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

Responsorial Psalm 23: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

St. Theresa's Parish News & St. Joseph The Worker Parish News: We also welcome Sacred Heart Parish Roblin & St. Claire's Parish San Clara for the next few weeks as Fr Tony is away on holidays.

The Archdiocese has issued new Protocols as of Saturday, July 17. 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. **Daylight savings Time****

5 Steps to Discover Your Calling – continued next week

1. Put all possibilities on the table:

Many people repress legitimate vocational desires by closing doors on themselves. Start by opening those doors. Eliminate the phrase "I could never be a..." from your vocabulary (except, of course, for actual impossibilities – "I could never be an NBA center," for example). Imagine all of the inspiring people you know – writers, artists, teachers, activists, advocates, etc. – perhaps some are religious sisters or priests; some are married, some are single. Remember that, at some point, they all had to risk staking their life on a particular path. Most of our heroes lived joyful lives of generosity and prophetic witness by having first opened themselves to unlikely possibilities.

Young adult Catholic? Put religious life on the table. Trust me, at first I didn't think so either. The point here is to include all possibilities, however countercultural or unthinkable, and to see what happens inside of you as you consider them. There is no true vocation without real freedom, and one way of understanding 'real freedom' is to say that you're not 'really free' to do something unless you're also free not to do it. You're free to get married, for example, but accepting that call in real freedom means you've seriously considered other options. When considering a vocation, put all possibilities on the table and then see where your deepest desires find the freedom to expand. When you follow real freedom it generally leads to self-giving acts of love. Freedom? Generosity? Love? That's vocation.

2. Experiment with experience:

Dedicate a year or two to test your deepest desires in real-life experiences. Identify concrete experiences that will help reveal more doors, even as they appear to close others. Make a weekend retreat (or longer!) to reflect on your vocation in prayerful conversation with God. Commit to a year of service or consider a part-time job or internship that stretches your field of vision. Don't just live with the fantasy of who your heroes are. Experiment with the reality of their heroic way of being in the world. These experiences will give you actual 'data-points' to refer to as you make your own vocational decisions.

A very low-risk version of this experimentation is to simply pretend that you've already made a choice: Spend a month telling yourself that you're going to be a parent (or a nun or a writer or what have you). 'Live' with that decision, and then talk with God about the hopes and fears you have around that choice. Try another month imagining another call and note any differences. Does one leave you more or less excited? More courageous? More curious? More alive? That's vocation.

Mass Intentions For The Week:

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday July 31 7:30 p.m. Russell Mass Fr Paul +Delbert & Denis Deschamps req. Irene & Family

Sunday Aug. 1 9:00 a.m. Russell **Liturgy of the Word**

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

Fr Paul Aug. 1 9:30 a.m. Roblin - readers: Lorie Tyschinski & Joan Chase
 +Shirley Radwanski req. Stan Radwanski & family
11:30 a.m. San Clara

Monday Aug. 2 Health of family & friends req. Jean Goba

Tuesday Aug. 3 6:30 pm Russell Mass Special Intention req. Irene Deschamps

Wed. Aug. 4 Russell PCH +Emilienne Mangin req. George Mangin & family

Thurs. Aug. 5 **Zoom on-line Adoration 10:30 a.m. & Mass 11:00 a.m.**
 Health of family & friends req. Mark Shenderevich

Friday Aug. 6 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
 9:00 a.m. Mass

10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration
 11:00 a.m. Mass
 +Joe Zegalski req. Gord Lyshyshyn

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Aug. 7 7:30 p.m. Russell +Emilienne
 Mangin req. George Mangin & family

Sunday Aug. 8 9:00 a.m. Russell Mass & **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m.**
 For All Parishioners req. Father Paul

11:00 a.m. Rossburn +Ed Bobinski req. St. Theresa's Parish

Deacon Conrad Plante will be celebrating:

Aug 8 9:30 a.m. Roblin Liturgy of the Word - readers: Rose Ardnt & Anna Lungal
11:30 a.m. San Clara Liturgy of the Word

