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

Responsorial Psalm 122: Let us go rejoicing to the house 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.

Zoom Along with Us you can use it on your computers, tablets, i-pads & smart-phones

We still have **Sunday zoom Mass is at 9:00 a.m.** back on for next week

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 December 1st from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

The Russell Knights of Columbus will have a Mass which is open to all people on Wednesday November 30th at 7:00 p.m. followed by their Knights of Columbus meeting.

The CWL invite all ladies from our parish to a **Christmas Supper** at Arbuckle's Monday Dec 5 at 5:30. There will be NO gift exchange just a social evening. Everyone is responsible to pay their own supper. Please contact Margaret Mushumanski 204-773-2868 or Sharon Antoneshyn 204-532-2581 before Dec 3. It will be nice to get together again.

Thank you.

Socks (unwrapped) of all sizes and colors are also needed! Bring those to the church by Sunday, December 11th, and place them under the Stewardship Tree.

If you are unable to drop off gifts/socks at the church, you may also drop off at Bev & Jim Roszell's at 328 Mather St. E. Russell (phone 204-773-3998)

Praying with Pope Francis, November: *For children who suffer*: we pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation From the Center for Action and Contemplation
Gratefulness & Sharing God's Grace

For author and historian Diana Butler Bass, gratitude begins with awareness of God's grace:

The words "gratitude" and "grace" come from the same root word, gratia in Latin. . . . "Grace" is a theological word, one with profound spiritual meaning. Grace means "unmerited favor." When I think of grace, I particularly like the image of God tossing gifts around—a sort of indiscriminate giver of sustenance, joy, love, and pleasure. Grace—gifts given without being earned and with no expectation of return—is, as the old hymn says, amazing. Because you can neither earn nor pay back the gift, your heart fills with gratitude. And the power of that emotion transforms the way you see the world and experience life. Grace begets gratitude, which, in turn, widens our hearts toward greater goodness and love.

Bass explores the liberating nature of gratitude:

Together grace and gratitude form a different moral "equation." The standard model of gratitude is a closed cycle of gift and return bound by social obligation and indebtedness, whereby a "benefactor," a superior of some sort (someone wealthier, more powerful), provides a benefit for another, a "beneficiary," a person in a state of need or trouble. In the closed cycle, the beneficiary is dependent on the benefactor in a way that feels demeaning or signals indebtedness. . . . Few want to be on the receiving end of an unequal transaction. . . .

If we change a closed system to an open one, banishing transaction and substituting grace, the picture of gratitude shifts. In the closed cycle of debt and duty, the roles of benefactor and beneficiary are static, and gifts are commodities of exchange, based in transaction and control. . . . But in an open cycle of gratitude, gifts are not commodities. Gifts are the nature of the universe itself, given by God or the natural order. Grace reminds us that every good thing is a gift—that somehow the rising of the sun and being alive are indiscriminate daily offerings to us—and then we understand that all benefactors are also beneficiaries and all beneficiaries can be benefactors. All that we have was gifted to all of us. There would be no benefactors if they were not first the recipients of grace. In other words, gifts come before givers. We do not really give gifts. We recognize gifts, we receive them, and we pass them on. We all rely on these gifts. We all share them.

This is not a fulfillment of duty or a single act of kindness, but an infinite process of awareness and responsive action. The gift structure of the universe is that of an interdependent community of nature and neighbor that extends through the ages in which we care for what was handed to us and give gifts to others as a response. This is not a closed circle of exchange; it is more like the circles that ripple across a pond when pebbles are tossed into the water.

Diana Butler Bass, *Grateful: The Transformative Practice of Giving Thanks* (New York: HarperOne, 2018), 19–20, 20–21.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

First Sunday Of Advent



Saturday Nov 26 5:00 p.m. Russell Mass & Advent Party

Zoom on-line Mass 5:00 p.m.

