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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 4): Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord.

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:

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

Monday Apr 15 2:00 p.m. Funeral Rossburn for Jack Mann

Tuesday Apr 16 Fr Paul req. by Jean Goba

Wed Apr 17 Private Mass

Thurs Apr 18 No Mass Rossburn

Friday Apr 19 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration

9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion

7:00 p.m. Russell Vigil Prayers for Anne Gallant

4th Sunday of Easter

Saturday Apr 20 11:00 a.m. Russell Funeral for Anne Gallant

7:30 p.m. Russell + Jutta & Erich Leven req.

by Michelle & Curtis & family

Sunday Apr 21 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m.**

& YouTube after 10:15 am

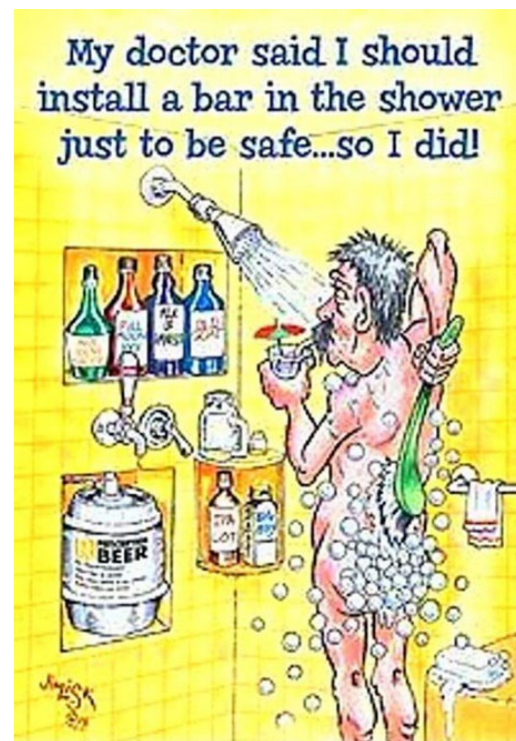
For all parishioners by Father Paul

11:00 a.m. Rossburn + John Ryshytylo

req by Michael and Myrna and families

The children collection on Easter Sunday, Mar 31/24 was \$213.00. The year-to-date total is now \$388.00. Thank you to the children who so joyfully donate each Sunday.

The Holyland collection totaled \$872.00. Thank you to everyone who so generously donated to this special collection.



How Jesus Slowly Broke Open The Word So His Disciples Could understand

1) The reality of Christ's Resurrection. By inviting his apostles to look closely at him and touch him, Jesus removed any fear that they were seeing a ghost. He instilled confidence in them that he loved them by greeting them: "Peace be with you." By eating a piece of broiled fish before their eyes, he convinced them that they were not dreaming or having a mere vision or hallucination. Jesus wanted them to be authentic witnesses to the reality of his life as their risen Lord with his glorified soul and body. "The resurrection community that had experienced Jesus' dying now experienced his risen presence. And it was, quite insistently, an embodied one. This is a Jesus of sight and sound, of memories and relationships, of love and tenderness. He would take food and allow himself to be touched. Even his wounds could be examined. It was a recognizable and identifiable Jesus, a realization of his bodied existence." (Fr. John Kavanaugh; Center for Liturgy).

2) The necessity of the cross: Jesus explained that his death on the cross had not been the result of a failed plan. Instead, it was part of God's eternal plan to show His love for His people by subjecting His Son to willing, sacrificial, suffering and death.

3) The Resurrection of Jesus gives meaning to the Old Testament prophecies. Bible scholars cite 324 Messianic prophecies scattered throughout the Old Testament, especially in the prophets and in Psalms. Jesus explained to his disciples how these prophecies had been fulfilled in him so that they might become witnesses to their risen Lord in Jerusalem and to all the nations.

4) The commissioning of the disciples with the missionary task of preaching the Good News of salvation through repentance and Faith in Jesus. Jesus told the disciples what they were to preach a) that the Son of God was crucified and died on the cross as expiation for our sins; b) that he rose from the dead and conquered death; and c) that all people must repent of their sins and obtain forgiveness in his name. In this Gospel passage, Jesus also commanded His disciples to remain in Jerusalem, waiting and praying for the coming of the Holy Spirit. (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).

