, 10–17  
Mk 4:35–41

### Sunday

FEBRUARY 2  
Presentation  
of the Lord  
Mal 3:1–4  
Heb 2:14–18  
Lk 2:22–40  
or 2:22–32

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 26, 2020

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 8:23–9:3

1 Cor 1:10–13

Mt 4:12–23 or 4:12–1

## Is Christ Divided?

**"You're breaking the back of the body of Christ!"** Saint Paul might have said this to members of the Corinthian community who rival each other, claiming that the leader who baptized them is greater than the one who baptized others: "I belong to Paul...I belong to Apollos...I belong to Cephas" (1 Corinthians 1:12). This suggests that, based on their baptizer, the members themselves are superior. Such rivalry sounds so petty. We should be careful here, because some of this rivalry still exists in the Church.

In any healthy group there will be diverse opinions. We all have our own tastes, preferences, cultural habits, and so on. This is true in church music, preaching style, and religious devotion. The uniformity of the Church prior to the Second Vatican Council has given way to great diversity. What is different is not necessarily bad. Nor is our preference necessarily superior. Such diversity need not pit us against each other, but sometimes it does. Is Christ divided over points of preference?

We are all part of the body of Christ; we are all God's beloved. The diversity among us challenges us to work toward the common good, to "be united in the same mind and in the same purpose" (1 Corinthians 1:10). Let us not divide Christ.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ★ How do you act toward someone who understands faith differently? Do you respect their viewpoint or automatically ignore them?
- ★ Which religious voices do you listen to? Why?

*From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

MATTHEW 4:17