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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 92): Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.



*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 Francis March: *For families in crisis:* Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Saturday Mar 1 7:30 p.m. Russell – For all parishioners req by Fr Paul
- Sunday Mar 2 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, Colin, Kyle, Kim & Beckett
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn For all parishioners req by Father Paul
- Monday Mar 3 Health of Family & friends req by Jean Goba
- Tuesday Mar 4 No Mass
- Wed Mar 5 10:30 a.m. – Russell Care Home – Liturgy of the Word – Deacon Darin
 6:30 p.m. – Russell **Ash Wednesday** Special intention req by Brad & Brenda Robin
 Rossburn **Ash Wednesday-** Liturgy of the Word – Deacon Darin
- Thurs Mar 6 No Mass – Father Paul treatment
- Friday Mar 7 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
 9:00 a.m. + Hutlet Family req by George Mangin & family
 11:00 a.m. **Rossburn Sacred Heart of Jesus**

1st Sunday of Lent

- Saturday Mar 8 7:30 p.m. Russell For Fr Paul req by the CWL
- Sunday Mar 9 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 + Lorne Woychyshyn req by David Woychyshyn & family

****First communion** classes will be again today at St. Joseph's, March 2 at 10:00 a.m. after 9 a.m. mass. Thank you!

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

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst ...He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you." Mother Teresa



*****Stations of the Cross***** will be celebrated each Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. The 1st Stations of the Cross will be March 7th. 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, April 11th at St. Joseph's Parish.

Most Reverend Murray Chatlain will be installed as the 8th Archbishop of Winnipeg on Friday, April 4th, 2025 at 7:30 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. All are welcome to attend!



Ash Wednesday falls on March 5th at 6:30 p.m.

Fr Paul at St. Joseph & Deacon Darin at St. Theresa's Parish

On Wednesday, March 19th there will be a gathering at St. Mary's Cathedral to say thank you and bid farewell to Archbishop Richard Gagnon for his eleven years of pastoral service and leadership as our Archbishop. It is fitting that his celebration should take place on the Solemnity of St. Joseph, our Archdiocesan patron. The celebration will begin at 7:30 p.m. and a reception will follow. **All are welcome to attend this celebration.**

World Day of Prayer – March 7th

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 7th, 2025** at the Grace Lutheran Church at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend this celebration!

Food for Thought

We should avoid judging others because **1)** No one except God is good enough to judge others because only God sees the whole truth, and only He can read the human heart. Hence, only He has the ability, right, and authority to judge us. **2)** We do not see all the facts or circumstances or the power of the temptation which has led a person to do something evil. **3)** We are often prejudiced in our judgment of others, and total fairness cannot be expected from us, especially when we are judging those near or dear to us. **4)** We have no right to judge because we have the same faults as the one, we are judging and often in a greater degree (remember Jesus' funny example of a man with a log in his eye trying to remove the dust particle from another's eye?) St. Philip Neri commented, watching the misbehavior of a drunkard: *"There goes Philip but for the grace of God."* Abraham Lincoln said that the only one who has the right to criticize is the one who has the heart to help. **5)** Hence, we should leave all judgment to God, practice mercy and forgiveness, and pray for God's grace to get rid of all forms of hypocrisy in our lives. Let us remember the warning of saints: *"When you point one finger of accusation at another, three of your fingers point at you."*

☺Judgmental husband: There's the story of the conscientious wife who tried very hard to please her ultra-critical husband but failed regularly. He always seemed the most cantankerous at breakfast. If the eggs were scrambled, he wanted them poached; if the eggs were poached, he wanted them scrambled. One morning, with what she thought was a stroke of genius, the wife poached one egg and scrambled the other and placed the plate before him. Anxiously she awaited what surely this time would be his unqualified approval. He peered down at the plate and snorted, "Can't you do anything right, woman? You've scrambled the wrong one!"

Dear Padre,

Does pregnancy qualify as an exemption from abstinence and fasting in Lent?

Yes, it does. Just to be clear, abstinence is not eating meat on the Fridays of Lent and applies to Catholics over the age of fourteen. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine are obligated to fast, that is, eat only one full meal and two smaller meals that do not add up to a full meal. In addition to children and elders, exemptions from these disciplines include pregnant or nursing women and the physically or mentally ill, including those with chronic illnesses, like diabetes.



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It is presumed that mature Catholics will seek balance and integration in the practice of the faith and will routinely make careful, informed decisions and apply them to spiritual practice. Obviously, being informed and aware of what the Church teaches, why the Church teaches something, and how it is to be applied and understood will only enhance a person's discernment.

The health of an unborn baby is a clear responsibility and of the utmost importance. Maintaining a healthy and balanced diet during pregnancy and adjusting any habitual practices that may endanger the health of the baby should be a primary concern. While exempt from fasting and abstinence, a pregnant woman may want to observe Lent by adopting another penitential discipline, something that would do no harm to the baby but would still be in the spirit of Lent. ●

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
March 3	March 4	March 5	March 6	March 7	March 8	March 9
Weekday	Weekday	Ash Wednesday	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	Friday after Ash Wednesday	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	First Sunday of Lent
Sir 17:20-24 Mk 10:17-27	Sir 35:1-12 Mk 10:28-31	Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	Dt 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25	Is 58:1-9a Mt 9:14-15	Is 58:9b-14 Lk 5:27-32	Dt 26:4-10 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

What Jesus says is true: we always find reasons for blaming others and justifying ourselves. And very often we complain about things that are wrong in society, in the Church, in the world, without first questioning ourselves and without making an effort to change.... Every fruitful, positive change must begin from ourselves. Otherwise, there will be no change.

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 2, 2025

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sirach 27:4-7 / 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 / Luke 6:39-45



Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?

LUKE 6:41



Blindsided

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

There are days when the darker side of who we are rises up and slaps us in the face. One evening, I decided to go to see a film. I bought a ticket, made my way into the theater, and found a seat that would give me an unobstructed view of the screen, one that had patrons on either side of the open seat in front of me. Fairly sure that no one would sit in front of me, I felt good about my maneuver. A few minutes before the film began, a group of four walked down the aisle, looking for a string of open seats in the crowded theater. One of them stopped at my row and asked if I would move down a seat. Immediately, I realized my predicament. If I moved, I'd be behind someone tall, with my vision of the screen blocked.

I'd spend the film gazing through someone's head. I said no. The woman who had asked was taken aback, said so, and then moved on. Just as quickly, I found myself shocked by my own selfishness. Where had that come from? Was I really not who I thought I was? I discovered that there are hidden pieces of who we are that seldom come to light, and when they do, we cringe. If we are fortunate, the Lenten journey we begin on Ash Wednesday might reveal to us what it is that lives in our hearts. ●

Reflect

What can I do for Lent that may help me see myself more clearly?