"What in the world happened to you?" Jimmy showed up at Church with both his ears painfully blistered. After the service, his concerned pastor Father Paul asked "What in the world happened to you?" Jimmy replied, "I was lying on the couch yesterday afternoon watching the football game on TV and Bev was ironing nearby. I was totally engrossed in the game when she left the room, leaving the iron near the phone. The phone rang and keeping my eyes glued to the television, I grabbed for the phone, got the iron and put it to my ear." "So how did the other ear get burned?" Father Paul asked. "Well, I had no more than hung up and the guy called again." [Bill Tewels, "Overheard at the Country Café," *Country* (Oct-Nov 1994), p. 45.] — Here is a man who was focused! He was so caught up in watching the game, he didn't know what he was doing. In our Gospel lesson for today the disciples of Jesus have lost their focus. They are confused and weary. They need a break. (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).



Dear Padre,

What is a “covenant,” and how are marriage and covenant related?

“Covenant” is the word the Church employs to define and describe the sacrament of matrimony. It is clearly based on the idea of “covenant” contained in Scripture. In contrast, society uses the related word “contract,” as in the “marriage contract.” However, these two words do not mean the same thing.

The meaning of “contract” is too limited to contain the full commitment of Christian marriage. When you sign a contract, you are legally bound only to its terms. You need not do more or less than what is stipulated in its wording. Warmth and concern for the well-being of one party for the other are not stipulated in a contract.

A covenant, on the other hand, is different. Although it may contain some aspects of contract, it establishes a personal relationship of closeness, affection, and warmth, and it locks the couple into a mutual commitment to each other’s well-being.

As God freely chose Israel from all the nations possible, so do two people choose each other from all other people. As God declared, “I will take you as my people, and I will be your God” (Exodus 6:7). In the same way, a husband and wife pledge total commitment to each other.

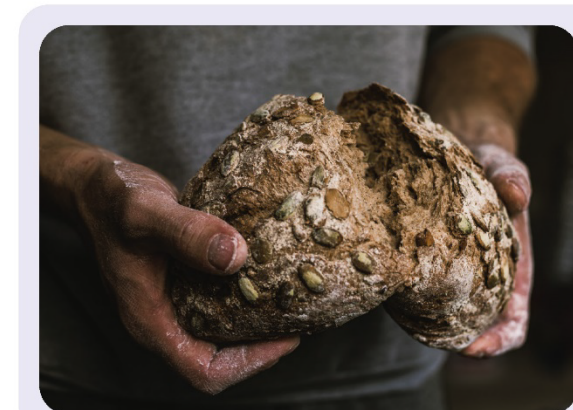
Christian marriage bears the same characteristics of covenant commitment—the personal relationship of caring, loyalty, intimacy, exclusivity, permanency, and, above all, love; hence the use of “covenant” to define Christian marriage. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 15	April 16	April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20	April 21
Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:8–15	Acts 7:51–8:1a	Acts 8:1b–8	Acts 8:26–40	Acts 9:1–20	Acts 9:31–42	Acts 4:8–12
Jn 6:22–29	Jn 6:30–35	Jn 6:35–40	Jn 6:44–51	Jn 6:52–59	Jn 6:60–69	1 Jn 3:1–2
						Jn 10:11–18



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Eating, when we do so together, among family or friends, also becomes an expression of love, an expression of communion, of celebration. How often the Gospels present us with Jesus experiencing this convivial dimension! Even as the Risen One, with his disciples. To the point that the Eucharistic Banquet has become the emblematic sign of the Christian community.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, APRIL 18, 2021

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 3:13–15, 17–19 / 1 John 2:1–5a / Luke 24:35–48



Peace, the Marker of Faith

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Spiritual writers tell us that a sure sign of life lived with faith in God is peace, the inner kind of peace that enables you to rest in it with no worry or anxiety. When the risen Lord appears in the midst of the disciples just back from Emmaus and says to them first off, “Peace be with you,” that’s the sort of peace he’s talking about and wishing for them.

