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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 90): Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.



*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 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:

23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday	Sep 6	11:00 a.m. Rossburn Immaculate Heart Of Mary 7:30 p.m. Russell For health and family req by Ed & Shelley
Sunday	Sep 7	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 Fr Paul req by Michael & Myrna Kostecki & Families
Monday	Sep 8	Health of Family & friends req by Jean Goba
Tuesday	Sep 9	No Mass
Wed	Sep 10	No Mass - Treatments
Thurs	Sep 11	No Mass - Appointment
Friday	Sep 12	8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration 9:00 a.m. Fr Paul req by Gary & Nicole Petz 10:15 a.m. Rossburn Personal Care Home - Mass & Music

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday	Sep 13	7:30 p.m. Russell Fr Paul req by Irene Deschamps
Sunday	Sep 14	11:00 a.m. <u>Zoom on-line Mass 11:00 a.m. and YouTube after 12:15 p.m.</u> Russell - 100th Anniversary of St. Joseph's The Worker Parish + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req by Rose & family



St. Joseph's is celebrating their 100th anniversary this year. Mass will be celebrated on September 14th at 11:00 a.m. with Archbishop Murray Chatlain, Father Paul, Father Jay & Deacon Darin. 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. Our theme is "We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe".



**Carry the cross
and follow me.**



Russell & Area Food Connection's Basket is located at the church entrance for your food donations. Please help those less fortunate in our communities.

Central theme: Today's readings challenge us to live out our Baptismal commitment to the true Christian discipleship of total commitment to the will of God, putting God first in our lives.

Scripture lessons summarized: The first reading, taken from the Book of Wisdom, instructs us to ask for the gifts of discernment and strength from the Holy Spirit so that we may do the will of God as His true disciples. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 90), instructs true disciples to lead holy lives by remaining constantly aware of the brevity and uncertainty of life. The second reading, taken from St. Paul's letter to Philemon, teaches us that detachment and renunciation are necessary for a true disciple of Christ. As a responsible Apostle and zealous disciple of Christ, Paul had to renounce the service of his new helper, Onesimus, and return him to his master. As a new disciple of Christ, Onesimus had to leave Paul, face his owner as a runaway slave, and accept the consequences. Today's Gospel reminds us to count the cost of being a disciple and follower of Christ because the cost is high: true Christian discipleship requires one to "renounce" both earthly possessions and possessions of the heart (i.e., one's relationships). In today's Gospel, Jesus lays out four conditions for true Christian discipleship. 1) Renounce too much attachment to family, giving priority to God and His commandments. 2) Break off the excessive attachment to possessions by leading a detached life, willingly sharing one's blessings with others. 3) Be ready to carry the cross and follow Jesus by a) gracefully accepting and lovingly offering our pains and suffering with Jesus on the cross for the salvation of all of us b) sharing our blessings sacrificially with others c) accepting the pain involved in controlling our evil habits and tendencies and d) by welcoming as God's gift to us of the pain and humiliation we suffer in professing our faith in public and in practicing it in daily life, standing with Jesus, his ideas and ideals. 4) Calculate the cost involved in following Jesus. Using the two parables of the tower-builder and the king defending his country, Jesus says we must think long and hard about Christian discipleship before we commit ourselves to Jesus in this full, life-long surrender of body and soul to Him Who loves us,

Life messages: We need to accept the challenge of Christian discipleship with heroic commitment and practice it. We do so: **1)** by daily recharging our spiritual batteries through prayer, i.e., by talking to God, and by listening to Him through our meditative reading and study of the Bible; **2)** by sharing in God's life through frequent and active participation in the Eucharistic celebration, and grateful use of the gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation when we have sinned and turned away from Him **3)** by practicing the spirit of detachment and the renunciation of evil habits; **4)** by the generous giving our time, talents and resources for the Lord's work in the Church universal, and especially in our parish community, relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit, **5)** by loving all God's children, especially the less fortunate ones, through humble, selfless acts of kindness, mercy, forgiveness, and service; **6)** by showing true commitment to the obligations and duties entrusted to us by our vocation in life and our profession, for example, by fidelity in marriage and firm adherence to justice in our living and profession.

