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

**Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 54):** The Lord upholds by life.

**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 September:** *For the cry of the earth:* We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

**Mass Intentions For This Week:**

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday Sep 21 7:30 p.m. Russell + Duncan Spurway req by Charm

Sunday Sep 22 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. and YouTube after 10:15 a.m.**

For all parishioners by Father Paul

11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req by Rose & family

Monday Sep 23 Health of family & friends req by Jean Goba

Tuesday Sep 24 Health of family & friends req by Jean Goba

Wed Sep 25 No Mass

Thurs Sep 26 10:30 Rossburn Adoration

11:00 a.m. + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req by Rose & family

Friday Sep 27 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration

9:00 a.m. Fr Paul req by Doug and Donalda Wishart

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday Sep 28 7:30 p.m. Russell 40th Anniversary Glenda & Mike Stasiuk req by their children & grandchildren

Sunday Sep 29 9:00 a.m. Russell + Anne Gallant req by Val, Carl, Lori and families

11:00 a.m. Rossburn For all parishioners req by Father Paul



\*\*If there are any children in grade 3 or older who would like to become an altar server, please contact Jamee Tibbatts at (204)821-6546 or email her at [jamee\\_stasiuk@hotmail.com](mailto:jamee_stasiuk@hotmail.com)

\*\*\*The **sign up sheet for first communion** is at the back of the church. Classes will be starting shortly and time and dates need to be planned out.

😊 **O, Lord Give Me a Penny:** Jimmy asked God, “What does a billion dollars mean to you who are all powerful?” “Hardly a penny.” God said. Then Jimmy asked God, “And what are a thousand centuries to you?” God answered “Hardly a second!!” Thinking he had God backed into a corner, Jimmy then said, “Then if that’s the case, O, Lord give me a penny!!” “Sure,” God replied. “In just a minute.” –Wisdom isn’t outsmarting God, wisdom is living in and with God. Wisdom is being in Christ and surrounded by Christ. Wisdom is eating and drinking from the feast which God has prepared for us. (Fr. Kayala). (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).

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



Coffee Sunday is next Sunday, September 29th after 9 am Mass and *everyone is invited!* To start the Fall off, and after a two months summer break, Emme Olarte’s group will be busy in the church kitchen handing out the coffee and juice and providing us with some delicious goodies! Coffee Sunday is part of the Ministry of Hospitality, a time to gather together, greet one another and visit after Mass while enjoying coffee and snacks. *We hope to see you there!*

**Marian Month:** for the month of October the CWL will lead the Rosary. **Please come early to join them as they will start it at 8:40 a.m.**



**World Tourism Day – September 27<sup>th</sup>**

A World Tourism Day was created in 1979 by the World Tourism Organization. The Church is concerned about tourism in the world, remembering the words of Jesus to his disciples, “Whatever house you enter, first say, “Peace to this house!” And if anyone is there who shares in peace lives there, your peace will rest on that person” (Lk 10.5-6).

**Food For Thought**

**Introduction:** Today’s readings invite us to become great in the sight of God by doing God’s will as Jesus did, surrendering our lives to Him in the service of others.

**Scripture lessons summarized:** The passage from the Book of Wisdom sounds like a messianic prophecy similar to the “Suffering Servant” prophecy in Isaiah referring to Christ’s passion. It urges us to choose the path of righteousness in spite of painful consequences. In today’s Responsorial Psalm (Ps 54), the psalmist prays for help against the insolent people who rise against the upright.

**The second reading** is in tune with the dispute in today’s Gospel, in which the apostles are competing among themselves to discover who about who will be the greatest in the coming Messianic Kingdom. In the second reading, James warns the church, and us, that selfish ambitions destroy peace and cause conflicts and war. So, James advises us to choose the path of righteousness and humble service which leads to lasting peace.

**In today’s Gospel,** Jesus gives us a glimpse of what walking that path of righteousness, mentioned in the first and second readings, looks like in action — welcoming and serving the vulnerable in our midst, especially defenseless children, the despairing poor, the mentally ill, and the marginalized. Jesus also teaches his apostles that child-like humility and selfless service make one great in the eyes of God.

**Lessons learned:** When Jesus recommended that the apostles emulate the little child set in their midst, Jesus reminded them of the innocence that they had long since outgrown. Indeed, their innocence had been replaced by ambition as to who was most important among them. By offering the example of the child and by calling them to be the servants of all, Jesus challenged them to rethink their attitude toward Him, toward God and toward one another. Those who would rank first among them as leader must become the least among them.

# Dear Padre,

**What is spiritual direction? How does it differ from counseling?**

In spiritual direction, a person is guided in a process of reflection, self-discovery, and recognition of God's presence in human experience; the primary focus is on one's relationship with God. Thus, in one sense, it is the Lord himself who is the "director" in all spiritual direction. In counseling, a person is also guided in a process of reflection and self-discovery; but the primary focus is on human growth and development. Counseling does not presuppose a person's faith or relationship with God; spiritual direction cannot be complete without it. Both spiritual direction and counseling share the same expectations of openness and honesty in the process; they share the same standards of confidentiality and professional conduct. Moreover, spiritual direction is similar to counseling in its aim toward human growth and development, but it further aims toward holiness and "toward ever more intimate union with Christ" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2014). That union is twofold: a personal relationship with Christ and with Christ's Church. "This union is called 'mystical' because it participates in the mystery of Christ through the sacraments" (CCC 2014). "All Christians in any state or walk of life are called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of charity. All are called to holiness: 'Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect'" (CCC 2013). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org



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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 22, 2024

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 / James 3:16-4:3 / Mark 9:30-37



[Jesus said,] "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

MARK 9:35

## Learning How to Die Well

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**K**arl Rahner was a German Jesuit priest and a leading theologian of the twentieth century. He once observed that one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well. On first hearing this, we may be much like the disciples who didn't understand Jesus when he spoke of his own need to enter death (see Mark 9:31-32).

How do we learn to "die well"? If we forgo the need to always have our own way, if we forgive and resist the impulse to get revenge, if we are sensitive to the needs of others even when it's inconvenient, if we care for the child among us, whether that "little one" be five, forty-five, or eighty-five—if we practice a willingness to die in such ways, then when it comes time for us to make that final journey of our earthly lives, it will not be as frightening because we will have been there before.

Furthermore, if we learn how to die well, our lives will take on new meaning. The focus of our lives will not be on ourselves, but on others and their needs. We will find ourselves less disappointed when life doesn't go our way. Blue moods will evaporate more readily. We will have a greater interest in daily life. In other words, the very aspects that once seemed to drag us down will become doorways to hope and renewed life. What once seemed to have been a kind of death will become an avenue to faith in the resurrection. ●

### Reflect

**Have you ever "died to yourself" and then experienced a resurrection?**



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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**Greatness and success in God's eyes are measured differently: they are measured by service. Not on what someone has, but on what someone gives.**

**Do you want to be first? Serve.... [Service] has a precise and concrete meaning in the Gospel. To serve is not a courteous expression: it means to act like Jesus.**

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