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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 146): Praise the Lord, O my soul!

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 September: *For our relationship with all of creation:* Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

26th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday Sep 27 7:30 p.m. Russell + Deceased family members req by Ed & Shelley

Sunday Sep 28 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. Rossburn + Emma Kaskiw req by The Sabourin family

Monday Sep 29 Health of Family & friends req by Jean Goba

Tuesday Sep 30 No Mass

Wed Oct 1 10:30 a.m. **Russell Personal Care Home – LOW with Deacon Darin**

Deanery Meeting Brandon

5:00 p.m. Clergy & Religious Appreciation Supper Brandon

Thurs Oct 2 No Mass

Friday Oct 3 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration

9:00 a.m. **LOW with Deacon Darin**

27th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday Oct 4 11:00 a.m. Rossburn **Immaculate Heart Of Mary**

+ Eugene Lepischak req by Joyce Lepischak & family

7:30 p.m. Russell For all parishioners req by Father Paul.

Sunday Oct 5 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. and YouTube after 10:15 a.m.**

+ Emilienne Mangin req by George Mangin & family

11:00 a.m. Rossburn For all parishioners req by Father Paul

****There is a sign up sheet on the table at the back of the church for confirmation classes. Parent are asked to please sign the form as soon as possible so we know how many confirmation students we will have. Please note that you must be in grade 8 or higher and have your First Communion. 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.

😊 There's a simple do-it-yourself face lift that's sure to improve your looks; it's called a smile.



Coffee Sunday is **today**, Sunday, September 28th 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. This month Emme and our Filipino parishioners will be busy in the church kitchen downstairs 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. A wonderful start to the fall...a time for fellowship and reconnecting after summer break. ***We hope to see you there!***

Needs of the Church in Canada – September 28th

Every year, the Bishops of Canada appeal for financial assistance. This collection helps each diocese make its annual contribution to the national Episcopal Conference and to the respective regional episcopal assembly (in the Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario and Western regions). Any additional funds from the collection are at the disposal of the diocese for its own pastoral needs.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is the national assembly of Catholic Bishops. Contributing to this collection is an act of collaboration with the Bishops in their ministry of teaching, sanctifying and pastoral governance.

“Challenges and favours which the Lord gives...are the ways by which he wanted his Church founded and established by the Apostles and Disciples. This is the same grace he has made to the Church in Canada, by which it has taken all its force and growth, and is sustained and maintained by patience and long-suffering in peace and union with Our Lord, all as he is pleased to permit.”

World Day of Migrants and Refugees – September 28

A World Day of Migrants and Refugees is observed in many places in solidarity with the World Refugee Day promoted by the United Nations and observed since 2001 on 20 June. The January observance was instituted by Saint Pius X in 1914. At the request of several conferences of Bishops, Pope Francis moved the observance to September in 2019. “The phenomenon of migration today is a providential opportunity for the proclamation of the Gospel in the contemporary world. Men and women from various regions of the earth who have not yet encountered Jesus Christ or know him only partially, ask to be received in countries with an ancient Christian tradition. It is necessary to find adequate ways for them to meet and to become acquainted with Jesus Christ and to experience the invaluable gift of salvation.”

Food For Thought

Introduction: The main theme of this Sunday's readings is the warning that the selfish and extravagant use of God's blessings, like wealth, without sharing them with the poor and the needy is a serious sin deserving eternal punishment. Today's readings stress the Covenant responsibility of the rich for the poor, reminding us of the truth that wealth without active mercy for the poor is great wickedness. They also warn us against making money the goal of our existence.

