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

**Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 118):** This is the day the Lord has made;  
 let us rejoice and be glad.

**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 March:** For the new martyrs: We pray that those who risk their lives for the gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

**Mass Intentions For This Week:**

**Easter Sunday – Resurrection of the Lord**

Saturday Mar 30 7:00 p.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 7:00 p.m. & On YouTube later Sunday afternoon**  
 + Emilienne Mangin req. by George Mangin & family

Sunday Mar 31 9:00 a.m. Russell For all parishioners by Father Paul  
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Nellie Kaskiw req. by the Kaskiw family

Monday April 1 Health of Fr Paul & friends req. by Jean Goba

Tuesday April 2 Health of Fr Paul req. by Michelle & Curtis & family

Wed April 3 10:30 a.m. **Russell Personal Care Home**  
 + Deceased family members req. by Madeline & family

Thurs April 4 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration  
 11:00 a.m. Mass Health of Fr Paul req. by David & family

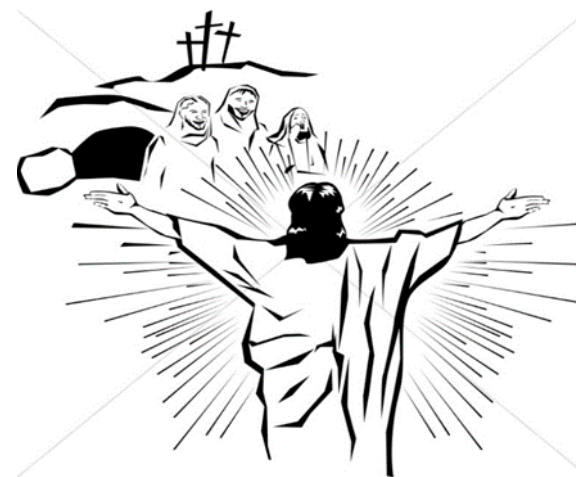
Friday April 5 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration  
 9:00 a.m. Mass  
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn **Sacred Heart Of Jesus**  
 Mass Special Intentions req. by The Sabourin family

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday**

Saturday April 6 7:30 p.m. Russell Health for Fr Paul req. by Ivan & Paulette VanDamme

Sunday April 7 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 & Myrna & family

*Joyous & Happy Easter! Welcome to all our Visitors!*



Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to our special collections during the Lenten season/Holy Land. Also, special thanks to all the parishioners involved in Lenten and Triduum celebrations in our parishes of St. Joseph's & St. Theresa's!

*Alleluia!*

Thank you to all who have been preparing and helping in anyway with our past coffee Sundays. Coffee Sunday is part of the Ministry of Hospitality, a time to gather together, greet one another and visit after Mass while enjoying coffee and snacks!

We had 28 Families donate to SGG 2024 in the amount of \$27,900. Thanks for all the help. Our Parish should be proud, congratulations to all parishioners. Parish Finance: Fr. Paul, Jim, Lori, and Gary

**Congratulations Walker Falloon** and to parents Adrienne & Kyle! Walker was baptized last Saturday at Joseph The Worker Russell parish.

**A Message From The Pastor**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Christ Is Risen! For the past six weeks we have been preparing for this day through our Lenten theme "Tree Of Life" This journey that began at our birth, took a deeper meaning at our baptism as we entered into a unique relationship with God as sons and daughters, brother and sisters in Christ.

Despite life's adversities and sorrows as we carry our cross in life, we continue our journey as a people of faith, hope and love because we are a resurrection people. For those who believe in Christ, our journey does not end in death, for in death our life is truly changed, not ended.

