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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 34): The poor one called and the Lord heard.



We're glad you came to join with us in our Mass today.
We hope that you have felt God's love in a new, refreshing way
for you're so welcomed in this place. And we hope you'll come again,
to join us in fellowship and to make some special friends.

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 October: *For collaboration between different religious traditions:* Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

30th Sunday In Ordinary Time

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| Saturday | Oct 25 | 7:30 p.m. Russell + Deceased family members req by Carol & Wade Schott |
| Sunday | Oct 26 | 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 + Eugene Lepischak req by David Woychyshyn & family |
| Monday | Oct 27 | Health of Family & friends req by Jean Goba |
| Tuesday | Oct 28 | No Mass |
| Wed | Oct 29 | No Mass |
| Thurs | Oct 30 | 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration
11:00 a.m. Geoff McLaughlin req by the McLaughlin family |
| Friday | Oct 31 | 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
9:00 a.m. + Deceased family members req by Doug & Donalda Wishart |

All Souls' Day – Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

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| Saturday | Nov 1 | 11:00 a.m. Rossburn Immaculate Heart Of Mary
For Kristy McLaughlin req by Wade & family |
| | | 7:30 p.m. Russell – For all parishioners req by Father Paul |
| Sunday | Nov 2 | 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 + Norma Kaskiw req by Clarence Kaskiw |
| | | 11:00 a.m. Gambler First Nation – Liturgy of the Word with Deacon Darin |

SAVE THE DATE – St. Joseph's will be holding our **Parish Advent Potluck party** on Saturday, **November 29th, 2025**. Please mark your calendars!! More details to follow.

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!



All who humble themselves will be exalted.



Coffee Sunday is **today**, Sunday, October 26th 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. Pat Orsak's group 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. ***We hope to see you there!***

Marian Month: today will be the last Sunday for this October that the St. Joseph's The Worker CWL will be praying the Rosary before mass. **They will start at 8:40 a.m. Thank you.** The list is on the bulletin board at the back of the church.



There were a few extra **souvenir fridge magnets** made for the 100th anniversary celebrations. If anyone wishes to receive one please let Father Paul or Donalda know and they will get one to you.



Confirmation classes will begin this Wednesday, October 29th from 3:30 – 4:30 and will continue on Wednesdays after that. Please keep the confirmation candidates and their teachers in your prayers!

Province of Quebec: Day of Prayer for Peace – October 26th

This Sunday, during the annual Disarmament Week instituted by the United Nations (Oct 24 – 30), the Assembly of Quebec Catholic Bishops invites Christian communities to pray for world peace.

Food for Thought

The main theme of today's Gospel is that true humility and repentance for our sins must be the hallmark of our prayers. However, the central focus of today's parable is not on prayer itself, but rather on the evil of pride, the need for true humility, and the role of God's grace in our salvation. The first reading, taken from Sirach, is a perfect companion piece to the Gospel parable. In one striking image from Sirach, the writer declares, *"the prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds to reach the unseen throne of God."* Such prayers are heard because they come from the hearts of people who know how much they need God. Although God has no favorites and answers the prayers of all, the oppressed, the orphans, the widows, and those who can least help themselves are His special concern. That is why, in the Refrain for today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 34), we sing ***"The poor one called and the Lord heard."*** The best prayer, however, is humble, cheerful, selfless service. In the second reading, Paul celebrates the fact that he is near the finish line of his life, like a runner running a race, and that he has kept the Faith right up to this point. He humbly awaits *"the crown of righteousness"* that only God can give him. *"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the Faith!"* In today's Gospel parable about the Pharisee and the tax collector, Jesus reminds us that God hears the prayers those who approach Him in humility. God did not hear the prayer of this Pharisee because he exalted himself. His prayer was a prayer of thanksgiving that he was not as evil as other people; he announced to God his freedom from sin and detailed his fidelity in observing the prescribed fasts and in giving tithes. This tax collector's prayer, *"O God, be merciful to me, a sinner,"* was heard because he humbled himself acknowledging his sins and requesting God's mercy.

