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

Responsorial Psalm 118: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

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.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

Easter Vigil

Saturday Apr 8 7:00 p.m. Rossburn Laurette Sabourin req. by Kaskiw family

Easter Sunday

Sunday Apr 9 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m.**

For all parishioners by Father Paul

11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Frank Kaskiw req. by Kaskiw family

Monday Apr 10 Health of family & friends req. by Jean Goba

Tuesday Apr 11 + Deceased Family req. by Frank & Madeline Mangin

Wed. Apr 12 Thanksgiving req. by Irene Deschamps

Thurs. Apr 13 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration

11:00 a.m. Mass + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. by Rose & family

Friday Apr 14 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration

9:00 a.m. Curtis & family req. by Michelle & Curtis

10:15 a.m. Rossburn Personal Care Home Music & Mass

Second Sunday Of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

Saturday Apr 15 7:30 p.m. Russell Special Intentions req. by Carlene Douglas

Sunday Apr 16 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 + Wendy req. by David Woychyshyn & family

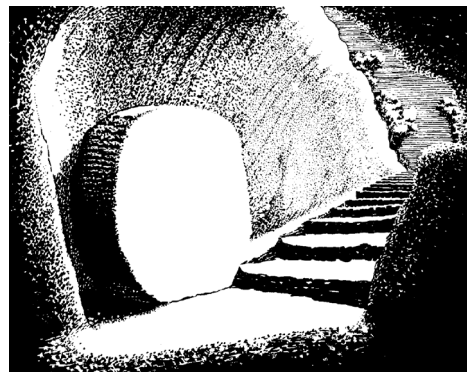
Ordination of Deacon Oliver Omega to the Ministerial Priesthood will be on Friday June 9th at Saint Mary's Cathedral at 7:30 p.m.

Christian Supply Center Closing

Christian Supply Center located at 260 Taché Avenue will be permanently closing on April 28, 2023. Their hours remain the same; Tuesday to Friday, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm offering many discounted items. They are only accepting cash payments at this time.

Praying with Pope Francis, April: For a culture of peace and non-violence; We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by states and citizens.

Little that Carleen knows that Deacon Darin wants to run a 'Green' "Homeless Shelter" when he retires.



Special Collections during Holy Week- Our thanks to all parishioners and visitors who gave towards our special collections during Holy Week!

Please note that it is not too late to give to the Share Lent (Development & Peace) and Holy Land collections. We will be sending these special collections in a few weeks so if you wish to contribute, please consider doing it soon.

Experiencing Easter By [Marina Berzins McCoy](#)

I can think of many instances when the **Easter season** has liturgically fit with my life: times when there was new life as I anticipated the birth of a new baby, or a family member's health had improved, or a relationship was reconciled. Other times, the season has felt out of line with my life: after a death of a loved one, or when I realized that the habit I had hoped to change during Lent was just as persistently part of my personality! Some Easters I have been able to wear a short-sleeved dress to church; others I have been bundled in my winter coat as the wind whips. Liturgy and life do not always line up neatly.

This basic fact reminds me of two complementary aspects of life. First, God is in control of how my life unfolds, and I am not. This goes for both the process of my own personal spiritual growth and the healing of the world and its injustices. Second, the attitude that I bring to whatever is happening in my life, and whether I let God "in" or not, is a way that I participate in its unfolding.

For me, this past Lent was a season to do some weeding and ploughing of rocky ground. In Lent, my hope was to let God in to those places within me that needed healing and repair. Of course, this is the work of a lifetime and never finished in one Lenten season. I sometimes wonder if this is why it is harder for us to enter fully into the **celebration of Easter for a whole season**, as we do more easily for Lent: the world is not perfect by Easter Sunday, and neither am I.

Easter, though, is still here. After all, Easter is the reality that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and that life and love triumph over death and sin. Love conquers sin and death.

The way in to experiencing Easter, for me, requires an intentional shift in focus, along with the celebration of Mass and witnessing Baptisms and the welcoming of new members into the Church. I try to bring an attitude of celebration to all the good that is happening in my life. This requires both finding ways to celebrate in community with others and shifting the focus of my daily prayer.

