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Please remember to pray for the sick and shut-in in our parishes...



St. Joseph The Worker Parish, Russell, MB

St. Theresa's Parish Rossburn, MB

Responsorial Psalm 122: "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."

St. Theresa's Parish News:

If anyone has any personal petitions, you can place them in the box at the back of the church. They will not be individually read but prayed for generally.

What a better way to prepare for Christmas as a Christian community to begin Advent with a Community Pot Luck Brunch, Dec. 1 after 11:00 am Mass. If you can't bring anything, that's OK. There is always to much, so come and share with the rest of us!

St. Therasas Finance Report 2019 Month of November

REVENUES:		EXPENSES:	
Nov 3 collection	\$1,610.00	Hydro	\$501.00
Nov 10 collection	\$1,150.60	Rosburn Municipality (levies)	\$62.53
Nov 17 collection	\$605.00	Society for Propagation of the Faith remittance	\$610.00
Votive stand donations	\$67.45	SGG remittance	\$2,450.00
		Fire insurance	\$2,348.00
		St Joseph The Worker shared expense	\$2,000.00
Year To Date Revenues	\$69,133.92	Year To Date Expenses	\$71,615.91

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

My young grandson called the other day to wish me happy birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 80. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

St. Joseph The Worker Parish News:

Please Note! No Coffee Sunday in November! ****Note: There will not be children's liturgy December 1.**

Our Parish Advent Potluck Party is next Saturday! Everyone is invited for this evening of fun on Saturday, November 30th starting with **Mass at 5:00 p.m. (no 7:30 p.m. Mass that Saturday)** followed by a potluck supper, games, a door prize (worth over \$100), and carols with Fr. Paul playing his guitar. Presentations will be made to our Deacon and our altar servers. Please remember to bring; a dish or two for the supper, food items for Russell & Area Food Connections (for each item you bring you receive a ticket towards the "Lucky Draw" auction) and money to buy tickets...only a loonie per ticket! All proceeds from the tickets go to the Orphanage in Peru. Please note, if you would like to make a personal donation to the Orphanage that evening, (make your cheque out to "Oeuvres Regis-Vernet") we will make sure it is sent to the Presentation of Mary Sisters for Sr. Hilda Simard's Orphanage in Peru. Tax receipts will be sent to you directly from them. *"If you would like to donate an item for our Lucky Draw auction contact Glenda (773-2652) or Nicole (773-3198), please note that only new items will be accepted."* Hope to see you there!

The CWL invite all ladies of our parish to our Christmas Party on Tuesday Dec 3 at Arbuckle's in Binscarth. Cocktails 5:30 until 6 and Supper at 6. We will have a gift exchange of a value of \$20 and your gift is to start with the letter **C** (exp: Candle, Chocolates, Cookies, Cards). Please let Margaret Mushumanski 204-773-2868 know if you are able to come by November 28. Hope to see you there.

CWL membership (\$20) for 2020 are due now. New members are very Welcome to come and join our group.

Annual Community Christmas Supper (sponsored by the Russell & Dist. Ministerial) - **needs representatives from each congregation to help in planning** and contacting congregations for food donations, and to line up volunteers to set up on Christmas eve and to cook and serve on Christmas Day. Those on the planning committee do not necessarily need to be there on Christmas Day.

Contact Pastor Janet Kasteena, at 204-821 6379 or bethgrac@mymts.net ASAP so a meeting time can be set. **If no more volunteers offer, this Christmas supper may need to be cancelled.**

Would you like to provide a gift this Christmas for a child in our communities? 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. Just take a "Gift Tag Angel" from the Stewardship Tree. When you bring your wrapped gift with attached Gift Tag Angel, place it in the hamper next to the Stewardship Tree at the front of the church. Deadline is Sunday, Dec. 8th. Please also remember those in need of socks, all sizes/colors, place under the tree also. Thank you!

Annual Community Carol Sing - Wednesday, December 11th, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the George P. Buleziuk Centre in Russell, donations to Russell & District Food Connections. Everyone is welcome to attend. Anyone interested in putting in a choir/relaxed informal singing groups are welcome from the community, please contact 204-773-2096, Chris Pilon, or you are welcome to join our parish choir for this occasion, practices are after Mass Sundays. We need lots of voices!

