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

**Responsorial Psalm 23:** The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

## **St. Theresa's Parish News & St. Joseph The Worker Parish News:**

Due to Covid-19, both parishes are closed until further notice.

**Sunday Missal (2020-2021) now available! \$4.00 each. Also: Parish Advent Daily Reflection Booklets (new this year-space for journaling). Contact the Parish Office, if you would like one! 204-773-2924**

**DUE TO THE PANDEMIC, WE ARE UNABLE TO HOLD OUR St. Joseph The Worker Parish Advent Party -HOWEVER**, this year we will focus on the activities we can still do, that is, generously give our support to those most in need in our community and beyond. Although we will miss the fun activities, the food, the songs, the fellowship that we enjoyed at our Advent parish party, it is still possible for parishioners to support the Russell & Area Food Connections and Sr. Hilda Simard's Orphanage in Peru. More information will be coming in the Parish Newsletter! Starting the weekend of Saturday, November 28, (6 to 7 pm), Sunday, November 29, (1 to 2 pm), Saturday, Dec 5 (6 to 7 pm), Sunday Dec 6 (1 to 2 pm), for two weekends in a row, we will be collecting food items and monetary donations for the Food Connections and for the Orphanage in the church entrance. No tickets this year to give out or buy. To make it simple, for each donation the parishioner's name will be entered once for the draws (even if one donates to both the foodbank and Orphanage) (If a family donates, each family member will be entered). The prize draws will be made on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **Mass Intentions For The Week:**

**Christ the King** - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Saturday Nov. 21 For health of family req. Jean Goba

Sunday Nov. 22 Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m.: For all Parishioners req. Father Paul  
 &  
 +Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. Rose & family

Monday Nov. 23 Special intentions req. Darin & Carlene Douglas

Tuesday Nov. 24 Special intentions req. Albina Kozak

Wed. Nov. 25 For the health of Matt Antoniow req. St. Theresa's Parish

Thursday Nov. 26 **Zoom on-line Adoration 10:30 a.m. Mass 11:00 a.m.**  
 Suffering Souls in Purgatory Rose & family

Friday Nov. 27 Special intentions req. Simone

## **First Sunday of Advent**

Saturday Nov. 28 Special intentions req. Jean Goba

Sunday Nov. 29 Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m.: For all Parishioners req. Father Paul  
 &  
 Betty Senger blessing on retirement req. St Joseph Choir

**St. Joseph Parish, Russell, Advent Confessions** are available by request. Phone the Parish Office, 204-773-2924 to book a time.

**Would you like to provide a gift this Christmas** for a child in our communities? The Russell & Area Food Connections is asking for your help for a child's gift, limit of \$25 – with no batteries. It will be distributed in the annual Christmas food hampers in our area. Bring your wrapped gift with attached Gift Tag (showing age/gender of child) –to the church: Saturday, November 28, (6 to 7 pm), Sunday, November 29, (1 to 2 pm), Saturday, Dec 5 (6 to 7 pm), Sunday Dec 6 (1 to 2 pm). If not able to bring on these dates, call the office to find an alternate time/day. Deadline is Sunday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>!

**Socks (unwrapped)** of all sizes and colors are also needed! Bring those to the church at the same above times.



## **Dying Healed Webinar Series (Offered On your Computer!)**

Mondays, November 23, November 27, and December 7, 2020. \$20 includes a PDF workbook. Workshops provide comprehensive education on palliative care/end of life issues and preliminary training for palliative and hospice care volunteers. Topics covered will include the meaning of human suffering, the power of human presence, and pastoral care. Registration required. Contact us at [lifesvision@shaw.ca](mailto:lifesvision@shaw.ca) or (204) 233-8047.

**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.

## **November 22, 2020 Stewardship Message**

### **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

*"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." – Matthew 25:40*

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient; when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's schedule.

**Speak out against expanding the criteria for euthanasia and assisted suicide.** The Government of Canada has introduced legislation to expand the criteria for euthanasia so that even more people will be eligible. This was triggered by a decision by a Quebec judge, who decided that the requirement that death be "reasonably foreseeable" is not constitutional. If this clause is removed, persons with disabilities will be eligible for euthanasia even in circumstances where death is not reasonably foreseeable. You may write your MP today to let them know what you think, to access a written letter or email to send see:  
[https://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/federal\\_government](https://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/federal_government) .

**Did you Know!** The National Catholic Broadcasting Council offers Sunday & Daily TV Mass on the Web, visit the website at [www.dailytvmass.com](http://www.dailytvmass.com) or [www.youtube.com/dailytvmass](http://www.youtube.com/dailytvmass) to watch Mass each day.