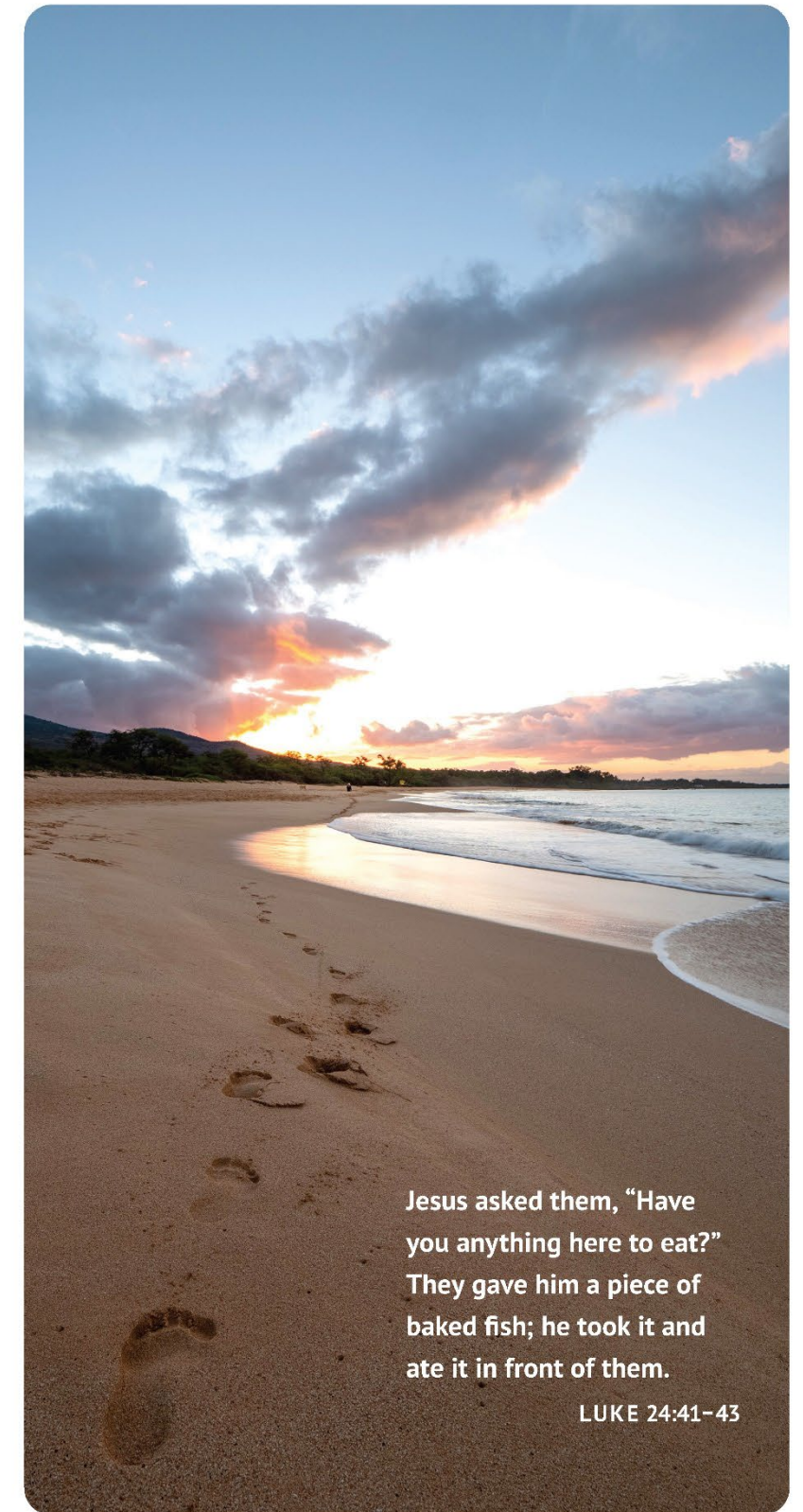
Such peace doesn’t seem to be something easy to come by, something that simply plops into the lap of your soul. More than anything it seems to be the fruit of prayerfulness—sometimes praying the rosary or other traditional prayers and sometimes just simply sitting in the quiet, in the midst of love without having to say any words.

There is something about surrendering to God’s love over the course of many lived days that eventually brings us to that sort of trusting peace.

The thing about such peace is that only you know if it’s genuine. When you feel peace when life turns topsy-turvy, that’s God peace. When life is progressing smoothly, it’s not easy to know if that’s God’s peace or just a life without turbulence. But if you’re at peace when everything else around you is not, that’s when you know it’s the presence of God that has you all wrapped up in worry-free wonder. ●

Reflect

Have you ever felt at peace even when there is conflict or fear?



Jesus asked them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

LUKE 24:41–43