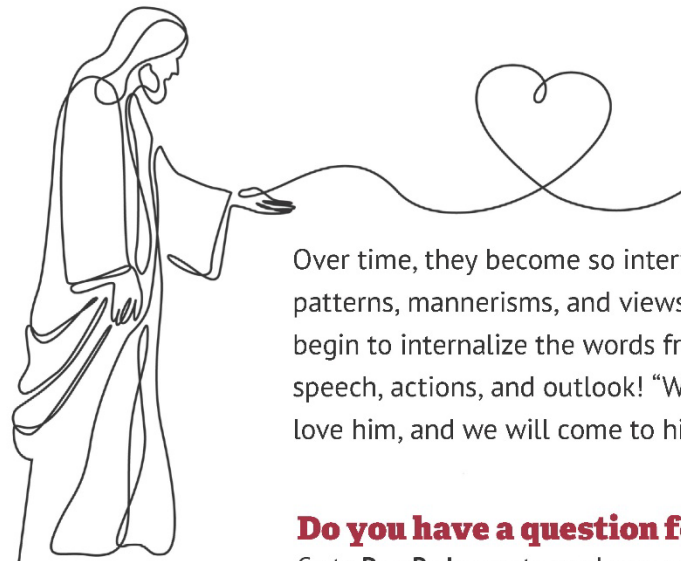
Scripture lessons: The Prophet Amos, in the first reading, issues a powerful warning to those who seek wealth at the expense of the poor and who spend their time and their money on themselves alone. He prophesies that those rich and self-indulgent people will be punished by God with exile because they don't care for their poor and suffering brothers. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 146) Praises the Lord, O my soul!. In the second reading, Paul admonishes Timothy, and us, to pursue virtue (*“righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness”*); to fight the good fight well, for the faith; to lay hold of eternal life; and to keep the commandment of love, instead of seeking wealth. In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us a warning, pointing to the destiny of the rich man who neglected his duty to show mercy to poor Lazarus. The rich man was punished, not for having riches, but for neglecting the Scriptures and what they taught on sharing his blessings with the poor. [O. T. XXVI \(C\) Sept 28 Sunday homily | Fr Tony's Homilies](#)



Dear Padre,

Why does my parish priest preach about love practically every Sunday?

“Through the course of the liturgical year, the homily sets forth the mysteries of faith and the standards of the Christian life on the basis of the sacred text” (*Lectio*ary, 24). A translation of the English word “love” appears in the Bible more than 500 times; by comparison, “sin” appears approximately 400 times. Thus, insofar as the homily “should be an explanation of some aspect of the readings from sacred Scripture” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 65), God’s word on “love” is far too prevalent to overlook.



Pope Francis called God’s word “a love letter, written to us by the One who knows us best.” In the Bible, this God who desires to bestow his love on us (See 1 John 3:1), is essentially telling us, “How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.” How we love God in return may be likened to two partners in a committed relationship.

Over time, they become so intertwined that they can even assume each other’s speech patterns, mannerisms, and views. Likewise, for those who love God, over the years we can begin to internalize the words from God’s “love letter” and reflect them in our Christian speech, actions, and outlook! “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him” (John 14:23). ●

