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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 118): Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

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 April: *For the role of women: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.*

Mass Intentions For This Week:

2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

Saturday April 6 7:30 p.m. Russell Health for Fr Paul req. by Ivan & Paulette VanDamme
 Sunday April 7 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 & family
 Monday April 8
 Tuesday April 9 Health of family & friends req. by Jean Goba
 Wed April 10 10:30 a.m. **Deanery Meeting Brandon**
 Thurs April 11 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration
 11:00 a.m. Mass + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. by Rose & family
 Friday April 12 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
 9:00 a.m. Mass + Deceased family members req. by Madeline & family
 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Personal Care Home Mass

3rd Sunday of Easter

Saturday April 13 7:30 p.m. Russell + Cecile VanDamme req. by Matilda Fifi
 Sunday April 14 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 + Frank Kaskiw req. by Kaskiw family

We had 28 Families donate to SGG 2024 in the amount of \$27,900. Thanks for all the help. Our Parish should be proud, congratulations to all parishioners. Parish Finance: Fr. Paul, Jim, Lori, and Gary

Stewardship is...

A way of life that is deeply rooted in the person of Jesus Christ, who came to teach us how to live. He came not to do His own will, but the will of the One who sent Him. He came not to be served, but to serve. God is sending each of us to continue the mission of Jesus.

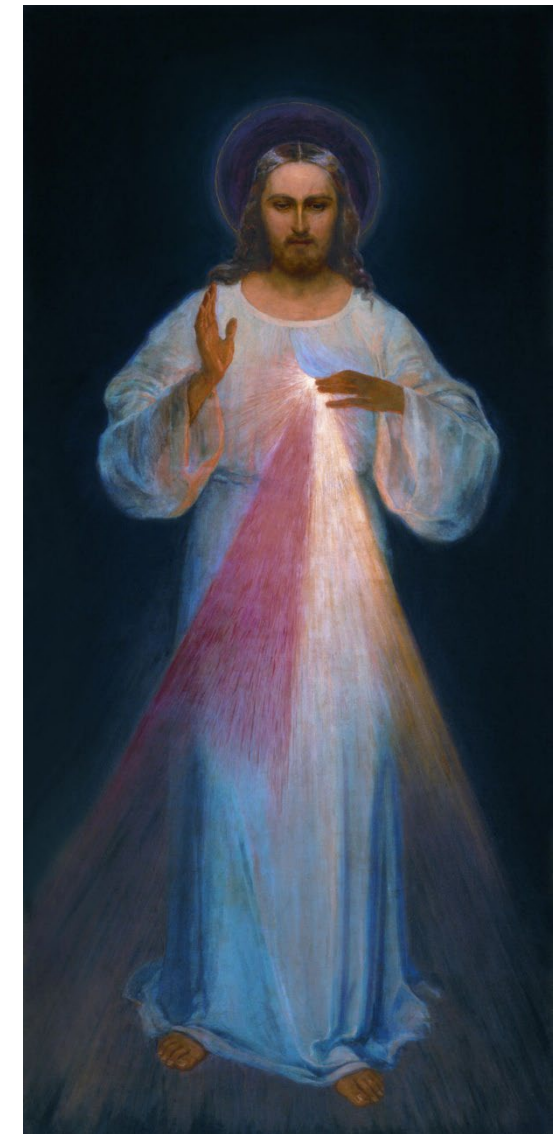


mercy and love that God continues to bestow on us and our world.

Catholic Eastertide Practices...

The annual blessing of families may take place in our homes during the Easter season. Appreciated by the faithful, this practice provides a precious occasion to recollect God's constant presence among Christian families. It is also an opportunity to invite the faithful to live according to the Gospel, and to exhort parents & children to preserve & promote the mystery of being "a domestic church".

