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

Responsorial Psalm 25: Your paths, Lord, are love and faithfulness for those who keep your covenant.

St. Theresa's Parish News & St. Joseph The Worker Parish News:

Due to Covid-19, both parishes are closed for Mass' until further notice.

The new Sunday envelopes can be picked up by calling the Parish Office to arrange an appointment time.

New to our Parish and Archdiocese

The Archdiocese is in the process of introducing an **App** that will benefit all the parishes in the Archdiocese. This App was developed to keep our community engaged throughout this challenging time of the pandemic, and to make sure you have access to messages of hope right at your fingertips. St. Joseph the Worker Parish volunteered to be on the Pilot Project of this App. Remember this is Phase I of the App and feedback is much encouraged from all of you. This App is called Archdiocese of Winnipeg, but it is **OUR App**.

The key features of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg App include:

- Parish information/contact page
- Video messages and announcements from the Archdiocese (i.e. Archbishop's Friday Report)
- Schedules and a limited seat reservations for liturgies
- Easy and secure way of making donations to specific parishes, as well as Sharing God's Gift.

This new App is available for all our community and it is free for all users (at Apple App Store and Google Play Store). The App is meant to be an additional way of communicating and keeping in touch with our parish family.

February 21, 2021 Stewardship Message

1st Sunday of Lent

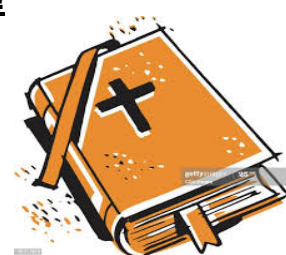
"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God..." - Mark 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

You are Invited to Discover what Liturgy of The Hours is in the Roman Catholic Church!

Our group will be learning what Morning & Evening prayer is, how it originated and its purpose for us to pray it today. Find out why as people in The Church, it connects us to each other and to Jesus Christ. It includes, Psalms, Scripture reading, and prayers for our world. Our group will be meeting by means of Zoom, online. For more information, please contact either, Deacon Darin Douglas or Carlene Douglas, Binscarth, at 204-532-2157 (please leave a message), or reply using Messenger

*Group will be meeting this coming Tuesday, February 23rd, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. by zoom. Currently this group is full, but if wanting to attend, we could possibly begin another group.



We can now open our churches to a maximum of 10% or 50 persons, whichever is less.

What about funerals? Funerals remain at the maximum 10 persons attending, but this excludes clergy and cantor.

What is happening Next Sunday? Some parishes have decided to delay their openings due to the last-minute changes and the extreme cold weather we are experiencing at this time. **See below:**

Mass Intentions For The Week:

First Sunday of Lent

Saturday Feb. 20 For health of family req. Jean Goba
 Sunday Feb. 21 **Zoom Stations Of The Cross at 9:00 a.m. with Mass to follow.**
Zoom on-line Mass – For all Parishioners req. Father Paul
 &
 +Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. Rose & family
 Monday Feb. 22 For health of family req. Jean Goba
 Tuesday Feb. 23 + Bill Antonow req. Rose & family
 Wed. Feb. 24 + Emilienne Mangin req. George Mangin & family
 Thurs. Feb. 25 **Zoom on-line Adoration 10:30 a.m. & Mass 11:00 a.m.**
 +Joe Zegalski req. Gord, Melanie, Bill, Mary-Lou & Eugene Lyshyshyn
 Friday Feb. 26 +Deceased Family req. Frank & Madeline Mangin

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday Feb. 27 +Lorne Gallant req. Lori, Kyle & Kim, Colin
 Sunday Feb. 28 **Zoom Stations Of The Cross at 9:00 a.m. with Mass to follow.**
Zoom on-line Mass – For all Parishioners req. Father Paul
 &
 +Lorne Woychyshyn req. David & family

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.

Even if you can't go to church, you don't have to Miss Lent!

-Daily meditations based on the day's readings, designed to be completed from the comfort of your own home, within 10 minutes. Meditations written by various members of our local Catholic community, Catholic School of Evangelization. **Join us at cselentenretreat.wordpress.com**

-This Lent, we invite your congregation to join us in a series of [weekly reflections](https://marysmeals.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c2a8505b5316644ac2d5fd681&id=f7e9d48593&e=c5ed26838c) for hungry children around the world. Although we may not be able to gather in person this Lent, we *can* still come together in weekly prayer for the children of Mary's Meals. <https://marysmeals.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c2a8505b5316644ac2d5fd681&id=f7e9d48593&e=c5ed26838c>

-Begin on Ash Wednesday: exous90.com: Daily in Lent for men, 40 day spiritual exercise.

-Lent 2021, Bruce Downes, the Catholic Guy (daily video): Brucedownes.org: This Lent is not about what you give up. It's about who you become. (registration). Available on Facebook.

Stations of the Cross The Knights of Columbus will be leading Stations of the Cross starting at 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings, before mass, during Lent, the Knights invite you to come and join them to pray on Zoom online!