Mass Intentions For The Week:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Saturday Nov. 23 7:30 p.m. Russell: +Felix & Joyce Mushumanski req. Julian and Sandra & Family

Sunday Nov. 24 9:00 a.m. Russell: Liturgy of The Word Communion Service
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn: Liturgy of The Word Communion Service
 (Father Paul serving Roblin 9:30 a.m. & San Clara 11:30 a.m. Sunday)

Monday Nov. 25 **No Mass**

Tuesday Nov. 26 **No Mass**

Wed. Nov. 27 **No Mass**

Thursday Nov. 28 9:00 a.m. Russell: Mass
 10:30 a.m. Rossburn: Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn: +Friends of suffering souls in Purgatory req. Joe, Rose & family

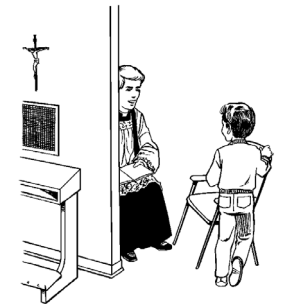
Friday Nov. 29 8:30 a.m. Russell: Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
 9:00 a.m. Russell: Special intentions req. Simone

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday Nov. 30 **5:00 p.m. Russell:** +Dennis Edgerton req. Pat Edgerton & family
Parish Advent Potluck Party in basement following Mass, all are welcome!

Sunday Dec. 1 9:00 a.m. Russell: +Delbert & Dennis Deschamps req. Irene & Family
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn: For all Parishioners req. Father Paul
Parish Advent Potluck Party in basement following Mass, all are welcome!

Sunday Missal (2019-2020) now available! \$4.00 each



Sharing God's Gifts: 2019 as of Nov. 17

Our Annual Archdiocesan Appeal & Assessment
 Please honor your pledged commitments before December 31st

Church	Goal	Received	% of Families
St. Joseph	\$ 21,690.00	\$ 28,345.00	50% / 100
St. Theresa	\$ 9,670.00	\$ 12,515.00	69% / 41

Thank you for your generosity and faithful support

*****Advent Confessions-*****

Russell: St. Mary's UK Catholic parish
 Tuesday, December 10th
 from 4 to 5 p.m. and after 6:30 p.m.
Rosburn: Sacred Heart parish
 Thursday, December 12th
 from 4 to 5 and after 6:30 p.m.
St. Lazare: Wednesday, December 11th
 7:00 p.m. Several priests will be in attendance for all services.

***A second grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today."

The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. "That's interesting." she said, warily. "How do you make babies?"

"It's easy," replied the girl. "You just change 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'." ☺

Calendar

Monday
NOVEMBER 25

Weekday
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday
NOVEMBER 26

Weekday
Dn 2:31-45
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday
NOVEMBER 27

Weekday
Dn 5:1-6, 13-14,
16-17, 23-28
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday
NOVEMBER 28

Weekday
Dn 6:12-28
Lk 21:20-28

Friday
NOVEMBER 29

Weekday
Dn 7:2-14
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday
NOVEMBER 30

*St. Andrew,
Apostle*
Rom 10:9-18
Mt 4:18-22

Sunday
DECEMBER 1

*First Sunday
of Advent (A)*
Is 2:1-5
Rom 13:11-14
Mt 24:37-44

Dear Padre,

Why was the notion of kingship so important to Jesus and his disciples? Didn't the rulers of the day oppress Israel? You'd think they would have distrusted the Jesus-as-king idea.

Although the idea of kingship is not very important to our modern thinking, it was very important to Israel. In the early years of the Hebrew nation, the population wanted to strengthen itself politically and militarily. The people went to Samuel, their leader, and begged him to appoint a king so that Israel could be the same as other nations (1 Samuel 8:4-5). In response, Samuel appointed Saul as Israel's first king. In Israel, the king became the prime instrument of God. David, the shepherd, was considered Israel's greatest king.

Later, that area came under the harsh domination of foreign powers—the Persians, the Macedonians, and ultimately, Rome. Many of these empires exercised their power by appointing a king, often a foreigner, to rule locally.

Since both the people of Israel and the early Christians understood the notion of kingship and recalled the glory days of David and Solomon, they developed a divinely inspired theology of the king as God's saving instrument. The theme of Jesus as king and prime instrument of God runs through the New Testament, reaching its fullness in Jesus' victory over death and his ascent to power at the right hand of the Father.

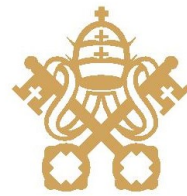
In the Gospels, Jesus preaches that the kingdom of God is now in our midst. The good news is that all of us can enter this kingdom (Mark 1:15).



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JESUS CHRIST AS KING OF THE WORLD BY KARL VON BLAS, NINETEENTH CENTURY

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A Word from Pope Francis

[Jesus] shows us that he enjoys dominion because he is a servant, glory because he is capable of abasement, kingship because he is fully prepared to lay down his life. By his passion and death, he takes the lowest place, attains the heights of grandeur in service, and bestows this upon his Church.

