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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 27): The Lord is my light and my salvation.

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 January: *For prayer with the Word of God:* Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday	Jan 24	7:30 p.m. Russell Irene Deschamps req by Brad & Brenda Robin
Sunday	Jan 25	9:00 a.m. Russell <u>Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. and YouTube after 10:15 a.m.</u> For all parishioners req by Father Paul
		11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Janet Zemianski req by St. Theresa's parish
Monday	Jan 26	No Mass
Tuesday	Jan 27	No Mass
Wed	Jan 28	No Mass
Thurs	Jan 29	10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration 11:00 a.m. + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req by Rose & family
Friday	Jan 30	8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration 9:00 a.m. Fr Paul req by George Mangin & family

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 <u>Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. and YouTube after 10:15 a.m.</u> For all parishioners req by Father Paul
		11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Cyrille & Mari Claire Sabourin req by The Sabourin 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 January 28th, 2026 at 3:30 p.m.** Please keep the confirmation candidates and their teachers in your prayers. **Thank you!**

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

☺ The story is told about a pastor that got up in the pulpit and apologized for the Band-Aid on his face. He said, *"I was thinking about my homily while shaving and cut my face."* Afterward the trustee found a note in the collection plate, *"Next time, think about your face and cut the homily."*



Coffee Sunday is today, Sunday, January 25th after 9 am Mass and *everyone is invited! **Please note...*** If you haven't already done so and would like to be added to a group, please contact Brenda Robin at 204-564-2646 or cell 204-937-0270. To start the year off Bev Roszell's group will be busy in the church kitchen handing out the coffee and juice and providing us with some delicious goodies! 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 hope to see you there! The new lists for the coffee Sundays are available for pick up at the back of the church.***

Sunday of the Word of God – January 25

In the Apostolic Letter *Aperuit illis*, Pope Francis instituted the Sunday of the Word of God, which is celebrated on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

“Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world.” Pope Francis, *Aperuit illis*, 2

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 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.

Next 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.

Life messages: 1) **We need to appreciate our call to be Christ's disciples:** Every one of us is called by God, both individually and as a Church member, to be His disciple. The call is both a privilege and responsibility. The mission of preaching, teaching, and healing which Jesus began in Galilee has become the responsibility of the Church and of each individual Christian. Our response to the call begins with our reception of Baptism and Confirmation, the Sacraments of Initiation. That response is meant to be strengthened through the years by the Eucharist and Reconciliation and to be made manifest in Matrimony or Holy Orders. We are healed and consoled in the Anointing which also prepares us for death. As we respond to Christ's call, we gain spiritual strength through our personal and family prayers, our Sacramental life and our faithful study of the Bible and the Church's teachings. 2) **We need to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom:** When we receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, we are sent forth to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom and to defend the Catholic Faith. Each of us Christians has received a unique call to preach the Good News of God's love, mercy, forgiveness, and salvation through our daily life. This call challenges us to rebuild our lives, homes, and communities in the justice and peace that Jesus proclaims. As we continue with the celebration of the Holy Mass, let us ask the Lord Jesus to give us the strength and perseverance to answer his calling, so that we may faithfully serve the Lord, doing His Divine will as best as we can by cooperating with His grace.



Dear Padre,

Why can't a Protestant receive the Eucharist at a Catholic Mass?

United by baptism, fellow Christians are our brothers and sisters in the Lord. As such, they are always welcome at Catholic Mass, but they do not ordinarily participate in holy Communion. "Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to holy Communion" (Code of Canon Law, 844 §4).

When Catholics receive Holy Communion, they firmly believe the bread and wine are transformed into the Real Presence of Christ. In the Eucharist, we become part of the body of Christ and share in holiness and unity with one another. Our "Amen" to "The Body of Christ" and "The Blood of Christ" means, "Truly, so be it!" It indicates that we affirm our belief in this mystery, which is fundamental to our Catholic identity. If non-Catholics receive the Eucharist but do not embrace this identity and same belief, it may disrespect Catholics who do, as well as disrespect their own identity in the denomination to which they belong.

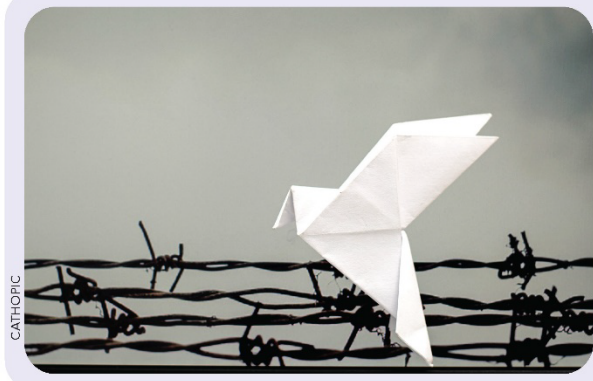
However, at Mass, fellow Christians can join their prayers with Catholics in praising God. Together, we also pray that the divisions which separate us will finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21). ●



Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 26	January 27	January 28	January 29	January 30	January 31	February 1
Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops	Weekday	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church	Weekday	Weekday	St. John Bosco, Priest	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19	2 Sm 7:4-17	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13
Mk 3:22-30	Mk 3:31-35	Mk 4:1-20	Mk 4:21-25	Mk 4:26-34	Mk 4:35-41	1 Cor 1:26-31
						Mt 5:1-12a

Do you have a question for the Padre? Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV
Dear brothers and sisters, all too much violence exists in the world and our societies. Amid wars, terrorism, human trafficking, and widespread aggression, our children and young people need to be able to experience the culture of life, dialogue, and mutual respect. Above all, they need the witness of...those who have suffered injustice and violence [and] resist the temptation to seek revenge.

ADDRESS TO THE "ARENA OF PEACE," ROME, MAY 30, 2025

Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 25, 2026
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Isaiah 8:23-9:3 / 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 / Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



Judged or Invited?

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 3:2) is the message preached by Jesus after the arrest of John the Baptist. It is important to place this message in context. Jesus is not repeating the preaching of the Baptist. His message is unique and compelling.

Look closely at what Jesus is saying. Do not automatically fill in the blanks with the memories of every sermon you have heard. Try to hear Jesus' words again, for the first time. Is the emphasis on "repent," or is the emphasis on the announcement, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand"? Does it make any difference?

Repeat these words and change the emphasis each time. Play with the words. Let the words play with you. Notice how you respond. Notice what makes a difference. Notice how you react, and, most of all, notice whether you feel invited or you feel judged.

The Baptist made no bones about it. You are being judged: "Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees" (Matthew 3:10). Jesus, on the other hand, seems not to judge but to invite: "for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17). In the invitation, we are challenged to see in a different way. Use different skills. Refrain from automatic judgments. Seek to understand but, most of all, to accept and to love. ●

Reflect
What does "repent" mean to me?
A threat or an invitation?



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