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St. Joseph The Worker Parish, Russell, MB

St. Theresa's Parish Rossmore, MB

**Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 29):** The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**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:**

**Baptism of the Lord**

Saturday Jan 10 7:30 p.m. Russell For Irene Deschamps req by Brad & Brenda Robin

Sunday Jan 11 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. Rossmore + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req by Rose & family

Monday Jan 12 Health of Family & friends req by Jean Goba

Tuesday Jan 13 No Mass

Wednesday Jan 14 No Mass - Treatments

Thursday Jan 15 10:30 a.m. Rossmore Adoration

11:00 a.m. + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req by Rose & family

Friday Jan 16 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration

9:00 a.m. Special Intentions req by Gary & Nicole Petz

**2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time**

Saturday Jan 17 7:30 p.m. Russell + Pat Edgerton req by her family

Sunday Jan 18 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. and YouTube after 10:15 a.m.**

+ For John Selby req by Doug & Donald Wishart & family

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



**\*\*Confirmation classes this week will be at St. Joseph's on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 3:30 p.m. Thank you!**



Coffee Sunday this month will be on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 was \$192 deposited for the Children's Collection so far in 2026. Thank you to the children who donate so joyfully each Sunday!

**The Christmas season**, celebrating the Self-revelation of God through Jesus, comes to an end with the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. Christmas is the feast of God's Self-revelation to the Jews, and Epiphany celebrates God's Self-revelation to the Gentiles. At his Baptism in the Jordan, Christ reveals himself to repentant sinners. The Baptism of the Lord Jesus is the great event celebrated by the Eastern churches on the feast of Epiphany because it is the occasion of the first public revelation of all the Three Persons in the Holy Trinity, and the official revelation of Jesus as the Son of God to the world by God the Father. It is also an event described by all four Gospels, and it marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. **The liturgical season of Christmas comes to a conclusion this Sunday with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord.**

WEEK of PRAYER for CHRISTIAN UNITY 2026

SEMAINE de PRIERE pour L'UNITÉ DES CHRÉTIENS 2026

ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Sacred Heart Ukrainian Catholic Church

107 Victoria Ave. E. Rossmore, MB.

Friday, Jan. 23rd at 7:00pm

Fellowship to follow

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the hope of your calling." (Ephesians 4:4)

Il y a un seul corps et un seul Esprit, de même que votre vocation vous a appelés à une seule espérance » (Éphésiens 4,4)

[weekofprayer.ca](http://weekofprayer.ca)

[semainedepriere.ca](http://semainedepriere.ca)

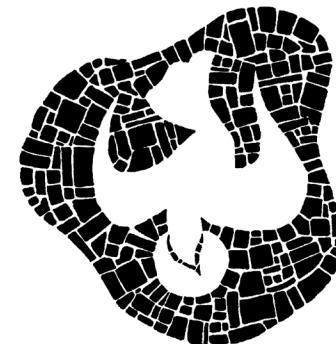
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**Life messages:** (1) The baptism of Jesus reminds us of our identity. It reminds us of who we are and Whose we are. By Baptism we become sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, members of his Church, heirs of heaven and temples of the Holy Spirit.

(2) Jesus' baptism reminds us also of our mission: a) to experience the presence of God within us, to acknowledge our own dignity as God's children, and to appreciate the Divine Presence in others by honoring them, loving them and serving them in all humility; b) to live as the children of God in thought, word and action. c) to lead a holy and transparent Christian life and not to desecrate our bodies (the temples of the Holy Spirit and members of Jesus' Body), by impurity, injustice, intolerance, jealousy or hatred; d) to accept both the good and the bad experiences of life as the gifts of a loving Heavenly Father for our growth in holiness; e) to grow daily in intimacy with God by personal and family prayers, by meditative reading of the Word of God, by participating in the Holy Mass, and by frequenting the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

(3) It is a day to thank God for the graces we have received in Baptism, to renew our Baptismal promises and to preach Christ's 'Good News' by our transparent Christian lives of love, mercy, service and forgiveness. (L/26)



# Dear Padre,

**Why do our bishops not marry? Scripture plainly says that they must be the husband of one wife and have faithful children.**

This is an excellent question and brings us face to face with an important truth: for Catholics, the sacred Scripture is not the singular source of our practice and discipline. We also look, with equal authority, to the living Tradition of the Church. The magisterium is entrusted with the authentic interpretation of both Scripture and Tradition.

With this theological and historical context as a necessary background to your question, the answer to your query is this: the lived Tradition of the Church does not support a married clergy, including bishops. Although the Scripture allows for it, and provides some general guidelines, the lived Tradition of the Church does not. The Roman Catholic Church has a celibate clergy and will continue to have a celibate clergy unless and until the magisterium, in union with the pope, determines otherwise. There have been some discussions about changing this discipline, but now there is not much momentum that would suggest any imminent change.

