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

**Responsorial Psalm 69:** “Lord, in your steadfast love, answer me.”

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

\*\*\*\*\***Notice**\*\*\*\*\*- **No Saturday evening or Sunday Masses at St. Joseph's - until further notice.**

If anyone has any personal petitions, you can place them in the box at the back of the church. They will not be individually read but prayed for generally.

**Congratulations to St. Josephs Parish Graduates!** : Kyshenne Cabrera, Luis Deopante, Kassandra Dimaano, Steven Havelange, Tessa Havelange

**Did you Know...**

This coming Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> is a solemnity – “**The Nativity of St. John The Baptist**”! Of all the Saints, he is the only one whose birth is also celebrated – as with Christ & the Blessed Virgin Mary. He is the patron Saint of those condemned to death or who have been imprisoned for the witness to the faith, in virtue of the harsh prison which he endured & of the death which he encountered. John's mission of witnessing the light of Christ, (John1,7) lies at the origin of the custom of blessing bonfires on St. Johns eve. The Church blesses such fires, praying to God that the faithful may overcome the darkness of the world & reach the “indefectible light” of God.

**June 21, 2020 - 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Stewardship Reflection**

“Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.” (Matthew 10:32) Would others know that you are Catholic by the way you act and speak? Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith when the situation arises or do you remain silent? Do you pray in public before meals? Pray for the strength and courage to be a joyful witness of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself. Let us become the radiant light and bold witness that we are called to be!

**Growing God's Kingdom in a Material World Series - Growing the Stewardship Garden, Fr. John Weckend**

The analogy of comparing the various plots of a garden to different ways in which stewardship applies to many facets of our everyday lives was first introduced to me a number of years ago in a talk given by Robert Morneau, retired auxiliary bishop of Green Bay Wisconsin. What I would like to do in this presentation is to expand on that analogy and explore 12 areas relating to stewardship that might be a little surprising. (12-Part Series continued in coming weeks):

**3. The Ecological Garden:**

The Book of Genesis relates how God entrusted the care earth and all it's creatures to us. Francis of Assisi, among others, made us aware of God's mysterious presence in all of creation.

Concerns about global warming, air and water pollution and irresponsible use of our natural resources have alerted us to take better care of our environment. These are huge issues - but have we done our part in areas like recycling and reusing materials that we might otherwise send to the landfill? Using our automobiles less, cutting down on our use of plastics [like water bottles], and lowering our thermostats are but a few of the ways that we can be part of the solution and not part of the problem. Supporting organizations that protect wildlife habitat and parklands are other ways that we show stewardship of the ecological garden that is planet earth and leaving a smaller footprint on a home that we share with seven billion other human beings.

***Zoom Along with Us***

If you use the internet you can join St Joseph and St Theresa with the Zoom Mass Each Sunday as one more option to celebrate community and the sharing of the Word together. After Mass we will be having *Coffee Sunday* with each other who wish to stay and visit with the rest of the community. **If you wish to join** into the Zoom Mass send an e-mail to St Joseph the Worker to get on the Access List.

**Mass Intentions For The Week:**

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday	June 20	9:00 a.m. Russell +Delbert & Denis Deschamps req. by Irene & Family
Sunday	June 21	9:00 a.m. <b>Zoom Mass</b> For all Parishioners req. Father Paul & For our Graduate Kaden Berube req.by Gary & Nicole
Monday	June 22	<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday	June 23	6:30 p.m. Russell Special intentions req. Albina Kozak
Wed.	June 24	9:00 a.m. Russell Special intentions req. Jean Goba
Thursday	June 25	9:00 a.m. Russell Mass 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration & Mass +Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. by Joe, Rose & family
Friday	June 26	8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration & Mass 9:00 a.m. For family req. by Simone

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday	June 27	9:00 a.m. Russell Special intentions req. by Albina Kozak
Sunday	June 28	9:00 a.m. <b>Zoom Mass</b> For all Parishioners req. Father Paul & +Wendy Woychyshyn req. by David & family

**Did you Know! The National Catholic Broadcasting Council offers Sunday and Daily TV Mass** on the Web, visit the website at [www.dailytvmass.com](http://www.dailytvmass.com) or [www.youtube.com/dailytvmass](http://www.youtube.com/dailytvmass) to watch Mass each day.

**In these difficult times as public Masses are being cancelled across Canada and other countries, Salt + Light TV is available on most cable and satellite carriers across Canada.** If you have any further questions about this, please check with your provider for more details. The Daily TV Mass is offered 4 times a day Monday to Saturday and twice a day on Sunday. Daily Papal Mass. Mass celebrated by Pope Francis from Casa Santa Marta airs daily at 9:30am ET. Also, you can stream this Mass daily on Salt + Light Media Facebook Live.

**Weekday Mass** when pastors and administrators are ready, permission is given to resume public weekday Masses in parishes keeping in mind that participation is limited to social/physical distancing protocols.

More Information can be found at **Archdiocese of Winnipeg** [www.archwinnipeg.ca](http://www.archwinnipeg.ca)

**Russell And Area Food Connections**

**Food Distribution Days:**

**Thursday June 25<sup>th</sup>, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> : all at 1pm – 2pm**

**Location: Grace Lutheran Church, 114 Bonny Ave. Russell** (No appointment is needed)

If you have an immediate need for food, or you have questions, please call David at 204-821-5442.