## **Zoom Along with Us**

If you use the internet you can join St. Joseph & St. Theresa with the Zoom Mass Each Sunday as one more option to celebrate community and the sharing of the Word together. After Mass we will be having *Coffee Sunday* with each other who wish to stay and visit with the rest of the community. **If you wish to join** into the Zoom Mass send an email to St. Joseph The Worker, [stjoewkr@mymts.net](mailto:stjoewkr@mymts.net) to get on the Access List.

## **On the Way Magazine - Now Available!**

We are pleased to publish the 2020 Fall edition of *On the Way*, a publication of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg. The theme of this issue is "Hope". Archbishop Richard Gagnon said in his article, "We have all the necessary means to assist one another in maintaining our communities and for re-building them during this pandemic. Through solidarity, mutual outreach, good inter-community communications (telephone and social media), rich and persevering spiritual practices, and careful protection, especially among the most vulnerable, we will be successful with God's help. We must never take our families for granted, nor should we take our communities for granted." Magazine available on our archdiocese website: [www.archwinnipeg.ca](http://www.archwinnipeg.ca) .

## **Advent Retreat**

**For you serving as catechist, youth minister, or faith accompaniment in a parish setting.**

Join us for an evening to prepare yourself for Advent in a new way for this new time.

This retreat evening will help you rediscover your heart as you ponder:

"The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." (John 1:5)

**NOVEMBER 27 | ONLINE | 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM**

There is **no cost** to participate in the retreat. Register today, space is limited.

This 2 1/2 hour retreat is a total process and it needs to be experienced in its entirety.

TO REGISTER BY NOV 23 <https://forms.gle/68ajERfVDaVeqLo39>

Your Retreat Guides: Helena Fitzgerald, B.Sc.N., M.P.S. & Reverend Geoffrey Angeles, B.Th., M.A. (Lit).

# Dear Padre,

Today we celebrate Christ the King.  
Why isn't this changed to "Christ the Lord"?  
The notion of "king" seems outdated.

**C**hrist the King is not the easiest concept to get close to and celebrate. Kings, queens, and monarchies aren't part of our cultural heritage. With the current penchant for cutting celebrities and politicians down to size, a king or queen wouldn't fare well. With the turmoil of England's royal family, we frequently witness the demythologizing of the world's monarchies.

Christ's kingship obviously cannot fall into any of these woeful categories. Christ came to establish a different kind of kingdom, the kingdom of God, and that in itself puts Jesus on a different plane than all other concepts of earthly monarchies. Jesus came to proclaim God's reign, God's rule, in the manner in which God the Creator and Maker of all wants things to be.

We, however, are fiercely independent and freedom-conscious people. We don't want anyone telling us what to do. We want to participate in all decisions. We resent being pushed around by anyone. And that's fine. But in

this case of God's kingdom, we have nothing to fear. God's power is to serve and give life, not to exploit or corrupt.

God's kingdom is the redemptive presence of God. Whenever people love one another, forgive one another, bear one another's burdens, and work to build a just and peaceful community, God's redemptive and liberating presence is being manifested. That is the kingdom and kinship we celebrate.

—Fr. Joseph Morin, CSsR  
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## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

*The kingdoms of this world at times are sustained by arrogance, rivalries, and oppression; the reign of Christ is a "kingdom of justice, love and peace." For a Christian, speaking of power and strength means referring to the power of the cross, and the strength of Jesus' love: a love which remains steadfast and complete.*

—ANGELUS, SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING,  
NOVEMBER 22, 2015

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## Calendar

**Monday**  
NOVEMBER 23  
Weekday  
Rv 14:1–3, 4b–5  
Lk 21:1–4

**Tuesday**  
NOVEMBER 24  
St. Andrew Dũng-Lac,  
Priest, and Companion,  
Martyrs  
Rv 14:14–19  
Lk 21:5–11

**Wednesday**  
NOVEMBER 25  
Weekday  
Rv 15:1–4  
Lk 21:12–19

**Thursday**  
NOVEMBER 26  
Weekday  
Rv 18:1–2, 21–23;  
19:1–3, 9a  
Lk 21:20–28

**Friday**  
NOVEMBER 27  
Weekday  
Rv 20:1–4, 11–21:2  
Lk 21:29–33

**Saturday**  
NOVEMBER 28  
Weekday  
Rv 22:1–7  
Lk 21:34–36

**Sunday**  
NOVEMBER 29  
First Sunday  
of Advent  
Is 63:16b–17, 19b;  
64:2–7  
1 Cor 1:3–9  
Mk 13:33–37



November 22, 2020

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (A)  
Ez 34:11–12, 15–17  
1 Cor 15:20–26, 28  
Mt 25:31–46

