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

Responsorial Psalm 118: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

St. Theresa's Parish News:

Mass Intentions??

| St. Theresa's Finance Report 2020 | | Month of March | |
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| REVENUES: | | EXPENSES: | |
| Additional SGG overage refunded | \$2,800.00 | Hydro | \$501.00 |
| Mar 1 collection | \$1,510.00 | St Joseph the worker shared expenses | \$2,000.00 |
| Mar 8 collection | \$725.00 | Masses and mass cards | \$45.00 |
| | | Archdiocese of Wpg 1/4ly assessment | \$1,047.50 |
| Year To Date Revenues | \$10,366.36 | Year To Date Expenses | \$9,998.04 |

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

St. Joseph The Worker Parish News:

*******Very Important Notice*******

- St. Joseph The Worker Church will be Closed from now on due to concerns from Covid-19 until further notice.

- If you wish to make a parish offering and/or your S.G.G. contribution, please mail to St. Joseph's The Worker Box 776, Russell, R0J 1W0
 - All parish gatherings and activities are postponed or canceled until further noticed.
 - If you have any questions or concerns please call the parish office for clarification, please leave a message and your call will be returned.
- Father Paul

Non-perishable food items always needed for the Russell & Area Food Connections hampers given to those in need in our communities. They need peanut butter, canned fruit and canned vegetables. At this time of Covid-19 we encourage monetary donations. Cheques can be made payable to “Russell and Area Food Connections” and mailed to Box 118 Russell MB, R0J 1W0.

April 19, 2020 - 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

“Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” (John 20:19)

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? Many of us can probably do a much better job at this. When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. A simple “hello” and a smile goes a long way.

Mass Intentions For The Week:

Second Sunday of Easter *Devine Mercy*

- Saturday Apr 18 Fr Paul & Family req. by Simone
- Sunday Apr 19 For all Parishioners req. Father Paul & + Adeline Sobie req. by Bernadine Brown
- Monday Apr 20 +Deceased Family req. by Frank & Madeline Mangin
- Tuesday Apr 21 Special intentions req.by Jean Goba
- Wed. Apr 22 Special intentions req. by Simone
- Thursday Apr 23 Wendy Woychyshyn req.by David & family
- Friday Apr 24 For vocations to the priesthood req. by Simone

Third Sunday Of Easter

- Saturday Apr 25 Phyllis Keller req. by Frank & Family
- Sunday Apr 26 For all Parishioners req. Father Paul &

Did you Know! The National Catholic Broadcasting Council offers Sunday and Daily TV Mass on the Web, visit the website at www.dailytvmass.com or www.youtube.com/dailytvmass to watch Mass each day.

Word on Fire will be offering daily Mass for the foreseeable future. Join Bishop Robert Barron, or Word on Fire CEO Fr. Steve Grunow, right here <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass>.

In these difficult times as public Masses are being cancelled across Canada and other countries, Salt + Light TV is available on most cable and satellite carriers across Canada. If you have any further questions about this, please check with your provider for more details. The Daily TV Mass is offered 4 times a day Monday to Saturday and twice a day on Sunday. Daily Papal Mass. Mass celebrated by Pope Francis from Casa Santa Marta airs daily at 9:30am ET. Also, you can stream this Mass daily on Salt + Light Media Facebook Live.

Thank you to:

- All who during this challenging time continue to pray for each other, and for clergy.
- For your information, the parish pews have been repaired by Mike S. sanded and re-varnished, by Fr Paul thank you.
- Continued thanks to Grant Roszell, who updates the parish website, and provides for any tech work in the parish office.
- To all who continue to make phone calls to provide parish updates, and as a means of keeping connected in our parish.

