



Served By: Fr. Paul Bisson
Box 776, Russell, MB R0J 1W0
Phone Office: 204-773-2924
Deacon Darin Douglas: 204-532-2157
Email: stjoewkr@gmail.com
Website: www.stjosephrussell.com
Archdiocese of Winnipeg www.archwinnipeg.ca



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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 118): This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

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 Francis April: *For the use of the new technologies:* Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

Resurrection of the Lord

Saturday	Apr 19	7:30 p.m. Russell	For Fr Paul req by Marlene, Lorne & family
Sunday	Apr 20	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	+ Nellie & Frank Kaskiw req by the Kaskiw family
Monday	Apr 21	Health of Family & friends	req by Jean Goba
Tuesday	Apr 22	Fr Paul	req by Jean Goba
Wed	Apr 23	Treatments	
Thurs	Apr 24	10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration	
		11:00 a.m. + Suffering Souls in Purgatory	req by Rose & family
Friday	Apr 25	8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration	
		9:00 a.m. Mervin Haney	req by Doug & Donalda Wishart & family
2nd Sunday Of Easter of Divine Mercy			
Saturday	Apr 26	7:30 p.m. Russell	+ Phyllis Keller req by Frank Keller & family
Sunday	Apr 27	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	+ Wendy req by David Woychyshyn & family



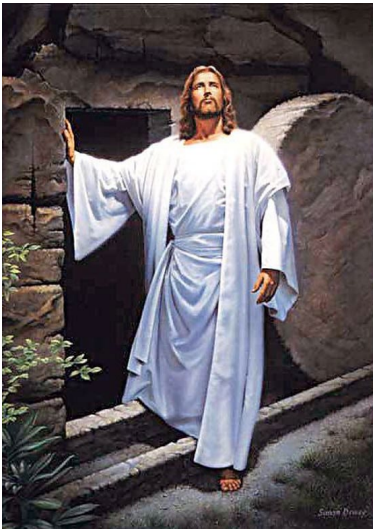
****First communion** classes will be held at St. Joseph's next Sunday, April 27th at 10:00 a.m. after 9 a.m. mass. Thank you!

We would like to thank Glenda Stasiuk's group who supplied the food and drink for last Sunday's coffee Sunday! Coffee Sunday is a part of the Ministry of Hospitality, a time to gather together, greet one another and visit after Mass while enjoying coffee and snacks!

We had 28 families donate to **SGG 2025**. Our Parish should be proud! Thank you and congratulations to all parishioners! There is still time if anyone wishes to contribute to SGG. Thank you.

Congratulations to Hiraya Camillo and to parents Ken and Pauline! Hiraya was baptized yesterday at St. Joseph The Worker Parish in Russell.

Joyous & Happy Easter! Welcome to all our Visitors!



A Message From The Pastor

Alleluia, Alleluia, Christ Is Risen! For the past six weeks we have been preparing for this day through a Lenten theme “Jubilee of Hope”. This journey began at our birth, took a deeper meaning at out baptism as we entered into a unique relationship with God as sons and daughters, brother and sisters in Christ.

Despite life’s adversities and sorrows as we carry our cross in life, we continue our journey as a people of faith, hope and love because we are a resurrection people. For those who believe in Christ, our journey does not end in death, for in death our life is truly changed, not ended.

As we keep close to our heart, loved ones who have died, may we be comforted in knowing that although their journey through this life has ended, their

relationship with God, whose love has no end, continues to grow and blossom into the fullness of joy. A joy that we only taste in this life, but will feast upon in the life to come where we join those who have gone before us in a face to face encounter with then and the Risen Christ and God our Father

Fr Paul

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to our special collections during the Lenten season/Holy Land. Also, special thanks to all the parishioners involved in Lenten and Triduum celebrations in our parishes of St. Joseph’s & St. Theresa’s!

“He is not where.” The Egyptian pyramids are world-famous as one of the “seven Wonders” of the ancient world. But they are actually gigantic tombs containing the mummified bodies of Egyptian Pharaohs. Westminster Abbey is famous, and thousands visit it, because the dead bodies of famous writers, philosophers, and politicians are entombed there. But there is a Shrine of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem, and pilgrims from all over the world visit a tomb there which is empty with a note at its entrance which says, “He is not here.” It is famous because Jesus Christ, who was once buried there, rose from the dead, leaving an empty tomb, as he had told his disciples he would. — Thus, Jesus worked the most important miracle in his life, defying the laws of nature and proving that He is God. We rejoice at this great and unique event by celebrating Easter. (Fr. J P) (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).

