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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 40): Lord, make haste to help me!

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 August: *For mutual coexistence:* Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

20th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday Aug 16 7:30 p.m. Russell Fr Paul req by Glenda & Mike Stasiuk
Sunday Aug 17 9:00 a.m. Russell In appreciation for the Filipino families req by Bev & Jim
11:00 a.m. **Oakburn Farm Church** + Walter and Irene Kaskiw and our granddaughter Emma Kaskiw req by Dennis & Lori Kaskiw
Monday Aug 18 Health of Family & friends req by Jean Goba
Tuesday Aug 19 No Mass
Wed Aug 20 No Mass Treatments
Thurs Aug 21 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration
11:00 a.m. + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req by Rose & family
Friday Aug 22 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
9:00 a.m. For Fr Paul req by Carol Pelk & family

21st Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday Aug 23 7:30 p.m. Russell Fr Paul & Deacon Darin req by Ed & Shelley
Sunday Aug 24 9:00 a.m. Russell For all parishioners req by Father Paul
11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req by Rose & family

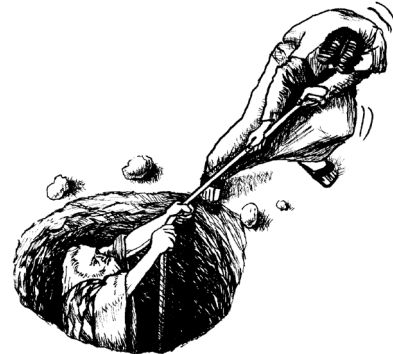
Oakburn Farm Church Mass will be **today**, Sunday, August 17th, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.



St. Joseph's is celebrating their 100th anniversary this year. Mass will be celebrated on September 14th at 11:00 a.m. with Father Paul and Father Jay.

This will be followed by the parish BBQ and fellowship in the Church basement. Please try and attend this very special occasion with fellow parishioners and special invited guests. Thank you.

Commitment: The chicken and the pig were walking past the church one day and discussing the problems of world hunger. The chicken suggested that between her species and the pig's they could provide everyone in the world with a good breakfast of bacon and eggs every morning. The pig thought long and hard before replying, 'That's OK for you to say, because from you that's only a contribution - from me that's total commitment!'



Scripture lessons summarized: Jeremiah, in our first reading, is presented as experiencing the consequences of the burning word of God within him. Jeremiah's preaching divided the city and incited such opposition that people sought his death. He showed the courage of his prophetic conviction by telling the king that the Lord God had said that the King had to surrender to the mighty army of Babylonian empire to save Israel. The King feared the nobles' reaction to this commanded surrender, silenced Jeremiah, and refused to obey God's word. The result for Jeremiah was being thrown into a deep, muddy unused cistern to die for his "treason." The result for Jerusalem was utter destruction by an implacable enemy. The refrain for today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 40), has us sing what could have been Jeremiah's plea to God, "Lord, make haste to help me!" Standing in this prophetic tradition, Paul, in the second reading, challenges the Judeo-Christians to stand firm in their Faith in Jesus, ignoring the ostracism imposed on them by their own former Jewish community.

In today's Gospel, Jesus, too, preaches the word of God which continues to divide families, a word which, he knew, would lead ultimately to his death. The fire Jesus brings is the fire of love and the fire of hope. The disruption, division, and revolution, which Jesus and his true followers cause in society by the fire of sacrificial love and the fire of justice, are necessary to re-set what's fractured, put right what's dislocated and cleanse what's infected in the world and in the Body of Christ. In other words, the curative pain caused by Jesus' ideas and ideals is necessary for the establishment of the real shalom of God. Even though Jesus brings a "sword" and causes division, he is the bringer of the only true and lasting peace. In pursuing his mission, Jesus brings division because some follow him and others oppose him. We must make a decision to follow him or not, to share his "baptism" or not. This choice can result in division, even within families.

Life messages:#1: Let us learn to appreciate the contemporary prophets in the Church: The Jesuit Cardinal Avery Dulles, writing about the role of prophecy in the modern Church communities in his book *Models of the Church*, remarks: "Christianity is not healthy unless there is room in it for prophetic protest against abuses of authority." God continues to send such prophets to every parish community, and it is the duty of the bishop, pastor, and parish council to listen to the well-intended, constructive criticisms of such Jeremiahs.

