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

Responsorial Psalm 54: The Lord upholds my life.

The Archdiocese has issued new Protocols as of Saturday, August 28. The Provincial Government now allows a group of 50% presently in churches. **Please remember there are government rules in relation to COVID-19. Such as Wearing a mask is mandatory. •Everyone has to Hand Sanitize entering the Church and leaving the Church. •Social distancing is mandatory (stay 6 feet apart)**

***Zoom Along with Us* you can use it on your computers, tablets, i-pads & smart-phones**
 We still have **Thursday**, zoom adoration at 10:30 a.m. followed by **Mass at 11:00 a.m. & Sunday zoom Mass is at 9:00 a.m.**

Staying Spiritually Resilient during this pandemic

– continued from last week

Anxious about returning to regular life? 6 Jesuit discernment tips for the post-Covid world:

All the options (literally) re-opening before us may cause choice overload and cognitive exhaustion. Noises will be louder, colors brighter, touch more tactile. We will experience traffic on Sunday as weekday rush hour; shopping at the mall in May will feel like Black Friday after Thanksgiving. Returning to normal social spacing and large group interactions will lead to social fatigue. All the options re-opening before us (literally) will cause [choice overload](#) and cognitive exhaustion.

What can be done to ease the transition back to regular life? The answer may lie in the guidance offered to Ignatian retreatants: Continue following an Ignatian way of proceeding. **Within this framework, here are six suggestions for an effective transition to post-pandemic wellness: (continuing next week also)**

4. Pinpoint emotions and desires. Just as an attitude of gratitude relates to wellness, so does the ability to recognize and manage emotions. A humorous meme that spread early in the pandemic was the word [coronacoaster](#), used to characterize the extreme ups and downs felt during social distancing and isolation. It is worthwhile to avoid making momentous life changes and decisions until these emotions have steadied. Similarly, we should reflect on pent-up feelings of mourning for our many losses, minor and major, and allow time for grieving.

Additionally, the time in lockdown may have revealed powerful yearnings related to relationships, vocations or other mindsets. For example, a friend of mine has recently taken a leave of absence from a prominent position in a successful organization to consider a change to more socially purposeful work. Another friend has found that their feelings toward a “Covid bubble” companion may be more than platonic.

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Mark Thibodeaux, S.J., calls these [“the great big desires that God has placed in our hearts.”](#) Prayerful discernment can help us interpret the thoughts and feelings behind these desires: Are they superficial or will they genuinely produce feelings of Ignatian consolation if acted upon? If the latter, discernment can guide us to move on the yearnings in ways that Father Thibodeaux says “will lead to faith, hope and love for God and our fellow neighbor.”

Continuing next week: Jesuit discernment tips for the post-Covid world

Weekly Pocket Catechism: What is Confirmation?

Holy Confirmation is the Sacrament by which the Holy Spirit comes to us in a special way to strengthen us in the Faith and to enable us to profess it courageously in deed and in world.

**** 1st Communion Enrollment** List is set up at entrance table. Please respond by Sunday, October 3rd

**** Conferment Enrollment List** is also being started at entrance table.

Mass Intentions For The Week:

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Sept. 18 7:30 p.m. Russell **Liturgy of the Word**

Sunday Sept 19 9:00 a.m. Russell **Liturgy of the Word & Zoom on-line 9:00 a.m. & Check our Website for it on Youtube after 10:15 a.m.**

11:00 a.m. Rossburn **Liturgy of the Word**

Father Paul is under the weather and is self-isolating

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day of Migrants & Refugees
 National Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada

Saturday Sept 25 7:30 p.m. Russell Mass +Elisabeth Neuhofer req. Julie Schatt

Sunday Sept 26 9:00 a.m. Russell Mass +Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. Rose & family
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn For all Parishioners

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 The Church – Pope Francis prayer intention for month of September: *An environmentally sustainable lifestyle:* We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

Please Note: This year-to-date St. Theresa Parishioners, Rossburn, have sent \$578.30 to Mary's Meals from the weekly children's collection at mass.

