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

Responsorial Psalm 63: My soul thirsts for you, O Lord my God.

St. Theresa's Parish News:

At St. Theresa's, masks are mandatory. Please call Emile Sabourin or Lynda Ryshytylo to register for Sunday Mass with current restrictions on number of people who can attend only 20 people are allowed at each Mass.

St. Joseph The Worker Parish News:

*****Since Covid Sunday Mass with current restrictions on number of people who can attend only 40 people are allowed at each Mass.

Volunteers who usher on Sunday Morning Mass, please choose which Sunday you will be ushering, and sign up on the Usher Ministry Schedule – found on the table downstairs by the church entrance. Thank you!

Sunday Missal (2019-2020) now available! \$4.00 each – at back of church!

DUE TO THE PANDEMIC, WE ARE UNABLE TO HOLD OUR PARISH

ADVENT PARTY -HOWEVER, this year we will focus on the activities we can still do, that is, generously give our support to those most in need in our community and beyond. Although we will miss the fun activities, the food, the songs, the fellowship that we enjoyed at our Advent parish party, it is still possible for parishioners to bring food items and donate towards the Russell & Area Food Connections and Sr. Hilda Simard's Orphanage in Peru. More information will be coming in the Parish Newsletter!

Mass Intentions For The Week:

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Nov. 7 **4:00 p.m. Rossburn: Mass**
 7:30 p.m. Russell: +Dennis Edgerton req. Pat Edgerton
 Sunday Nov. 8 9:00 a.m. Russell: For all Parishioners req. Father Paul
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn: Mervin Koscielny req. St. Theresa's Parish
 Monday Nov. 9 **No Mass**
 Tuesday Nov. 10 6:30 p.m. Russell: Special intentions req. Albina Kozak
 Wed. Nov. 11 9:00 a.m. Russell: All Veterans of War req. Simone
 Thursday Nov. 12 9:00 a.m. Russell: Mass
 10:30 a.m. Rossburn: Adoration
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn: Melford Szwaluk req. Woychyshyn family
 Friday Nov. 13 8:30 a.m. Russell: Adoration
 9:00 a.m. Russell: Special intentions req. Simone

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Nov. 14 **4:00 p.m. Rossburn: Mass**
 7:30 p.m. Russell: Special Intentions req. Jean Goba
 Sunday Nov. 15 9:00 a.m. Russell: For all Parishioners req. Father Paul
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn: + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. Rose & family

Would you like to provide a gift this Christmas for a child in our communities?
 Russell & Area Food Connections is asking for your help for a child's gift, limit of \$25 – with no batteries. It will be distributed in the annual Christmas food hampers in our area. Just take a "Gift Tag Angel" from the Stewardship Tree. When you bring your wrapped gift with attached Gift Tag Angel, place it in the hamper next to the Stewardship Tree at the front of the church. Deadline is Sunday, Dec. 6th. Please also remember those in need of socks, all sizes/colors, place under the tree also. Thank you!

Development and Peace is reminding us that we are connected as one human family as expressed by Pope Francis. It is estimated that 265 million people could face starvation by the end of 2020. The economic fallout from COVID could push an additional half a billion people into poverty. Development and Peace has decided to launch a special COVID-19 campaign: **Recovering Together** in support of a just recovery. Our parishes' generosity will support the work of D&P's partners, who are developing local responses with their communities that provide immediate aid, build resilience, demand access to services from their governments, ensure that human and environmental rights are respected and provide information on how people can stay safe. Envelopes are available at the back of the church, please pray about it & donate what you are able!

The Catholic Moms Summit: Free! Nov. 13-15

Coming this November is an event you won't want to miss! For all Catholic moms (new Moms, seasoned moms, grandmothers, is hosted by Danielle Bean & features over 70 trusted & beloved Catholic women presenting, including Joyful Ever After's Melanie Owens! Produced by Cardinal Studios, the same team that put on the Catholic Marriage Summit, this event will be getting into the real issue's moms face every day, and is full of hope, inspiration, and practical advice. Register for free - support@cardinalstudios.org

Dying Healed Webinar Series (Offered On your Computer!)

