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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 51): Have mercy, O Lord, for we have sinned.

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 February: For children with incurable diseases: Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

1st Sunday of Lent

Saturday Feb 21 7:30 p.m. Russell + For the Hutlet Family req by George Mangin & family
 Sunday Feb 22 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 + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req by Rose & family
 Monday Feb 23 Health of Family & friends req by Jean Goba
 Tuesday Feb 24 No Mass
 Wed Feb 25 3:30 p.m. – Confirmation Classes
 Thurs Feb 26 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration
 11:00 a.m. + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req by Rose & family
 Friday Feb 27 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
 9:00 a.m. For Fr Paul req by Marlene, Lorne & family
 7:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross on Zoom**



2nd Sunday of Lent

Saturday Feb 28 7:30 p.m. Russell For Fr Paul req by Gary & Nicole Petz
 Sunday Mar 1 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. and YouTube after 10:15 a.m.**
 + Lorne Gallant req by Lori Gallant & family
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn - For all parishioners req by Father Paul



****Confirmation classes this week will be at St. Joseph's on February 25th, 2026 at 3:30 p.m.** Please keep the confirmation candidates and their teachers in your prayers. Thank you!

Lenten Confessions

Russell – St. Mary's Church on Thursday **March 12th** 4 p.m. – 5 p.m., then 6 p.m. on, as needed
 Rossburn – Sacred Heart Church on Thursday **March 26th** 4 p.m. – 5 p.m., then 6 p.m. on, as needed
 St. Lazare – Date to be announced



World Day of Prayer – March 6th

The World Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Friday in March. It is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically. This recalls our Christian responsibility to be sensitive to the signs of the times so that we might bring a more authentically Christian dimension to the concerns of our world, our country our community. Sponsored by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada and its national counterparts around the world, it is celebrated in approximately 165 countries.

The World Day of Prayer will be held this year on **March 6th, 2026** at Russell Christ Anglican Church at 2:00 p.m. Please join us for the World Day of Prayer, a prayer movement that invites us to enrich our faith experience through the life events of Christians from other countries and cultures, and to bring hope to women touched by injustice. The 2026 service was written by the Nigerian World Day of Prayer committee.

Coffee Sunday is today, February 22nd 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. Nicole Petz'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.



*****Stations of the Cross***** will be celebrated each Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. The next Station of the Cross will be February 27th. If you wish to join in and are not presently on Zoom, email stjoewkr@gmail.com to get the link for Zoom. We also plan to do the Stations of the Cross on the last Friday of Lent, March 27th at St. Joseph's Parish.

Diving Deeper (Archdiocese Of Winnipeg Adult Faith Program.)

The Diving Deeper team will be having the third session this Saturday February 28, 2026 with two more sessions following in March & April on the fourth Saturday of each month at St. Joseph's the Worker Parish. The Committee Team and Presenters would **greatly appreciate prayers** for the Adult Faith Program so that all who have signed up will be able to travel safely to and back home again and will be able to 'dive deeper into the Mass' the theme for these sessions. Thank you!

During this Lent.

- Give up *complaining*.....focus on gratitude.
- Give up *pessimism*...become an optimist.
- Give up *harsh judgments*...think kind thoughts.
- Give up *worry*.....trust Divine Providence.
- Give up *discouragement*.....be full of hope.
- Give up *bitterness*.....turn to forgiveness.
- Give up *hatred*.....return good for evil.
- Give up *negativism*.....be positive.
- Give up *anger*.....be more patient.
- Give up *pettiness*.....become more mature.
- Give up *gloom*.....enjoy the beauty that is all around you.
- Give up *jealousy*...pray for trust.
- Give up *gossiping*.....control your tongue.
- Give up *sin*.....turn to virtue.
- Give up *giving up*....hang in there !!!!!

