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

**Responsorial Psalm 86:** Lord, you are good and forgiving.

### **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.

**Praying with Pope Francis, July: For a Eucharistic Life:** We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

### **Mass Intentions For This Week:**

#### **Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

Saturday July 22 7:30 p.m. Russell + Paul Leven req. by Anne & Ubald Deschambault

Sunday July 23 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. & YouTube after 10:15 am**  
For all parishioners by Father Paul

11:00 a.m. Rossburn + John Ryshtylo req. by Michael & Myrna & family

Monday July 24 Health of family & friends req. by Jean Goba

Tuesday July 25 In thanksgiving for God's Blessings req. by Holly & family

Wed. July 26 + Frank Mangin req. by Funeral Mass offering

Thurs. July 27 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration  
11:00 a.m. Mass + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. by Rose & family

Friday July 28 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration  
9:00 a.m. + Rita Fleury req. by Donalda Wishart

#### **Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

Saturday July 29 7:30 p.m. Russell +Delbert & Denis Deschamps req by family

Sunday July 30 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. & YouTube after 10:15 am**  
+ Julia Chartier req by her family  
11:00 a.m. Rossburn For all parishioners by Father Paul

Sincere condolences to Gertie Russin and family on the passing of Ed. His service was held July 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly - July 23, 2023**

The third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated this year on Sunday, July 23, 2023. Pope Francis inaugurated this World Day to be celebrated by the universal Church each July, either on or near the liturgical Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus, to help “treasure the spiritual and human wealth that has been handed down from generation to generation.”

**On Sunday July 23** Parkland Ukrainian Pioneer Assn is having the **Annual Prayer Service at the Mass Grave** to honor our pioneers. Father Jay from Rossburn, Father Roman from Wpg and Fr Paul from Russell will be celebrants at the service. The service starts at 4:00 pm and usually takes about 1/2 hour. You are then invited to have supper at Olha hall after the service. \$15.00 per plate for Adults, \$7.00 per plate for Children 7-13 yrs, Children 6 yrs and under are free. **Please bring your Lawn Chairs**

**Oakburn Farm Church August 13<sup>th</sup> more Information to follow in the near future.**



**“Two wolves within.”** Have you ever noticed that the people who are bad sometimes are the very same people who are good sometimes? It reminds us of a story called, “Two Wolves.” It goes like this: An old Cherokee is teaching his grandson about life. “A fight is going on inside me,” he said to the boy. “It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves. One is evil – he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego.” He continued, “The other is good – he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. The same fight is going on inside you – and inside every other person, too.” The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, “Which wolf will win?” The old Cherokee simply replied, “The one you feed.” (Anonymous). — Today’s Gospel parable reminds us that we are a mixture of good and evil and, hence, instead of judging others we have to lead exemplary Christian lives and leave the judgment to God. (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).

Thank you to all who helped prepared our confirmants for their special day! To all those that gave their talents and helped with the lunch it was much appreciated and allowed us to share time together as a community.



# Dear Padre,

Christians teach that Adam and Eve were the first man and woman and that they were created by God. How does the Catholic Church reconcile this belief with the theory of evolution?

Chapter 1 of Genesis contains the seven-day account of creation that we usually refer to when we reflect on the beginning of our world. The very next chapter contains a second account. The editors of the Bible were not distraught over the two differing accounts; they left them side by side because they weren't interested in giving either a historical or scientific explanation for the world's origin. Rather, they were emphasizing deeper truths, such as the goodness of the earth as created by a loving and caring God. Scripture tells us that the Creator held human beings as especially precious.

Cannot these same values be maintained if we believe creation (or evolution) took longer than seven twenty-four-hour days? Perhaps God actually spent seventy billion years bringing forth the world's beauty. Details and numbers don't change the message of Genesis: God is good; God created the cosmos, heaven and earth, "all things visible and invisible," as we profess in the Nicene Creed, and all of creation is good. Furthermore, scientific discoveries surrounding space, matter, and all forms of life "invite us to even greater admiration for the greatness of the Creator, prompting us to give him thanks for all his works and for the understanding and wisdom he gives to scholars and researchers" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 283). ●



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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
July 24	July 25	July 26	July 27	July 28	July 29	July 30
Weekday	St. James, Apostle	Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Weekday	Weekday	Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 14:5–18	2 Cor 4:7–15	Ex 16:1–5, 9–15	Ex 19:1–2, 9–11, 16–20b	Ex 20:1–17	Ex 24:3–8	1 Kgs 3:5, 7–12
Mt 12:38–42	Mt 20:20–28	Mt 13:1–9	Mt 13:10–17	Mt 13:18–23	Jn 11:19–27 or Lk 10:38–42	Rom 8:28–30
						Mt 13:44–52 or Mt 13:44–46



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*It is not those who are always searching for others' limitations and flaws who cooperate well with God but, rather, those who know how to recognize the good that silently grows in the field of the Church and history, cultivating it until it becomes mature....God, and he alone, will reward the good and punish the wicked.*

ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 19, 2020

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 23, 2023  
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
Wisdom 12:13, 16–19 / Romans 8:26–27 / Matthew 13:24–43 or 13:24–30



## Weeds in the Gardens of Life

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**W**e humans are a curious lot, a mixture of wheat and weeds, sin and grace, tolerance and intolerance. Uproot one and you might uproot the other as well. The one who is guarded and may seem superficial may also be the one who is fun to be with and makes us laugh. The one who is terribly impractical may also be the creative dreamer. The penny-pincher who finds it difficult to spend and enjoy life may also be the one who calms our own spending and encourages us to save.

The kingdom of heaven, says the parable, is about God, who allows the wheat and weeds to grow together; God, who recognizes in each of us both good and evil and seems able to love us that way. Some find it difficult

to tolerate those who are still growing in the faith. Over the years there have been different litmus tests to determine the truly faithful ones—usury and the lending of money for interest, being part of the military, nuclear arms use, the prohibition and use of alcohol, birth control, divorce. Consider the Inquisition, when heretics were burned at the stake. Being a believer does not mean any of us perfectly lives out the ideal. God seems more tolerant of us than we are of one another. We vessels who hold the treasure of

faith grow at our own pace, each quite differently. It is God who does the ultimate sorting, willing to gather the wheat from our personal gardens and leave the weeds behind. ●

**Reflect**  
*Are there some believers you find difficult to tolerate?*