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

Responsorial Psalm 47: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

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

Russell And Area Food Connections

Food Distribution Days:

Thursday June 4th 1pm – 2pm

Location: Grace Lutheran Church

114 Bonny Ave. Russell

(No appointment is needed)

If you have an immediate need for food, or you have questions, please call David at 204-821-5442.
All calls are confidential.

May 24, 2020 - 7th Sunday of Easter

(The Ascension of the Lord) – Stewardship Message

“I am praying for them...” (John 17:9)

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Pray in good times and in bad. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation, not just the last resort. Pray for friends and family and for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you.

😊 The New Preacher 😊

The new preacher moves his things into his new office and comes across the former pastor, taking his items out. The former pastor says, "I left three envelopes in your desk. If you have any trouble, open them." Well, of course the new preacher thinks he will never have to use them, but in his youthful enthusiasm, he tries to change the order the kids march in during Vacation Bible School. Well, this makes the workers absolutely furious and there is a lot of ugly talk about the new pastor. He remembers the envelopes and opens the first one. It says, "You haven't been here long, but you decided to make a change in the Vacation Bible School; now everyone is mad. Tell everyone that the former preacher had told you this was how you preferred to do it." So the young preacher did that and it worked well.

He had been there about a year and a half when he tried to change the deacon position from being a life-long job to a position that rotated annually. Well, this made the deacons really mad, and they were the ones who made his salary recommendation. So he went back to the drawer and got the second envelope: "You did something to make the deacons mad and there's talk of replacing you. Tell them this is the official denominational policy; that you thought they wanted to comply, but it doesn't make you any difference what they do." He tried this, and again it worked great.

You guessed it. After three years, he finally told the women's organization that they were going to have to open the kitchen so that it could be used without a representative from the women's group being present. This put the women's organization in open revolt. So he went back to that third and final envelope: "You've been here about three years and you finally got the women's organization mad. The only thing to do is prepare three envelopes ... "



Zoom Along with Us

If you use the internet you can join St Joseph and 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 e-mail to St Joseph the Worker to get on the Access List.

Mass Intentions For The Week:

Ascension of the Lord

Saturday May 23 Special intentions req. by Albina Kozak

Sunday May 24 For all Parishioners req. Father Paul & +Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. by Joe, Rose & family

Monday May 25 Special intentions req. by Albina Kozak ---- **Weekday Mass' are now open to public** ----

Tuesday May 26 **No Mass**

Wed. May 27 Special intentions req. by Albina Kozak

Thursday May 28 Joe Zegalski req. by Rose & family

Friday May 29 Special intentions req. by Jean Goba

Ascension of the Lord

Saturday May 30 Joe Zegalski req. by Rose & family

Sunday May 31 For all Parishioners req. Father Paul & Special intentions req. by Jean Goba

May 2020 Sacerdotal Anniversaries

Archdiocese of Winnipeg - Let us give thanks to God for the gift of the ministerial priesthood! Let us remember in our prayers **Reverend Michel Nault** and **Reverend Dominic Yuen**, who celebrated their Silver Jubilee (ordained 18 May 1995), as well as **Reverend Monsignor Michael Moore** who celebrated his Golden Jubilee (ordained 16 May 1970). May they continually be blessed with good health and faithfulness to the Lord and the mission of His Church.

**** Archdiocese of Winnipeg - Updated Protocols–COVID-19 From Archbishop Richard Ganon ****

Recently the Government issued a series of guidelines entitled Restoring Safe Services Taking this document into consideration, and following consultations with the Bishops of Manitoba, as well as consultation with the Provincial Government, I am now updating the protocols for our parishes and communities throughout the Archdiocese. These newly revised protocols will be effective immediately.

The following protocols look to the near future. As the number of people allowed to gather in our churches expands, these protocols will be adaptable. In addition, the unfolding of these protocols will vary, somewhat, according to the size of each parish community. For instance, if the number of people able to gather (25 Person Limit) some of our parishes and missions may be able to open completely. This of course means that social distancing and sanitization requirements continue to be followed.