+ Duncan Spurway Funeral Mass offering

Sunday Nov 27 9:00 a.m. Russell **No zoom Mass at 9:00 a.m. &**

For all parishioners by Father Paul

11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. by Rose & family

Monday Nov 28 Health of family & friends req. by Jean Goba

Tuesday Nov 29 Special Intentions req. by Noella Porath

Wed. Nov 30 7:00 p.m. Mass Russell open to all people Deacon Darin & Fr Paul req. by Irene Deschamps
7:30 p.m. Russell Knights of Columbus Meeting

Thurs. Dec 1 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration
11:00 a.m. Mass + Nellie Kaskiw req by The Kaskiw family

Friday Dec 2 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
9:00 a.m. Mass Family req. by Carlene
10:45 a.m. **First Friday** Sacred Heart of Jesus & Mass

Second Sunday Of Advent

Saturday Dec 3 **First Saturday** Rossburn + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. by Rose & family
7:30 p.m. Russell Mass

Sunday Dec 4 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. & YouTube after 10:15 am**
+ Rita Ross req. by Florence Shwaluk
11:00 a.m. Rossburn Mass For all parishioners by Father Paul

Reconciliations:

St Lazare December 13th at St Lazare 3:30-5, 6:30-as needed

Rossburn December 14th at Sacred Heart 4-5, 6-as needed

Russell December 16th at Saint Mary's 4-5, 6-as needed



Dear Padre,

Should adopted children know who their biological parents are?

Arguments can be made in favor of and against adopted children knowing their biological origins. It appears more and more that adoption agencies encourage knowledge of biological parents over closed adoptions, where this information is not known by the child or the adopting parents. There are many issues here that are packed emotionally, such as why a person was placed for adoption, fear by adopting parents that this new information could compromise their relationship with their child, perhaps fear on the part of biological parents that they will be asked to be involved in a relationship against their wishes.

An argument to be made in favor of disclosure about one’s biological parents has to do with one’s health. Today we realize that challenges to our health come not just from bacteria and viruses that invade our system from outside ourselves, but also from within, that is, from genetic predispositions to heart disease, diabetes, and other disorders that could compromise our well-being. This information becomes more critical when persons are of an age to marry and to bear their own children. They might want to know as much information as possible to act responsibly in bearing and raising children. ●

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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|----------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| November 28 | November 29 | November 30 | December 1 | December 2 | December 3 | December 4 |
| Advent Weekday | Advent Weekday | St. Andrew, Apostle | Advent Weekday | Advent Weekday | St. Francis Xavier, Priest | Second Sunday of Advent |
| Is 4:2–6 | Is 11:1–10 | Rom 10:9–18 | Is 26:1–6 | Is 29:17–24 | Is 30:19–21, 23–26 | Is 11:1–10 |
| Mt 8:5–11 | Lk 10:21–24 | Mt 4:18–22 | Mt 7:21, 24–27 | Mt 9:27–31 | Mt 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6–8 | Rom 15:4–9 |
| | | | | | | Mt 3:1–12 |



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Today it is our task to keep watch: to overcome the temptation of thinking that life means accumulating....It is up to us to unmask the deception that we are happy when we have many things...and to believe that prayer and charity...are the greatest of treasures.