St. Faustina Kowalska and the Image of Divine Mercy: St. Faustina of Poland is the well-known apostle of Divine Mercy. On the 30th of April, 2000, at 10:00 AM on the Second Sunday of Easter (*Divine Mercy Sunday*, the Feast requested by Jesus of St. Faustina), His Holiness Pope St. John Paul II celebrated the Eucharist in Saint Peter's Square and proceeded to the canonization of Blessed Sister Faustina Kowalska. [John Paul himself would be canonized on this same Feast Day – April 27 in 2014 – by Pope Francis.] Saint Faustina invites us by the witness of her life to keep our Faith and Hope fixed on God the Father, rich in mercy, Who saved us by the precious Blood of His Son. During her short life, the Lord Jesus assigned to St. Faustina three basic tasks: 1. to pray for souls, entrusting them to God's incomprehensible Mercy; 2. to tell the world about God's generous Mercy; 3. to start a new movement in the Church focusing on God's Mercy. At the canonization of St. Faustina, Pope St. John Paul II said: *"The cross, even after the Resurrection of the Son of God, speaks, and never ceases to speak, of God the Father, Who is absolutely faithful to His eternal love for man. ... Believing in this love means believing in mercy."* *The Lord of Divine Mercy*, a painting of Jesus based on the vision given to St. Faustina Kowalska, shows Jesus raising his right hand in a gesture of blessing, with His left hand on his heart from which gush forth two rays, one red and one white. The picture contains the message, *"Jesus, I trust in You!" (Jezu ufam Tobie)*. The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: red for the Blood of Jesus, which is the life of souls and white for the water of Baptism which justifies souls. — The whole image is symbolic of the mercy, forgiveness, and love of God. (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).



Divine Mercy by Eugeniusz Kazimirowski, 1934

Prayer for Divine Mercy

Loving Father,

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.
Amen.

Today, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. The church teaches that St. Faustina, a 20th-century Polish nun, recorded revelations that she received from Jesus who, as she wrote in her diary, desired that "a Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls." The readings tell the story of God's abundant mercy and love for us. We ask for the grace to more clearly respond to these great signs and wonders of

Dear Padre,

What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

Pope John Paul II declared Sr. Faustina Kowalska a saint of the Church on April 30, 2000, and in a decree dated May 23, 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated that “throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that [we] will experience in the years to come.”

Saint Faustina was born in 1905 and spent most of her life in Poland, in the Congregation of the Virgin Mary of Mercy. She experienced an extraordinary union with God. She received exceptional graces, revelations, visions, hidden stigmata, the ability to read souls, and the gift of prophecy.

One of the images that was revealed to Faustina was that of the merciful Jesus, touching his Sacred Heart, from which beams of red and white light came forth. This image and her devotion to the divine mercies gathered thousands of supporters throughout the world. We still see the traditional image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in many of our churches today. In some churches, we might see the newer image, inspired by the saint. Saint Faustina Kowalska died in 1938 at the age of thirty-three, leaving an impressive mystical legacy. She is a disciple of God’s divine mercy for the twenty-first century. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 8	April 9	April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13	April 14
Annunciation of the Lord	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Third Sunday of Easter
Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38	Acts 4:32-37 Jn 3:7b-15	Acts 5:17-26 Jn 3:16-21	Acts 5:27-33 Jn 3:31-36	Acts 5:34-42 Jn 6:1-15	Acts 6:1-7 Jn 6:16-21	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 1 Jn 2:1-5a Lk 24:35-48



YARA NATI

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The story of Thomas is in fact the story of every believer. There are times of difficulty when life seems to belie faith, moments of crisis when we need to touch and see. Like Thomas, it is precisely in those moments that we rediscover the heart of Christ, the Lord’s mercy.

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy) (B)

Acts 4:32-35 / 1 John 5:1-6 / John 20:19-31



The Thomas Dilemma

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Will is a widower, now in his eighties. He calls every once in a while, partly to talk but really wanting to know how he can convince his grown children and grandchildren to come back to church. He tells me they’re good people, but he would like them to have faith. It’s been a mainstay in his life, he tells me, something that has gotten him through many difficulties. He loves his family but says their life would be so much richer if they had an active faith life. I try to tell Will he can’t argue them into faith. At most he can share with them how faith has been a blessing in his life, hoping that it might then spark an interest in them.

The disciples in the Gospel story about “Doubting Thomas” experienced Will’s dilemma. They were unable to convince Thomas that the Lord had risen. He insisted that he would only believe when he could put his fingers and hands into Jesus’ wounds, which of course is just what happens the next time they are gathered. For Thomas, words were not enough; he needed the experience.

Sometimes that’s true for us. We’ve heard the truth, but we haven’t experienced the truth as real or relevant or something we cannot live without. The experience of grave need and then surrendering to God is what many need to remain faithful. Meanwhile, the faithful pray for those who do not believe, especially those we dearly love. ●

Reflect

Have you ever surrendered to faith even when you were filled with doubt?

Jesus said to [Thomas], “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

JOHN 20:29