As we keep close to our heart, loved ones who have died, may we be comforted in knowing that although their journey through this life has ended, their relationship with God, whose love has no end, continues to grow and blossom into the fullness of joy. A joy that we only taste in this life, but will feast upon in the life to come where we join those who have gone before us in a face to face encounter with then and the Risen Christ and God our Father

*Fr Paul*

\* **"I choose death....by old age."** Long ago, there was an exceedingly clever court jester at the court of the Caliph of Baghdad. For years he'd never failed to amuse the court whenever they called him. But one day, in a split second of carelessness, he offended the caliph who ordered him put to death. "However," said the caliph, "in consideration of your many years of fine and faithful service, I'll let you choose how you wish to die." "Oh, mighty Caliph," replied the jester. "I thank you for your great kindness. I choose death....by old age." — Wouldn't we all! But that just delays the big question: Then what? What comes after you finally die at the age of 110 on the tennis court? Only Jesus has the answer. He says, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in Me, even though he dies, will live with Me forever" (Jn 11:25). (Msgr. D. Clarke) (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).

From Parish Pastoral Reports which are collected and sent to the Holy See

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Baptisms	1507	799	1355	1257	1097
Confirmations	714	548	418	607	599
First Communions	992	689	513	968	776
Marriages	194	88	129	167	123

In 2023 we had 62 diocesan priests (of which 45 are incardinated into the Archdiocese), 15 Priest belong to religious communities, 20 religious sisters and 1 religious brother.

# Dear Padre,

**Where did the idea of an Easter bunny come from?  
What about the Easter egg?**

The Easter bunny is really a hare which, according to an Egyptian legend, is a symbol of the moon. Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon that occurs after the twenty-first day of March. Put this together, and we have an Easter bunny.

Early Christians gave new meaning to the Roman proverb *Omne vivum ex ovo*, which means, "All life comes from an egg." A hatching chick represented the risen Christ emerging from the shell of a tomb on Easter morning. Consequently, eggs were prohibited during the Lenten fast and were reintroduced at the Easter meal and also shared as decorated gifts. In 1610, a prayer by Pope Paul V blessed the egg "that it may become a wholesome sustenance to Thy faithful servants, eating in thankfulness to Thee, on account of the Resurrection of Our Lord."

In some parts of the world, children carry baskets and torches and sing Easter carols as they go from place to place. They are given brightly colored eggs to put in their baskets. In other places, eggs are carried to church and blessed by the priests. The eggs are taken home and placed in the center of the table as the main dish at the Easter feast. Visitors to the house during Easter week are offered this sacred food of the resurrection. Happy Easter! ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6	April 7
Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22-33	Acts 2:36-41	Acts 3:1-10	Acts 3:11-26	Acts 4:1-12	Acts 4:13-21	(Sunday of Divine Mercy)
Mt 28:8-15	Jn 20:11-18	Lk 24:13-35	Lk 24:35-48	Jn 21:1-14	Mk 16:9-15	Acts 4:32-35
						1 Jn 5:1-6
						Jn 20:19-31

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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***In the light of the Risen Lord, our sufferings are now transfigured. Where there was death, now there is life. Where there was mourning, now there is consolation. In embracing the cross, Jesus bestowed meaning on our sufferings and now we pray that the benefits of that healing will spread throughout the world.***

