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

Responsorial Psalm 119: Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord.

St. Joseph's Russell needs volunteers to read and usher on Sunday Morning Mass, please choose which Sunday and sign up on the Ministry Schedule – found on the table where the donation envelopes are located. Thank you!

Did you Know! The National Catholic Broadcasting Council offers Sunday & Daily TV Mass on the Web, visit the website at www.dailytvmass.com or www.youtube.com/dailytvmass to watch Mass each day.

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We still have **Sunday zoom Mass at 9:00 a.m.**

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.

First Communion – Next class will be February 16th from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Praying with Pope Francis, February: For Parishes: We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in Need.

Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage You are invited in the New Year at St. Joseph The Worker
Next Session February 14th at 7:00 p.m.
For more information contact Father Paul Bisson, 204-773-2924, or
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Three Ways to Respond When Life Goes a Different Direction

By **Vinita Hampton Wright**

After Ignatius of Loyola gave his life to God's service, he imagined that he should go to Jerusalem to pray and do penance, make pilgrimage to the sites of Jesus' life, and do God's work among people there. Today still, many Christians feel the pull to walk where Jesus walked. We sense that this region of the world is truly holy ground.

Ignatius made it to Jerusalem, after a lot of time and effort. But he did not stay long. Jerusalem was not safe at the time; some pilgrims had been killed, others taken for ransom. So, less than a month after his arrival, Ignatius returned to Spain. He had been so sure of this call to Jerusalem that he had even snuck off to some of the holy sites without the required guard. When the Franciscan superior in charge of Christian pilgrims threatened to excommunicate Ignatius, the pilgrim relented.

Ignatius's conversion was the major turning point of his life. But even after his conversion, life took turns he did not expect. His disappointment in Jerusalem likely taught him that discernment could have many layers and that perfectly good goals and desires do not always lead to the obvious outcome.

We have experienced this too, haven't we? Our good desires—even our sense of calling—led us in one direction, but then something happened we didn't expect. How can we respond when this happens?

Don't regret the good desire and intention.

God has created us to desire and to follow our good desires. A changed direction does not mean the desire was wrong. Desire gives us energy to take action. Simply discerning a good desire is an action that moves us toward God's dream for us. In fact, sometimes we see our desire leading to a certain outcome because that's the only outcome we can imagine. But maybe God has planted that desire in us for a different outcome than the one we see at the time.

Accept the change in direction.

Ignatius did not want to leave Jerusalem, but when he accepted that outcome, he acted on it. It does no good to keep fighting the inevitable. The job we thought was a perfect fit, falls through. An adult child makes a choice with which we don't agree. The social justice work we've dreamed of keeps getting delayed for reasons outside our control. Can we keep moving in a good direction? Can we resist the temptation to become argumentative and bitter—with people or with God?

Rely on the creativity of the Holy Spirit.

Our mistake is in believing that life can go only one way or that only one choice is the right one. Yet the Holy Spirit works in us to create new opportunities for growth and good work every day. No circumstance is wasted in God's economy. And, because we live in a world filled with God's creation and grace, there are multiple paths to good outcomes. We simply cannot see the possibilities from our limited perspective.

Ignatius experienced various changes of direction. All the while, he followed his God-given desire to help others and to love Jesus more and more. Ignatius was known as a man of great joy and gratitude. He was convinced that God's love poured over every circumstance and change. Thwarted plans no doubt disappointed and frustrated him, but never for long. He trusted God to guide him to the ultimate destination: God's glory and love. [Three Ways to Respond When Life Goes a Different Direction - Ignatian Spirituality](#)

Mass Intentions For This Week:

<u>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>		World Day of the Sick
		There will be anointings offered at each Mass
Saturday	Feb 11	7:30 p.m. Russell + Duncan Spurway from Funeral Mass offering
Sunday	Feb 12	9:00 a.m. Russell <u>Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. & YouTube after 10:15 am</u> For all parishioners by Father Paul
		11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. by Rose & family
Monday	Feb 13	Health of family & friends req. by Jean Goba
Tuesday	Feb 14	+ Deceased Family req. by Jean Goba
Wed.	Feb 15	+ Deceased Family req. by Frank & Madeline Mangin
		7:00 p.m. Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage at St Joseph the Worker
Thurs.	Feb 16	10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration 11:00 a.m. Xavier McLaughlin req. by the McLaughlin's & + Emilienne Mangin req. by George Mangin & family
Friday	Feb 17	8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration 9:00 a.m. Health of family & friends req. by Irene Deschamps 6:30 p.m. Viewing for John Ryshytylo Sacred Heart UK Church 7:00 pm Panakhyda Service led by Fr Jay
<u>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>		
Saturday	Feb 18	10:30 a.m. Funeral Service for John Ryshytylo Sacred Heart UK Church by Fr Paul & Fr Jay 7:30 p.m. Russell + Duncan Spurway from Funeral Mass offering
Sunday	Feb 19	9:00 a.m. Russell <u>Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. & YouTube after 10:15 am</u> + Deceased Family req. by Brad & Brenda & family
		11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Norma Kaskiw req. by Kaskiw family

St. Theresa's News:

On February 26th Following Mass St. Theresa's Parish will be having it's Annual General Meeting with the parish and some refreshments to follow.

Dear Padre,

My wife and I are in our mid-fifties; we have a comfortable life, go to church regularly, pray, and generally consider ourselves good Christians. So what's wrong? We feel empty, hollow, and strangely unfulfilled. What can we do?

Barring any other unnamed problem, you and your wife seem to be at a spiritual crossroads. You've come to the disturbing but provocative realization that St. Augustine voiced, saying, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in thee, O Lord." Feelings of emptiness are a gift, a message that God is calling you to something more. It's time for careful discernment.

At stake here is: What is life really about? Up to this point, like many people, it sounds like you have enjoyed a comfortable and productive life filled with many of the good things the world has to offer. But when these prove unable to give lasting happiness, you are finding that true meaning must be sought elsewhere: in a more profound relationship with God. It is no longer a matter of knowing about God but of connecting with God in a close, personal, intimate relationship.

Lent begins in less than two weeks. Perhaps you and your wife can decide how to spend this Lent seeking a deeper relationship with God and God's people. You could join a prayer group or work at a soup kitchen. You could learn about meditation practices or help your parish in projects for the poor. You could spend one hour a week before the Blessed Sacrament. Whatever you decide, welcome this new stage in life to which God is calling you. ●

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MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	SATURDAY
February 13 Weekday Gn 4:1–15, 25 Mk 8:11–13	February 15 Weekday Gn 8:6–13, 20–22 Mk 8:22–26	February 18 Weekday Heb 11:1–7 Mk 9:2–13
TUESDAY	THURSDAY	SUNDAY
February 14 St. Cyril, Monk and St. Methodius, Bishop Gn 6:5–8; 7:1–5, 10 Mk 8:14–21	February 16 Weekday Gn 9:1–13 Mk 8:27–33 FRIDAY February 17 Weekday Gn 11:1–9 Mk 8:34–9:1	February 19 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Lv 19:1–2, 17–18 1 Cor 3:16–23 Mt 5:38–48

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 12, 2023
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Sirach 15:15–20 / 1 Corinthians 2:6–10 / Matthew 5:17–37
or Matthew 5:20–22, 27–28, 33–34, 37



What's in Your Heart?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In the past fifty years, there seems to have been a quiet but noticeable shift in the lived faith of Catholics in the pews. None of it has been officially or formally decreed, though it might very well be the natural unfolding of what the Second Vatican Council was about. It seems to have simply happened, perhaps by the workings of the Holy Spirit. I would highlight four common shifts.

People's faith seems to have moved from a primary concern with doctrine or what we believe, to spirituality or how we live out what we believe as people of faith and where God is in our lives.

What's in our hearts has been a focus. It suggests that while actions are important, where the actions originate and what they say about who we are is also important in trying to understand why we do what we do.

People pray differently. While the rosary and devotional prayer is nurturing to the faith of many, there has also been a discovery of other forms of meditation, quiet reflection, and praying with sacred scripture.

Confession no longer seems to be about only reporting kinds and numbers of sins but also about what is in one's heart and how people find themselves relating to others. People confess both attitudes and actions that are destructive rather than moral lists.

It would seem that all of this echoes this week's Gospel, which focuses on divisive anger, lustful lifestyles, and faking the truth, that is, what is in our hearts. ●

Reflect

How is your faith different today than it was ten or twenty years ago?



"I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

MATTHEW 5:20