You are Invited! 3 miles South & half mile West of Esterhazy, SK - Grid 637 – Kaposvar Pilgrimage
Sunday, August 22, 2021 Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine (all Saskatchewan times listed)

11:00 am – noon: Visitors arrive 12:00 – 1:00: Individual Stations of Cross 1:00 pm – 2:00 Rosary in Church

2:00 – 2:45: Private confessions in Church 2:45 – 3:00 Procession from Church to Shrine

3:00 – 4:00: Holy Mass & Anointing of the Sick 4:00 pm: Procession back to Church 4:15 pm: Supper

For more info.: Eola Stevenson @306-853-7880

Bring your own lawnchairs, concession booth on site

***Please Note that we will be adhering to COVID protocols in effect August 22, 2021 ***



Oakburn Farm
Mass Sunday Aug
15th

at 11:00 am & Blessing of cemetery.

Bring your own picnic lunch for your own family group.

Bring your own lawnchairs & Blessing of Mass grave.

Please Note that we will be adhering to COVID protocols in effect.



Dear Padre,

My elderly aunt is suffering from a terminal illness, and says she wants to die. Is this all right?

Popular psychological writings on death and dying often list the five different stages that people might go through when they are dying, namely: denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance. For Christians, the last stage of acceptance is saying yes to God's will. They may have been reconciled to God and others, said the things they have wanted to say, finished any unfinished business, and feel ready to leave this world and return to God.

For the dying person with faith, there may come a time when the desire to be fully united to her loving God takes priority over all other concerns and she actually desires to die. Her eyes turn toward the next life and she is not only ready to go but desires to go. This desire to leave this life is not the result of despair but rather the fruit of Christian hope.

We have a different situation when someone is not dying or is in good physical health, for the desire to die may indicate desperation or depression rather than acceptance and hope. Such persons may need personal and professional help to regain a zest for the life God has given them until the time comes that God calls them to himself.

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Calendar

Monday
AUGUST 2
Weekday
Nm 11:4b–15
Mt 14:13–21

Tuesday
AUGUST 3
Weekday
Nm 12:1–13
Mt 14:22–36 or
Mt 15:1–2, 10–14

Wednesday
AUGUST 4
St. John Vianney,
Priest
Nm 13:1–2, 25–14:1,
26–29a, 34–35
Mt 15:21–28

Thursday
AUGUST 5
Weekday
Nm 20:1–13
Mt 16:13–23

Friday
AUGUST 6
Transfiguration
of the Lord
Dn 7:9–10, 13–14
2 Pt 1:16–19
Mk 9:2–10

Saturday
AUGUST 7
Weekday
Dt 6:4–13
Mt 17:14–20

Sunday
AUGUST 8
Nineteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 19:4–8
Eph 4:30–5:2
Jn 6:41–51

Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 1, 2021

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Ex 16:2–4, 12–15

Eph 4:17, 20–24

Jn 6:24–35

Bread of Life

Last week's stories about bread take a very different turn this week. In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the bread theme as a metaphor. Here bread symbolizes the teachings of Jesus that will nourish us, that will satisfy our deepest needs. Jesus employs a method of interpretation favored by the rabbis of his day. He refers to a passage from the religious tradition (the passage that happens to be the first reading for today), and then, step by step, explains its meaning for the people of his day. His "homily" is really a response to the challenge from those who demanded a sign that would give evidence of the authority with which he spoke.

