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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 137): Let my tongue cling to my mouth if I do not remember you.

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 March: For the new martyrs: We pray that those who risk their lives for the gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

4th Sunday of Lent

- Saturday Mar 9 7:30 p.m. Russell + Jutta & Erich Leven req. by Michelle & Curtis & family
- Sunday Mar 10 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 and Myrna and families
- Monday Mar 11 Health of family & friends req. by Jean Goba
- Tuesday Mar 12 + Frank Mangin req. by Madeline & family
- Wed Mar 13 Health of Fr Paul req. by Mike & Alice Shenderevich
- Thurs Mar 14 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration
 11:00 a.m. Mass Suffering Souls in Purgatory req by Rose & family
- Friday Mar 15 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
 9:00 a.m. Mass Health of Fr Paul req. by Michelle & Curtis & family
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross by **Zoom**

5th Sunday of Lent

- Saturday Mar 16 7:30 p.m. Russell + Jutta & Erich Leven req. by Michelle & Curtis & family
- Sunday Mar 17 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 + Anne Palmer req. by Kaskiw family

Please remember to **pray for Fr Paul** who has recently been diagnosed with stage four stomach cancer. So, some Mass' may need to be change on short notice to Liturgy of the word with Deacon Darin, as appointments and treatments are still pending.

Station of the Cross will be celebrated each Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. The next Stations of the Cross will be on March 15th. If you wish to join in and are not presently on Zoom e-mail stjoewkr@gmail.com to get the link for Zoom. We also plan to do the Stations of the Cross on the last Friday of Lent at St. Joseph's parish.

Coffee Sunday is back Palm Sunday & Sharing God's Gifts Kick-Off Sunday March 24th after 9 am Mass and *everyone is invited!*

We hope to see you there!



The children collection deposit on Feb 25/24 was \$93.00, the year-to-date total is now \$175.00

Holy Thursday March 28, 6:00 p.m. Russell – 8:00 p.m. Rossburn
Good Friday March 29, 1:00 p.m. Russell – 3:00 p.m. Rossburn
Holy Saturday March 30, 7:00 p.m. Russell
Easter Sunday March 31, 9:00 a.m. Russell – 11:00 a.m. Rossburn

*****Lenten Confessions*****

- Rossburn – at Sacred Heart, Wednesday, March 20 2024.**
4-5 p.m. then after 6:30 p.m.
- Russell – at St. Mary's, Thursday, March 21, 2024.**
4-5:30 p.m. then after 6:30 p.m.
- St Lazare – at St Lazare Parish Friday, March 22, 2024.**
3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.



Emergency Night-call: One of the things that pastors, doctors, fire-fighters, and police have in common is that they all receive occasional night-calls. And most pastors would agree that some of our most significant opportunities to help people have come in response to night-time calls, usually of an emergency nature. However, not all of our night calls are that significant. Dr. Robert Ozmont of First United Methodist Church in Atlanta received a call one night about 2:00 AM. He did not know the lady who called; she had found his number in the yellow pages. She had a problem. By any objective measure it was not an emergency; certainly, it could have waited until morning. Nevertheless, Dr. Ozmont tried to offer what advice he could. Then he asked, "Ma'am, do you belong to a church in Atlanta?" "Yes," she replied. "I am a member of Calvary Presbyterian." "Why," asked Dr. Ozmont, "didn't you call your pastor about your problem?" "I thought about that," she said, "but my pastor works so hard that I just hated to bother him in the middle of the night." — The Gospel of John tells us about a night-time call Jesus received from a prestigious Jew named Nicodemus. Fr. Tony (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).

* **Commercials in the Church:** A little boy was taken to the Church for the first time. As Jimmy was leaving with his parents, the pastor asked how he had liked the Mass. "I liked the music," Jimmy replied, "but the commercial was too long." (Liguorian, March, 2006).

* **"I don't smoke during Lent."** The story is told of a priest who was coming back to his parish house one evening in the dark only to be accosted by a robber who pulled a gun at him and demanded, "Your money or your life!" As the priest reached his hand into his coat pocket the robber saw his Roman collar and said, "So you are a priest? Then you can go." The priest was rather surprised at this unexpected show of piety and so tried to reciprocate by offering the robber his packet of cigarettes, to which the robber replied, "No, Father, I don't smoke during Lent."

No Time for God

I knelt to pray but not for long.
 I had too much to do.
 I had to hurry and get to work
 For bills would soon be due.
 So I knelt and said a hurried prayer
 And jumped up off my knees.
 My Christian duty was now done.
 My soul could rest at ease.
 Now all day long I had no time
 To spread a word of cheer.
 No time to speak of Christ to friends.
 They'd laugh at me I'd fear.
 "No time. No time. Too much to do."
 That was my constant cry.
 No time to give to souls in need.
 At last the time to die.
 I went before the Lord, I came,
 I stood with downcast eyes.
 For in his hands God held a book.
 It was the book of life.
 God looked into his book and said,
 "Your name I cannot find.
 I once was going to write it down
 But never found the time."
 ~ Author unknown

Dear Padre,

In the Church's eyes, what constitutes pornography? Art museums have statues of nude men and women, some of which are quite explicit. Is the only difference the respectability of the venue?

The “respectability” of the location or publisher doesn’t matter. A product is pornographic if it was created to sexually arouse users of the product regardless of the venue. Michelangelo’s intention in carving his famous statue of David was not to arouse the people who look at it, so the Church does not call it pornography.

Pornography has existed for centuries, but it didn’t arrive in our homes uninvited until recently. People with internet access are regularly confronted by pornographic images and literature, and many find it a very powerful temptation. In response, the US bishops issued a helpful document, which is available online at usccb.org: *Create in Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography*.