Sanding Benches



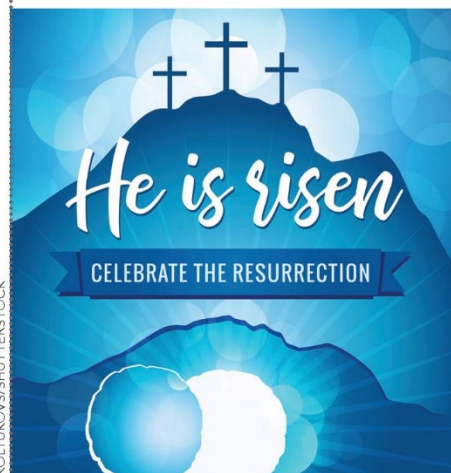
****No Fr Paul Does Not have the virus****



Dear Padre,

A friend of mine always makes such a big deal of the time after Easter. What is this Easter season all about?

These days and weeks after Easter are indeed significant. We Christians are an Easter people. The resurrection is the cornerstone of our faith. Without the belief that Christ conquered death and our hope that we will share in that same victory over the grave, our faith is pointless. We celebrate with great fanfare that we are a redeemed people in Jesus Christ.



Every year our forty-day Lenten preparation of fasting and penance leads us to the feasting and joy of the fifty days of Easter. This unbelievable news that the risen Christ is in our midst draws us into a festival that cannot be contained in a single day. "The fifty days from Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one 'great Sunday'" (*The Roman Missal*, "Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and Calendar," 22).

Part of the challenge of Easter is learning again how to celebrate a fifty-day feast. Most Catholics do not think of Easter as an extended feast. We tend to see Easter, the ascension, and Pentecost as three separate, independent feast days, each with its own themes. The truth of the matter is that they are all part and parcel of the other, intertwined and borne of the same glorious fact of Christ's resurrection. This is a perfect time to remind ourselves of that joyous and significant connection.

—Fr. Joseph Ring
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

WORD FROM Pope Francis

To us also, on this Sunday, which St. John Paul II wished to dedicate to divine mercy, the Lord shows us, through the Gospel, his wounds. They are wounds of mercy.... Jesus invites us to behold these wounds, to touch them as Thomas did, to heal our lack of belief. Above all, he invites us to enter into the mystery of these wounds, which is the mystery of his merciful love.

—HOMILY, APRIL 12, 2015

Calendar

Monday
APRIL 20
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:23–31
Jn 3:1–8

Tuesday
APRIL 21
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:32–37
Jn 3:7b–15

Wednesday
APRIL 22
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:17–26
Jn 3:16–21

Thursday
APRIL 23
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:27–33
Jn 3:31–36

Friday
APRIL 24
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:34–42
Jn 6:1–15

Saturday
APRIL 25
St. Mark,
Evangelist
1 Pt 5:5b–14
Mk 16:15–20

Sunday
APRIL 26
Third Sunday
of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22–33
1 Pt 1:17–21
Lk 24:13–35



Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 19, 2020
Second Sunday of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy) (A)
Acts 2:42–47
1 Pt 1:3–9
Jn 20:19–31

I Doubt It

Skepticism is a characteristic of a critical mind. Some claims are just too fantastic to trust: no salve can relieve you of all pain; no investment is certain to double your money; no politician can keep all promises; no one comes back from the dead. Who of us can fault Thomas for his initial skepticism?

Thomas has been known through history as "the doubter." However, he might be considered the patron saint of all of us. Because of his absence when Jesus stood in the midst of the community, Thomas was expected to believe on the word of others. Like Thomas, we are torn between believing because of an experience of Jesus, and believing on the word of others. We all would prefer a direct, profound experience. However, that's not what we're offered.

But within the community we can indirectly experience Jesus—his goodness, his unselfish service to others, his desire to bring people together in peace and harmony. The first reading provides a glimpse of such a believing community devoted to "the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers" (Acts 2:42). Like our patron Thomas, we might be skeptical at first, but it is within a family or community of kindness and generosity that we can have our own experience of the risen Jesus.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ Where in your family do you experience devotion to others, forgiveness, and courage? Where do you bring these attitudes?
- ★ How might you strengthen the bonds of your community so that others can recognize the presence of the risen Jesus?



Jesus said to [Thomas],
"Have you come to believe
because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have
not seen and have believed."

JOHN 20:29