"Proud about what?" A news reporter once asked St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) if she had ever been tempted to be proud. Mother Theresa retorted with a smile, *"Proud about what?"* The reporter replied, *"Why, about the wonderful things you have been doing for the poorest of the poor!"* Then came her answer, *"I never knew I had done anything, because it was God who worked in and through my Sisters and volunteers."* — True humility differentiates a saint from a sinner. If we are proud of our talents, our family connections, our reputation, or our achievements in life, today's Gospel tells us that we need Jesus to rid us of our pride and make us truly humble. (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).

Dear Padre,

Is it wrong for children to dress up as zombies and devils and other evil creatures for Halloween?

No. It is perfectly acceptable to choose these kinds of costumes and to participate in the festivities of Halloween. Halloween is primarily a secular celebration. Although it is true that the original celebration is deeply rooted in the Christian tradition, that tradition is more properly celebrated during the great feast days of the Church that follow Halloween: All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

Mythological representations, and the costumes that remind us of these kind of characters, are to be understood with a sense of fun and mischief. There is no difference between a ghost, a goblin, a zombie, Captain America, Superman, or one of the Mario Brothers. They are all fictional characters in the very human stories we share with each other. The meaning we assign to them must be proportional to what they represent. On Halloween, they represent nothing more than a person in costume. It could be an entirely different story under different circumstances in which there might be the possibility of a misunderstanding about the meaning of such a costume. Halloween pretty much blurs that distinction and takes away the misunderstanding. It is meant to be entertaining and fun. That is all. ●

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

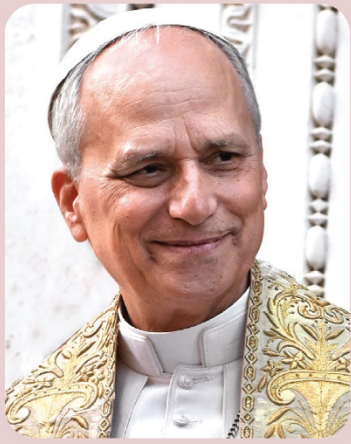
Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

My own story is that of a citizen, the descendant of immigrants, who in turn chose to emigrate. All of us, in the course of our lives, can find ourselves healthy or sick, employed or unemployed, living in our native land or in a foreign country, yet our dignity always remains unchanged: it is the dignity of a creature willed and loved by God.

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STEFANO SPAZIANI



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Monday October 27 Weekday Rom 8:12-17 Lk 13:10-17	Friday October 31 Weekday Rom 9:1-5 Lk 14:1-6
Tuesday October 28 Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles Eph 2:19-22 Lk 6:12-16	Saturday November 1 All Saints Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a
Wednesday October 29 Weekday Rom 8:26-30 Lk 13:22-30	Sunday November 2 The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) Wis 3:1-9 Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9 Jn 6:37-40 (These readings or any from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead)
Thursday October 30 Weekday Rom 8:31b-39 Lk 13:31-35	

Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 26, 2025
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18 / 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 / Luke 18:9-14



Like the Rings of a Tree

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

For some, going to confession can bring a sense of relief—as if the slate has now been wiped clean; as if we have gotten a do-over with life or the past has been left behind as though it never happened. Our past, however, is always with us—the good and the bad, the joys and the sadness, the grace and the sin. There are no do-overs. We carry with us the marks of our lives simply because every experience, every kindness and cruelty, every moment of generosity and selfishness, all have made us into who are. We are much like a tree that adds a ring to its trunk each year. The ring always bears the marks of that year, whether it has been a year of rain or drought, whether insects have attacked, or whether Mother Nature has been kind. The tree always remembers and carries with it forever the rings of what life has been.

Our lives are the same. The story of the Pharisee and the tax collector tells this tale. Like the Pharisee, we have much good in our lives. We too have prayed and have been generous. We have been kind and honest and cared for the poor. We have tried to be faithful. The Pharisee's downfall was that he forgot about his sinfulness; he forgot he needed God's mercy. The tax collector, on the other hand, remembered his failings. Both were in need of God's love. Only the tax collector seemed to realize it. ●

Reflect

How has my life been a mixture of sin and grace?



[Jesus said,] "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

LUKE 18:14



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