From this document: “Using and/or producing pornography is a sin against chastity and against human dignity... The sin of pornography needs the Lord’s forgiveness and should be confessed in the sacrament of penance. Pornography objectifies people and brings hurt and pain. It is an illusory substitute for real relationships and intimacy, which in the end bring true joy. Many good people struggle with the sin of pornography and [strive] to cultivate chastity. You are not alone. Jesus is with you, the Church offers you love and support. Trust in the Lord’s mercy and his power to free and heal you.” ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

If God is the God of life...

then it is wrong for us to kill our brothers and sisters in his Name.

If God is the God of peace...

then it is wrong for us to wage war in his Name.

If God is the God of love...

then it is wrong for us to hate our brothers and sisters.

PRAYER FOR THE VICTIMS OF WAR, IRAQ, MARCH 7, 2021

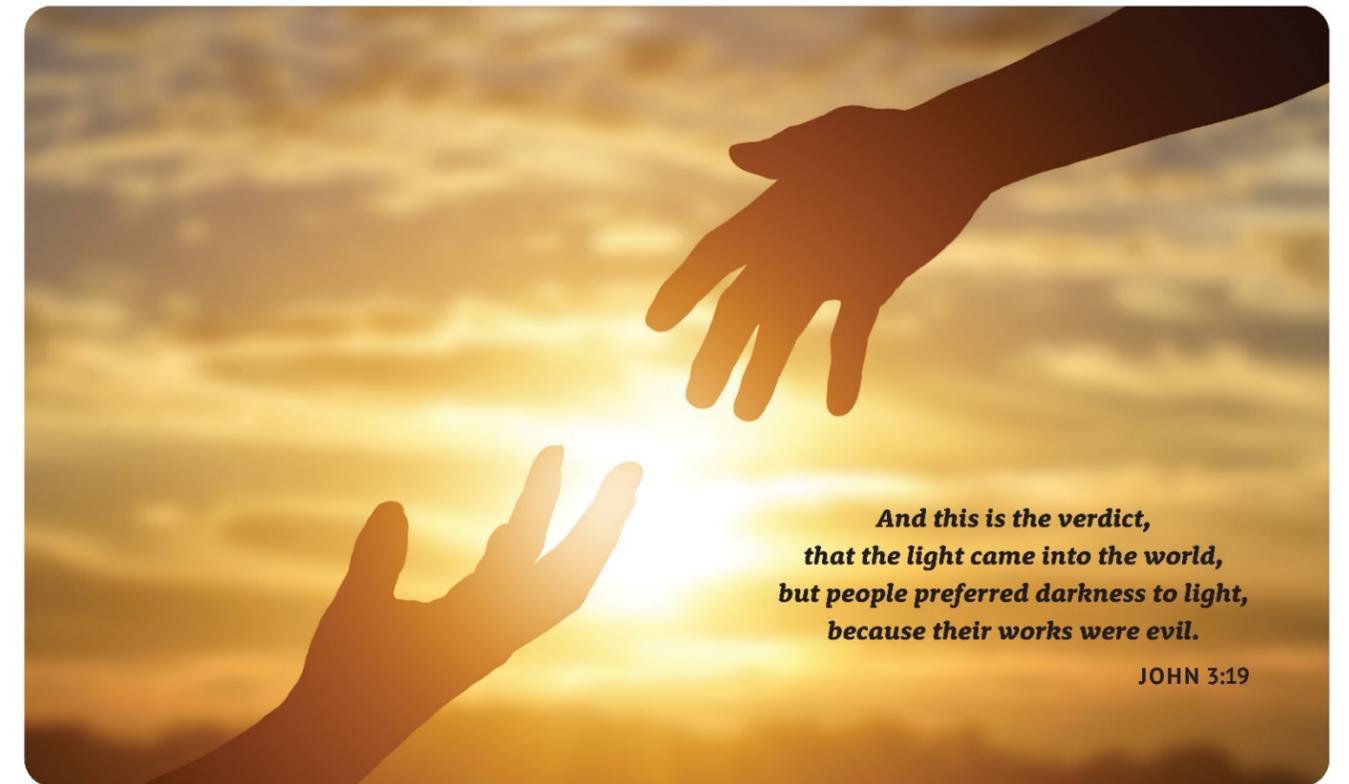


Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)

2 Chronicles 36:14–16, 19–23 / Ephesians 2:4–10 / John 3:14–21



***And this is the verdict,
that the light came into the world,
but people preferred darkness to light,
because their works were evil.***

JOHN 3:19

The Saving Game

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

A long time ago, I came across a piece that I still remember because it’s pretty much a commentary on how life is for most of us. It goes something like this: At the age of ten, we think we can live forever. When we’re twenty, we think we can save the world. When the big thirty rolls around, we think we can save the company. When the fortieth birthday arrives, we think we can save our children. Then, when we’re fifty, we think we can at least save our marriage. And by the time we’re sixty, we think we should just save aluminum cans. A bit flippant perhaps, but it reminds me that even given my own best efforts, I really do not save much of anything. It is always God who does the saving, not me.

It’s a conversation replayed in our heads again and

again. We find ourselves unwittingly thinking that if we do all the right things, when we die and go to heaven, then God will have to take us in. If we say the right prayers and follow all the rules, then we will have earned salvation. Yet then we will have saved ourselves and there will have been no need for God’s gracious goodness. Then we will have lifted ourselves up by our own bootstraps and not by the Lord Jesus.

Then we will proclaim ourselves as the light to overcome darkness, and it will not be the death and resurrection of the Lord which does so. ●

Reflect

***How have you been saved and
how do you need saving now?***