Sunday October 3rd Eucharistic Procession & Blessing for Rossburn town and area. This time we will be starting at the UK Church at 3:00 p.m. and end our journey at Saint Theresa's

Saturday October 10th Rosery in front of town hall at 12:00 noon. Will move to St Theresa's if weather is inclement.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Archdiocese of Winnipeg - "Thursday, September 30, 2021, is Canada's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This day is meant to honour the victims and survivors of Canada's residential school system along with their families. This day is also a day that marks the importance of the relationships between the First Peoples of this land and the non-Indigenous People of Canada. It also presents an opportunity to listen to and reflect on the stories within our Indigenous and First Nations communities. I would encourage everyone to take part in community-organized activities marking this first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation." [Click here for the full memo from Archbishop Gagnon.](#)

Here at St Joseph & St Theresa's we will be doing our Adoration for Truth and Reconciliation instead of Vocations for September 30th giving an opportunity to listen to and reflect on the Indigenous and First Nations communities. This will be on our Zoom Thursday adoration at 10:30 a.m. Followed by our 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Dear Padre,

In Bible times why did people sacrifice animals, children, and other living beings for their own sins?

The practice of human and animal sacrifice is at least as old as written history, including in our own Scripture. Few stories are more chilling than when God asks Abraham to sacrifice his son, or when Jephthah sacrifices his daughter (Genesis 22; Judges 11). In scriptural theology, one's sins merited punishment and even death, but an animal or other person could be chosen to take one's place. God, in his mercy, instituted this animal sacrificial system as a symbol, foreshadowing Jesus' sacrifice for our sins (Genesis 8:20; Hebrews 10:1–18). In the New Testament, Jesus understood his mission as sacrificing his own life as a ransom for many (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was at the cost of death. However, to say that Jesus' death was payment for



our sins is not to say that a vengeful God was appeased by the sacrifice of his own innocent Son. Rather, Christ was willing to liberate us when he “bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that... by his wounds you have been healed” (1 Peter 2:24).

Thus, “it is love ‘to the end (John 13:1)’ that confers on

Christ's sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 616). It is in this sense that Jesus' death was a payment—not one to be exacted—but a unique sacrifice that “completes and surpasses all other sacrifices” (CCC 614).

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 20
Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs
Ezr 1:1–6
Lk 8:16–18

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 21
St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Eph 4:1–7, 11–13
Mt 9:9–13

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 22
Weekday
Ezr 9:5–9
Lk 9:1–6

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 23
St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Hg 1:1–8
Lk 9:7–9

Friday

SEPTEMBER 24
Weekday
Hg 2:1–9
Lk 9:18–22

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 25
Weekday
Zec 2:5–9, 14–15a
Lk 9:43b–45

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 26
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Nm 11:25–29
Jas 5:1–6
Mk 9:38–43, 45, 47–48



September 19, 2021

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Wis 2:12, 17–20

Jas 3:16–4:3

Mk 9:30–37

The Price of Goodness

We all know genuinely good people. Somehow they are able to live the virtues of their religious tradition. It might even appear that it is easy for them to do so. One would think that such good people would be valued. Well, yes and no. While we might truly value the goodness of others, that goodness can also shame us. And there is the rub. People are uncomfortable with the realization that they are not as good as they think—or not as good as others might view them. Today's readings underscore the price we might have to pay for such goodness.

The first reading describes a plot being devised to get rid of a righteous person whose goodness has become “annoying” (Wisdom 2:12). This is not someone who flaunts goodness; it is a genuinely good person, one who is referred to as “the righteous one” (2:18). (Here “son of God” simply means someone belonging to the people of God.) The plotters insist

that God will come to the rescue if the righteous one is truly good. The petitions in the psalm response are placed on the lips of that righteous one. Like many good Bible stories, this story is open-ended. We do not know what happens. The price paid for righteousness is found in the Gospel passage as well. Here the righteous one is Jesus. Though we know how his story ends, here the disciples did not.

