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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 30): I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.



*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.

The Pope's Prayer Intention May: *For working conditions:* Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

3rd Sunday Of Easter

- Saturday May 3 11:00 a.m. Rossburn **Immaculate Heart Of Mary**
 + Cyrille & Marie Claire Sabourin req by the Sabourin family
 7:30 p.m. Russell For all parishioners req by Father Paul
- Sunday May 4 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
- Monday May 5
- Tuesday May 6 **Father Paul will be away to the Annual Priests' Retreat from May 5 to May 9**
- Wed May 7 **No masses for this week**
- Thurs May 8 In case of emergency please call Donald Wishart at (204)773-6345 or Father
- Friday May 9 Jay for anointing if necessary (204)859-3025



4th Sunday of Easter – World Day of Prayer for Vocations

- Saturday May 10 7:30 p.m. Russell + Frank Horeczy req by the Horeczy family
- Sunday May 11 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. and YouTube after 10:15 a.m.**
 + Emilienne Mangin req by George Mangin & family
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn For all parishioners req by Father Paul

****First communion** classes will be again today at St. Joseph's, May 4th at 10:00 a.m. after 9 a.m. mass. Thank you!

CWL meeting Monday May 5 at 1:00 in the church basement. New members are very welcome!

This year marks St. Joseph's 100th anniversary! If anyone has any ideas as to how we could celebrate this great milestone, please get in touch with the church office. Thank you!

The Holy Land collection totaled \$848.00.

In the month of April there was a deposit of \$287 to the Children's collection making a total of \$533 for the year so far. Thank you to everyone who donated to all these collections.

Marian Month: For the month of May, the CWL will lead the Rosary. Please come early to join them as they will start leading in prayer at **8:40 a.m.** We will begin today. Thank you!



Food for Thought:

Today's Gospel narrative shows us the rehabilitation of Peter, who denied Jesus three times in the courtyard of Caiaphas, repented, and then received Primacy in the Church from Jesus. The Gospel also shows us God in search of man, even when man tries to evade Him.

Scripture lessons: The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, tells us how the Holy Spirit transformed Peter, whom Jesus had appointed head of his Church, from a man fearful of powerful men into a brave witness to the Resurrection. Peter stands before the Jewish Supreme Court – the Sanhedrin – boldly announcing that he and the others must obey God rather than men. The second reading, taken from Revelation (the Apocalypse), presents John's vision of the Risen Lord as the glorified "Lamb of God," enthroned in Heaven. The whole of Revelation is an expression of Christian hope in the Risen Lord. Today's Gospel tells the post-Resurrection story of our merciful Savior Who goes in search of His band of disappointed, dejected disciples. The incident proves that Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances were not mere hallucinations. In the first part of today's Gospel, the risen Jesus appears to His disciples and gives them a symbol of their mission in a miraculous catch of fish followed by a grilled fish breakfast prepared by Jesus himself. The second part is a dialogue between Jesus and Simon where Simon is asked three times whether he loves Jesus, and he answers that he does, as if in reparation for his triple denial of Jesus. The two metaphors used in the story, namely fishing and shepherding, are the duties of the Church in her missionary work. Peter, as a forgiven



Death was proof that
 Jesus was human.

Resurrection was
 proof that He is God.

sinner, is chosen for the quality of his love to serve as leader in a community of brothers and sisters. As his primary mission, Peter is given the care of the vulnerable lambs and sheep, and he is told that fidelity to this mission will lead him to martyrdom.

Life messages: We need to open our eyes, ears, and hearts wide to see, hear, and experience the Risen Lord coming into our lives in various forms, circumstances, and events: 1) The Risen Lord blesses us with success and achievements. We often fail to acknowledge the presence of the Risen Lord behind our unexpected successes, great achievements, promotions at work, miraculous healings, and success in relationships. He is right there in our parties, celebrations, and occasions of rejoicing. 2) The Risen Lord is present in our pains and suffering: Acts 9:1-13 tells us how the Risen Lord transformed the life of Saul by flattening him on the Damascus Road and allowing him to become temporarily blind. The same Jesus often visits us in the form of accidents, illnesses, the loss of dear ones, pain, suffering, and problems in relationships. 3) The Risen Lord visits us through our friends and well-wishers: He is present in those who visit us and encourage us in our sad, desperate moments. The Risen Lord visits us in the form of unexpected help from the least expected persons in our dire needs. 4) The Risen Lord is present in our Christian worship: He is present on our altars during the Holy Mass to share His life with us; He is present in the words of Holy Scripture; He is there in the Sacraments, and He is there where two or three are gathered in his name (Mt 18: 20).