He always whistled: Have you heard the story of the man whose hobby was growing roses? When he worked in his rose garden, he always whistled. It seemed to everyone that he was whistling much louder than was needed for his own enjoyment. One day a neighbor asked him why it was that he always whistled so loudly. The man then took the neighbor into his home to meet his wife. The woman was not only an invalid but was completely blind as well. The man, you see, was whistling, not for his benefit, but rather for the benefit of his wife. He wanted his blind wife to know that he was nearby, and that she was not alone. — That story is a wonderful illustration of the significance of Easter Day. The affirmation, “Christ is risen!” reminds us that God is near, and the experiencing of His presence strengthens us in our weakness. (Donald William Dotterer, *Living the Easter Faith*,). (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).

An Old Golfer makes a discovery

We had a power outage at our house this morning and my PC, laptop, TV, DVD, iPad and my new surround sound music system were all shut down.

Then I discovered that my mobile phone battery was dead. To top it off it was Snowing outside, so I couldn't play golf.

I went into the kitchen to make coffee and then I remembered that this also needs power, so I sat and talked with my wife for a couple of hours.

She seems like a nice person.

😊 *A laugh every day
Seems the very best way to stay sane in this crazy world!



Dear Padre,

I was baptized as a baby, but I never really went to church. Lately, I've been attending Mass. Are there steps I should take before I receive Communion?

The first step is to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation (confession). This is a wonderful opportunity to be officially welcomed back into full practice with the Church. After such a long absence, it is important to examine your conscience and celebrate the forgiveness of the Lord before you receive holy Communion.

I would also recommend that you “beef up” your understanding of what it means to be a practicing Catholic. You might do this by participating in your parish’s process for the Christian Initiation of Adults (called OCIA or sometimes RCIA). The Liguori Publications program, *Journey of Faith*, is one resource used by many parish communities. Another possibility is to use some of the resources offered online, such as Bishop Robert Barron’s *Word on Fire* website, which has a fine reputation.

I am happy you have responded to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit within you and answered the call to deepen your spiritual practice and journey. The Church needs you. The people of God welcome you. You are beloved among us, and your response in faith is a powerful witness, a reminder to those who may be tempted to take for granted the gift of faith. Thank you. ●



A candidate and his sponsor sit for a photo after an Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) class. LOS ANGELES TIMES VIA GETTY IMAGES

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 21	April 22	April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26	April 27
Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Second Sunday of Easter / Sunday of Divine Mercy
Acts 2:14, 22-33	Acts 2:36-41	Acts 3:1-10	Acts 3:11-26	Acts 4:1-12	Acts 4:13-21	Acts 5:12-16
Mt 28:8-15	Jn 20:11-18	Lk 24:13-35	Lk 24:35-48	Jn 21:1-14	Mk 16:9-15	Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
						Jn 20:19-31

Do you have a question for the Padre?
Go to [DearPadre.org](#) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