*All calls are confidential.*

**\*\* Happy Fathers Day \*\***

A man was walking along a California beach and was in deep prayer to the Lord. He said, "Lord, you have promised to give me the desires of my heart. Please give a confirmation that you will grant my wish." Suddenly the sky darkened and the Lord, in a booming voice said, "I have searched your heart and determined it to be pure. I think that I can trust that you will not disappoint me. Because you have been faithful to me, I will grant you one wish." The man said, "I've always wanted to go to Hawaii, but I'm deathly afraid of flying and I get very sea sick in boats. Could you build a bridge to Hawaii, so I can drive there whenever I want?" The Lord laughed and said, "That's impossible! Think of the logistics! How would the supports ever reach the bottom of the Pacific? Think of the concrete and steel! Your request is very materialistic and disappointing. I could do it but it's hard for me to justify. Take a little more time and make another wish, one you think would honor and glorify Me." After much thought, the man said, "I've been married 4 times. My wives always said that I was insensitive to their needs. So I wish that I could understand women. I want to know how they feel and what they're thinking. I want to know why they cry and how to make them truly happy. That's my wish, Lord. "Then, after a few minutes, God said, "You want two lanes or four on that bridge?" ﷻ



# Dear Padre,

## Why does the Church oppose stem-cell research, especially when it has the potential to cure illnesses like Parkinson's disease?

**S**tem cells are unspecialized cells with the ability to divide and produce a variety of more specialized cells. Scientists hope that one day they can be coaxed into specific kinds of cells that can cure disease or repair diseased organs.

In its 2008 statement On Embryonic Stem Cell Research, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops noted that there are two kinds of stem cells. Adult stem cells come from umbilical cord blood, adult tissue, and placenta. The bishops say they “can be obtained without harm to the donor and without any ethical problem.”

Embryonic stem cells, on the other hand, are obtained by destroying embryonic human beings in the first days of development. Since harvesting these cells involves the deliberate killing of humans, obtaining or using this kind of cell is immoral. This is why the Church has opposed extending federally funded stem-cell research beyond currently existing cell lines.

Although stem-cell research may hold vast therapeutic potential, it's never permissible to sacrifice a human being for the good of others. The bishops clarify the moral hazards when they say, “The same ethic that justifies taking some lives to help the patient with Parkinson's or Alzheimer's disease today can be used to sacrifice that very patient tomorrow, if his or her survival is viewed as disadvantageous to other human beings considered more deserving or productive.”

Catholics should support further research on adult stem cells, which show great promise, and resist efforts to expand research using embryonic cells.

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### Calendar

#### Monday

JUNE 22

Weekday

2 Kgs 17:5–8,  
13–15a, 18  
Mt 7:1–5

#### Tuesday

JUNE 23

Weekday

2 Kgs 19:9b–11,  
14–21, 31–35a, 36  
Mt 7:6, 12–14

#### Wednesday

JUNE 24

Nativity of

St. John the Baptist

Is 49:1–6

Acts 13:22–26

Lk 1:57–66, 80

#### Thursday

JUNE 25

Weekday

2 Kgs 24:8–17  
Mt 7:21–29

#### Friday

JUNE 26

Weekday

2 Kgs 25:1–12  
Mt 8:1–4

#### Saturday

JUNE 27

Weekday

Lam 2:2, 10–14,  
18–19  
Mt 8:5–17

#### Sunday

JUNE 28

Thirteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:8–11, 14–16a  
Rom 6:3–4, 8–11  
Mt 10:37–42

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

June 21, 2020

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Jer 20:10–13

Rom 5:12–15

Mt 10:26–33

## Fear Not

**E**asier said than done. There is so much to be afraid of today: war; the loss of life and the devastation caused by it; unemployment and poverty; illness and the pain and diminishment that often accompany it; the threat of ecological collapse; to say nothing of personal anxiety and trauma. The readings for this Sunday all speak of the hardships that loom over every life.

But these hardships are not the last word. Jeremiah ends his announcement of gloom on a positive note: “Praise the LORD, / For he has rescued the life of the poor / from the power of the evildoers!” (Jeremiah 20:13). The psalm of lament picks up the same message: “the LORD hears the poor” (Psalm 69:34).

Saint Paul insists that sin and death don't win: “...How much more did the grace of God...overflow for the many” (Romans 5:15). Caught in the throes of misfortune, people cry out—but God responds.

It is in the Gospel that the reassurance of God's care unfolds. The struggles described there are real, but they will not last. The imagery employed to characterize God's care is picturesque and extraordinarily tender. If God is attentive to the lowly sparrows, how much more will God be attentive to us? Even more personally, God knows us so well that the very hairs on our head are counted. The admonition here is clear: Never fear! If catastrophes threaten, don't be afraid! Even if they engulf you or carry you away, don't be afraid. It is only temporary. God is always there, attentive to our needs, so fear not!

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ★ What societal situation frightens you most? Here is where you might pray for trust in God's loving care.
- ★ What might you do to change, even so slightly, what frightens you?

*[Jesus said,] “Do not be afraid of them. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known.”*

MATTHEW 10:26



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### A WORD FROM Pope Francis

*There is a tendency to justify transgressing all boundaries when experimentation is carried out on living human embryos. We forget that the inalienable worth of a human being transcends his or her degree of development. In the same way, when technology disregards the great ethical principles, it ends up considering any practice whatsoever as licit.*

—LAUDATO SI', MAY 24, 2015