Mondays, November 23, November 27, and December 7, 2020. \$20 includes a PDF workbook. Workshops provide comprehensive education on palliative care/end of life issues and preliminary training for palliative and hospice care volunteers. Topics covered will include the meaning of human suffering, the power of human presence, and pastoral care. Registration required. Contact us at lifesvision@shaw.ca or (204) 233-8047.

Life's Vision's Bubble Banquet (Offered by Zoom on your Computer!)

LV's Bubble Banquet on Saturday, November 21, 2020. You're invited to our annual banquet – only this time it will look a little different! Our Virtual Bubble Banquet will allow you to provide a meal for guests within your bubble while we all join a province-wide Zoom call. This event will be a free-will offering. Visit bit.ly/banquetregistration or call (204) 233-8047 to register.

Praying with Pope Francis, November: "We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind."

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.

November 8, 2020 Stewardship Message

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." - Matthew 25:13
Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. Don't delay. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

Speak out against expanding the criteria for euthanasia and assisted suicide. The Government of Canada has introduced legislation to expand the criteria for euthanasia so that even more people will be eligible. This was triggered by a decision by a Quebec judge, who decided that the requirement that death be "reasonably foreseeable" is not constitutional. If this clause is removed, persons with disabilities will be eligible for euthanasia even in circumstances where death is not reasonably foreseeable. You may Write your MP today to let them know what you think, to access a written letter or email to send see: https://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/federal_government .

Our Faith: A Key to Sustained Mental Health in Times of Crisis

November 14, 1:00-2:30 pm, and November 21, 1:00-2:30 pm. We invite you to join us for this two-part webinar, to engage in an interactive process of exploring how our faith can indeed be a key to sustained mental health. There will be time available at the conclusion of each webinar for questions and answers. Go to www.southdown.on.ca for more information and to register.

Dear Padre,

When I was young, we always prayed for “the poor souls in purgatory.” Is this because some go to hell and some go to heaven?

On the feast of All Souls’ Day, we remember all of our faithful departed. Most of them are already with God in heaven. But some of them might still need some purification. Those needing purification from the temporal punishment still due to their sins are in purgatory. These people aren’t damned. They are the elect and are friends of God. They are already saved, assured of salvation. There is no going to hell from purgatory. There is only upward movement to heaven.

There has always been an ancient tradition in the Church that there exists a strong bond between the faithful who die and those of us who are still alive. The Church especially emphasizes the mutual help that Christians on earth and in purgatory give to one another by their prayers. It is the belief of the Church that our prayers lessen the amount of time a person could spend in purgatory. Our prayers speed their journey into the fullness of God’s love.

On this upcoming All Saints’ Day (November 1) and All Souls’ Day (November 2), we are invited to unite with all the faithful Christians, living and dead. These feast days are our opportunities to pray for and with them and to receive the benefits of their prayers for us in return.

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

All of us, living and dead, are in communion, that is, as a union; united in the community of those who have received baptism, and of those who are nourished by the Body of Christ....We are all the same family, united. For this reason, we pray for each other.

