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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 47): God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.



*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 June: *That the world might grow in compassion:* Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

Ascension of the Lord

Saturday	May 31	7:30 p.m. Russell	Liturgy of the Word with Deacon Conrad
Sunday	Jun 1	9:00 a.m. Russell	<u>Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. and YouTube after 10:15 a.m.</u> Liturgy of the Word with Deacon Conrad
		11:00 a.m. Rossburn	Liturgy of the Word with Deacon Conrad
Monday	Jun 2	No Mass	
Tuesday	Jun 3	No Mass	
Wed	Jun 4	10:30 a.m. Russell Personal Care Home –	Liturgy of the word with Deacon Darin
Thurs	Jun 5	No Mass – Diving Deeper meeting	
		7:00 p.m. St Lazare Parish Healing Mass - all are welcome	
Friday	Jun 6	8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration	
		9:00 a.m. Special Intentions req by Gary & Nicole Petz	
		11:00 a.m. Rossburn Sacred Heart of Jesus	
		For all parishioners req by Father Paul	

Pentecost Sunday

Saturday	Jun 7	11:00 a.m. Rossburn Immaculate Heart Of Mary	
		For Fr Paul req by Wade & Kristy McLaughlin & family	
		7:30 p.m. Russell For all parishioners req by Father Paul	
Sunday	Jun 8	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 + Nellie & Frank Kaskiw req by the Kaskiw family	

We would like to thank Darlene Witty's group and the First Communion families who supplied the food and drink for last Sunday's coffee Sunday! It was great to celebrate with the first communion children and their families. Coffee Sunday is a part of the Ministry of Hospitality, a time to gather together, greet one another and visit after Mass while enjoying coffee and snacks!



World Communications Day – June 1

Today Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication (films, radio, television, newspapers, audiovisuals) and how these influence our lives.

The media can promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media and reject those which promote values contrary to spiritual growth.



The CWL are hosting a come and go tea in celebration of their 70 years of membership in St. Joseph's parish. This will be held in the church basement on June 14th from 2 – 4 p.m. This is open to all parish members and anyone who wishes to attend. Please mark your calendars for this day!

Thursday, June 5 Healing Mass at St Lazare Parish beginning at 7pm

Life messages: 1) We need to be proclaimers and evangelizers: In today's Gospel, Jesus gives his mission to all believers: "Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." This mission is not given to a select few but to all believers. To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and an evangelizer. There is a difference between preaching and proclaiming. "We preach with words but we proclaim with our lives." As we celebrate the Lord's return to His Father in Heaven – His Ascension — we are being commissioned to go forth and proclaim the Gospel of life, love, hope, and peace, by the witness of our lives. On this day of hope, encouragement and commissioning, let us renew our commitment to be true disciples everywhere we go, beginning with our family and our parish, "living in a manner worthy of the call [we] have received." Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, Evangelii Gaudium, says: "All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the Faith, are agents of evangelization, and it would be insufficient to envisage a plan of evangelization to be carried out by professionals while the rest of the faithful would simply be passive recipients. ... Indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love."



2) We need to live a life of Christian Joy in the presence of the ascended Lord. According to Luke, the disciples "returned to Jerusalem with great joy." Apparently, Jesus' exaltation and final blessing gave them, as it gives us, the assurance that, though absent, Jesus is still present, even in the pain and sorrow we undergo. That is why St. Augustine assures us, "Christ is now exalted above the Heavens, but he still suffers on earth all the pain that we, the members of his Body, have to bear. He showed this when He cried out from above: 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?' and when He said: 'I was hungry and you gave me food.' While in Heaven He is also with us; and while on earth we are with Him. He is here with us by His Divinity, His power and His love. We cannot be in Heaven, as He is on earth, by Divinity, but in Him, we can be there by love." (Sermon on the Ascension of the Lord, Mai' 98, 1-7: PLS 2, 429-495) "With a spirit of wisdom and insight to know him clearly," (Eph 1:17), we can discover Christ's presence at every turn of our life's journeys to his final return at the end of time.

3) We have a teaching mission: Jesus gave us lessons in Faith, Hope, Love, forgiveness, mercy, and Redemption. We cannot put these lessons on a shelf and ignore them. They stand before us in the person of Jesus. Although no longer visibly present in the world, He is present in his words. We must make his words real in our lives and in the lives of others. Christianity was meant to be a Faith in which Jesus' followers would help and care for others, just as Jesus had done, and in so doing, care for Jesus in them. But the spreading of the Good News to all nations is not a goal that can be attained by human might and craft. This is why Jesus promises to empower his messengers with His abiding presence and that of the Holy Spirit. The challenge of sharing the Good News with all mankind should, therefore, begin with our admission that we have often been arrogant and overbearing. We must learn to be humble and let the Holy Spirit lead the way.