—Homily, October 18, 2015

Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 24, 2019

*Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe (C)*
2 Sm 5:1-3
Col 1:12-20
Lk 23:35-43

The Cross: Altar and Throne

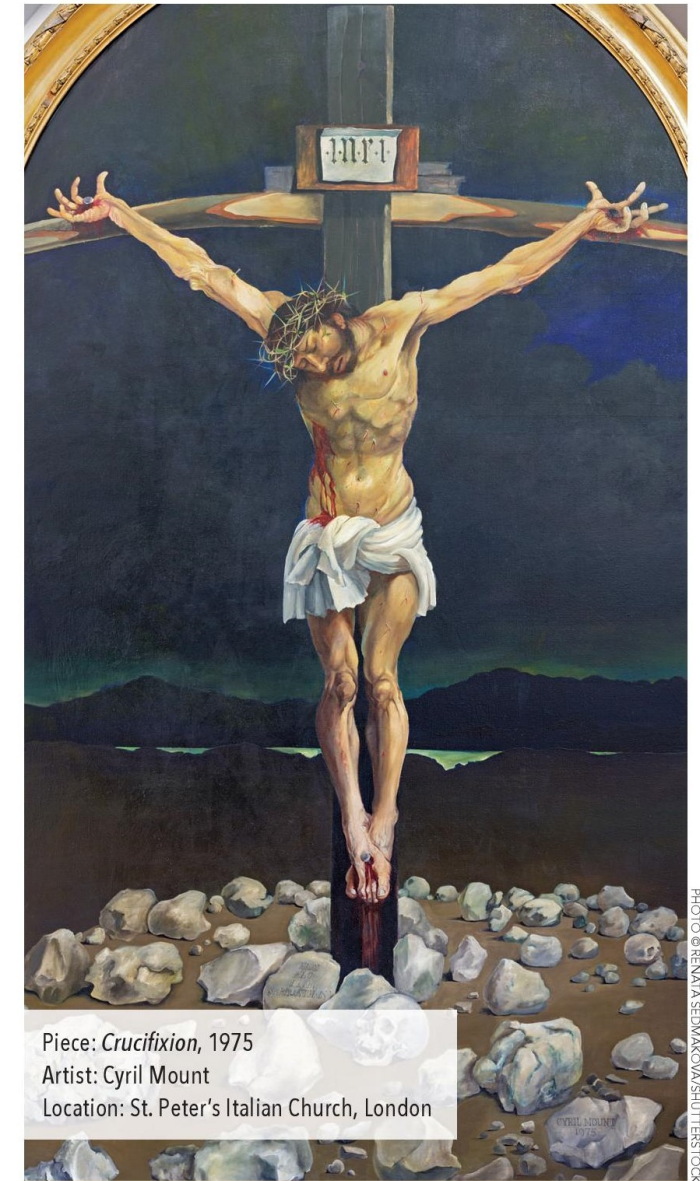
In his Gospel, St. Luke, the good doctor, often brings in kingly themes related to Christ's crucifixion. He does this to highlight that Jesus fulfilled the Jewish belief that the Messiah would unite the three important leadership roles—priest, prophet, and king. The inscription the Romans nailed to the cross above Jesus' head inadvertently supports the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy—he was indeed the King of the Jews.

He was also the priest who offered his body as a sacrifice for the Chosen People: “It was Caiaphas who had counseled the Jews that it was better that one man should die rather than the people” (John 18:14). He is both the priest offering obedience to the Father, but he is also the victim who is offered on the altar of the cross. The cross is altar and throne because, as well as priest and victim, Jesus also is the king reuniting his kingdom under God the Father. In so doing, he undoes the sin of Adam, which had been the cause of this division.

Jesus' final prophetic words, “It is finished,” means he has fulfilled his mission as priest, prophet, and king from the throne of the cross. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (1047) sums it up when it says that as king and high priest, his sacrifice is total, universal, and definitive. Now all of God's creatures, man and beast, both natural and in the heavens, can return to the one from whom they came forth and who declared each one good.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Editor's note: This is Fr. Mark Haydu's final reflection for Our Parish Community. He will continue as special advisor to the head of the Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums. When a new liturgical cycle begins on December 1, 2019, we will welcome a new reflections writer, Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA. The people of Liguori Publications thank Fr. Mark for his three years of insightful reflections and his artwork selections and ideas. We wish him well.



Piece: *Crucifixion*, 1975
Artist: Cyril Mount
Location: St. Peter's Italian Church, London

For Reflection

Do I realize the amazing power of what happens at the Mass?

Do I make the good thief's act of faith and confidence my own?

Above him there was an inscription that read, “This is the King of the Jews.”