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St. Joseph The Worker Parish, Russell, MB

St. Theresa's Parish Rossmore, MB

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 146): Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

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 Leo February: *For children with incurable diseases:* Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

4th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday Jan 31 7:30 p.m. Russell Health for Lucille & family req by the Diving Deeper Group

Sunday Feb 1 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. and YouTube after 10:15 a.m.**
 For all parishioners req by Father Paul

11:00 a.m. Rossmore + Cyrille & Mari Claire Sabourin req by The Sabourin family

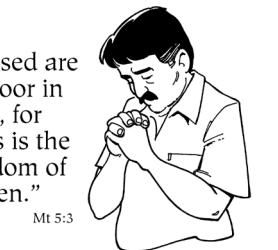
Monday Feb 2 Health of Family & friends req by Jean Goba

Tuesday Feb 3 No Mass

Wed Feb 4 10:30 a.m. – Russell Care Home Liturgy of the Word & Communion with Deacon Darin
 3:30 p.m. – Confirmation Classes

Thurs Feb 5 10:30 a.m. Rossmore Adoration
 11:00 a.m. Clarence Kaskiw req by The Kaskiw family

Friday Feb 6 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
 9:00 a.m. For all parishioners req by Father Paul
 11:00 a.m. – Rossmore – **Sacred Heart of Jesus**
 + John Ryshtylo 3rd Anniversary of his passing req by Lynda, John Jr & family, Kristy, Wade, Zack & Xavier



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Feb 7 11:00 a.m. Rossmore **Immaculate Heart Of Mary**
 For all parishioners req by Father Paul
 7:30 p.m. Russell – For Fr Paul req by Gary & Nicole Petz

Sunday Feb 8 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. and YouTube after 10:15 a.m.**
 For all parishioners req by Father Paul

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

11:00 a.m. Gambler First Nation – Liturgy of the Word with communion with Deacon Darin

****Confirmation classes this week will be at St. Joseph's on February 4th, 2026 at 3:30 p.m.** Please keep the confirmation candidates and their teachers in your prayers. **Thank you!**

We would like to thank Bev Roszell and her coffee group for supplying the delicious food and drink for last Sunday's coffee Sunday! Coffee Sunday is a part of the Ministry of Hospitality!

Life Messages: 1) Beatitudes in daily life. The Beatitudes propose to us a way of life inviting us to identify with the poor, those who mourn, the meek, and those who hunger and thirst after justice. They challenge us to be compassionate people, to be men and women who are pure in heart, and to become the peacemakers in our dealings with one another, in our families, and in the society at large, even when this approach to things exposes us to ridicule and persecution. Let us remember that each time we reach out to help the needy, the sick, and the oppressed, we share with them a foretaste of the promises of the Beatitudes here and now.

2) We need to choose the way wisely. *"There are two Ways, one of Life and one of Death, and there is a great difference between the two Ways."* These are the opening lines of the **Didache**, a first century Christian catechism used to teach new Christians the essence of the Christian Faith. The Way of Life is the WAY Jesus IS. and JESUS IS the only WAY that leads to eternal life. The challenge of the Beatitudes is: *"Are you going to be happy in the world's way or in Christ's way?"* God wants us to love Him with our entire soul and body, mind and heart, and to love each other selflessly along with everyone else as brothers and sisters of Jesus Whose Father, God, has adopted us into His Family.

The **Catechism of the Catholic Church** summarizes the importance of the Beatitudes as being *"at the heart of Jesus' teaching."* *"The Beatitudes describe our relationship to the Kingdom in three ways. First, these simple promises address our highest desire: happiness with God. For, only God can satisfy the heart. Second, they describe the path to God for us as individuals and together as a Church. Through the Beatitudes, we share God's very life (sanctifying grace) because we enter into His Kingdom. Finally, they challenge us to live moral lives by putting God first. If we want to know what it truly means to be a Christian, we should read the Beatitudes in Matthew"* (CCC #1716-#1724).

Called By Name Sunday January 31st & February 1st

Next weekend throughout the archdiocese is **Called By Name Sunday**: an initiative of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg Office of Vocations. At every parish in the archdiocese, our priests and deacons will share the story of their vocation to the priesthood and diaconate - how he listened and responded to God's call. As part of this special weekend, we are asking you to participate in two ways:

- 1) Be open to God's call. For those who are able – be open to the call to the priesthood or religious life. These vocations are beautiful gifts both to the Church and to those who are called. So be open, and be courageous if you hear the call.
- 2) Spend time this week praying about someone in our parish whom God may be calling to the priesthood - someone with the qualities that you would want in your priest.

