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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 16): Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

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 November: *For anyone who has lost a child:* We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Nov 16 7:30 p.m. Russell For Fr Paul req by Irene Deschamps

Sunday Nov 17 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 For Fr Paul req by Nellie Chicheluk

Monday Nov 18 Health of family & friends req by Jean Goba

Tuesday Nov 19 No Mass

Wed Nov 20 No Mass

Thurs Nov 21 No Mass

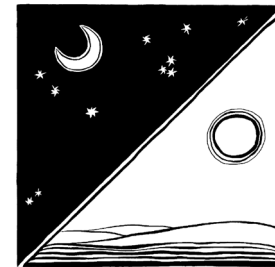
Friday Nov 22 11:00 a.m. Funeral – Frank Horeczy

Christ the King

Saturday Nov 23 7:30 p.m. Russell + For Laverne Lamontagne req by her sister Kathleen Jerome

Sunday Nov 24 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 + For Nellie Kaskiw req by the Kaskiw family



St Theresa's Parish is looking for someone to clean the church bi-weekly. If you are interested and want more information, contact Emile at 204-859-0220.

****First communion** classes have begun and they are on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. after 9 a.m. mass. If there was anyone who didn't get their name on the list, please let Glenda Stasiuk know. 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.

World Day of the Poor – November 17th

In 2017, Pope Francis instituted the World Day of the Poor so that "throughout the world Christian communities can become an ever greater sign of Christ's charity for the least and those most in need."

****The good thing about dreams is that if they don't come true you can always dream new ones.**

*****A new schedule for "Coffee Sundays" for 2025 at St. Joseph's has been completed.** The copies have been set up at the back of the church. Please pick up a copy if you would like one. Coffee Sunday is part of the Ministry of Hospitality. Thank you.

St. Joseph's Parish Advent Potluck Party will be held on Saturday, November 30th, 2024 starting with Mass at 5:00 p.m. (NO 7:30 p.m. Mass that Saturday). Just as we have done these past years, we are celebrating the beginning of the advent season with Mass, a potluck supper, games, carols and our Lucky Draw Auction. Bring a dish or two for the potluck, food items for the Russell & Area Food Connections (for each item you bring you will receive a ticket towards the Lucky Draw Auction downstairs) and bring some money so you can buy tickets! Tickets are just a Loonie each for our Auction with all proceeds also going to our local food bank. If you would like to donate an item for our Auction Table (we only accept new items) please contact the parish office or anyone on the parish social committee. We will have a couple of Door Prizes again this year for the children and adults! Please note: we will also be accepting donations to the Orphanage & missions in Peru that evening. Plan to come and celebrate advent with your parish community and help those in need at the same time! **Please Note: Parish Council members (with Donalda as captain) are to look after the kitchen!**

Would you like to provide a gift this Christmas for a child in your community?

The Russell & Area Food Connections is asking for your help for a child's gift, limit of \$35 - with no batteries. It will be distributed in the annual Christmas food hampers in our area. Just take a "Gift Tag" from the Stewardship Tree, which has been put up at St. Joseph The Worker Church. When you bring your un-wrapped gift with attached Gift Tag - place it in the hamper next to the tree. Deadline is Sunday, Dec. 8th.

Socks (unwrapped) of all sizes and colors are also needed! Bring those to the church by Sunday, December 8th, and place them under the Stewardship Tree.

If you are unable to drop off gifts/socks at the church, you may also drop off at Bev & Jim Roszell's at 328 Mather St. E. Russell (phone 204-773-3998)

A letter from the Archdiocese has been sent out to all Parishioners that they have on their records, concerning **Sharing God's Gift Appeal**

Sharing God's Gift Appeal: Our Parish does the Sharing God's Gift Appeal during lent. A couple of years ago the Archdiocese changed the SGG Appeal to the fall. We at St. Joseph decided to keep it during Lent. As far as this letter from the Archdiocese concerning SGG, if you have made your donation for 2024, please ignore the letter. If you have not yet donated to Sharing God's Gifts than please use it as a reminder. You have until middle of December to donate.