## The Lord Is My Shepherd

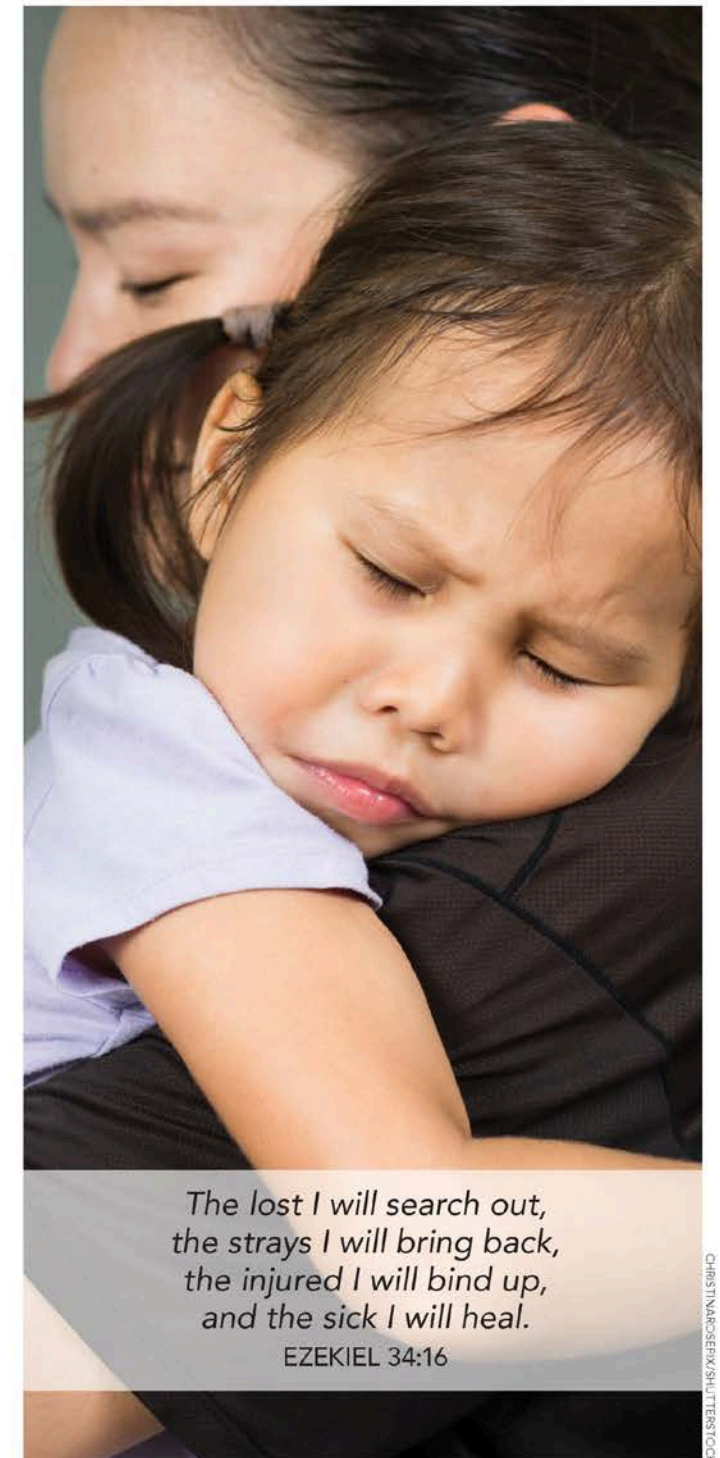
**T**he prominent image for God in today's readings is the shepherd. This might be an unfamiliar image for city dwellers, but it is a very rich religious image. The Bible tells us that early Israelites were herders, so they know a lot about shepherds. They knew that shepherds follow the wandering of their sheep and attended to their needs—not the other way around. They knew that shepherds lived with their sheep in the hills for long periods, away from family, friends, and the comforts of life. They knew that shepherds helped birthing and dying. They knew that all of this is a messy, smelly business, and no job for the fastidious.

Many nations of the ancient world, Israel included, thought of their kings as shepherds of the people—leaders who should be willing to do for their people what the shepherd does for the sheep. This explains why, on the feast of Christ the King, we represent our king as a shepherd rather than a victorious military commander, as many kings are. But more than this, throughout his life—at his passion and death, and now in his risen glory—Christ cares for us and leads us as a shepherd does. He embraces the messy, smelly reality of life. He is a shepherd-king, intent on our needs, searching for us when we seem to be lost. How comforting it is to know he carries us on his shoulders.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## FOR Reflection

- ★ Recite today's responsorial psalm slowly and thoughtfully.
- ★ Which images of Psalm 23 touch you the most? Why?



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*The lost I will search out,  
the strays I will bring back,  
the injured I will bind up,  
and the sick I will heal.*  
EZEKIEL 34:16