HOMILY, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 1, 2019



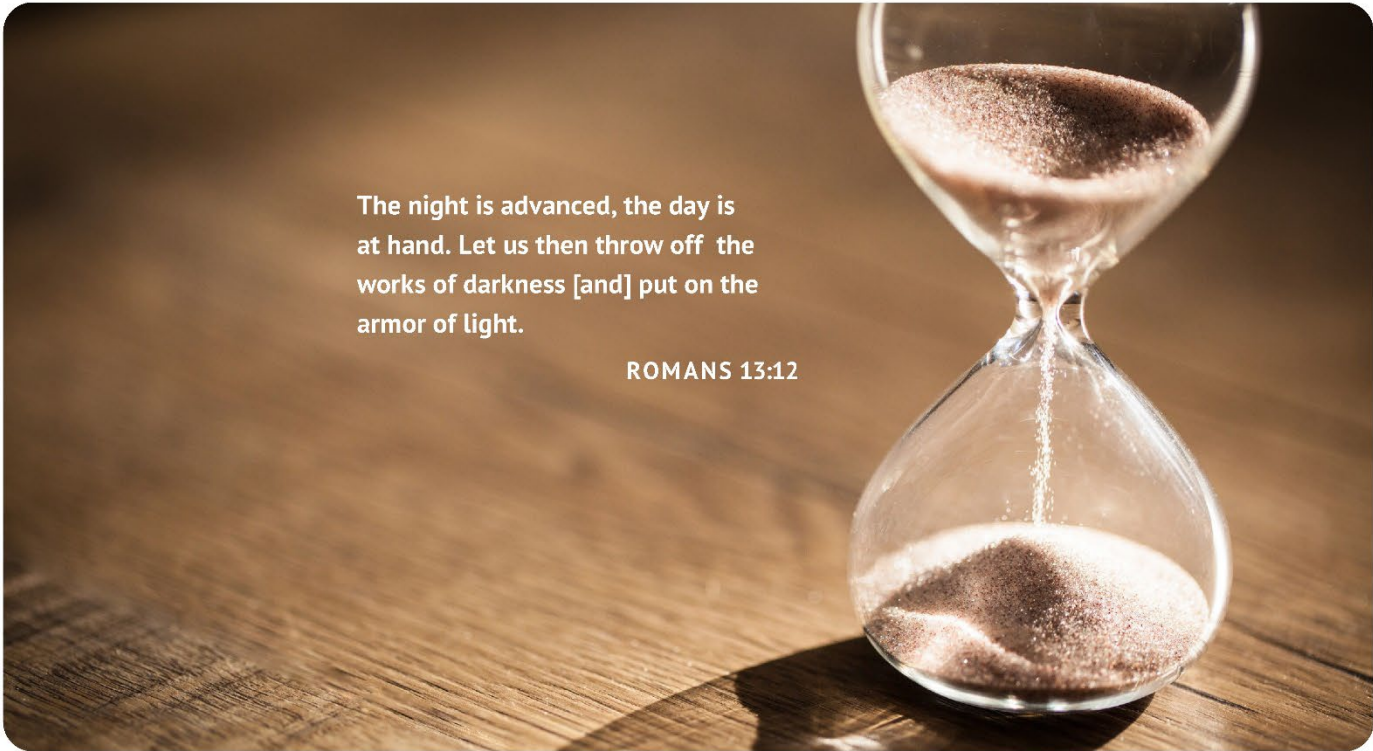
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Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent (A)

Isaiah 2:1–5 / Romans 13:11–14 / Matthew 24:37–44



The night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness [and] put on the armor of light.

ROMANS 13:12

The Waiting Game

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

If Advent is a time of waiting, then our entire lives must be an Advent, for we spend so much of our lives waiting—at one point for Santa to come with his sack of surprises, at other times for the dizzying lure of summertime. Later we eagerly wait to get our driver’s license and then to move out on our own for our first real job and then the independence it promises. We wait for love to find us and, for some, for love to return.

Some wait for children, others for the empty nest, and others for retirement.

Our mothers told us not to wish our lives away, and yet we did, and still we do, waiting for life to be more than what it seems to be. Then one day we look

back and wish we could have again all that once was. So maybe Advent is not about waiting for God to make a splash in our lives. Maybe Advent is about God waiting for us to come around and recognize God is with us here and now.

The question for each of us, then, is what are we waiting for at this point in our lives? There is no right answer, only the one each of us has for ourselves.

Whatever it is, there is no doubt that there is love or joy or peace or meaning at the heart of it, all camouflaged by whatever we say we are waiting for. Beneath it all is the hunger for God-with-us. ●

Reflect

Has there ever been a time when you didn’t recognize that God was with you?



Fr. Joseph Juknialis, a retired priest of the Milwaukee Archdiocese, is the new author of reflections for Liguori Publications’ *Our Parish Community* bulletins. Fr. Joe has served in ministry as a parish priest and a teacher of homiletics at St. Francis de Sales Seminary in Milwaukee. Retirement has given him time for hiking, canoeing, writing, poetry, gin rummy, the Green Bay Packers, and pursuing his appreciation of nature. In noting the most amazing aspect of his life, Fr. Joe says, “God has always brought me to the place I should be.”