—GENERAL AUDIENCE, NOVEMBER 30, 2016



Calendar

Monday
OCTOBER 26
Weekday
Eph 4:32—5:8
Lk 13:10–17

Tuesday
OCTOBER 27
Weekday
Eph 5:21–33
Lk 13:18–21

Wednesday
OCTOBER 28
Sts. Simon and Jude,
Apostles
Eph 2:19–22
Lk 6:12–16

Thursday
OCTOBER 29
Weekday
Eph 6:10–20
Lk 13:31–35

Friday
OCTOBER 30
Weekday
Phil 1:1–11
Lk 14:1–6

Saturday
OCTOBER 31
Weekday
Phil 1:18b–26
Lk 14:1, 7–11

Sunday
NOVEMBER 1
All Saints
Rv 7:2–4, 9–14
1 Jn 3:1–3
Mt 5:1–12a

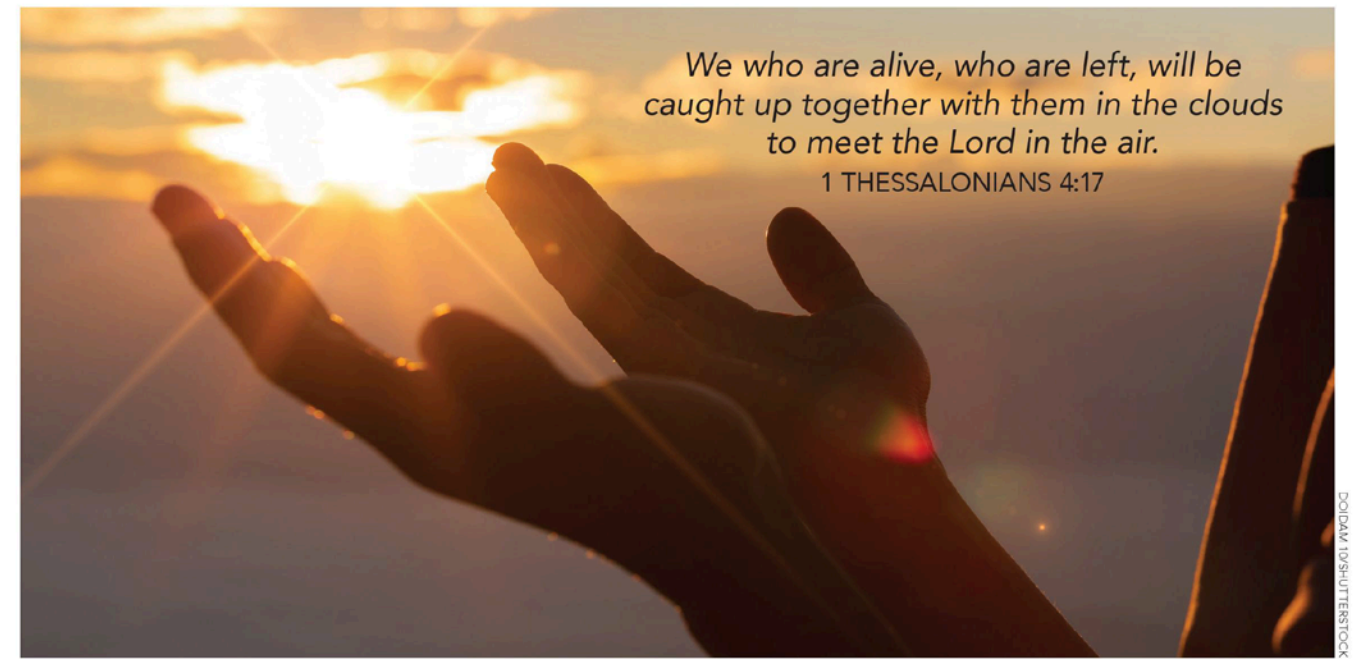
Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 8, 2020

Thirty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time (A)

Wis 6:12–16

1 Thes 4:13–18 or 4:13–14 | Mt 25:1–13



We who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:17

Everybody Wants to Go to Heaven, but Nobody Wants to Die

This is the title of a bluegrass song as well as a book on bioethics. It’s a clever title, and there is some profound truth in it. Death, which is so natural for living things, seems so unnatural to human beings, who cling tenaciously to life. One would think that believers who hold that Christ conquered death would be comforted by that faith. However, that isn’t always the case. It’s not that they don’t believe; it’s that they don’t understand what they believe. But that is the difference between understanding and believing.

This is the problem described in Paul’s letter today. The Thessalonians believed that, through his resurrection, Christ conquered death. Then why did some among them begin to die? Did those dying lack faith? No, Paul insists. Jesus, who died and rose, embraces those who have died and who will rise with him. Did the people fully understand this? Do we? Isn’t this a question of faith—and trust?

Paul thought that he and other believers could still be alive when the rising would happen, and they were not. Or were they? Doesn’t our faith give us hope that we—both the living and the dead—will be embraced by God’s mercy? Doesn’t something wondrous occur when those who have “fallen asleep” wake up in the glory of God? Still, we might not understand all of this, but we are called to believe, and in believing we are told to “console one another with these words” (1 Thessalonians 4:18).

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✦ What about death frightens you?
- ✦ At such moments, remind yourself that God loves you and that the risen Christ will embrace you.