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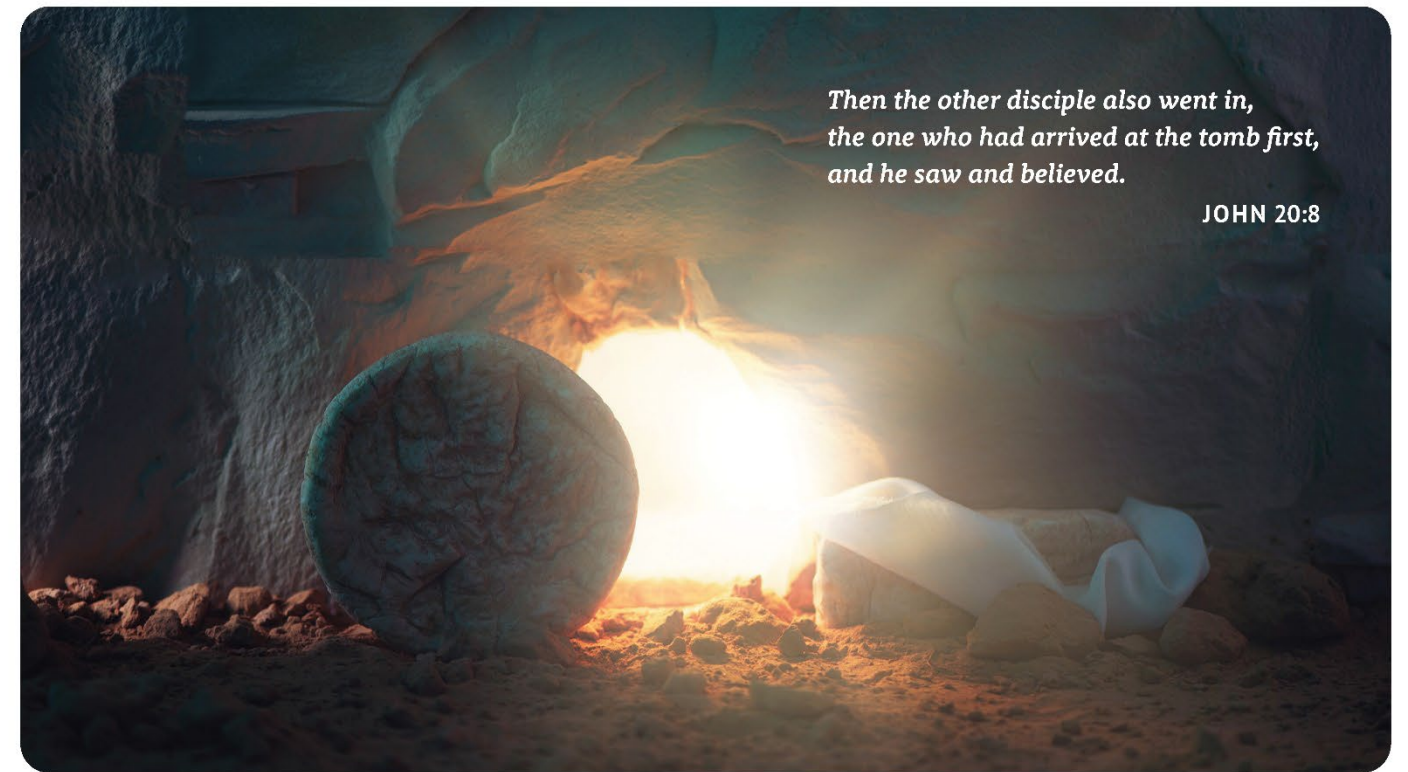
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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 31, 2024

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (B)**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 / John 20:1-9 or Mark 16:1-7



*Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.*

JOHN 20:8

## Life without a Blankie

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**F** aith can have the look of high dives and learning to ride a bike without training wheels and life without one's "blankie." All are confrontations with the specter of death asking us to have faith. From youth to old age, our lives seem to be laced with the loss of control, and unless we embrace such moments, not only will we never really grow up, neither will we ever become people of faith who live in the resurrection.

The Easter Gospels are about women and men who arrive at the tomb but hesitate going in; it is the home of death. Yet they become believers after they have entered that home of death and discover it to be abandoned. Over the years, I have become convinced that the only way to become a believer in the resurrection is to walk into the tomb yourself and there discover that where you thought death

was present now has been abandoned. That is the pattern of coming to faith.

Usually such moments do not have the look of faith. They tend to seem more akin to death than any promise of new life—like having to move to a new city or a new school, or abandoning an addiction, or confronting a problem through counseling, or aging, or grieving over lost love. They all can have the look of tombs yet they are also where we find the beginnings of new life. Risk it often enough and so discover new life, and we begin to believe in the reality of resurrection—Jesus' and ours. ●

### Reflect

***Have you ever experienced life flowing from what appeared to be a death?***