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

Responsorial Psalm 16: Lord, you will show me the path of life.

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.



Coffee Sunday will be Sunday, **May 7th** after 9 am Mass following First Communion celebrations. All are welcome to join us to celebrate this great day with the First Communicants from our Parish! *We hope to see you there!*

Congratulations to Brooks Ryan Regel, son of Tess and Ryan Regel, who was baptized in our Parish on April 15th.

Praying with Pope Francis, April: *For a culture of peace and non-violence:* We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by states and citizens.

When the CWL joined the World Union of Women's Organization in 1920, Our Lady of Good Council was taken as our patroness. April 26th is the memorial day of our patroness. Wednesday morning April 26, **Our CWL** are going to recognize this day with mass, in our parish, at 9:00 am followed by fellowship, coffee and muffins enjoyed at the Tin House. Lord, though the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel, teach us to know your will and guide us in all we do. Amen.

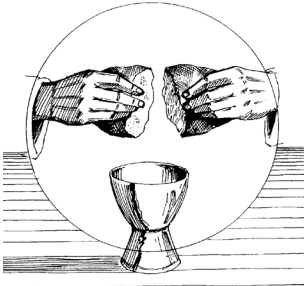
Mass Intentions For This Week:

Third Sunday Of Easter

- Saturday Apr 22 7:30 p.m. Russell Special Intentions req. by Carlene Douglas
- Sunday Apr 23 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 + John Ryshytylo req. by Michael & Myrna & families, Kevin & Lisa Marie, Richard & Beverly & family, Michael & Stephanie & family, John & Rachel & family, Scott & Lisa & family
- Monday Apr 24 Health of family & friends req. by Jean Goba
- Tuesday Apr 25 + Deceased Family req. by Frank & Madeline Mangin
- Wed. Apr 26 **Our Lady Of Good Council**
9:00 a.m. Russell Mass Health of family & friends req. by Irene Deschamps
Followed by fellowship at Tin House
- Thurs. Apr 27 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration
11:00 a.m. Kristy, Wade, Zak & Xav req. by Michelle & Curtis & family
- Friday Apr 28 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
9:00 a.m. Mass + Duncan Spurway req. by Funeral Mass offering

Fourth Sunday of Easter

- Saturday Apr 29 7:30 p.m. Russell + Phyllis Keller req. by Frank & Family
- Sunday Apr 30 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 Health of family & friends req. by The Sabourin family



Ordination of Deacon Oliver Omega to the Ministerial Priesthood will be on Friday June 9th at Saint Mary's Cathedral at 7:30 p.m.

Ordination of Christpher Pugh to Transitional Diaconate will be June 30th at Saint Augustin's Brandon at 7:30 p.m.

***The risen Lord with the most beautiful smile.** 😊 A young boy was walking home through the park after attending a Sunday school class. Somehow, he couldn't stop thinking about the lesson for that day about Jesus' teaching on the Last Judgment. What impressed him most was what the teacher said, "When you give something to another person, you're really giving it to Jesus, and you will find the risen Jesus in everyone you meet." As he continued through the park, he noticed an old woman sitting on a bench. She looked lonely and hungry. So he sat down next to her, took a chocolate bar he had saved and offered some to her. She accepted it with a beautiful smile, and he watched her smiles as she chewed the chocolate. Then they sat together in silence, just smiling at each other. Finally, the boy got up to leave. As he began to walk away, he turned, ran back to the bench, and gave the woman a big hug. When he arrived home, his mother saw a big smile on his face and asked, "What made you so happy today?" He said, "I shared my chocolate bar with Jesus." Before his mother could ask more questions, he added, "You know, she has the most beautiful smile in the world." Meanwhile, the old woman returned to her little apartment where she lived with her sister. "You're all smiles," said her sister. "What made you so happy today?" She replied, "I was sitting in the park, eating a chocolate bar with Jesus. And, you know, he looks a lot younger than I expected." — Today's Gospel tells us that we will meet and experience the risen Jesus in unexpected places and persons.

Marian Month: for the month of May the CWL will lead the Rosery.
Please come early to join them as they will start it at 8:40 a.m.

