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

Responsorial Psalm 69: Lord, in your steadfast love, answer me.

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, June: For the abolition of torture: We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate - June 30, 2023

Join Archbishop Gagnon and the Archdiocese of Winnipeg community for the Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate of Christopher Pugh on Friday, June 30th, 2023, at 7:30pm at St. Augustine of Canterbury Parish. Find live-stream information at <https://staug.ca/>. Reception to follow in Parish hall.



Congratulations to our parish graduates Andrea Deopante, Kurt Deposoy, Gabrielle Mangila and Colbey Reichmuth. May the Lord continue to Bless You on your journey! **Grad Mass will be celebrated today June 25th.** Plan to attend and join us for coffee Sunday after Mass!



Mass Intentions For This Week:

Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday Jun 24 7:30 p.m. Russell + Duncan Spurway from Funeral Mass offering

Sunday Jun 25 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. & YouTube after 10:15 am**
 For all parishioners by Father Paul **Grad Mass & Coffee Sunday**

11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Wendy req. by David Woychyshyn & family

Monday Jun 26 Gladys, Randy, Nellie, Jean & family & friends req. by Jean Goba

Tuesday Jun 27 In thanksgiving for God's Blessings req. by Holly & family

Wed. Jun 28 + Deceased Family req. by +Frank & Madeline Mangin

Thurs. Jun 29 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration
 11:00 a.m. Mass + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. by Rose & family

Friday Jun 30 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
 9:00 a.m. Mass Rita Ross req. by Florence & Walter

Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday July 1 10:45 a.m. Rossburn **Immaculate Heart Of Mary**
 + John Ryshylylo req. by Nellie Nychuk & family

7:30 p.m. Russell For all parishioners by Father Paul

Sunday July 2 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 Zach McLaughlin req. by the McLaughlins

CWL meeting Tuesday June 27 at 11:30 at the Club Cafe. Please spread the word to other members. New members welcome, see you Tuesday. Thanks Margaret

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.

Manitoba Passion Play - July 7-9, and 14-16, 2023

Come one come all to see the Manitoba Passion Play to witness the life of Christ unfold before your eyes. Come solo, with family, with your youth group or fill a bus and head on down to our beautiful amphitheatre. We also offer concessions and a meditation trail. Our performances are July 7th -9th at 6:30pm, gates open at 4:30pm and July 14th - 16th at 7:30pm, gates open at 5:30pm. For more information visit our website at www.passionplay.ca.

The outdoor theatre is located 1km east of La Riviere on Highway #3.

* “Is this thing working?” There is the funny story of the raw army recruit standing at attention on the drill field. The Drill Instructor yells, “Forward, march!” And the entire ranks begin to move, all except this one raw recruit. He’s still standing there at attention. So the Drill Instructor strolls over to him and yells in his right ear, “Is this thing working?” “Sir, yes, sir!” The recruit yells. Then the drill instructor walks around to the other ear and yells, “Is this thing working?” “Sir, yes, sir!” The soldier says. “Then why didn’t you march when I gave the order?” “Sir, I didn’t hear you call my name.” — Some of us are like that soldier, standing around waiting for God to call our names. But the great commission given by Jesus on the day of the Ascension is a blanket order. It has everyone’s name on it. And you can be sure that when the Man in Charge says, “Go! Make disciples! Teach!” it is your mission and my mission. (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).

* Fear of monster under the bed: A man visited a therapist because he had a fear of monsters living under his bed. The man had been seeing this doctor for months. Every time he would come in, the doctor would ask, “Have you made any progress?” Every time the man would say “No”. The man decided to go to drown his sorrows at the local bar. When he went back to his first doctor, the doctor asked, “Have you made any progress?” he said “Yes! I am feeling all better now!” The doctor asked, “What happened?” The man said,

Community Picnic

Binscarth Park & Pool - June 25, 2023

Come and meet your new neighbours and reconnect with old friends.
Everyone is invited to an afternoon of fun!




