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

Responsorial Psalm 131: In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

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 November: *For the Pope: We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.*

Mass Intentions For This Week:

Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday Nov 4 7:30 p.m. Russell Mass

Sunday Nov 5 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 + Norma Kaskiw req by Kaskiw family

Monday Nov 6 Health of family & friends req. by Jean Goba

Tuesday Nov 7 Fr Paul req. by Jean Goba

Wed. Nov 8 + Frank Mangin - Funeral Mass offering

Thurs. Nov 9 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration
11:00 a.m. Mass + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. by Rose & family

Friday Nov 10 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
9:00 a.m. Mass

10:30 am Rossburn Personal Care Home Music & Mass
+ John Ryshytylo & all the Souls in Purgatory req. by Lynda & family

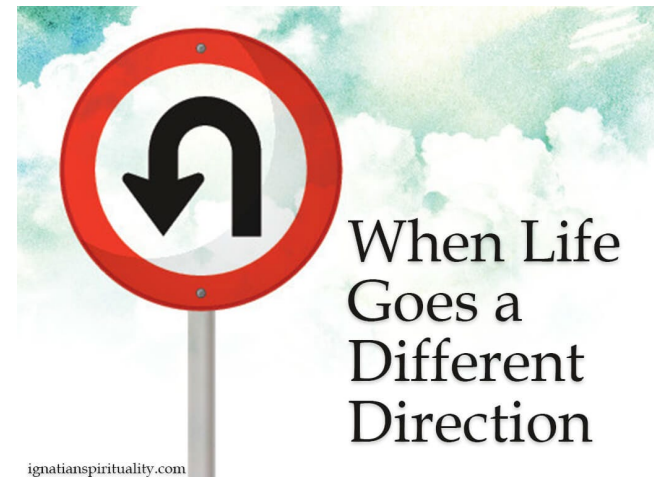
Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday Nov 11 7:30 p.m. Russell + Duncan Spurway Funeral Mass offering Russell

Sunday Nov 12 9:00 a.m. Russell For all parishioners by Father Paul **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m.**
11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Frank Kaskiw req. by Kaskiw family

A meeting is planned for Wednesday, November 8th at 2:00 p.m. in the church basement to organize this year's Parish Advent Potluck Party (to be held on Saturday, Dec. 2nd) We welcome anyone interested in helping with this Party to please come out on the 8th for a short meeting. If you have any questions contact Nicole @204-773-3198.

Parish Council meeting for **St. Theresa's** on Sunday, November 12th right after mass.



Three Ways to Respond When Life Goes a Different Direction By [Vinita Hampton Wright](#)

After Ignatius of Loyola gave his life to God's service, he imagined that he should go to Jerusalem to pray and do penance, make [pilgrimage](#) to the sites of Jesus' life, and do God's work among people there. Today still, many Christians feel the pull to walk where Jesus walked. We sense that this region of the world is truly holy ground.

Ignatius made it to Jerusalem, after a lot of time and effort. But he did not stay long. Jerusalem was not safe at the time; some pilgrims had been killed, others taken for ransom. So, less than a month after his arrival, Ignatius returned to Spain. He had been so sure of this call to Jerusalem that he had even snuck off to some of the holy sites without the required guard. When the Franciscan superior in charge of Christian pilgrims threatened to excommunicate Ignatius, the pilgrim relented.

[Ignatius's conversion](#) was the major turning point of his life. But even after his conversion, life took turns he did not expect. His disappointment in Jerusalem likely taught him that discernment could have many layers and that perfectly good goals and desires do not always lead to the obvious outcome. We have experienced this too, haven't we? Our good desires—even our sense of calling—led us in one direction, but then something happened we didn't expect. How can we respond when this happens?

Don't regret the good desire and intention.

God has created us to desire and to follow our good desires. A changed direction does not mean the desire was wrong. Desire gives us energy to take action. Simply discerning a [good desire](#) is an action that moves us toward God's dream for us. In fact, sometimes we see our desire leading to a certain outcome because that's the only outcome we can imagine. But maybe God has planted that desire in us for a different outcome than the one we see at the time.

Accept the change in direction.

Ignatius did not want to leave Jerusalem, but when he accepted that outcome, he acted on it. It does no good to keep fighting the inevitable. The job we thought was a perfect fit, falls through. An adult child makes a choice with which we don't agree. The social justice work we've dreamed of keeps getting delayed for reasons outside our control. Can we keep moving in a good direction? Can we resist the temptation to become argumentative and bitter—with people or with God?

Rely on the creativity of the Holy Spirit.

Our mistake is in believing that life can go only one way or that only one choice is the right one. Yet the Holy Spirit works in us to create new opportunities for growth and good work every day. No circumstance is wasted in God's economy. And, because we live in a world filled with God's creation and grace, there are *multiple* paths to good outcomes. We simply cannot see the possibilities from our limited perspective.

