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

**Responsorial Psalm 85:** Show us your steadfast love, and grant us your salvation.

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

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

**Sunday Missal (2020-2021) now available! \$4.00 each. Also: Parish Advent Daily Reflection Booklets (new this year-space for journaling). Contact the Parish Office, if you would like one! 204-773-2924**

**DUE TO THE PANDEMIC, WE ARE UNABLE TO HOLD OUR St. Joseph The Worker Parish Advent Party -HOWEVER**, this year we will focus on the activities we can still do, that is, generously give our support to those most in need in our community and beyond. Although we will miss the fun activities, the food, the songs, the fellowship that we enjoyed at our Advent parish party, it is still possible for parishioners to support the Russell & Area Food Connections and Sr. Hilda Simard's Orphanage in Peru. More information will be coming in the Parish Newsletter! Starting the weekend of Saturday, November 28, (6 to 7 pm), Sunday, November 29, (1 to 2 pm), Saturday, Dec 5 (6 to 7 pm), Sunday Dec 6 (1 to 2 pm), for two weekends in a row, we will be collecting food items and monetary donations for the Food Connections and for the Orphanage in the church entrance. No tickets this year to give out or buy. To make it simple, for each donation the parishioner's name will be entered once for the draws (even if one donates to both the foodbank and Orphanage) (If a family donates, each family member will be entered). The prize draws will be made on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Father Paul will be taking some quiet time away: November 30<sup>th</sup> – December 8<sup>th</sup>. Please leave a message at the parish office, 204-773-2924 and your call will be returned. If a priest is needed call Deacon Darin & Carlene Douglas, 204-532-2157.**

### **Zoom Along with Us**

If you use the internet you can join St. Joseph & 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 email to St. Joseph The Worker, [stjoewkr@mymts.net](mailto:stjoewkr@mymts.net) to get on the Access List.

**St. Joseph Parish, Russell, St. Theresa's Parish, Rossburn Advent Confessions** are available by request. Phone the Parish Office, 204-773-2924 to book a time.

**Our Parishes of St. Joseph and St. Theresa's would like to extend Best Wishes and God's Blessings** to Fr. Mykhaylo Khomitskyy and his family who recently moved to Winnipeg (St. Basil the Great Ukrainian Catholic Church). Welcome to Fr. Jay Korban, the new Pastor at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Rossburn as well as St. Mary's in Russell!

**Our Sympathy** to Alan and Alison Stanchuk & Family on the passing of Alan's mom, Ann Stanchuk. May she rest peacefully in the arms of Our Lord.

**Would you like to provide a gift this**  
Christmas for a child in our communities? The Russell & Area Food Connections is asking for your help for a child's gift, limit of \$25 – with no batteries. It will be distributed in the annual Christmas food hampers in our area. Bring your wrapped gift with attached Gift Tag (showing age/gender of child) –to the church: Saturday, November 28, (6 to 7 pm), Sunday, November 29, (1 to 2 pm), Saturday, Dec 5 (6 to 7 pm), Sunday Dec 6 (1 to 2 pm). If not able to bring on these dates, call the office to find an alternate time/day. **Deadline is Sunday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>!**  
**Socks (unwrapped)** of all sizes and colors are also needed! Bring those to the church at the same above times.

### **Mass Intentions For The Week:**

#### **Second Sunday of Advent**

Saturday Dec. 5 Fr Paul req. by friends  
Sunday Dec. 6 Zoom on-line Liturgy of The Word 9:00 a.m.

Monday Dec. 7 Special intentions req. Pat Edgerton  
Tuesday Dec. 8 Special intentions req. Albina Kozak  
Wed. Dec. 9 +Emilienne Mangin req. George Mangin & family  
Thurs. Dec. 10 **Zoom on-line Adoration 10:30 a.m. Mass 11:00 a.m.**  
+Joe Zegalski req. Emile, Laurette & Sacha Sabourin

Friday Dec. 11 Special intentions req. Simone

#### **Third Sunday of Advent**

Saturday Dec. 12 Special intentions req. Jean Goba  
Sunday Dec. 13 Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. – For all Parishioners req. Father Paul  
&  
+Marilyn Robb req. Bernadine Brown

**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 – while Father Paul is away on holidays, please call Deacon Darin & Carlene Douglas leave a message, and your call will be returned.

### **December 6, 2020 Stewardship Message**

Second Sunday of Advent

*“Prepare the way of the Lord...” - Mark 1:3*

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well.