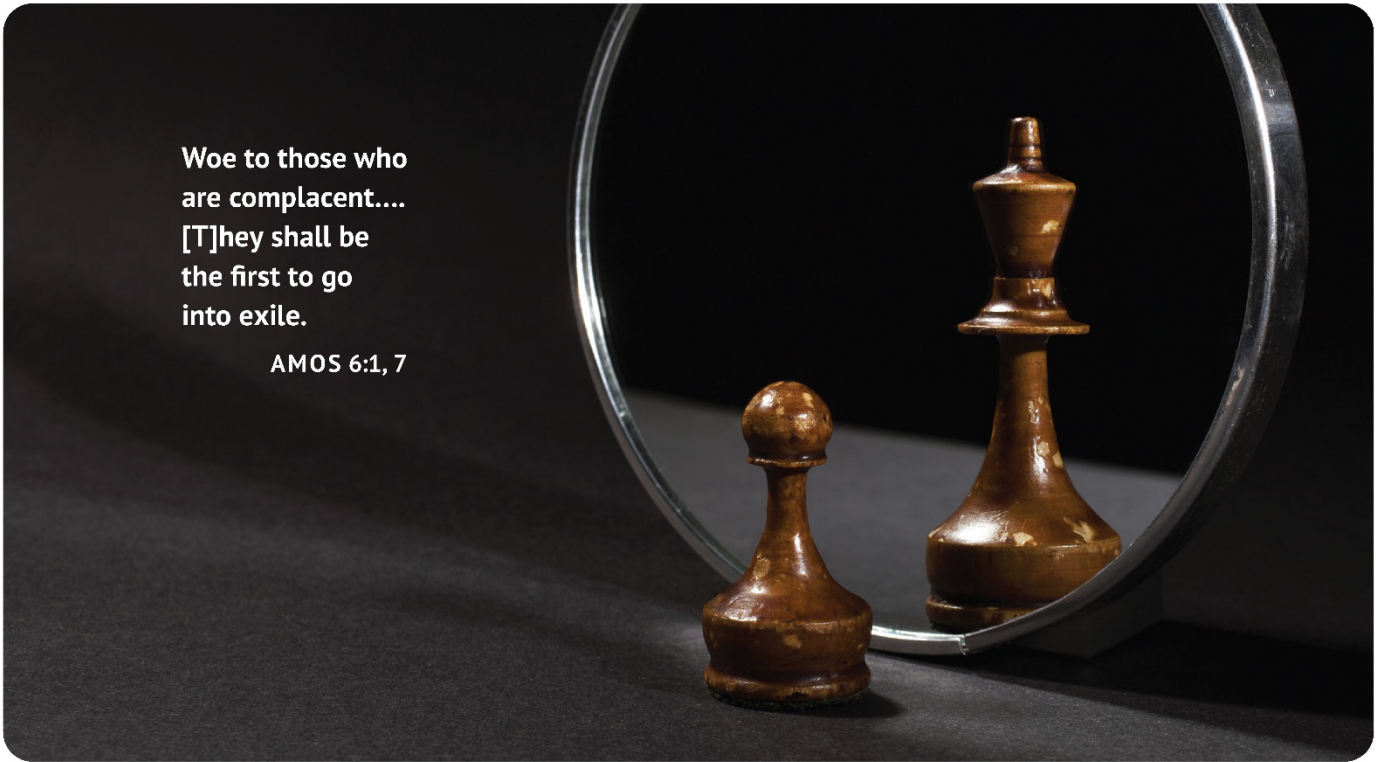
Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 28, 2025
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Amos 6:1a, 4-7 / 1 Timothy 6:11-16 / Luke 16:19-31



Adrift

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

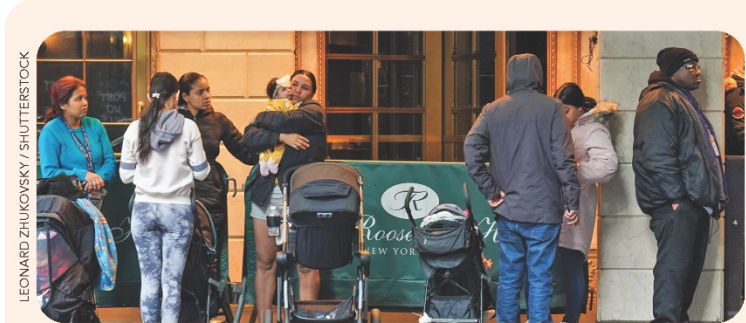
In *A Christmas Carol*, Ebenezer Scrooge found himself confronted by the person he had become: someone forced to accept the reality painted by the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Yet to Come. Scrooge hadn’t realized how he had slowly drifted into becoming an uncaring and greedy person, unable to show compassion because he never really saw someone else’s pain. The story of Ebenezer Scrooge is the story of the rich man in this Sunday’s gospel who was unmoved by poor Lazarus, sitting at the gate of the rich man’s sumptuous life. They are both stories of human beings drifting into emptiness.

St. Thomas Aquinas suggested that our motivations in life can ultimately be reduced to eight different categories. If we’re interested in understanding what sort of people we are becoming, we might ask

ourselves which of these questions best describes our motivation: Am I making my decisions and choices about life based on wealth? Or am I looking to be admired by others and be praised? Is it lasting glory that I seek? Or power so that I can be noted for “making a difference?” Is what I seek a life of ultimate pleasure and comfort? Is it health that I look for? Or perhaps something related to my inner life—some intangible good, like virtue or knowledge? Or is it to see God already in this life what I truly want? It is always a challenge to know our true selves because all too often we may be adrift, unaware of who we are becoming. ●

Reflect

Which of St. Thomas Aquinas’ questions describes me and my choices?



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In our day, there is a widespread thirst for justice, a desire for authentic fatherhood and motherhood, a profound longing for spirituality, especially among young people and the marginalized, who do not always find effective means of making their needs known. There is a growing demand for the Church’s social doctrine, to which we need to respond.

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