The cost paid by great musicians: Someone once said to Ignaz Paderewski, the great pianist, "Sir, you are a genius." He replied, "Madam, before I was a genius, I was a drudge." He continued: "If I missed practice one day, I noticed it; if I missed practice two days, the critics noticed it; if I missed three days, my family noticed it; if I missed four days, my audience noticed it." It is reported that after one of Fritz Kreisler's concerts a young woman said to him, "I would give my life to be able to play like that." He replied, "That's what I gave." — The door is narrow. Why should we think we can "drift" into the Kingdom of God? The Christian life is a constant striving to do the will of God as Jesus revealed it. We need to strive because there are forces of evil within us and around us, trying to pull us down. (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).

Tie for No. 14: Some years ago, *Time* magazine asked a group of Americans to rate one hundred famous events in history as to their significance. The results of that poll are quite amazing. Number one was Columbus' discovery of America. Three events tied for fourteenth on the list: the discovery of X-rays, the Wright brothers' first plane flight, and the crucifixion of Jesus. — Notice that: Jesus tied for fourteenth! That poll indicates that you and I have not done a very good job of communicating to the world the meaning of the cross and the price Jesus paid for our salvation. (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).



Dear Padre,

Why is RCIA now called OCIA? And why do people have to go through that process anyway? Can't they just talk to the priest if they want to be Catholic?

The reason why Christian Initiation for Adults is now identified as the “Order” rather than the “Rite” is that the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) changed the name in November 2021. The name change more accurately reflects the English translations of the Latin texts and emphasizes the ongoing development of participants in the faith. Within the Order are different rites, such as the Rite of Entrance to the Catechumenate, the Rite of Sending, the Rite of Election, the Scrutinies, and the Rites of Initiation.

Although it is still possible to become a baptized Catholic or a confirmed Catholic after a simple conversation with a priest or a catechist, the preferred way is the communal encounter. The Christian community plays an important role in calling us to faith, enabling our practice of the faith, and helping us persevere in our baptismal call to faith. We are not alone; we are part of the people of God. We are the community that is called into life by the Spirit of God and that is nourished by the Eucharist we share and the sacraments we celebrate. ●

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



NANCY WIECHEG / CNS

Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 7, 2025
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Wisdom 9:13–18b / Philemon 9–10, 12–17 / Luke 14:25–33



When Life Becomes Lose-Lose

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

There is so often a cost to being a follower of Jesus, to doing the right thing. During our country’s Civil War, southern plantation owners came face to face with the gospel’s imperative to accept slaves as human beings who have the right to be free, though that would then bring about the collapse of the cotton economy. For them, it was live the gospel or save the economy. Sometimes, the gospel seems to put us in a lose-lose situation.

President Lyndon B. Johnson was confronted by the Vietnam War. By continuing a war he knew was unwinnable, it would cost human lives. If he ended the war, he would be labeled as the president who lost a war. For him, it was lose-lose. Do the right thing or save face. A person may be confronted by a job that demands unjust and immoral decisions when

the refusal to make such decisions would cost that person the job necessary to support his or her family. A student may be faced with the prospect of either cheating or receiving a poor grade. Living the gospel is fraught with costs.

Today, our nation faces the difficulties of immigration. On the one hand, there is the gospel’s command to love the poor and so to accept immigrants seeking to escape violence and terror and drought, conditions that make it impossible to live. On the other hand, there is the need for our nation to deal with uncontrolled migration. The question of “What would Jesus do?” is never without consequences. ●

Reflect

How does following Jesus cost me in my life?



ANNA NASS / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In Gaza...children, families, and elderly are reduced to starvation. In Myanmar, new hostilities have cut short innocent young lives. Finally, war-torn Ukraine awaits negotiations for a just and lasting peace.... We implore [Our Lady’s] intercession for the gift of peace, for support and comfort for those who suffer.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 18, 2025

Monday

September 8
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mi 5:1–4a or
Rom 8:28–30
Mt 1:1–16, 18–23 or
1:18–23

Tuesday

September 9
St. Peter Claver, Priest
Col 2:6–15
Lk 6:12–19

Wednesday

September 10
Weekday
Col 3:1–11
Lk 6:20–26

Thursday

September 11
Weekday
Col 3:12–17
Lk 6:27–38

Friday

September 12
Weekday
1 Tm 1:1–2, 12–14
Lk 6:39–42

Saturday

September 13
St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Tm 1:15–17
Lk 6:43–49

Sunday

September 14
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b–9
Phil 2:6–11
Jn 3:13–17