**Speak out against expanding the criteria for euthanasia and assisted suicide.** The Government of Canada has introduced legislation to expand the criteria for euthanasia so that even more people will be eligible. This was triggered by a decision by a Quebec judge, who decided that the requirement that death be "reasonably foreseeable" is not constitutional. If this clause is removed, persons with disabilities will be eligible for euthanasia even in circumstances where death is not reasonably foreseeable. You may write your MP today to let them know what you think, to access a written letter or email to send see:

[https://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/federal\\_government](https://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/federal_government).

**Did you Know!** The National Catholic Broadcasting Council offers Sunday & 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.

### **ALL MASS' PENDING ON PROVINCIAL GUIDELINES**

#### **Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule at St. Joseph's**

*Please contact the parish office at 204-773-2924, (Please leave a message and we will return your call) **\*\*All Mass require calling in to reserve seating\*\*** starting Monday*

*December 21<sup>st</sup> as limited seating according to provincial norms.*

**Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. Rossburn**

**Christmas Eve 6:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. Russell**

**Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day 9:00 a.m. Russell & 11:00 a.m. Rossburn**

**Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 New Year's Day 9:00 a.m. Russell**

**11:00 a.m. Rossburn**





# Dear Padre,

## Do we need to evangelize, or spread the gospel, to fellow Catholics?

**Yes! Evangelization is beneficial to Catholics** who already practice the faith. As St. Paul VI pointed out, “The Church...seeks to deepen, consolidate, nourish and make ever more mature the faith of those who are already called the faithful or believers, in order that they may be so still more” (On Evangelization in the Modern World [*Evangelii Nuntiandi*], 54).

What about nonpracticing Catholics? Yes, again! A particular focus of the evangelizing Catholic ought to be those who have been baptized but who live outside the Christian life. We already know that a large number of the baptized have not formally repudiated their baptism but do not live in accordance with it. They resist the idea of evangelization out of indifference or a hostility based on the belief that he or she is one of the family, but is “in the know” and no longer believes.

Christ wishes God’s love to be proclaimed and reproclaimed to all Catholics—practicing and nonpracticing. This is the essential mission that Christ gives to his Church—to invite everyone to experience the full impact of God’s love in Jesus.

— Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*How beautiful it is to think of ourselves as proclaimers of the resurrection of Jesus, not only in words, but also in our conduct and testimony of life! Jesus does not want disciples who are merely able to repeat memorized formulas. He wants witnesses: people who spread hope with their way of welcoming, smiling, and loving.*

—GENERAL AUDIENCE, OCTOBER 4, 2017

## Calendar

**Monday**  
DECEMBER 7  
St. Ambrose,  
Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church  
Is 35:1–10  
Lk 5:17–26

**Tuesday**  
DECEMBER 8  
Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary  
Gn 3:9–15, 20  
Eph 1:3–6, 11–12  
Lk 1:26–38

**Wednesday**  
DECEMBER 9  
Advent Weekday  
Is 40:25–31  
Mt 11:28–30

**Thursday**  
DECEMBER 10  
Advent Weekday  
Is 41:13–20  
Mt 11:11–15

**Friday**  
DECEMBER 11  
Advent Weekday  
Is 48:17–19  
Mt 11:16–19

**Saturday**  
DECEMBER 12  
Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Zec 2:14–17 or  
Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab  
Lk 1:26–38 or 1:39–47

**Sunday**  
DECEMBER 13  
Third Sunday  
of Advent  
Is 61:1–2a, 10–11  
1 Thes 5:16–24  
Jn 1:6–8, 19–28

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent (B)

Is 40:1–5, 9–11

2 Pt 3:8–14

Mk 1:1–8

## Prepare the Way of the Lord

**The admonition in the title of this reflection** is found in the reading from Isaiah and in the Gospel passage. Isaiah describes a long line of exiles returning to Jerusalem after many hard years in Babylon. God leads them back home. In preparation for God’s and the people’s entry, the way is made clear: “Every valley shall be lifted up...The rugged land shall be a plain” (Isaiah 40:4). The road is repaired, just as we might do if someone important were coming to town. The Gospel writer reinterprets this passage. Instead of repairing an actual roadway, the words of John the Baptist prepare for the entrance of Jesus into his public ministry. Despite their differences, both passages

speak of the “way of the Lord,” which is the way of salvation.