* "But I've got this problem, I can't sleep at night." Dr. Tony Campolo, in his film series, You Can Make a Difference, tells the story of a Christian colleague with a PhD. in English Literature who quit his job and became a mailman because Christ opened up a new tomorrow in his life. Tony went to the man's apartment to try to persuade him to change his mind. Here is how Tony describes that encounter: Tony says, "I couldn't change his mind, so I came back with the old work ethic thing. I said, 'Charlie, if you're gonna be a mailman, be the best mailman you can be.' He looked at me with a silly grin and said, 'I'm a lousy mailman.' I asked, 'What do you mean, you're a lousy mailman?' He answered, 'Everybody else gets the mail delivered by one o'clock; I never get back until about five thirty or six.' 'What takes so long?' I wanted to know. He said, 'I visit! That's why it takes so long. You wouldn't believe how many people on my route never got visited until I became the mailman. But I've got this problem, I can't sleep at night.' I asked, 'Why can't you sleep?' He said, 'Who can sleep after drinking twenty cups of coffee?' I began to get the image of this mailman on the job. He was no ordinary mailman. I could picture him going from door to door and at each home giving more than the mail. I could see him visiting solitary widows, counseling troubled teenagers, joking with lonely old men. I could see him delivering the mail in a way that was extra-ordinary for the people on his route. He's the only mailman I know that on his birthday the people on his route get together, hire out a gym, and throw a party for him. They love him because he's a mailman who expresses the love of Jesus everywhere, he goes. In his own subtle way, my friend Charles is changing his world, changing the lives of people, touching them where they are, making a difference in their lives. It may not sound like much, but that man who is delivering mail like Jesus would deliver mail, is an agent of God who is changing the world." [Tony Campolo, You Can Make a Difference, (Word, Inc., 1984), pp. 54-55.]



"Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours, yours are the eyes with which He looks compassion on this world, yours are the feet with which He walks to do good, yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world." - Attributed to St. Teresa of Ávila

Dear Padre,

Our planet's condition is now a serious problem. Why is climate change hardly mentioned in homilies?

Many people view climate change as a political issue more than a religious one. As such, some homilists avoid controversial, politicized topics altogether; others are selective in preaching about them; still others tend to use the pulpit as a soapbox for a single political issue or a variety of them. Moreover, preachers themselves are not apolitical, nor are they all centrist in their ideologies. Like those in the pews, homilists have biases, too.

So how did climate change become so politicized? Despite decades of substantial evidence from many respected scientific experts, confusion exists about climate change because the issue's scope is massive and hard to digest, international cooperation is mandatory, and polar-opposite opinions of politicians and their followers are often intransigent. Nevertheless, Pope Francis convened an international conference in 2019 to look at how religions can help the world reach sustainable ecological goals by 2030 to, he said, repair "the damage we have done. No branch of science or form of wisdom should be overlooked, and this includes religions and the languages particular to them."

Thus, according to the Pope, "religious voices" play a crucial role in addressing the serious condition of our planet. Inasmuch as religion has a fundamental responsibility to offer people faith and hope in a better world—and homilies help believers find meaning and purpose—taking action and speaking out about humanity's well-being are becoming less optional. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 24 Easter Weekday Acts 6:8–15 Jn 6:22–29	April 25 St. Mark, Evangelist 1 Pt 5:5b–14 Mk 16:15–20	April 26 Easter Weekday Acts 8:1b–8 Jn 6:35–40	April 27 Easter Weekday Acts 8:26–40 Jn 6:44–51	April 28 Easter Weekday Acts 9:1–20 Jn 6:52–59	April 29 St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Acts 9:31–42 Jn 6:60–69	April 30 Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14a, 36–41 1 Pt 2:20b–25 Jn 10:1–10