Liturgical Protocols Emerging from the Catacombs

These protocols are meant to help parishes and communities to move from the current private nature of our celebrations toward public ones. In a certain sense, there is an analogy with the Early Church experience of emerging from the private celebration of the liturgy in the catacombs in Rome to a public practice of the faith. There are, of course, many differences between the present situation from that of centuries ago, yet the time has come to begin the process of celebrating our faith openly in our churches. I wish to say that when pastors feel that they and their communities are ready to begin this process, they are encouraged to do so. These revised protocols are based on the current provincial guidelines which limit the number of people allowed to gather to twenty five (As this number changes, parishes are to expand the number according to provincial guidelines.

Weekday Mass when pastors and administrators are ready, permission is given to resume public weekday Masses in parishes keeping in mind that participation is limited to social/physical distancing protocols.

More Information can be found at **Archdiocese of Winnipeg** www.archwinnipeg.ca

Dear Padre,

I want to deepen the spiritual sense of Christ in my life. How can I create a strong spiritual connection to Jesus?

Your answer may be within your own parish. I suggest you begin your spiritual journey by connecting with a parish outreach group. When I worked as a missionary in Brazil, I marveled at how the youth groups that I worked with brought a deeper spirituality to my own life.

It was common in Brazil to have a three-day retreat leading up to Lent. Although this was a youth retreat, it also energized the adults who worked

with them. The highlight was on Ash Wednesday evening, when the teens would give public testimony at Mass to the Lord working in their lives. Their testimony inspired parishioners to rededicate themselves to educating the smaller children throughout the year. A youth group never lacks in spirit, which is usually contagious!

It's difficult to seek spiritual enlightenment alone. There's spiritual strength in numbers (even Jesus kept twelve disciples near him!), and even greater spiritual power within the graced walls of your parish. When you serve others, your spiritual path is deepened and expanded. Working with youths is just one

way to enhance your spiritual connection. Remember the words of St. Paul: "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit" (1 Corinthians 12:4-7).

—Fr. John Gouger, CSsR
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Calendar

Monday

MAY 25

Easter Weekday

Acts 19:1-8

Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday

MAY 26

St. Philip Neri,
Priest

Acts 20:17-27

Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday

MAY 27

Easter Weekday

Acts 20:28-38

Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday

MAY 28

Easter Weekday

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11

Jn 17:20-26

Friday

MAY 29

Easter Weekday

Acts 25:13b-21

Jn 21:15-19

Saturday

MAY 30

Easter Weekday

Acts 28:16-20,

30-31

Jn 21:20-25

Sunday

MAY 31

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

Jn 20:19-23



Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 24, 2020

The Ascension of the Lord (A)

Acts 1:1-11

Eph 1:17-23

Mt 28:16-20

Where Are You Looking?

Are we, like the disciples, looking in the wrong direction? As they looked up to heaven, they probably realized what they had lost. Jesus was no longer in their midst. But then, the Easter stories all tell us that they never really understood his risen presence with them. And so they were asked: "Why are you standing here looking at the sky?" (Acts 1:11).

Are we also looking up to heaven when we should be looking out to the world? Of course, it is right that we reflect on Jesus' ascension. However, today's understanding of the universe helps us realize that the biblical account of Jesus' ascension into heaven may be a way of saying that he is glorified with God. As Paul says, he has been granted the place of honor at God's right hand, "far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion" with "all things beneath his feet" (Ephesians 1:21-22). Jesus, now with God, radiates the full splendor of his resurrection.

We must turn to the Gospel passage to get the fullness of the story of the ascension. Jesus did not say: "Watch what is going to happen." Instead he told them to go out: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). We might know these words so well that we miss their forcefulness. In effect, Jesus is telling them: go out to the whole world and tell them what you have seen and heard. I did what it was for me to do; now it is up to you to do the rest. Don't worry, "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20). Look where you're going, not where I went.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ In what ways have other people touched you with the mystery of the risen Jesus?
- ★ In what ways do you bring the reality of Jesus to people in your life?

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Make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name
of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the holy Spirit.
MATTHEW 28:19

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

The Church holds out a mission, and I would like to entrust you with this mission. It is to go back and talk to your grandparents. Today more than ever we need this bridge, this dialogue, between grandparents and grandchildren, between the young and the elderly.

—WORLD YOUTH DAY PRAYER VIGIL, APRIL 8, 2017