The value of a \$20 bill: A well-known speaker began a seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. He asked the audience, "Who would like to have this \$20 bill?" Hands started going up. He then said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you, but first, let me do this." He proceeded to crumple the dollar bill up. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" The hands remained in the air. "Well," he continued, "What if I do this?" He dropped it to the floor and proceeded to grind it with his shoe. He picked it up, crumpled and dirty. "Now who still wants it?" Still the hands were raised because the bill had not decreased in value. It was still worth \$20. — Many times in our lives, we feel crumpled and ground into the dirt by the decisions we have made, and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. No matter what has happened to us, however, we never lose our value in God's eyes. The worth of our lives comes not in what we do or who we are, but from Him to whom we belong! We are special – let us never forget it! This is the lesson of today's Gospel, which tells us how Jesus chose the repentant Peter to be the leader of his Church, even though Peter had denied him three times.

Dear Padre,

I committed some grave sins many years ago, and I have been to confession to confess and be absolved, but I still feel guilty. Do I need to confess again?

Absolutely not. There is no need to confess your sins again. This is not required, and it may indicate a lack of faith in the power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thankfully, the sacrament does not require perfection.

It does not require any additional action on your part other than to be open to the movement of the Spirit of God.

Forgiveness is a gift from God. It is not something you merit. It is not something you earn. And there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive. Rather, it is a blessing you accept gratefully, thankfully, and with a profound knowledge and respect for the mercy of God at work in your life. To confess your sins again and again does nothing except make you feel more guilty. It is a way of punishing yourself; a futile attempt to try to earn what has been freely given. A better use of your time and energy would be to discover a way to remind yourself, not of guilt or imperfection, but of the love God has for you. It is indeed awesome and amazing, as the song so accurately celebrates: “Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.” ●

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

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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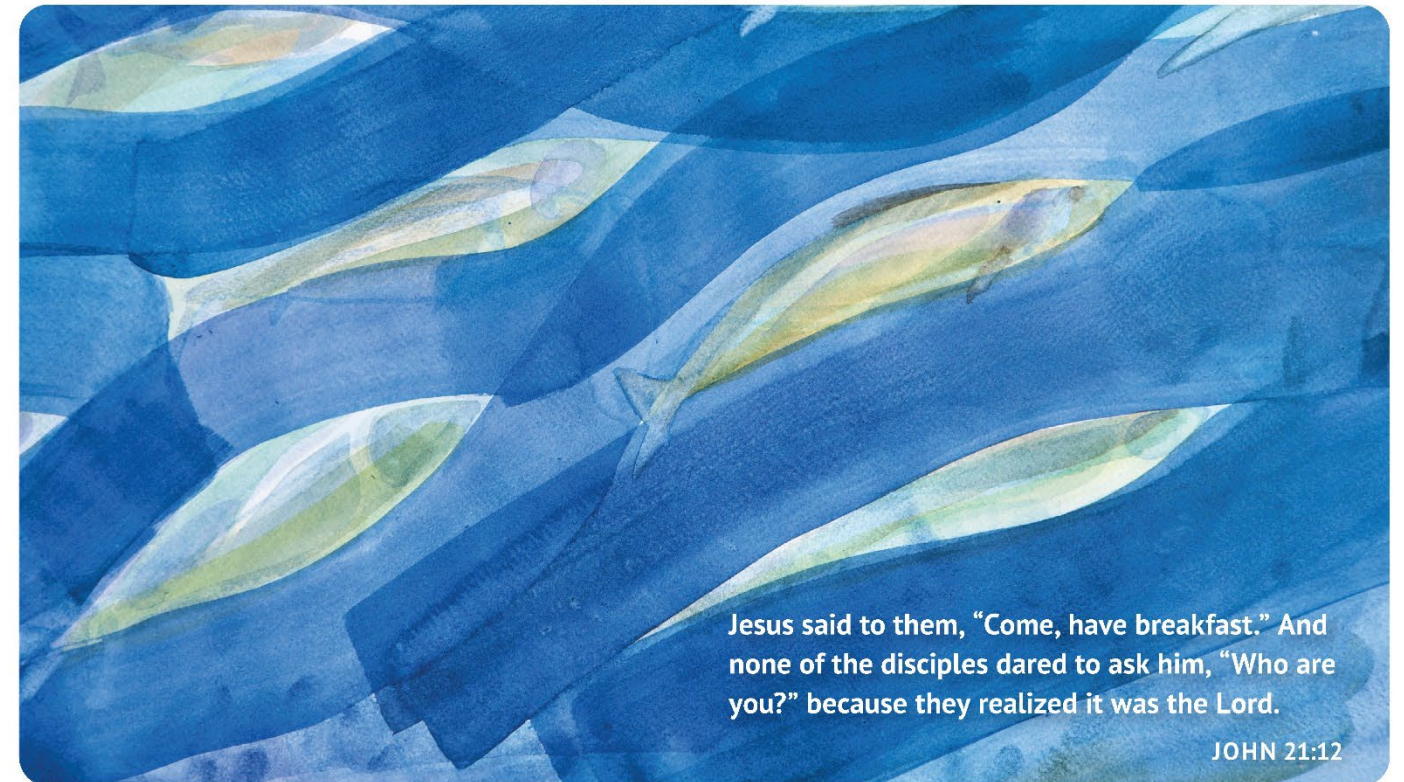
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11
Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:8–15	Acts 7:51–8:1a	Acts 8:1b–8	Acts 8:26–40	Acts 9:1–20	Acts 9:31–42	Acts 13:14, 43–52
Jn 6:22–29	Jn 6:30–35	Jn 6:35–40	Jn 6:44–51	Jn 6:52–59	Jn 6:60–69	Rv 7:9, 14b–17
						Jn 10:27–30

Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter (C)

Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41 / Revelation 5:11–14 / John 21:1–19 or 21:1–14



Jesus said to them, “Come, have breakfast.” And none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they realized it was the Lord.

JOHN 21:12

The Abundance

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

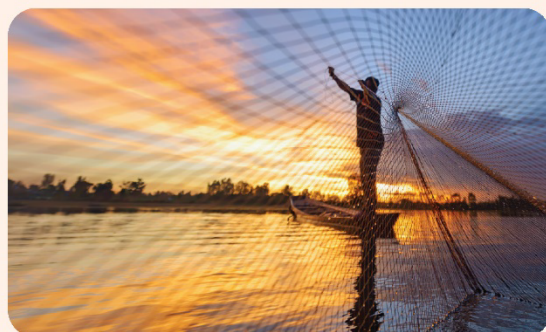
Twenty-five years ago, when Carl was about eighteen years old, he asked me how he would know when he had truly fallen in love. How would he know that it wasn't simply infatuation or passion and that she was the right person? Today, Carl tells me that I said something to him about recognizing that if you have to ask the question, it probably isn't love; it is probably the woman who best captures the most attractive aspects of all the women he has ever dated, liked, or loved.

For the next twenty years or so, Carl never seemed to find that love he was seeking—until one day, it happened. He fell in love and got married. Five years later, I asked Carl if it was indeed love. He said he believed it was, even though during those years of empty seeking, he thought true love would never come to him. He also said he's convinced that it was the hand of God that brought them together. Of that, he has no doubts.

In its own way, Carl's story is really the story of Peter and his friends going fishing and finding nothing all night long. Then, at dawn, a voice from the shore suggests that they try the other side of the boat. Lo and behold, an abundance appears where there had been only emptiness. That's when Peter and his friends realize, “It is the Lord!” For us, too, we have those moments when we recognize God's hand in our lives. ●

Reflect

Is there a hole in my life that's waiting to be filled? Where am I looking?



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Brothers and sisters, when our nets are empty in life, it is not the time to feel sorry for ourselves, to take our minds off things, to return to old pastimes. It is time to begin again with Jesus, it is time to find the courage to begin again, it is time to put out to sea again with Jesus.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 1, 2022