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

**Responsorial Psalm 138:** Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

**St. Theresa's Parish News:**

\*\*\*\*\*Sunday Mass have resumed at St. Theresa's, (masks are mandatory) \*\*\*\*\*

**Congratulations** Kaitlyn Antoniwi, who has received her 1<sup>st</sup> Communion this past Saturday!

**St. Joseph The Worker Parish News:**

\*\*\*\*\***Since Covid Epidemic has created a need for ushers & sanitizers following Saturday & Sunday Masses, please, if you are able to help in some way – call the parish office and leave a message. \*\*\***

**Congratulations** to Harley & Kianna Jerome, Joven Lazarte, and Sid Pareja who have received their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion this past Saturday!

**Thank you to all volunteers who give their time, care and generosity to usher & sanitize our Parish after mass!**

**May Father Paul have a wonderful Holiday until Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>! In case of an emergency, or you need to contact a priest, please call Father Christopher Dubois, 204-683-2273.**

**CCRS of MB - 14-Week Online Formation Course**

Starting on September 6<sup>th</sup>, there will be offered an Online Formation Course – “Jesus in the 4 Gospels”. Have you ever wanted to take a deep dive into reading, studying, and learning the Gospels but it has been difficult to do so? Ever wonder what are the similarities and differences from the 4 evangelists? Why do we have 4 gospels and no less/more? Would you like to get to know Jesus on a personal level thru the “lenses” of those who witness and wrote the Gospels? If so, this is your opportunity! Go to [www.catholicrenewalservices.com](http://www.catholicrenewalservices.com) for more information.

**Did you Know.....**

*The Angelus Domini* prayer is used by the faithful to commemorate the holy annunciation of angel Gabriel to Mary. It is used 3 times daily: at dawn, mid-day & at dusk. It is a recollection of the salvific event in which the Word became flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary, through the power of the Holy Spirit in accordance with the salvific plan of the Father. A simple, prayer with rhythm & biblical character, we are encouraged to maintain in our lives. It is as follows:

*V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,  
R. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.  
Hail Mary...*

*V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord,  
R. Be it done unto me according to Thy word.  
Hail Mary...*

*V. And the Word was made flesh,  
R. And dwelt among us.*

**Please Note:**

We are now starting our children's collection on weekends!

*Hail Mary...*

*V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,  
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

*Let us pray*

*Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His passion and cross be brought to the glory of His resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Mass Intentions For The Week:**

**Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Saturday Aug 22      7:30 p.m. Russell:      Special intentions req. Dwayne Pastuck  
Sunday Aug 23      9:00 a.m. Russell:      For all Parishioners req. Father Paul  
11:00 a.m. Rossburn: +Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. Joe, Rose & family

**No Mass from Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>** Father Paul on Holidays.

**Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Saturday Aug 29      7:30 p.m. Russell:      For health of family req. Jean Goba  
Sunday Aug 30      9:00 a.m. Russell:      For all Parishioners req. Father Paul  
11:00 a.m. Rossburn: +Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. Joe, Rose & family

**Growing God's Kingdom in a Material World Series** - Growing the Stewardship Garden, Fr. John Weckend

**12. The Spiritual Garden**

We come to the most significant plot in our life garden - that of the spiritual. Something of it underlies all the other plots because it like the very ground without which nothing came grow. I am reminded of a story of a rather arrogant scientist who said that empirical science could now challenge God in reproducing everything in nature that He had created. God accepted the challenge but reminded the scientist, ' But remember you have to bring your own dirt.' So, what are the necessary ingredients in our spiritual plot that will ensure that the seeds of Faith planted in baptism will germinate, grow, and produce the fruits of the Holy Spirit? Certainly, prayer is that constant nutrient necessary for life without which we wither. Prayer, in whatever form it may take is that active conversation we have with God. Joining with others in liturgies and services of public prayer to feel God's spirit moving among his people; sensing the wonder awe of God's presence in creation; probing the scriptures and their commentaries to open up new insights in God's Word, making good use of the works of spiritual writers. Videos, inspirational music in the forms available to us these days. All of these, provide the inspiration to pit the love of God in us that we might carry out the works of Justice, mercy and love. St Paul perhaps put it well when he said that we but vessels of clay entrusted with **Conclusion** We see that stewardship touches virtually every area of life. If we have been entrusted with much - much will be expected. But keep in mind that while we may tend the garden - it is God Who gives the growth. So how is your garden growing? carrying the treasure of the Gospel.