My questions become different:

- What do the **Resurrection** stories mean for me this year? Am I feeling like Peter, ready to jump into the water with exuberance, because Jesus is visible? Or am I like the women waiting at the empty tomb, still searching for Jesus, though I can see that death must not be the end of the story?
- Where do I see new life in this world? Where is it peeking through the events and relationships of my life, even if it is as small as the humble crocus or tender snowdrop?
- Where has my relationship with Jesus grown in intimacy or tenderness?
- How have I experienced that I am God's beloved one?
- Where have I witnessed God's tender care for others in my world?
- How do I want to rest in or savor these gifts?
- How can I share, in action, these gifts with others?
- If there are places in my life where I still am waiting for new life, can I wait with hope and even expectation that God will surprise me?

Asking these questions, and awaiting God's response, is part of the tender care that we give to newly budding plants. We are like those tender plants for which God cares. In tranquil times and in harder ones, Easter encourages us to pay attention to the bounty of God's goodness. God really does want to heal, restore, and provide good gifts for us. Really. The truth is that Easter, no less than Lent, is a **season of surrender**. We are not in control, but Love is.

Where are you finding new life this Easter season?

Dear Padre,

Why should I believe Jesus founded the Catholic Church?

What a great question, especially during our Easter season, when the readings at Mass are about how the early Church discovers its mission and identity. Jesus intended to found a Church to carry on his mission.

Jesus chose twelve men to accompany him and learn from him. He passed on his mission to them: “Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me. And whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me” (Luke 10:16). Jesus called Simon Bar-Jonah “Peter,” meaning “rock.” Indicating his foundational role, Jesus said to Peter, “I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven” (Matthew 16:19).

Throughout the New Testament, we read how the apostles in their turn passed on their authority to other individuals by the laying on of hands (Acts 6:6; 13:3; 1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6). Initially, the only two orders were bishops and deacons, but soon priests were also ordained to share some of the authority of the bishop and to be his assistants.

The Church would exist and do Jesus’ work until the end of time. The whole Church, the “Body of Christ,” as Paul would call it (1 Corinthians 12:27), would be Christ acting in the world on his behalf. The Church and all its members are to be “the light of the world” and “the salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13–16). ●

Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR / DearPadre.org



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13	April 14	April 15	April 16
Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)
Acts 2:14, 22–32	Acts 2:36–41	Acts 3:1–10	Acts 3:11–26	Acts 4:1–12	Acts 4:13–21	Acts 2:42–47
Mt 28:8–15	Jn 20:11–18	Lk 24:13–35	Lk 24:35–48	Jn 21:1–14	Mk 16:9–15	1 Pt 1:3–9
						Jn 20:19–31

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The peace Jesus gives to us at Easter is not the peace that follows the strategies of the world, which believes it can obtain it through force.... This peace, in reality, is only an interval between wars....The peace of the Lord follows the way of meekness and mildness: it is taking responsibility for others.

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (A)

Acts 10:34a, 37–43 / Colossians 3:1–4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8 / John 20:1–9



Learning “Alleluia”

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overheard this conversation in a coffee shop:

Child: Mom, I wouldn’t have to go to school today. I could stay home with you.
Mom: I know, Joe, but I think Mrs. Burns would miss you.
Child: But won’t you miss me, Mom?
Mom: Sure, Joe, but I know you’ll be back in the afternoon, and I can be with you then.
Child: But I could help you in the kitchen.
Mom: What do you think you’ll be doing in school today? It’s getting close to Easter. I bet Mrs. Burns will let you make bunnies.
Child: Yeah, maybe. Mom, I think my tummy hurts.
Mom: Oh, I think it’ll get better once you’re busy in school.
Child: Mom, couldn’t I stay home with you today? I’ll miss you.
Mom: I know you will, Joe, but it’s only for a couple of hours. How’s your apple juice?
Child: OK. Mom, I think it would be OK if I stayed home today.

By the time they left, it looked as if Joe was going to school. Joe was learning an important lesson in life. Sometimes we have to do what we don’t want to; we have to go into what seems to be “the tomb of death” if we’re going to find life.

Easter’s Gospel is that of Peter and John going and finding the tomb empty. Curiously, they didn’t become believers until they entered the tomb, until they entered death’s home. It’s how faith happens, finding life when we expected only death and recognizing the hand of God in it. ●

Reflect

Have you ever had a Lazarus Experience—called out of a dark place into the light?