Ignatius experienced various changes of direction. All the while, he followed his God-given desire to help others and to love Jesus more and more. Ignatius was known as a man of great joy and [gratitude](#). He was convinced that God's love poured over every circumstance and change. Thwarted plans no doubt disappointed and frustrated him, but never for long. He trusted God to guide him to the ultimate destination: God's glory and love.

[Three Ways to Respond When Life Goes a Different Direction - Ignatian Spirituality](#)

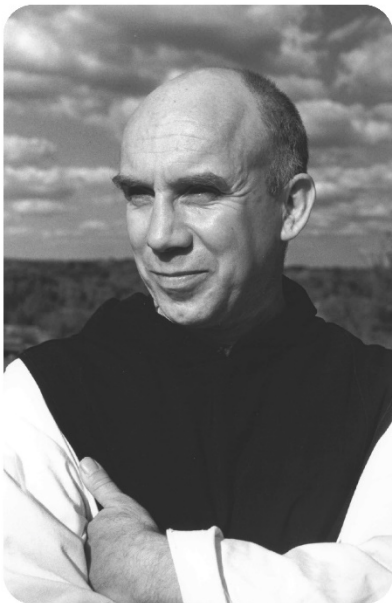
Dear Padre,

I would like to do more spiritual reading, but everything I've tried is either over my head or too sweet and pious for me. Do you have suggestions for any down-to-earth authors?

You might try reading shorter works. More is not necessarily better. Consider several publications available at Liguori.org. *In My Own Words* is a series of books that gathers excerpts from different authors: Dorothy Day, Sr. Thea Bowman, Pope St. John Paul II, and others. Also consider the *Wisdom* series for Advent and Christmas or Lent and Easter. These include the writings of ancients and a few more current authors like Pope Francis, Henri Nouwen, and Thomas Merton. *Daybreaks* for Advent and Lent are booklets of short meditations for each day of each season. *Catholic Update*, a four-page newsletter from Liguori, features in-depth articles on contemporary topics written by expert authors.

C. S. Lewis was a prolific and popular Christian author. His *Mere Christianity* is practical and informative. *A Grief Observed* is a beautiful meditation for those who have lost someone dear to them, as is Henri Nouwen's *In Memoriam*. Merton's *New Seeds of Contemplation* has inspired readers since it was first published in 1949.

Finally, the best place to start might be the Gospel of Mark—not to study or analyze. Rather, read it just to get to know Jesus a little better. ●



Thomas Merton, a Trappist monk and one of the most influential Catholic authors of the 1900s

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
November 6 Weekday	November 7 Weekday	November 8 Weekday	November 9 Dedication of Lateran Basilica	November 10 St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church	November 11 St. Martin of Tours, Bishop	November 12 Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Rom 11:29–36 Lk 14:12–14	Rom 12:5–16ab Lk 14:15–24	Rom 13:8–10 Lk 14:25–33	Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c– 11, 16–17 Jn 2:13–22	Rom 15:14–21 Lk 16:1–8	Rom 16:3–9, 16, 22–27 Lk 16:9–15	Wis 6:12–16 1 Thes 4:13–18 or 4:13–14 Mt 25:1–13



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

People today are attracted by things that are faster and faster: rapid Internet connections, speedy cars and planes, instant relationships. But at the same time we see a desperate need for calmness, I would even say slowness. Is the Church still able to move slowly: to take the time to listen, to have the patience to mend and reassemble?

MEETING WITH BISHOPS OF BRAZIL IN RIO DE JANEIRO, JULY 27, 2013

Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 5, 2023
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Malachi 1:14b–2:2b, 8–10 / 1 Thessalonians 2:7b–9, 13 / Matthew 23:1–12



A Church on the Way

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In July 2013, as part of a visit to Brazil, Pope Francis met with the Latin American conference of bishops. Speaking informally, bishop to bishops, he said, “At times we lose people because they don’t understand what we are saying, because we have forgotten the language of simplicity and import an intellectualism foreign to our people.”

I thought about how his words could be applied in my parish, so one Sunday I asked the people in the pews what they looked for from the Church. I was impressed and touched by their answers: wisdom to make their way through life; where and how to find God; a desire to be treated like adults; compassion for themselves and for others; guidance to reach out to the needy in society; a link between faith and life; a place to find some peace and quiet; wisdom for the political process. It was a list by which we who lead need to examine our consciences.

The charge from Pope Francis is to be a Church that speaks to people where they are with the words of everyday life. We look for wisdom that enables us to become our best selves. And that is what healthy religion is about: to guide rather than to control; to inspire rather than to shame; to participate fully rather than to simply “pray, pay, and obey.” ●

Reflect

What have you found in the Church and what more do you long for?



[Jesus said,] “Do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice.”
MATTHEW 23:3