We are unable to bring potluck, please come anyway.
There will be food available and freewill donations gratefully accepted.
Proceeds will go to Russell & Area Welcoming Committee who are committed to assisting displaced Ukrainians, the Filipino community, and all newcomers to our region.

For more info call 431-352-0067

The community picnic scheduled for June 25 has been postponed due to facility maintenance. A rescheduled date has not yet been confirmed.

“I went to Jim’s Bar and the Bartender Jim, cured me in one session!” The doctor asked, “What did he tell you?” The man said “He just told me to cut off all four legs of my bed and leave no space for the monster!”

Dear Padre,

A friend of mine wants to be cremated. Does the Church permit it?

The Church permits cremation when extraordinary circumstances warrant it. There was never a direct canonical ban on cremation until 1886, simply because it was not widely practiced by the Christian Church; its members preferred inhumation—the traditional form of burial—in hopeful imitation of Christ, whose body was resurrected from the dead. The Church reacted to a proliferation of nineteenth-century cremation societies, primarily in Europe, with a decree that forbade Catholics from membership in these societies or from cremation (with obvious exceptions made in times of public crisis, plagues, wars, etc.). The Church restated the ban as late as 1926 out of concern that these groups were anti-religious in promoting cremation as an argument against belief in the resurrection.

The Vatican has allowed cremation as an acceptable alternative to burial since 1963, except in cases where irreligious motives are apparent (Canon 1176, No. 3). Nevertheless, “although cremation is now permitted by the Church, it does not enjoy the same value as burial of the body. The Church clearly prefers and urges that the body of the deceased be present for the funeral rites, since the presence of the human body better expresses the values which the Church affirms in those rites” (No. 413, *Order of Christian Funerals*, “Appendix 2, Cremation,” 1997). Moreover, while the Church permits cremation, the scattering of ashes is forbidden. They are to be reserved with reverence in a sacred place. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS



The great danger in today’s world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is the desolation and anguish born of a complacent yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience.... God’s voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades.

APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION, JOY OF THE GOSPEL (EVANGELII GAUDIUM), NOVEMBER 24, 2013

MONDAY

June 26
Weekday
Gn 12:1–9
Mt 7:1–5

TUESDAY

June 27
Weekday
Gn 13:2, 5–18
Mt 7:6, 12–14

WEDNESDAY

June 28
St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr
Gn 15:1–12, 17–18
Mt 7:15–20

THURSDAY

June 29
Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
Acts 12:1–11
2 Tm 4:6–8, 17–18
Mt 16:13–19

FRIDAY

June 30
Weekday
Gn 17:1, 9–10, 15–22
Mt 8:1–4

SATURDAY

July 1
Weekday
Gn 18:1–15
Mt 8:5–17

SUNDAY

July 2
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kgs 4:8–11, 14–16a
Rom 6:3–4, 8–11
Mt 10:37–42

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

June 25, 2023

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Jeremiah 20:10–13 / Romans 5:12–15 / Matthew 10:26–33