Parable of the fig tree and warning for watchfulness: Jesus gives a warning lesson from the fig tree, using stock prophetic expressions well known to his listeners (Ezra 9:3; 13:1; Baruch 27:5-13; Amos 8:9; Joel 2:10, 3:15; Ezekiel 32: 7, 8; Isaiah 27:13, 35; Micah 7:12; Zechariah 10:6-11). The fig tree sprouts its leaves in late spring heralding the summer season. The application of this image to the end of the world suggests that the end of the world will mean good times, or summer, for Jesus' disciples, because their God will be bringing things to a triumphant end, and His Truth, Love, and Justice will prevail forever. But we must always be well prepared to face our judgment because we do not know the day nor the hour, either of the ending of the world or of our own call from this life. Hence, true disciples are to watch and wait in a state of readiness. Instead of worrying about the endtime events, we are asked to live every day of our lives in loving God in Himself and as living in others through our committed service. Thus, we will enter into a deeper relationship with God, which will continue when we pass through death into a different kind of life.

Dear Padre,

I am confused by Genesis 6:6: "The LORD regretted making human beings on the earth, and his heart was grieved." How can a perfect being regret something he created in his own image?



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Sometimes reading an isolated line of Scripture can be confusing. Context is essential. The Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation (*Dei Verbum*), promulgated by Pope St. Paul VI on November 18, 1965, clearly teaches this Catholic understanding of sacred Scripture. A proper appreciation of context, in the example you provided, reminds us that the holy writers of Scripture were not reporting the words of the Lord like an announcer on the evening news. This is not a newspaper account of a witnessed event or a report commenting on the scene that has unfolded. Biblical authors were constrained by their own experience and perception, even as they were inspired by the Spirit of God. When they made a conclusion, they frequently revealed more about their humanity than they did about the divinity they witnessed. The divine is just too wonderful and mysterious for humans to fully comprehend.

The author of Genesis provided a summary of how the experience of the creative activity of God was perceived. It is not the whole story and is perhaps best understood more as a contrast with Genesis 1:31, where we read that on the sixth day, "God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good." ●

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

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
November 18	November 19	November 20	November 21	November 22	November 23	November 24
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr	Weekday	Our Lord
Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22	Rv 4:1-11	Rv 5:1-10	Rv 10:8-11	Rv 11:4-12	Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Lk 18:35-43	Lk 19:1-10	Lk 19:11-28	Lk 19:41-44	Lk 19:45-48	Lk 20:27-40	Dn 7:13-14
						Rv 1:5-8
						Jn 18:33b-37



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Those who do good, are investing in eternity. When we see a person who is generous and helpful, meek, patient, who is not envious, does not gossip, who is not boastful...who is not rude...this is a person who builds Heaven on earth.... What they do will not be lost because good is never lost, good lasts forever.

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 17, 2024

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Daniel 12:1-3 / Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 / Mark 13:24-32



When Worlds Collapse

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When personal worlds collapse, we can lose our way. The stars that marked our path through life disappear. When everything in life on which we had depended is shaken, we can feel life is not worth living. It happens when someone we love dies, when life-threatening illness lays us low, when a relationship disintegrates without warning. Then the world we once knew is no more. This week's Gospel suggests "when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates" (Mark 13:29). But how can that be?

I met Marguerite and Ken when I came to the parish. A short time later, I received a phone call that Ken had suffered a massive heart attack. He had gone down to the basement for something, and that was where he died. I spent some time with Marguerite, and as you

can imagine, she was wrapped in grief. They'd had a wonderful marriage, she told me, had done everything together. Whatever one did, the other went along. Two years later, Marguerite and I were talking and she began telling me how life had changed for her without Ken. She still missed him terribly. But lately she found herself involved in all sorts of parish activities and services she never would have gotten into, simply because they had always done things together. Without Ken, she found new worlds she never knew existed. For Marguerite, God had opened the gates to new life. ●

Reflect

Has a personal tragedy ever become a doorway to new life for you?

[Jesus said.] "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light."

MARK 13:24