



Served By: Fr. Paul Bisson
 Box 776, Russell, MB R0J 1W0
 Phone Office: 204-773-2924
 Deacon Darin Douglas: 204-532-2157
 Email: stjoewkr@mymts.net
 Website: www.stjosephrussell.com
 Archdiocese of Winnipeg www.archwinnipeg.ca



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

Responsorial Psalm 80: Restore us, O God; let your face shine that we may be saved.

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

Due to Covid-19, both parishes are closed for Mass' 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. 24th.

Father Paul will be taking some quiet time away this coming week: November 30th – December 8th. Please leave a message at the parish office, 204-773-2924 and your call will be returned. If a priest is needed call Deacon Darin & Carlene Douglas, 204-532-2157.

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 to get on the Access List.

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

Thank you to all who gave to St. Joseph The Worker for donation amounts for special collections!
 Holy Land \$430.00
 World Mission Sunday \$695.00
 Children collection year-to-date \$448

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. 6th!**
Socks (unwrapped) of all sizes and colors are also needed! Bring those to the church at the same above times.

Mass Intentions For The Week:

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

Monday Nov. 30 +Olga (Elsie) Ogibowski req. St. Theresa's Parish

Tuesday Dec. 1 +Delbert & Dennis Deschamps req. Irene & Family

Wed. Dec. 2 Special intentions req. Albina Kozak

Thurs. Dec. 3 **Zoom on-line Adoration 10:30 a.m. Liturgy of The Word 11:00 a.m.**

Friday Dec. 4 Special intentions req. Simone

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday Dec. 5 Fr Paul req. by friends

Sunday Dec. 6 Zoom on-line Liturgy of The Word 9:00 a.m.

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 – while Father Paul is away on holidays, please call Deacon Darin & Carlene Douglas leave a message, and your call will be returned.

November 29, 2020 Stewardship Message

First Sunday of Advent

“Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come.” - Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our time, our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

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 .

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

***** Church Humor*****

When Jimmy was seven -years -old he was overheard praying, “Lord, if you can’t make me a better boy, don’t worry about it. I’, having a real good time like I am.”

A very upset minister walked into the fish market. “I want you to throw me four big fish,” he said to the clerk. “Just toss’em to me.”

“But why toss them to you?” the fish monger asked. “Can’t I just wrap them and give them to you like everyone else?”

“No, sir!” yelled the preacher. “Do just as I say. So if anyone asks me if I caught any fish today, I can truthfully say, ‘Sure did. Caught four big ones!’ ”



Dear Padre,

My husband of fifty years has no medical issues with his hearing, but he still doesn't listen to me in conversation. How can I feel heard?

I humbly suggest that your husband read this edition of "Dear Padre."

You might leave this bulletin someplace where he will see it.

"Give every man thine ear, but few thy voice," wrote Shakespeare in *Hamlet*. Likewise, the Bible reads, "Everyone should be quick to hear, slow to speak" (James 1:19).

Good listening skills require effort and discipline. Researchers say that only about 10 percent of us listen effectively. Generally, people hear only a fraction of what someone says. Moreover, during an emotional conflict, we tend to hear even less of what another is saying. Nevertheless, Pope Francis said, "We are called to meet others and listen to their life, their cry for help." He called listening "an act of love!" In other words, being available to listen to someone in need is an expression of charity, and being present to others—a spouse, a friend, the bereaved, for example—may actually speak louder than words.

In conversations, people feel heard when their feelings are validated and restated by the listener. But often the listener finds it easier to give advice, fix the problem, or win an argument, than to actively hear what the speaker is trying to communicate. It's advisable to eliminate distractions when someone wants to engage in an important conversation. People don't feel heard when a listener's short attention span wants to resume watching television. Nor do they feel respected during a serious phone conversation while the click of a computer mouse or yawning is overheard!



—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Take time, quality time. This means being ready to listen patiently and attentively to everything the other person wants to say....Often the other spouse does not need a solution to his or her problems, but simply to be heard, to feel that someone has acknowledged their pain, their disappointment, their fear, their anger.

—AMORIS LAETITIA, MARCH 19, 2016

© 2020 Liguori Publications, Liguori, MO 63057-9999. Printed in USA. Imprimatur: "In accordance with CIC 827, permission to publish was granted on May 11, 2020, by the Most Reverend Mark S. Rivituso, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of St. Louis. Permission to publish is an indication that nothing contrary to Church teaching is contained in this work. It does not imply any endorsement of the opinions expressed in the publication; nor is any liability assumed by this permission." No part of this work may be used in any form without the prior written permission of Liguori Publications. Scripture texts in this work are taken from the New American Bible, revised edition © 2010, 1991, 1986, 1970 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Inc., Washington, DC. All Rights Reserved. To order Liguori Sunday Bulletins, call 800-325-9521, or visit Liguori.org.

Calendar

Monday
NOVEMBER 30
St. Andrew,
Apostle
Rom 10:9–18
Mt 4:18–22

Tuesday
DECEMBER 1
Advent Weekday
Is 11:1–10
Lk 10:21–24

Wednesday
DECEMBER 2
Advent Weekday
Is 25:6–10a
Mt 15:29–37

Thursday
DECEMBER 3
St. Francis Xavier,
Priest
Is 26:1–6
Mt 7:21, 24–27

Friday
DECEMBER 4
Advent Weekday
Is 29:17–24
Mt 9:27–31

Saturday
DECEMBER 5
Advent Weekday
Is 30:19–21, 23–26
Mt 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6–8

Sunday
DECEMBER 6
Second Sunday
of Advent
Is 40:1–5, 9–11
2 Pt 3:8–14
Mk 1:1–8

Liguori
PUBLICATIONS
A Redemptorist Ministry

Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent (B)

Is 63:16b–17, 19b; 64:2–7

1 Cor 1:3–9

Mk 13:33–37



Hurry Up and Wait!

We've all had this experience. We rush to get ready...and then we wait: at the doctor's office, for a train, at a restaurant. For what do we hurry up and wait this Sunday? Some might say we are waiting for the birth of Jesus. But today's readings don't say this. The first reading describes people waiting for relief from the guilt of their sinfulness. Paul talks about waiting for "the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ" at the end time (1 Corinthians 1:7). The people in the Gospel are waiting for the return of the householder to settle accounts. There's no waiting for Christmas—yet.

For what should we wait if not Christmas? Isaiah tells us to hurry up and change our lives of pettiness, selfishness, and arrogance, and then to wait for the graciousness of God to "rend the heavens and come down" (Isaiah 63:19). Paul tells us to hurry up and

embrace "the grace of God bestowed on [us] in Christ Jesus" (1 Corinthians 1:4), and then to wait for the final revelation of his glory. The Gospel tells us to hurry up, be alert and ready for Christ's return, and then to wait for it to happen.

If we don't prepare ourselves for the coming of God in the reality of our own lives, we might not recognize this salvation when it comes. We're not waiting for an event that happened in the past; we are waiting for the grace of God that is calling us into the future. So, hurry up and wait!

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ If you are waiting for salvation, from what weakness or sin must you be saved?
- ★ How are you readying yourself for that salvation to take root in your life?