What Is a Soul, if Not...?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

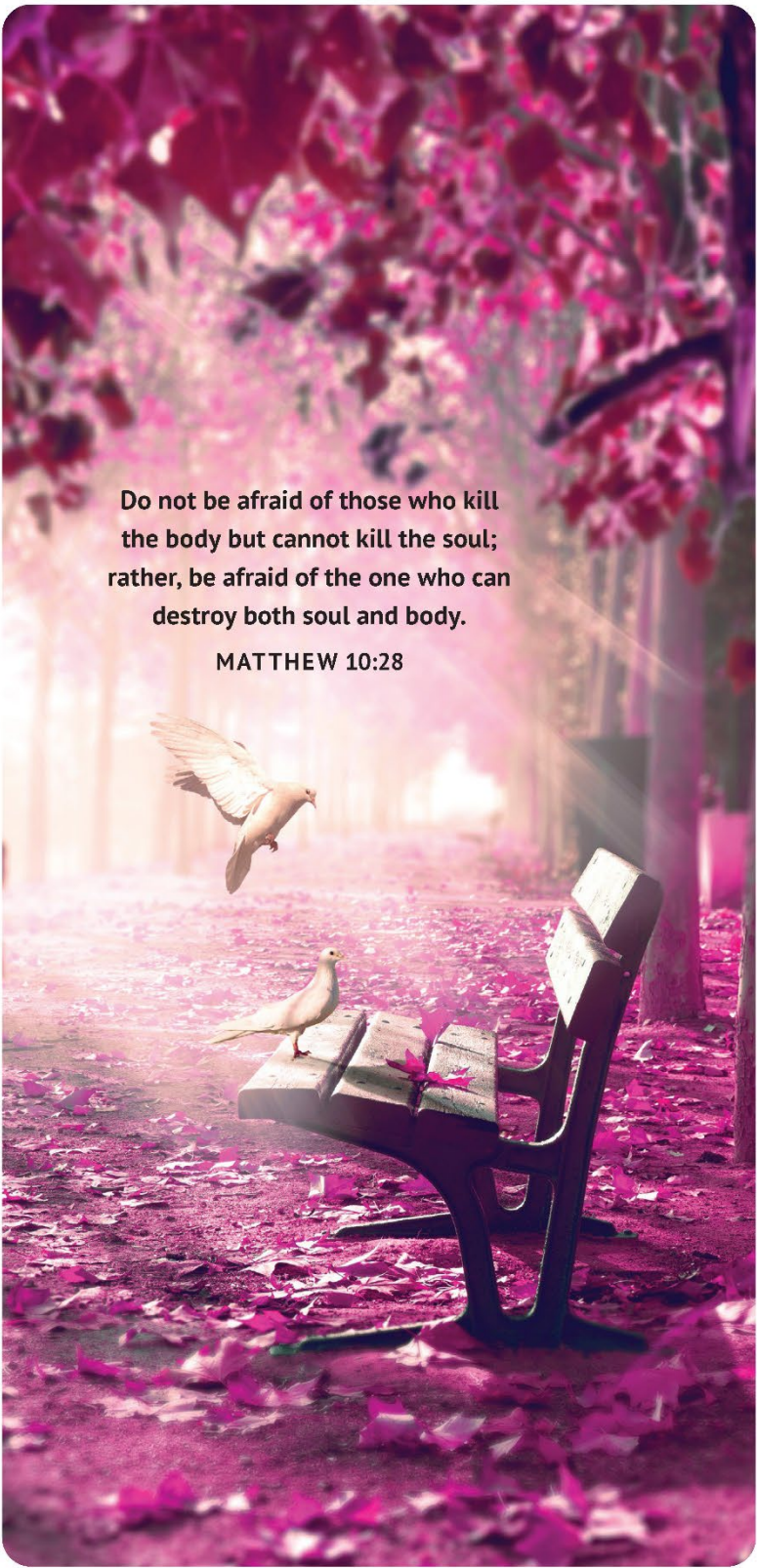
The Gospel of Matthew warns that the greater danger is not about those who may kill the body, but rather it is about those who can destroy both body and soul. Indeed, what if our soul dies long before our body dies? What then has become of our living?

Henry David Thoreau spent a year at Walden Pond in 1845. He did not go to escape life, he said, but to preserve it, to live it more fully. “I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not when I came to die, discover that I had not lived,” he wrote in *Walden* in 1854. “I did not wish to live what was not life, living is so dear, nor did I wish to practice resignation, unless it was quite necessary. I wanted to live deep and suck out all the marrow of life, to live so sturdily and Spartan-like as to put to rout all that was not life.”

To have a soul is not as if some other-worldly reality has been given a home in our body. Rather, to have a soul is to have a source of hope even in the face of failure, to love in imitation of Jesus even when we are not loved, to see goodness even when it is hidden, to trust in God even when we are powerless. It is the source of mystery, of all that is transcendent, the home of all that is holy. ●

Reflect

How would you know if your soul was in danger?



Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body.

MATTHEW 10:28