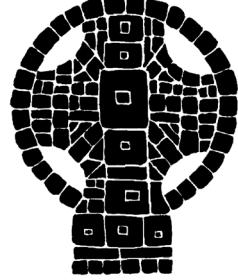
This week at all the Masses, we will have information forms in the bulletin for you to share that person's name and contact information. Archbishop Murray and our Director of Vocations, Fr. Peter Nemcek, will then send them a letter of encouragement along with Fr. Peter's contact information should they wish to follow up.

God is the one who calls, but He often uses our voice of encouragement and invitation to do so. With your help, we can make this **Called By Name Sunday** a great success that will bear fruit in our archdiocese for generations to come. Thank you for your openness and generous participation.

World Day for Consecrated Life – February 2

The purpose of the day is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels" as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervour which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord" (Saint John Paul II, 1997).

Russell & Area Food Connection's Basket is located at the church entrance for your food donations. Please help those less fortunate in our communities. Thank you.



Dear Padre,

I am struggling with our new pastor. He has been in our parish for less than six months, and nothing seems to please him. Everything has to change, and the parishioners have no input. I thought the days of “pray, pay, and obey” were over.

The *Code of Canon Law* identifies the pastor as the shepherd of the parish. His duties require him to teach, sanctify, and govern the people entrusted to his care. However, canon law also envisions that the pastor will engage in pastoral care “with the assistance of lay members of Christ’s faithful” (CCL 519).

The intention of the law is to encourage the building up of a community using the “knowledge, prudence, and integrity” of every member (CCL 228, §2). Many issues, feelings, and even theologies make up the personalities of a parish. The one constant that needs to be present is the presumption of goodwill. (See *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2478). If that is missing, then conflict, hard feelings, and many misunderstandings will result.

Without taking sides, I suggest that everyone take a deep breath. Then each of you—the pastor included—ask yourself, “Have I attempted to interpret this person or situation favorably? Have I made any rash judgments?” If honest and prayerful reflection reveals less-than-good intentions, now is the time for an attitude change and to acknowledge that a new start is needed. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| February 2 | February 3 | February 4 | February 5 | February 6 | February 7 | February 8 |
| <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i> 2 Sm 18:9-10, Mal 3:1-4 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 | <i>Weekday</i> 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3 Mk 5:21-43 | <i>Weekday</i> St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr Mk 6:1-6 | <i>St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i> 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 Mk 6:7-13 | <i>Weekday</i> Companions, Martyrs Mk 6:30-34 | <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Is 58:7-10 Sir 47:2-11 Mk 6:14-29 | <i>Ordinary Time</i> 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Is 58:7-10 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16 |
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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

The desire to work together for a common purpose reflects an essential reality: no one is Christian alone! We are part of a people, a body established by the Lord.... The Christian life is not lived in isolation.... It is lived with others, in a group and in community, because the risen Christ is present wherever disciples gather in his name.

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 / 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 / Matthew 5:1-12a



“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

MATTHEW 5:12a



The New Evangelization

MIGUEL DULICK

This season of the Church we call “Ordinary Time” is full of Jesus’ teaching about how to live our Christian lives. Today’s readings are especially rich. When Jesus takes his place as the New Moses to deliver his Sermon on the Mount, he begins, fittingly, with a new version of the commandments, but instead of “Thou shalt not,” they are blessings! And they are paradoxical; always a sign of the divine touch. The “poor in spirit” get the kingdom of heaven; mourners are blessed, for they shall be comforted.

Now, who is supposed to do the comforting? We are. If the beatitudes are new commandments, we disciples are to obey them, even rejoicing in the blessing of persecution. What kind of people sign up for this? Saint Paul describes to the Christians in Corinth what kind of people God chooses: the foolish, the weak, the lowly and despised, the nothings of this world, to shame and confuse those who seem to run things. The wisdom of God seems like nonsense in a world where power reigns supreme. That sweet soul Zephaniah, author of today’s first reading, saw the shift coming, from “don’ts” to “dos,” from bossy to beatitude: “Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land” (Zephaniah 2:3). You will be “a people humble and lowly” who will pasture your flocks (and do the work God intends you to do) with “none to disturb” you (Zephaniah 3:12, 13). Sign me up for that! ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Reflect

How do Jesus’ teachings work in the “real world”?

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