Today we are faced with the starkness of these stories. Are we willing to pay the price of goodness?

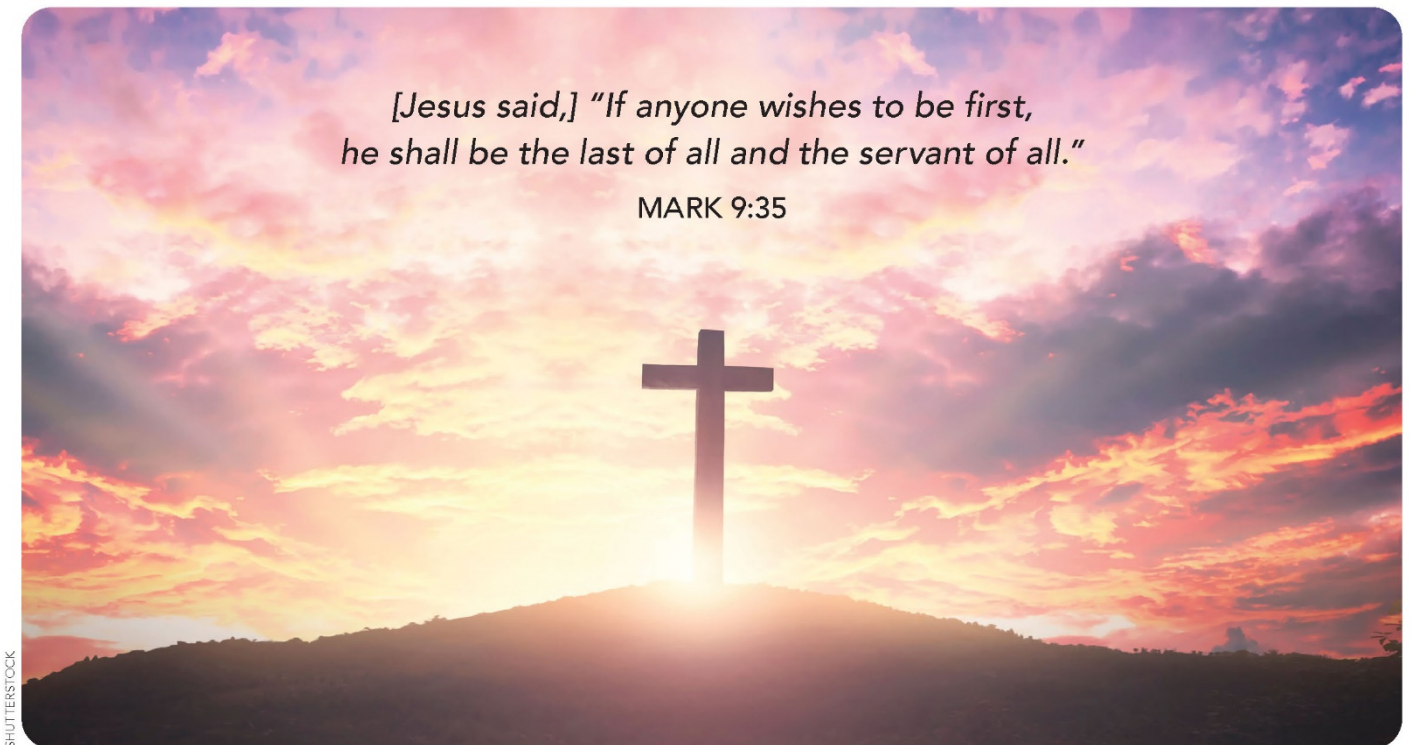
Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ Where in your life do your religious values conflict with social norms?
- ★ Do you ever resent the goodness of others? If so, what might you do about it?

[Jesus said,] “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”

MARK 9:35



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

The Catechism firmly states that human power has limits and that “it is contrary to human dignity to cause animals to suffer or die needlessly.” All such use and experimentation “requires a religious respect for the integrity of creation.”
ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME (LAUDATO SI’), MAY 24, 2015

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