In the wider Orthodox Catholic Church, in union with Rome, there is a provision for a married clergy, but, even in these traditions, there is no exception made for married bishops. Bishops are and will continue to be celibate regardless of what Scripture may allow. ●

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



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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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ANTONELLA ULLAURI / CATHOPIC

## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*In the family, faith is handed on together with life, generation after generation. It is shared like food at the family table and like the love in our hearts. In this way, families become privileged places in which to encounter Jesus, who loves us and desires our good, always.*

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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 11, 2026

**The Baptism of the Lord (A)**

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 / Acts 10:34-38 / Matthew 3:13-17



## Jesus, Servant Leader

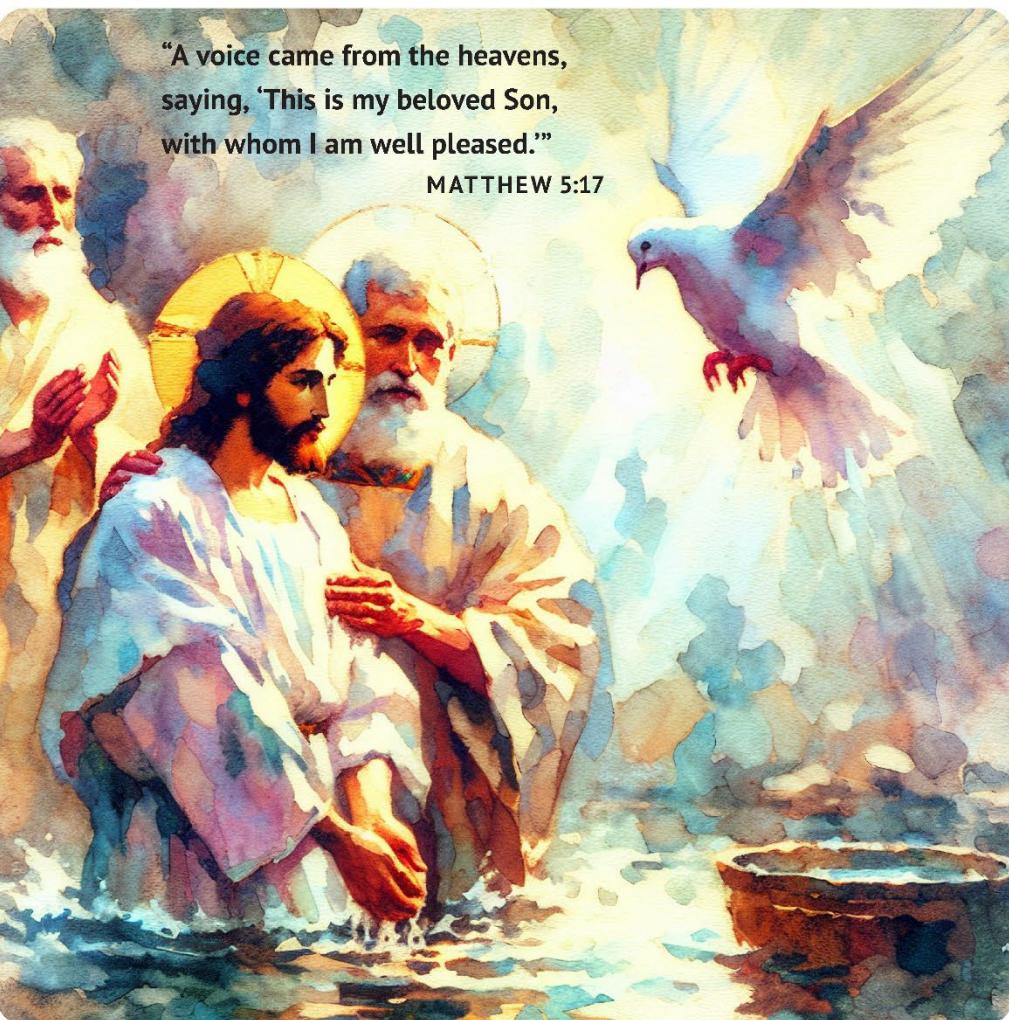
MIGUEL DULICK

**J**ohn, miracle son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, cousin of Jesus and known as “the Baptist,” offers a “baptism of repentance.” Then Jesus shows up. The eternal Son of God a penitent? John is shocked and resists, saying it is Jesus who should baptize him. But Jesus insists, “to fulfill all righteousness” (Matthew 3:15).

At the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus is humbling himself, much as he did toward the end, when he washed the feet of his disciples. Then it was Peter who would resist what seemed inappropriate by the standards of this world. Jesus is giving us an example, the way of the servant leader, as described in today’s beautiful passage from Isaiah. Jesus is the servant leader, the Father’s Son, over whom the Holy Spirit danced like a dove, and the Father, with his booming voice from the heavens, said of him, “This is my beloved Son!” (Matthew 3:17).

Jesus allowing himself to be baptized may seem like a contradiction, but given all that follows, we know he is offering his followers a consistent model of what he expects from those who choose to be his disciples. As St.

Paul would later write to the Church in Philippi, “Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped” (Philippians 2:5-6). ●



## Reflect

**This week, I'll think about my baptism, when I was called to serve as Jesus served.**



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