Life Messages

We are to grow in holiness by prayer, reconciliation and sharing during Lent: a) by finding time to be with God every day of Lent, speaking to Him in fervent prayer, and listening to Him through the meditative reading of the Bible; b) by repenting of our sins daily and asking God's forgiveness every night at bedtime; c) by being reconciled with God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation; d) by being reconciled with others, forgiving them the hurts they have caused us and asking their pardon for the hurts we have inflicted on them; e) by sharing our love with others through selfless, humble service, almsgiving, and helping those in need; f) by living the Gospel, or the Good News, of God's love, mercy, and forgiveness in our lives, thus bearing true Christian witness.

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!

Dear Padre,

I was taught that it is a requirement to fast at least one hour before receiving Communion. However, I've seen donuts out before Mass begins and hear candy wrappers being crumpled around me. This seems disrespectful to me.

It is important to use the correct words when describing a particular action. In this case, "requirement" does not really capture the full meaning and understanding of what the Church teaches. A better understanding is that it is a discipline and a practice of the Church to ordinarily observe the eucharistic fast for one hour before receiving holy Communion. If you are of a certain age, you may remember that there have been changes regarding the eucharistic fast. A "requirement" might suggest that the fast is integral to the sacrament itself. It is not.

The second part of your question seems to be a matter of perception. Based on your perception, you judge something to be not quite right. But, consider that there are many reasons why hospitality may be set up before Mass. The crumpling of wrappers could be something other than what you identify. Regardless, you are not required to assume the burden of policing what is taking place at Mass. It is much better to participate, celebrate, and be grateful for the sacrament that we gather to experience as a community of faith. ●



GREGORY SHEINZ

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
February 23	February 24	February 25	February 26	February 27	February 28	March 1
Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Second Sunday of Lent
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18	Is 55:10-11	Jon 3:1-10	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25	Ez 18:21-28	Dt 26:16-19	Gn 2:1-4a
Mt 25:31-46	Mt 6:7-15	Lk 11:29-32	Mt 7:7-12	Mt 5:20-26	Mt 5:43-48	2 Tm 1:8b-10
						Mt 17:1-9

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



JIM VIEST

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Today, signs of hope are increasingly found in care homes, communities for minors, centers for listening and acceptance, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and low-income schools. How many of these quiet signs of hope often go unnoticed and yet are so important for setting aside our indifference and inspiring others to become involved in various forms of volunteer work!

MESSAGE FOR WORLD DAY OF THE POOR, ROME, JUNE 13, 2025



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Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 22, 2026

First Sunday of Lent (A)

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 / Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19 / Matthew 4:1-11



“Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.”

MATTHEW 4:1

Jesus for the Win

MIGUEL DULICK

The account of the temptations could be presented as a comical play. Pope Francis insisted, “Don’t talk to the devil!” Indeed, Jesus does not engage in dialogue with Satan, much less any negotiation or any business. Stones become bread? Jesus may have fasted for forty days, but he’s had plenty to eat—“every word that comes forth from the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4). Nor will Jesus “test” his Father by jumping off the “parapet of the temple” (like the bell tower of a gothic church). (See Matthew 5-7.) You don’t play God, and you don’t play *with* God. Satan really beclowns himself with the last temptation—promising the whole world if Jesus would just take a knee? No one would fall for that, would they?

Except—most of us. We’d do the bread; we’d do the jump; we’d definitely do the world! Look at the first reading, from Genesis. Adam and Eve give up paradise for a piece of fruit! It’s a sad story because Eve does chat with the serpent, answering questions, allowing for a different point of view. But, as they say on Facebook, Satan “destroys” her! And Adam, too. If they didn’t sew fig leaves for each other, the whole story would be unbearable. Even as they realize their sin, there is a little tenderness.

Saint Paul explains it clearly. Sin entered the world, but with Jesus Christ, there is an “overflow” of grace for the many. (See Romans 5:15.) And that’s what Lent is about—a flood of grace. ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Reflect

What grace do I pray for this Lent—for myself and for someone who is struggling?