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for February: *Violence against women:* We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

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.

Prayer for Lent

Gracious and Merciful God,

Throughout our Lenten journey, we are asked to be more gracious and merciful ourselves. Yet we often avoid looking into our own hearts for fear of learning the extent to which we have lost our way.

As we continue our travels, help us, we pray, to sacrifice our own comforts in order to help those in need.

May we appreciate that your limitless love, compassion and forgiveness always journey with us.

Dear Padre,

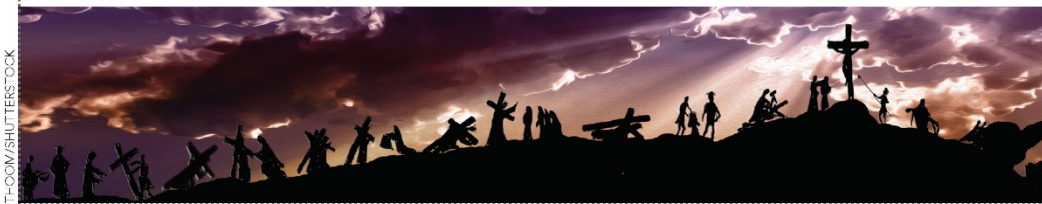
As long as I can remember, our parish has offered the Stations of the Cross as a special devotion during the Lenten season. How ancient is this practice?

Over the centuries, many pilgrims would visit the Holy Land to retrace the steps of Jesus. When they returned to their home churches, many of these pilgrims paid for shrines to be built that represented the holy places they visited. In 1342, the Franciscans became the official guardians of the holy places, and they would guide pilgrims along the Way of the Cross. In 1668, Pope Innocent XI gave permission to the Franciscans to place Stations of the Cross in all of their churches. The number of these early stations varied, from as few as seven to as many as thirty-seven. Finally, in 1731, Pope Clement XII defined fourteen stations as the official devotion.

In recent years, two modifications of the Stations of the Cross have become fairly common. Some churches have a fifteenth station representing Jesus' Resurrection. Other churches have scriptural accounts that are not in the traditional station devotion. In more recent years, a popular Lenten devotion is the "Living Stations of the Cross." This is a play with music, singing, and dramatic speaking parts.

Regardless of their format or the liturgical season of the year during which they are celebrated, the Stations of the Cross are a gentle reminder that we journey with Jesus on his way to Calvary.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Let us invite Jesus into the boats of our lives. Let us hand over our fears to him so that he can conquer them. Like the disciples, we will experience that with him on board there will be no shipwreck. Because this is God's strength... He brings serenity into our storms, because with God life never dies.

EXTRAORDINARY MOMENT OF PRAYER
FOR THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, MARCH 27, 2020

Calendar

Monday
FEBRUARY 22
The Chair of
St. Peter the Apostle
1 Pt 5:1-4
Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday
FEBRUARY 23
Lenten Weekday
Is 55:10-11
Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday
FEBRUARY 24
Lenten Weekday
Jon 3:1-10
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday
FEBRUARY 25
Lenten Weekday
Est C:12, 14-16,
23-25
Mt 7:7-12

Friday
FEBRUARY 26
Lenten Weekday
Ez 18:21-28
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday
FEBRUARY 27
Lenten Weekday
Dt 26:16-19
Mt 5:43-48

Sunday
FEBRUARY 28
Second Sunday of Lent
Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13,
15-18
Rom 8:31b-34
Mk 9:2-10

Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 21, 2021
First Sunday of Lent (B)
Gn 9:8-15
1 Pt 3:18-22
Mk 1:12-15



*God said...I set my bow in the clouds to serve as
a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.*
GENESIS 9:12-13

Lost at Sea

We often think that Lent is a time to concentrate on the sufferings of Jesus. Actually that is the theme of Holy Week. The other readings of Lent suggest another theme—covenant-making. God initiates an intimate relationship with us and calls us to be faithful. This is the good news. Moreover, when we are unfaithful, God gives us another chance.

The first reading recounts God's graciousness in saving humankind from destruction. Noah and his family must have felt that they really were lost at sea. However, God's protection was always there. In fact, the waters they so feared were destructive only to what was evil. They had been saved and now, through the covenant, all of creation was given a second chance.

One might think that Jesus wouldn't have struggled with temptation. After all, he was God. However, today's Gospel says that he was tempted. He was in the wilderness, a place long known to be a place of

temptation because there the supports of normal life are gone. After forty days of fasting, one's defenses would be significantly weakened, if not broken down. In such a situation, the primary thought is survival. This Gospel does not describe the temptation itself, but it does present Jesus as someone like us—weakened, tempted, and perhaps even "lost at sea." However, God's protection was with him, in the guise of angels.

Both stories assure us that God's covenantal care is there supporting us, regardless of the difficulty or our apparent weakness.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *When you feel "lost at sea," recall that through baptism you have a close covenant relationship with God who is always there for you.*
- ★ *How do you strengthen yourself when you face temptation?*