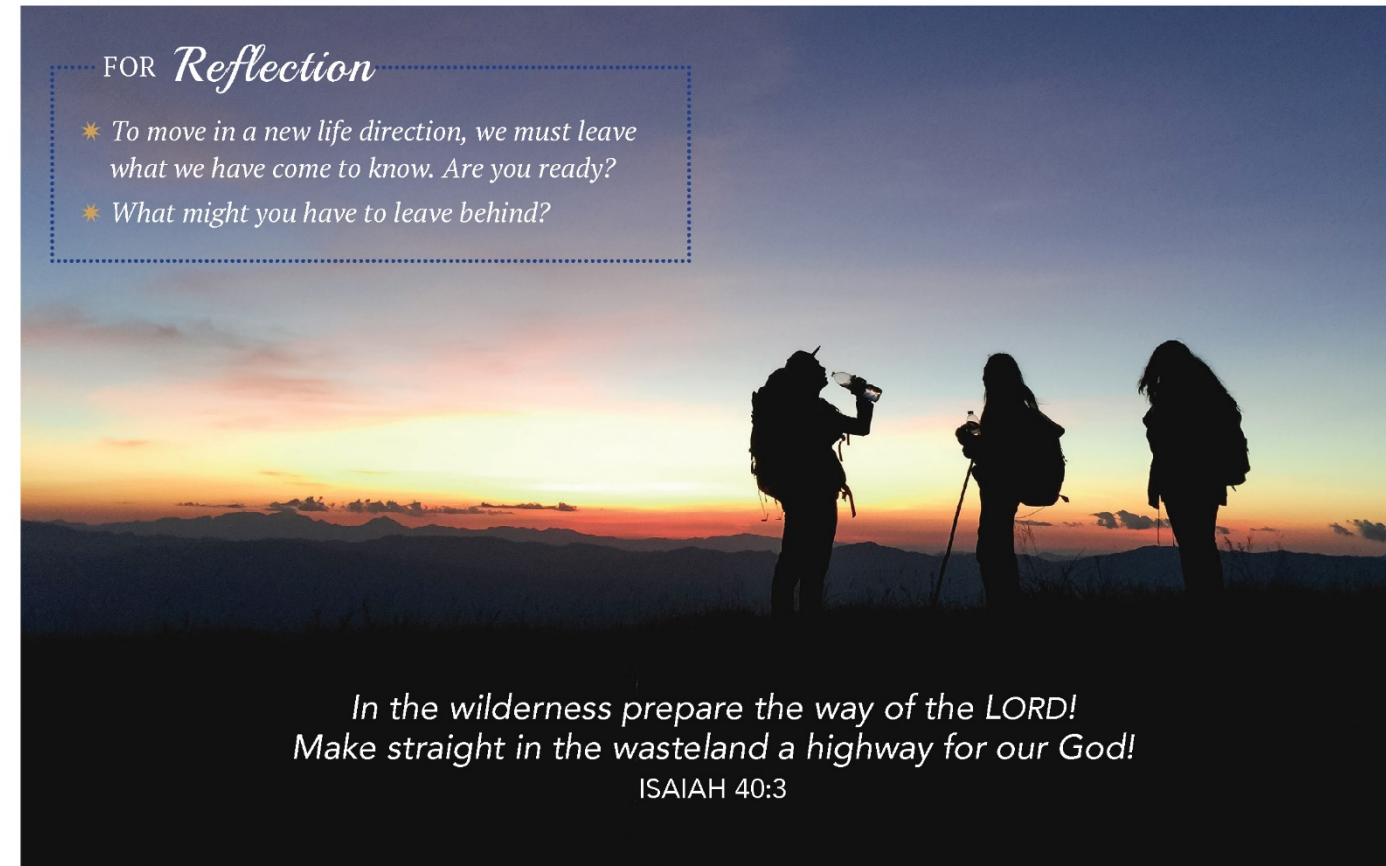
The people are told they will get a new start. In the first reading it will be after exile; in the Gospel it is the new ministry of Jesus. Even St. Peter refers to this newness. He calls it “new heavens and a new earth” (2 Peter 3:13). He goes on to explain what this means. It will be existence “in which righteousness dwells.” Saint Peter further states that this will come to pass on “the day of the Lord,” the day when God’s promises will be fulfilled and “all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9–10).

The events described in all three readings unfold because of God’s merciful love of all. It is for such a day that we are called to prepare. Are we willing to exert the effort? Are we willing to listen to God’s words?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ To move in a new life direction, we must leave what we have come to know. Are you ready?
- ★ What might you have to leave behind?



*In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD!  
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!*

ISAIAH 40:3