2: We should have fire in our hearts: On the day of our Baptism, we received the light of Christ and were instructed to keep that torch burning brightly until the return of Christ Jesus. In addition, the Holy Spirit was sent into our hearts both in Baptism and at Confirmation to help set us on fire. "One who is on fire cannot sit on a chair." So, as Christians on fire, we have to inflame people to care, to serve, and to bless one another with all the gifts of Faith. We should allow that fire to burn off the impurities in us and to bring out the purity of the gold and silver within us.

"How can anyone argue with a life so well-lived?" Agnes Bojaxhiu (St. Teresa of Calcutta — Mother Teresa), who died in 1997, was one of the most influential persons of our time. She was on fire with love of Christ, and she was so passionate about her beliefs that her life became an articulate expression of her Faith. She loved life, and so she hated abortion; thus, even when called to speak at the 1994 *National Prayer Breakfast* in Washington in the U.S. to a pre-dominantly American elite audience, she strongly criticized the policy of government-funded abortion. At the end of her speech the crowd gave Mother Teresa a standing ovation and clapped profusely. Apparently, thirst overwhelmed Bill and Hillary Clinton at that very moment because while everyone else went in an uproar, the Clintons just sucked on their water bottles. — Later when questioned, about Clinton's meeting with Mother Teresa, Bill's only response was, "I cannot argue with a life that had been so well lived." (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL EVENT

MAiD IN CANADA

WITH SPECIAL GUEST

ALEX SCHADENBERG

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
EUTHANASIA PREVENTION COALITION

Wednesday, August 20th, 2025
7:30pm to 9:00pm
St. Viator's Church, Dauphin

ABOUT THE PRESENTATION:

This presentation will provide an opportunity to learn more about the legal, medical, ethical, and moral implications regarding MAiD in Canada. All are welcome.

This is a complimentary event.
Register by August 11th at:
www.lifeculture.ca/dauphin



Dear Padre,

Is “co-redemptrix” a title for the Blessed Virgin Mary?

The Church does not officially regard Mary as a co-redemptrix with Christ. Her “unique holiness’...‘from the first instant of her conception’ comes wholly from Christ: she is ‘redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son’” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 492).

According to Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the title “co-redemptrix” would “obscure” the origin that “everything comes through Christ,” as written in Ephesians and Colossians. “Mary, too, is everything she is through Him,” stated the future Pope Benedict XVI, adding that “co-redemptrix” is a departure “from the language of Scripture and of the Fathers, and therefore gives rise to misunderstandings.”

Likewise, in 2019, Pope Francis quoted St. Bernard, who said that no praise is sufficient to talk about Mary, but, ultimately, her title as a humble “disciple” best represents Mary’s faithfulness to “her Son, the only Redeemer.” “She never wanted for herself something that was of her Son,” explained the pontiff. “She never introduced herself as co-redemptrix. No. Disciple.”

Pope Francis reiterated the Church’s position on this matter in 2021, saying that Jesus entrusted the universal Church and all the faithful to Mary, “Not as a goddess. Not as a co-redemptrix. As a mother.” Incidentally, “Mother of God” (Greek: *Theotokos*, “God-bearer”) is Mary’s oldest title, established in 431 by the Council of Ephesus. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



Do you have a question for the Padre?

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August 18	August 19	August 20	August 21	August 22	August 23	August 24
Weekday	Weekday	St. Bernard,	St. Pius X, Pope	The Queenship	Weekday	Twenty-first
Jgs 2:11-19	Jgs 6:11-24a	Abbot and	Jgs 11:29-39a	of the Blessed	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11;	Sunday in
Mt 19:16-22	Mt 19:23-30	Doctor of the	Mt 22:1-14	Virgin Mary	4:13-17	Ordinary Time
		Church		Ru 1:1, 3-6,	Mt 23:1-12	Is 66:18-21
		Jgs 9:6-15		14b-16, 22		Heb 12:5-7,
		Mt 20:1-16		Mt 22:34-40		11-13
						Lk 13:22-30



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Gospel does not leave things as they are; when the Gospel... is listened to and received, things do not stay as they are. The Gospel provokes change and invites to conversion. It does not dispense a false intimist peace, but sparks a restlessness that sets us in motion and drives us to open ourselves up to God and to our brothers and sisters.