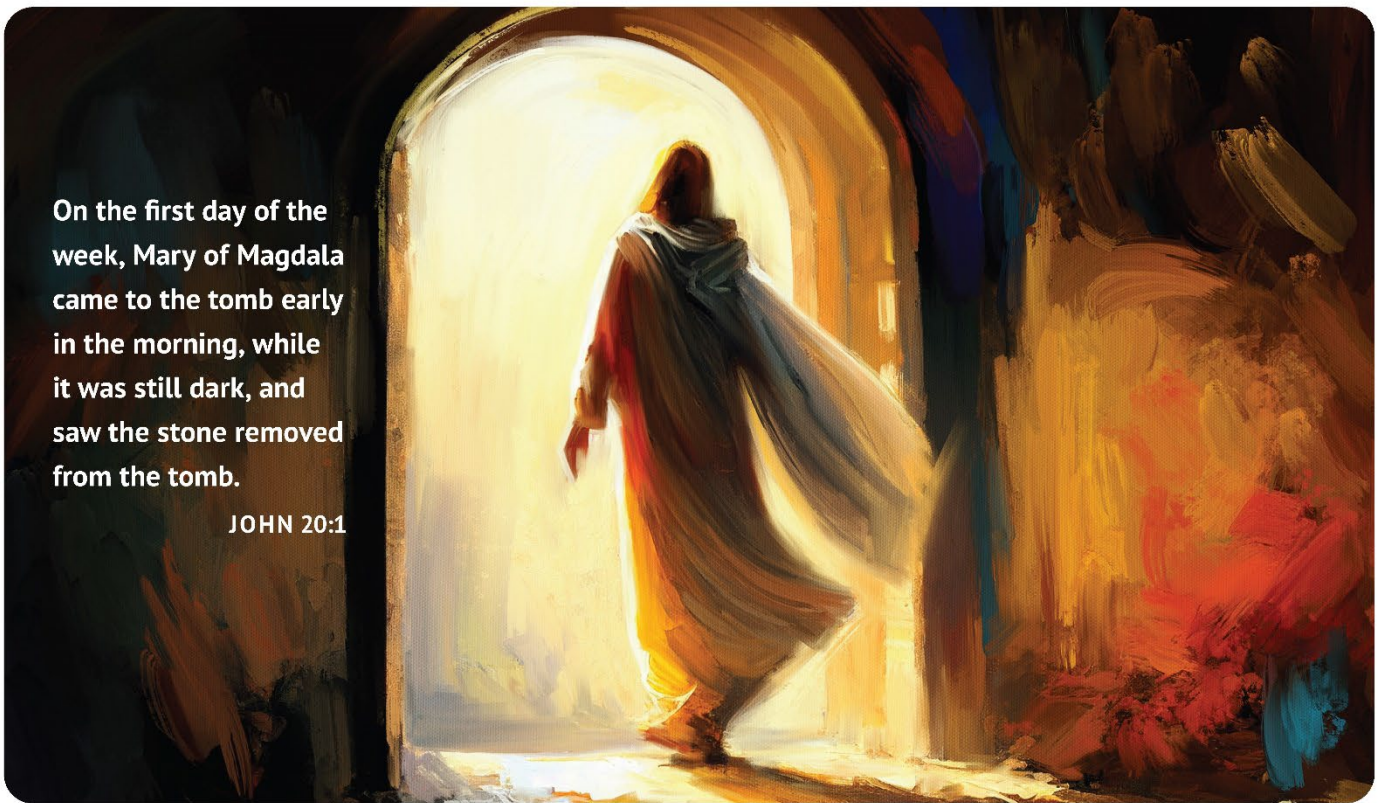


A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS
We welcome the Easter message: “Peace be with you!” Brothers and sisters, let us allow the peace of Christ to enter our lives, our homes, our countries!... Let there be a decision for peace.... Please, please, let us not get used to war!... May the leaders of nations hear people’s plea for peace.
URBI ET ORBI MESSAGE, ROME, APRIL 17, 2022

© 2025 Liguori Publications. *Imprimatur*: “In accordance with CIC 827, permission to publish was granted on May 28, 2024, by the Most Reverend Mark S. Rivotuso, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of St. Louis. Permission to publish is an indication that nothing contrary to Church teaching is contained in this work. It does not imply any endorsement of the opinions expressed in the publication; nor is any liability assumed by this permission.” No part of this work may be used in any form without the prior written permission of Liguori Publications. Scripture texts in this work are taken from the *New American Bible, revised edition* © 2010, 1991, 1986, 1970 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Inc., Washington, DC. All Rights Reserved. Printed in USA. Visit [Liguori.org](#) or call 800-325-9521.

Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 20, 2025
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (C)
Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 / Jn 20:1-9



On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

JOHN 20:1

Bit by Bit

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Looking for proof of the resurrection is like looking for proof of love. Sometimes, we realize only gradually—bit by bit—that we are loved. John’s Gospel abounds with images of light and darkness. So when this Sunday’s Easter Gospel recounts Mary of Magdala going to the tomb early in the morning while it was still dark, the gospel is not simply marking the time of day. It’s noting that what was taking place was before they believed in the resurrection, when they were still in the dark. All sorts of hints about the resurrection begin to occur: Mary sees the stone rolled away, Peter and the other disciple go to the tomb and find the burial cloths. They see the cloth that had covered his head rolled up and set aside. No apparition of Jesus, no men in white garments, no angels. Only hints that with the resurrection of Jesus,

God has made all life new and destined for resurrection. What, then, might one do who is plagued by doubts? Look for hints of resurrection, of life coming about where one expects only death (as if to symbolically enter the tomb). What types of hints? Going for counseling, as frightening as that may be, and finding peace. Talking through a problem in marriage. Finding that empty-nesting gives way to new life. Discovering retirement’s gifts. Making a dreaded move to a new city or school. The resurrection of Jesus means God makes all life new. We only need to see it and discover that, bit by bit, it leads to faith. ●

Reflect
What are the hints of resurrection surrounding me? Have I missed any?