**August 23, 2020 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Stewardship Message**

*“Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?” (Romans 11:35)*

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything - God already owns it all. God made everything. All we can do is return a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity! Through your generous sharing, you just may be the answer to someone's prayer.

**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.



# Dear Padre,

## What does the Church teach about body art?

I'm a bit squeamish when I see a piercing in a place other than an ear, and when I see a tattoo covering a large part of a person's body I wonder what that person will think about that tattoo in twenty years. But these things are a matter of taste; for example, I don't think there is anything



wrong with earrings, but others might.

The Church has no teaching on tattoos, piercings, or shaping (when a body part is purposely reshaped to fit a cultural ideal). "Do not lacerate your bodies for the dead, and do not tattoo yourselves," say Leviticus 19:28, clearly outlawing piercings and tattoos. But it also says, "Do not...spoil the edges of your beard" (Leviticus 19:27). I broke that law this morning when I shaved.

In their introduction to the Book of Leviticus in the *New American Bible*, revised edition, the bishops teach that the laws in this book are "not merely legislative." They were designed to instill "a way of life in the book's hearers and readers."

We may not have the same obligation to adhere to those rules, but it is important for Catholics to remember 1

Corinthians 3:16: "You are the temple of God." We should do nothing to deface the temple of God. So if you do get a piercing or a tattoo, remember that you're God's temple.

—Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR  
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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*The acceptance of our body as a gift from God is vital for welcoming and accepting the entire world as a gift from the Father...Thinking that we enjoy absolute power over our own bodies turns, often subtly, into thinking that we enjoy an absolute power over creation.*

—ADDRESS TO PONTIFICAL ACADEMY FOR LIFE, JUNE 26, 2018

## Calendar

**Monday**  
AUGUST 24  
St. Bartholomew,  
Apostle  
Rv 21:9b–14  
Jn 1:45–51

**Tuesday**  
AUGUST 25  
Weekday  
2 Thes 2:1–3a, 14–17  
Mt 23:23–26

**Wednesday**  
AUGUST 26  
Weekday  
2 Thes 3:6–10, 16–18  
Mt 23:27–32

**Thursday**  
AUGUST 27  
St. Monica  
1 Cor 1:1–9  
Mt 24:42–51

**Friday**  
AUGUST 28  
St. Augustine,  
Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church  
1 Cor 1:17–25  
Mt 25:1–13

**Saturday**  
AUGUST 29  
The Passion of  
St. John the Baptist  
1 Cor 1:26–31  
Mk 6:17–29

**Sunday**  
AUGUST 30  
Twenty-second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Jer 20:7–9  
Rom 12:1–2  
Mt 16:21–27

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 23, 2020

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 22:19–23

Rom 11:33–36

Mt 16:13–20

## Who's in Charge?

**T**here are lots of reasons one could be in charge.

You might be the only one left to do the job. Or, in the case of babysitting, you might simply be older. You could be in charge because you are a bully with the biggest fists, sticks, or guns. Or you might be in charge because you are the best qualified for the job. Today's readings offer us two stories about being chosen for leadership.

In the Old Testament reading, Shebna, an official in King Hezekiah's court, overreached his position of authority. He was demoted and replaced by Eliakim. Carrying the key symbolizes authority over the entire household. Placing it on the shoulder suggests an investiture ceremony. In the Gospel, entrusting Peter with the keys to the kingdom of heaven suggests similar authority, though in a significantly different household.

In both instances the position of authority is meant to be exercised for the benefit of the members of the

respective household. It was precisely because of his failure in this matter that Shebna was demoted and Eliakim placed in charge. What about Peter? The Gospel tells us that the choice of Peter followed his remarkable statement of faith: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16).

These stories tell us that God chooses very ordinary people for positions of leadership. Why them? Are they the only ones left? Are they the oldest? Were they the best qualified? It was not because they were bullies. Obviously God thought they could do the job.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ It's not easy being a leader of God's people. Pray for those who have been called to that role.
- ★ Have you ever thought of volunteering to serve on a church committee?

[Jesus said,]  
"You are Peter, and upon  
this rock I will build my  
church, and the gates of  
the netherworld shall not  
prevail against it."  
MATTHEW 16:18