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 17, 2025
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 / Hebrews 12:1-4 / Luke 12:49-53



Where I Stand

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

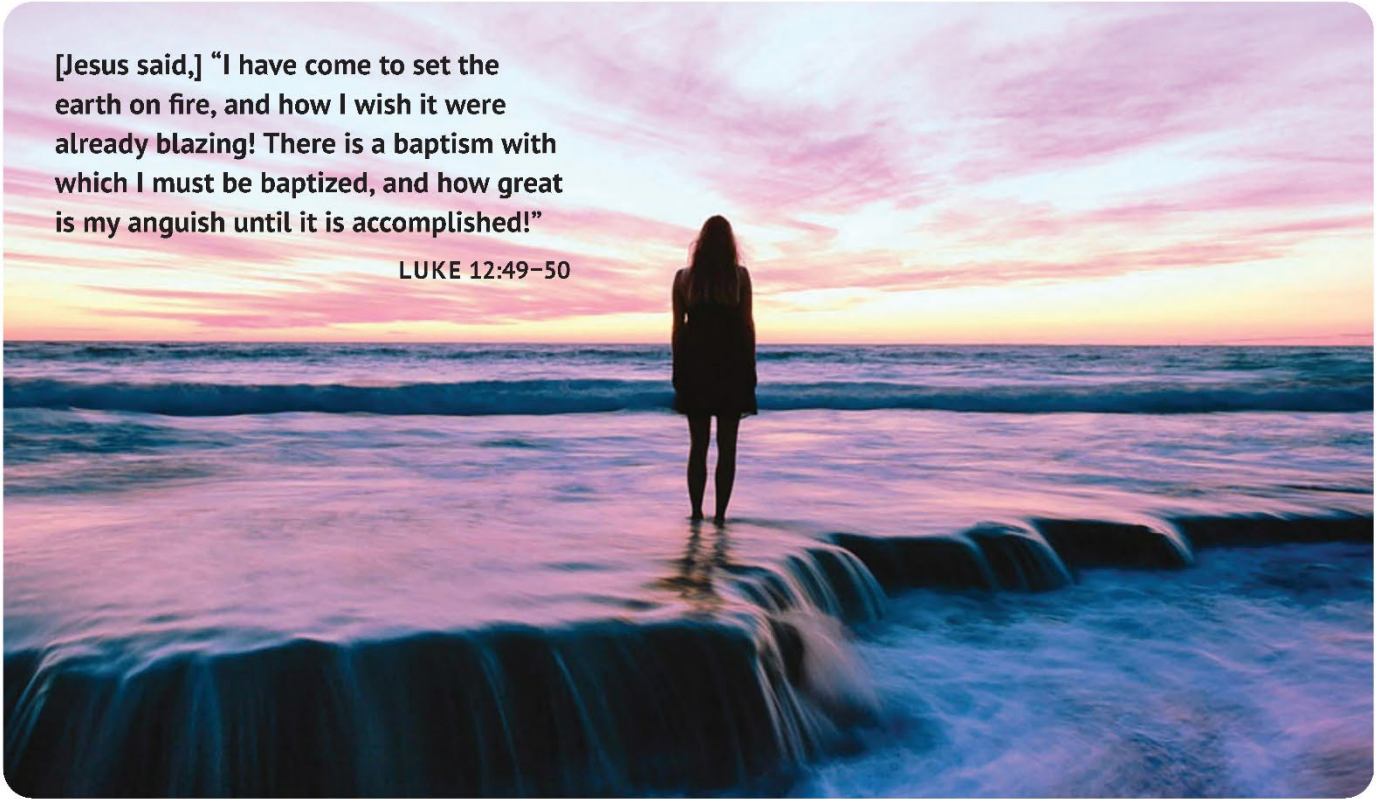
One day, as I was walking in a local nature preserve, I came across what someone had written in the sand: “It’s time to take a stand.” Though the person never suggested what we should take a stand on, all of us take stands in life. In many ways, those stands define our lives: Republican or Democrat, pro-life or pro-choice, NRA and guns, save the whales, vax or anti-vax, ecology. As we all know so well, where we stand on any given issue can become divisive among friends and even family.

The Scriptures this weekend tell of the prophet Jeremiah, who took a stand of faith against the king who trusted in military arms rather than in God. The Letter to

the Hebrews mentions an Old Testament “cloud of witnesses” who placed faith in God without knowing where that would take them. And, Jesus himself recognizes that those who place their faith in him and the vision of life he proclaimed would find themselves in conflict with others. For every person who professes faith in Jesus Christ, the question becomes how this faith affects all the other stands we take. To “keep our eyes fixed on Jesus” influences the lifestyle we choose, how we spend our time and our money, who our friends are, and even who we vote for. At some point, faith insists we take a stand. ●

Reflect

How does my faith affect all my other beliefs and practices?



[Jesus said,] “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!”

LUKE 12:49-50