4) The ascended Jesus is our source of strength and encouragement: Perhaps some of the nagging doubts, which inevitably accompany the journey of Faith, could be lessened by our meditating on the Ascension and its implications. When we are too far from Faith to pray on our own, let us remember that we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the Righteous, praying for us. When the trials of life feel too heavy to bear, we must remember that Christ will come again in glory, the same glory in which He arose from the tomb, the same glory in which He ascended, and the same glory in which He currently abides. Though our limited perception might find Jesus absent, our Lord is fully present, participating in every moment of our lives. By His Ascension, Christ has not deserted us but has made it possible for the Holy Spirit to enter all times and places. In this way it is possible for each of us to be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit into agents or instruments of Christ. We are enlivened, and our actions become animated in a new way by Holy Spirit as we serve the God we love. Each of us, particularly, each ministerial priest, has become "another Christ" (alter Christus) in the world. <https://frtonyshomilies.com/2025/05/25/ascension-of-our-lord-2/>

Dear Padre,

What does the Catholic Church teach about miracles?

Miracles are extraordinary occurrences without natural explanation that manifest the presence and power of God. We believe in miracles “because of the authority of God himself who reveals them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 156).

Christ’s multiplication of the loaves is the only miracle recorded by all four evangelists. He performed many other natural miracles—calming the storm, walking on water—and numerous healings as well—curing the deaf and mute, the woman with a hemorrhage. These signs attest that the Father sent Jesus and “they invite belief in him” (CCC, 548). Moreover, Jesus’ miracles “also confirm that the kingdom has already arrived on earth...” (“Dogmatic Constitution on the Church,” 5).

Today, God still manifests his presence in the Church through miracles. For example, potential medical healings are rigorously investigated by the Vatican for sainthood causes. Other supernatural occurrences—such as apparitions and eucharistic phenomena—are likewise thoroughly and prudently investigated with caution to maintain the Church’s credibility and prevent confusion among the faithful.

To that end, in May 2024, the Vatican updated its guidelines for assessing apparitions, visions, and alleged revelations, and reaffirmed that a bishop cannot rule on the validity of a particular case before the pope formally deems it to be “supernatural” for pastoral value. (Search “Norms for Proceeding in the Discernment of Alleged Supernatural Phenomena” at [Vatican.va](https://www.vatican.va).) ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / [DearPadre.org](https://dearpadre.org)



A photograph of Pope Francis, wearing his white papal attire, smiling and holding a young child in a blue outfit. They are surrounded by a crowd of people, some of whom are taking photos with cameras. The background is slightly blurred, focusing on the Pope and the child.

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Do we know how to make ourselves intercessors for others, that is, do we know how to pray for them and bless their lives?... Let us learn this: intercessory prayer, interceding for the hopes and sufferings of the world, interceding for peace. And let us bless with our eyes and our words those we meet every day!

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 29, 2022

Monday June 2 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 19:1–8 Jn 16:29–33	Friday June 6 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 25:13b–21 Jn 21:15–19
Tuesday June 3 <i>St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs</i> Acts 20:17–27 Jn 17:1–11a	Saturday June 7 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 28:16–20, 30–31 Jn 21:20–25
Wednesday June 4 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 20:28–38 Jn 17:11b–19	Sunday June 8 <i>Pentecost</i> Acts 2:1–11 1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13 or Rom 8:8–17 Jn 20:19–23 or Jn 14:15–16, 23b–26
Thursday June 5 <i>St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr</i> Acts 22:30; 23:6–11 Jn 17:20–26	

Our Parish COMMUNITY

June 1, 2025

The Ascension of the Lord (C)

Acts 1:1–11 / Ephesians 1:17–23 or Hebrews 9:24–28; 10:19–23 / Luke 24:46–53

Why Doesn’t God Do Something?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It is said that we never grow up until both parents have died, when we can no longer go home. Yet, for each of us, there may also be a symbolic moment that moves us from childhood into adulthood. It may be achieving financial independence, graduating from school, or moving out on our own. Whatever it may be, we say to ourselves, “I am now grown up.” Whenever such moments occur, we feel empowered to shape our lives and our future.

The feast of the Ascension is that sort of marker: God has empowered us to shape the world in the image of Jesus. Just as our parents empower us into an adulthood that contributes to life, it is now God who empowers us with the very same power by which he raised Jesus from the dead. It is a power and a presence by which God makes the world new through us.

There are those who say they no longer believe in God, because if there is a good God, then he would not allow violence, the death of children before their time, and all sorts of evil that mars human life. Perhaps the greater question is not “Why doesn’t God do something?” but rather “Why do we not do something?” To pass on the responsibility to God is to abdicate our own responsibility and deny the fact that God continues to empower us as adults and expects us to utilize that power and presence to make all things new. ●

Reflect

In what ways do I act like an adult?

How is the world a better place because of me?



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