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

**Responsorial Psalm 40:** Lord, make haste to help me.

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 downstairs by the church entrance. 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](http://www.dailytvmass.com) or [www.youtube.com/dailytvmass](http://www.youtube.com/dailytvmass) to watch Mass each day.

### **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.

**Coffee Sunday Update-**THANK YOU to all who signed up to be part of a Coffee Sunday group! Not signed up yet, but would like to be part of a group (once a year)? The sheet is still at the church entrance so sign up today! We would like to have Coffee Sunday start this coming September so it is important that we find someone, or a few people together, who would be willing to coordinate this ministry. If you are interested, please contact the parish office asap! Please note: new for the coming year....let's make it easier, and simpler, and less of a hardship during these days of high food prices by offering less of a variety of food/baking, etc. at our Coffee Sundays. This is a time for us to gather together and reconnect while we enjoy a coffee and a snack. 😊

Nicole

**The Helping Hands Soup Kitchen**, is a non-profit offering a sit down hot- lunch meal, daily in Brandon. They serve sometimes up to 170 people, and are open at noon. They welcome volunteers to assist serving, or sometimes preparing in the kitchen. This organization has been offering this much needed service for 30 years. There are 2 paid staff, everyone else are volunteers. They do not buy any food, all cooked food items are donated.

This past week, parishioners from our parish, St. Joseph The Worker, volunteered by assisting to serve at their hot lunch. There were approximately 120 people who came to eat, including children since during summer months there is no breakfast program available in our public schools.

**Thank you to those parishioners who gave their time & energy, one day this past week. Our parish organizes this opportunity once/year. If you would like to participate in the future, please contact our parish office, 204-773-2924.**

**Praying with Pope Francis, August:** *For small businesses:* We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

### **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday August 13 7:30 p.m. Russell Duncan Spurway req. by Funeral Mass offering  
 Sunday August 14 9:00 a.m. Russell Mass +Brent Sinclair req. by Lucy Senek  
 11:00 a.m. **Oakburn Farm Mass** For all parishioners req. by Father Paul  
 2:00 p.m. Blessing of Graves in Oakburn

Monday August 15 Fr Paul is away for a Funeral

Tuesday August 16 Fr Paul is away

Wed. August 17 Fr Paul is away

Thurs. August 18 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration  
 11:00 a.m. Mass +Yvonne Bisson req. by family

Friday August 19 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration  
 9:00 a.m. Mass +Eva Bernier req. by family

### **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday August 20 7:30 p.m. Russell Duncan Spurway req. by Funeral Mass offering

Sunday August 21 9:00 a.m. Russell Mass For all parishioners by Father Paul  
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn Mass Frank Kaskiw & all deceased fathers of St. Theresa Parish &  
 All living fathers of St. Theresa Parish req. by Vince Kaskiw

### **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

The Assumption of the Virgin Mary celebrates her being assumed – taken up body and soul. It began as a feast day in the Eastern Church after the Council of Ephesus (431) proclaimed Mary the Mother of God. By the 6<sup>th</sup> century, the feast celebrated Mary's Dormition, her "falling asleep", meaning her death; there are several ancient icons of the Dormition. The Western Church began to celebrate this feast around 650.

The feast day of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August by many Catholics and other Christians. This significant feast day recalls the spiritual and physical departure of the mother of Jesus Christ from the earth, when both her soul and body were taken into the presence of God.

Venerable Pope Pius XII confirmed this belief about the Virgin Mary as the perennial teaching of the Church when he defined it formally as a dogma of the Catholic faith in 1950. He proclaimed "that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."



### **\*Shipwrecked Churchman**

One balmy evening in the South Pacific, a navy ship spied smoke coming from one of three huts on an uncharted island. Upon arriving at the shore, the crew was met by a shipwreck survivor. He said, "I'm so glad you're here. I've been alone on this island for more than five years."

The captain replied, If you are alone, why do I see three huts?" The survivor answered, "Well. I lived in one and go to church in another." "What about the third hut?" asked the captain. "That's where I used to go to church."

### **\*From A Child's Heart**

"Dear God, please take care of my daddy and my mommy and my sister and my brother and my doggy and me. Oh, yes, please take care of yourself God. If anything happens to You, we're gonna be in a big mess."



# Dear Padre,

**A friend told me not to worry about salvation because we're predestined to be saved or condemned. Why try to be a good person if God has already decided where I'll end up?**

**T**he idea that some people are predestined to be saved and others are damned is contrary to Catholic teaching.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says that "when therefore [God] establishes his eternal plan of 'predestination,' he *includes in it each person's free response to his grace*" (600; emphasis added).

The *Catechism* (1038) also cites the parable of the separation of the sheep from the goats, in which the sheep and goats are separated not randomly, but based on their actions: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory...all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father'....And [those on the left] will go off to eternal punishment" (Matthew 25:31-46).

God wants to save all people. The way we respond to God's gift of salvation is called *free will*. Unfortunately, not everyone accepts that gift.

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## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

*Jesus says, "I came to bring division." It is not that Jesus wishes to split people up....Following Jesus entails giving up evil and selfishness and choosing good, truth, and justice, even when this demands sacrifice and the renunciation of our own interests. And this indeed divides; as we know, it even cuts the closest ties.*

ANGELUS, AUGUST 18, 2013

## Calendar

**Monday**  
AUGUST 15  
*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Rv 11:19a;  
12:1-6a, 10ab  
1 Cor 15:20-27  
Lk 1:39-56

**Tuesday**  
AUGUST 16  
*Weekday*  
Ez 28:1-10  
Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday**  
AUGUST 17  
*Weekday*  
Ez 34:1-11  
Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday**  
AUGUST 18  
*Weekday*  
Ez 36:23-28  
Mt 22:1-14

**Friday**  
AUGUST 19  
*Weekday*  
Ez 37:1-14  
Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday**  
AUGUST 20  
*St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church*  
Ez 43:1-7ab  
Mt 23:1-12

**Sunday**  
AUGUST 21  
*Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Is 66:18-21  
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13  
Lk 13:22-30



August 14, 2022

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

Heb 12:1-4

Lk 12:49-53

## A House Divided

**O**ne of the heaviest burdens people are forced to carry is the distress of "a house divided." When Abraham Lincoln said "a house divided against itself cannot stand," he was referring to the division within the country during the Civil War. We experience a similar, though not as lethal, separation when our two-party system of government engenders obstinate division—not merely acceptable political diversity. Perhaps the most heartbreaking example of a house divided is a family in which members are alienated from each other.

There are as many reasons for family division as there are families. Reasons include the betrayal of one member by another, inheritance disparity, parental favoritism, sibling rivalry, to name a few. One might think that those involved should be able to resolve such differences—after all, isn't blood thicker than water? On the other hand, how are serious family rifts to be repaired if the reason for division is one's faith or commitment to God? That is the situation that Jesus describes today.

We might wonder how faith in God can tear families apart. It often happens when someone leaves the religion of one's family and converts to another tradition. This might be judged as a betrayal of the family's values. This may be what many of Jesus' Jewish followers faced when they claimed that Jesus fulfilled their religious expectations while other family members did not share their belief. That was a terrible price to have to pay for fidelity to their faith, but they paid it.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

★ *What steps might you take to heal a family rift? What's keeping you from taking them?*



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