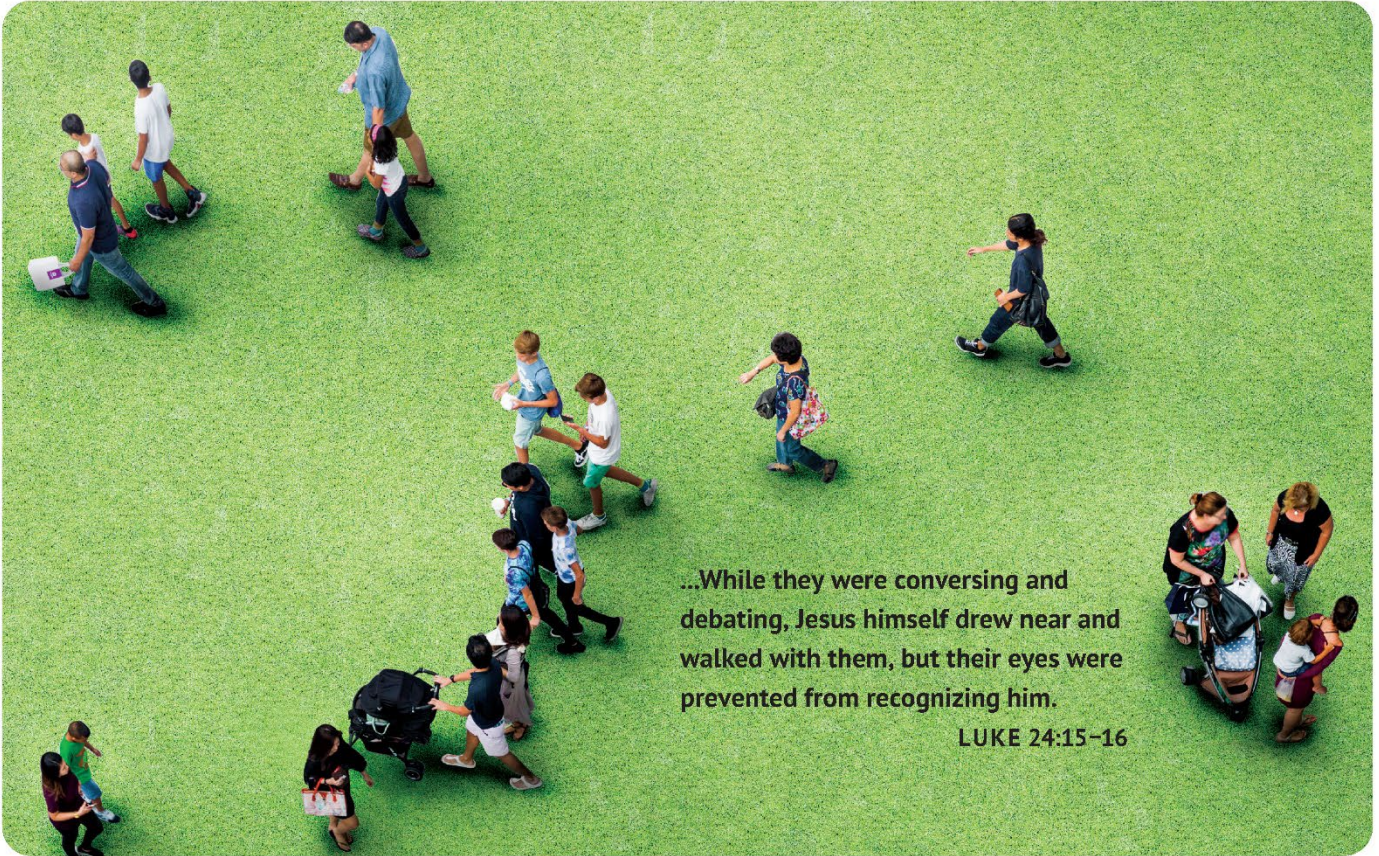
A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The adversity that we are experiencing with the pandemic, and that we already feel in climate change, must spur us on, must drive us to innovation, to invention, to seek new paths. We do not come out of a crisis the same, we come out better or worse.

VIDEO MESSAGE TO MARK EARTH DAY, APRIL 22, 2021

Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 23, 2023
Third Sunday of Easter (A)
Acts 2:14, 22–28 / 1 Peter 1:17–21 / Luke 24:13–35



...While they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.
LUKE 24:15–16

Not Just a Walk in the Park

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

A multiple-choice question: Life is (a) purgatory, (b) a party, (c) drudgery, (d) a maze, (e) a trial. Many of us might be inclined to answer, "All of the above." Life takes us along many paths, through many fields, and down many blind alleys. The Camino de Santiago is a hiking trail of about 500 miles that begins in France, makes its way through Spain, and ends at the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, where tradition has it that the remains of St. James are buried. Many walk the journey to discover who they are and what their lives are about. Walking ten to fifteen miles a day with little to think about other than one's life tends to turn the hike into a pilgrimage that thousands have made over the centuries for just that purpose. The pilgrimage is arduous, often plagued with rain, blisters, shin splints, and a discovery of how to

travel light. But then, such is all of life. This week's Emmaus Gospel recounts a similar journey compressed into one day. Like life, it begins in confusion, is scattered with insights and revelations about what has just taken place and ends with the discovery that the Lord has been the one walking with them. Faith does not solve one's problems nor eliminate one's difficulties. It does help us understand life and find meaning in the midst of it all, and somehow it brings us to realize that we do not travel alone, making the journey worthwhile and blessed. ●

Reflect

What has made you realize that the Lord walks with you?