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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 25): Your paths, Lord, are love and faithfulness for those who keep your covenant.

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 February: *For the terminally ill: We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.*

Mass Intentions For This Week:

1st Sunday of Lent

Saturday Feb 17 7:30 p.m. Russell + Duncan Spurway Funeral Mass offering

Sunday Feb 18 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 Ryshylyto req by Mervin Koscielny

Monday Feb 19 For Father Paul req. by Jean Goba

Tuesday Feb 20 + Mary & Andrew Welechenko req by John Welechenko

Wed Feb 21 No Mass – Father away

Thurs Feb 22 No Mass – Father away

Friday Feb 23 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration

9:00 a.m. Mass David Haney req. by Doug and Donalda Wishart

2nd Sunday of Lent

Saturday Feb 24 7:30 p.m. Russell + Duncan Spurway Funeral Mass offering

Sunday Feb 25 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. & YouTube after 10:15 am**
 +Lorne Gallant req by Lori, Kyle & Kim, Colin

11:00 a.m. Rossburn For all parishioners by Father Paul

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

We are still looking for someone who would like to shovel snow for St. Joseph's the Worker Parish. This would be to clear sidewalks throughout the winter and is a paid position. Please call the office or Gary Petz for more information. Thank you.

Station of the Cross will be celebrated each Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. The Stations of the Cross began on February 16th. 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.



Father Jay from St. Mary's is heading up "Assumption Alpha" on Thursdays from February 1st to April 11th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish. It is a series of group conversations that freely explore the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. You're invited, no matter your background or beliefs. It's free and there's no pressure to come back.

The **World Day of Prayer** will be held on March 1st, 2024 at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church at 2:00 p.m.

During this Lent.

- Give up *complaining*.....focus on gratitude.
- Give up *pessimism*....become an optimist.
- Give up harsh *judgments*...think kind thoughts.
- Give up *worry*.....trust Divine Providence.
- Give up *discouragement*.....be full of hope.
- Give up *bitterness*.....turn to forgiveness.
- Give up *hatred*.....return good for evil.
- Give up *negativism*.....be positive.
- Give up *anger*.....be more patient.
- Give up *pettiness*.....become more mature.
- Give up *gloom*.....enjoy the beauty that is all around you.
- Give up *jealousy*....pray for trust.
- Give up *gossiping*.....control your tongue.
- Give up *sin*.....turn to virtue.
- Give up *giving up*....hang in there !!!!!

*** Beatitudes and the entrance ticket:**

An elderly man arrives at the pearly gates. St. Peter tells him that the entrance into Heaven requires 100 points and that points will be awarded on the basis of how one has lived on earth. "Well," said the man proudly, "I was married to the same woman for 60 years and never was tempted to be unfaithful." "Good, that's one point" said Saint Peter. "Oh yes, and I served as lector and Eucharistic minister in my parish church, taught Sunday school for thirty years, and helped many missionaries." "Good," said Saint Peter, "that gives you three more points." "Only three points for thirty years of faithful stewardship?" the man protested, "at this rate I won't get into Heaven. Don't you give any points for the Beatitudes I practiced in my life by the grace of God?" "Well, fortunately," came the reply, "that counts for 100 points! Come on in, good boy."

Fall in Love

Often attributed to [Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ \(1907–1991\)](#), but by Joseph Whelan, SJ

Nothing is more practical than finding God, than falling in Love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends, what you read, whom you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in Love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.

Fall in Love - Arrupe Prayer - IgnatianSpirituality.com

Ukrainian food symbol

Dear Padre,

We're in the middle of home renovations, and the season of Lent is beginning. Everything is in total disarray. Any ideas to help me "keep my religion" at this time?

"There is...a time to tear down, and a time to build" (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 3). During the season of Lent—a word meaning "spring"—we are called to put away the "dead" deeds of winter. It's a time of spiritual "spring cleaning" for the individual and for the faith community. As nature renews herself every spring, so do we. The change of season may even prompt a renovation project—the kind you are now undertaking. The structural changes to a home afford many spiritual parallels—the redoing of your physical home can be a challenge to realign your spiritual home during Lent.

In the Genesis story, God is pleased with the handiwork of his creation. Likewise, our stamina, perseverance, and patience to see a work through to its completion are cause for great satisfaction and celebration. This would remind us that we are made in the same image of God, who took delight in his own work. Lent also can become a time of delighting in ourselves as God's special and ongoing creation.

When your home improvement project is completed, arrange for a blessing of your home. Enthroned a special cross or icon to venerate, light a devotional candle, and use holy water in the area of the home that was improved. At that time, remind yourself again that you and your home belong to the Lord—renewed during the spring cleaning of Lent! ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
February 19	February 20	February 21	February 22	February 23	February 24	February 25
Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Chair of St. Peter the Apostle	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Second Sunday of Lent
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18	Is 55:10-11	Jon 3:1-10	1 Pt 5:1-4	Ez 18:21-28	Dt 26:16-19	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Mt 25:31-46	Mt 6:7-15	Lk 11:29-32	Mt 16:13-19	Mt 5:20-26	Mt 5:43-48	Rom 8:31b-34
						Mk 9:2-10



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

How do we hear the voice of God? We hear it in his Word. For this reason, it is important to know Scripture, because otherwise we do not know how to react to the snares of the Evil One. And here I would like to return to my advice of reading the Gospel every day....

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 18, 2024

First Sunday of Lent (B)

Genesis 9:8-15 / 1 Peter 3:18-22 / Mark 1:12-15



[Jesus] remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.

MARK 1:13



A Trek in the Desert

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Deserts come in all shapes and sizes. For Noah, it turned out to be a desert of water, an endless, dreary expanse. For Jesus, it was also without end, one of rocks and sand; it was a harsh existence. In our lives, deserts might be a debilitating illness, a dried-up marriage, grief over lost love, a job that seems to tax our sanity, or a childhood scarred by abuse. Not long ago, the world found itself in a pandemic desert. For many, it was one of cabin fever that isolated us from family and friends. Deserts are not alluring places. They are places from which we tend to run.

Some people deal with the inevitable deserts of life by becoming angry; others grow bitter and turn inward; others blame God and walk away from faith. Yet deserts can also be the very forces that reshape lives. With nothing else to distract us, in the desert we come face to face with ourselves, with who we really are and whose voice it is that we follow. There we take a stand on life, as Jesus did. It was the Spirit that drove Jesus into the desert, and it was there that he realized the future to which he was being called. So also with us. Deserts become places where we discover what God is asking of us and where we need to go, all discoveries that may otherwise never have occurred. In some strange and curious way, then, deserts may be blessings in our lives. ●

Reflect

Have you had a desert experience? How did it reshape your life?