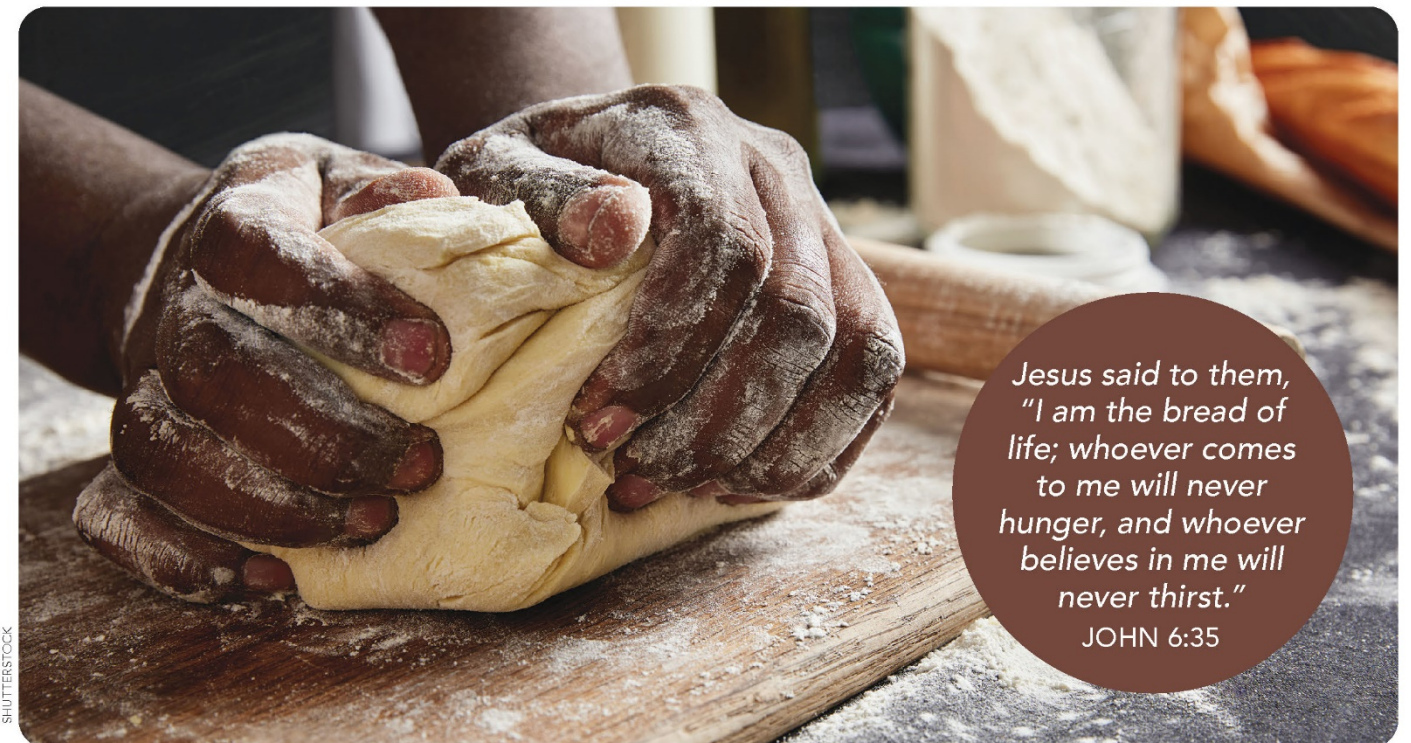
Those who challenged Jesus did so after they had been filled by the bread that he earlier miraculously provided. Jesus knew they weren't looking for signs of the presence of God in their midst. They simply wanted more food.

Jesus pointed out that the people of Moses' time had been called to trust that, day by day, God would provide them with food—as impossible as that might have seemed. Likewise, Jesus' hearers were called to trust his claims about his unique relationship with God, whom he called Father—as impossible as that might have seemed. This really isn't a story just about bread—the edible kind or the eucharistic kind. It is a story about believing in Jesus and accepting his teaching about the bread from heaven that promises eternal life.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ Give thanks for God's day-by-day care for you and your loved ones.
- ★ Pray for a deep and solid trust in God.



Jesus said to them,
"I am the bread of
life; whoever comes
to me will never
hunger, and whoever
believes in me will
never thirst."
JOHN 6:35



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Dear brothers and sisters who are ill, your sickness makes you in a particular way one of those "who labor and are burdened," and thus attract the eyes and heart of Jesus. In him, you will find light to brighten your darkest moments and hope to soothe your distress. He urges you: "Come to me."

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