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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 34): Taste and see that the Lord is good.



*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 Francis March: *For families in crisis:* Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

4th Sunday of Lent

Saturday Mar 29 7:30 p.m. Russell For Fr Paul req by Julie & Melvin Zimmer
Sunday Mar 30 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 + Nellie Kaskiw req by the Kaskiw family
Monday Mar 31 For family & friends req by Jean Goba
Tuesday Apr 1
Wed Apr 2 10:30 a.m. **Russell Personal Care Home** with Deacon Darin
Thurs Apr 3 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration
11:00 a.m. + Art Sabourin req by Wade & Kristy McLaughlin & family
Friday Apr 4 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
9:00 a.m. For all parishioners req by Father Paul
11:00 a.m. **Rossburn Sacred Heart of Jesus**
+ All deceased friends & family members of the Kaskiw family req by The Sabourin family
7:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross by Zoom**

5th Sunday of Lent

Saturday Apr 5 11:00 a.m. Rossburn **Immaculate Heart Of Mary**
+ Frank & Nellie Kaskiw req by The Sabourin family
7:30 p.m. Russell For all parishioners req by Father Paul
Sunday Apr 6 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 + Frank Kaskiw req by the Kaskiw family

****First communion** classes today at St. Joseph's, March 30th at 10:00 a.m. after 9 a.m. mass. **There will be no classes on April 6th but we will resume classes on April 13th. Thank you!**

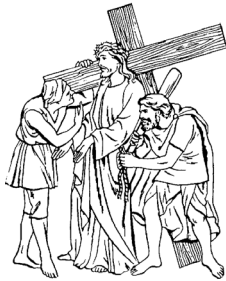
Russell & Area Food Connection's Basket is located at the church entrance for your food donations. Please help those less fortunate in our communities.

A copy of the Parish 2024 Financial Statement is included in this weekend's bulletin, and also can be found on the table at the back of the church. St. Joseph's Parish Council would like to thank all parishioners for their great financial support. Your donations on Sundays and Sharing God's Gifts continues to make our Parish financially sound. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Gary Petz (204-773-3198).



Coffee Sunday is **today**, Sunday, March 30th after 9 am Mass and *everyone is invited! Please note...* If you haven't already done so and would like to be added to a group, please contact Brenda Robin at 204-564-2646 or cell 204-937-0270. 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!***

*****Stations of the Cross*****will be celebrated each Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. If you wish to join in and are not presently on Zoom, email stjoewkr@gmail.com to get the link for Zoom. We also plan to do the Stations of the Cross on the last Friday of Lent, April 11th at St. Joseph's Parish.



St. Theresa's Parish will also be having Stations of the Cross every Sunday during Lent beginning at 10:30. This is a good way to enliven our prayer life and slow down our mind to really see what God has in mind for us.



Sharing God's Gifts 2025 Kick-off Sunday will once again be on Palm Sunday, April 13th!
All parishioners will be receiving a letter and pledge sheet. Thank you for continuing to make our SGG campaign a success!

****This year we will be celebrating the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, April 15th at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral. A luncheon reception will follow at the Delta Marriott. At the Chrism Mass we celebrate who we are as a local church, the Chrism is consecrated and the Oil of the Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick are blessed.**

Lenten Confessions



St Lazare – St. Lazare Church on Wednesday April 9th 6:30 p.m. as needed
Russell - St. Mary's Church on Thursday April 10th 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. as needed
Rossburn - Sacred Heart Church on Friday April 11th 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. as needed

Share Lent Collection for 2025

As we begin our journey for the **2025 Jubilee**, Pope Francis reminds us that "hope should be granted to the billions of the poor who often lack the essentials of life" and that "the goods of the Earth are not destined for a privileged few but for everyone." (*Spes Non Confundit*, 15-16)

Inspired by this call to justice, we are joining Caritas Internationalis' campaign *Turn Debt into Hope* along with many other faith-based and civil society organisations.

Together, we urge decision-makers to **prioritise people and planet** over mere profit and **demand debt justice** for communities crushed by unjust and unpayable debts.

As the Holy Father writes, "if we really wish to prepare a path to peace in our world, we must commit ourselves to remedying the remote causes of injustice, settling unjust and unpayable debts" (*Spes Non Confundit*, 1) **On April 6th, 2025 the collection will be taken up for developing countries. Pope Francis urges us to undergo a true transformation of the heart. We wish to thank you for your generosity. Envelopes are provided at the back of the church for donations.**

Dear Padre,

Is it OK if I receive holy Communion more than once a day? Part of my routine is to go to early morning Mass in my parish, even on days I know I'm going to another Mass, like a wedding or funeral, or sometimes another Mass for that day.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that by the very nature of what the Eucharist intends and celebrates, those who participate in the great mystery of our faith should “receive the Lord’s Body” (1388). In other words, reception of holy Communion is strongly recommended and is understood as the ordinary practice for all who participate in the Mass. Proper preparation and disposition are presumed as both necessary and important.

In response to a specific “dubium” or question about this practice and expectation, in 1984 the Pontifical Commission on the Code of Canon Law issued an authentic interpretation of the Church’s understanding of this practice. It mandated that “the faithful may receive the Holy Eucharist only a second time on the same day” (CCC, 1388, footnote 222). This directive is intended to establish the general norm and practice for the reception of holy Communion. Your practice, as a result of this norm, is directly representative of the understanding of the Church. ●

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
March 31	April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6
Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Fifth Sunday of Lent
Is 65:17–21	Ez 47:1–9, 12	Is 49:8–15	Ex 32:7–14	Wis 2:1a, 12–22	Jer 11:18–20	Is 43:16–21
Jn 4:43–54	Jn 5:1–16	Jn 5:17–30	Jn 5:31–47	Jn 7:1–2, 10, 25–30	Jn 7:40–53	Phil 3:8–14
						Jn 8:1–11



THE PRODIGAL SON, PETER PAUL RUBENS / WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

There was a pop theatre production...about the prodigal son.... [The son writes a letter]: “Father, I have repented, I want to come back home.... If you want to welcome me, please put a white handkerchief in the window.” And when he was near home...what did he see? Not one handkerchief: it was full of white handkerchiefs, the windows, everywhere!

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 30, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)
Joshua 5:9a, 10–12 / 2 Corinthians 5:17–21 / Luke 15:1–3, 11–32



God of Justice, God of Mercy

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Life is not fair. Even though we know this, we expect God to be fair, which may be what irks so many about the Parable of the Lost Son. There is a part of our skewed human nature that agrees with the older son in the story. It certainly seems that the younger son was able to have his cake and eat it too, while the older son could only sit by and watch, missing out on the devil-may-care part of life. It didn't seem fair, and the older son said so.

The point of the story does seem to be that God is both just and merciful, but if ever one of those virtues seems to give way to the other, then, from God’s perspective, divine mercy always trumps worldly justice. We,

however, think that’s not fair. We grow suspect of deathbed conversions, worried that the person is trying to have life both ways. But do we give thought to the suffering such a life without God might entail? The humiliation and near starvation of the younger son as he lived his self-indulgent life?

We think we want God to be fair, but do we really?

In C.S. Lewis’ novel, Till We Have Faces, one character asks another if the gods are just, to which is replied, “Oh, child, pray that they are not!” Do we really want to be treated with justice, getting exactly what we deserve and no more?

Or do we want to let God be God and be treated with mercy? ●

Reflect
Does my life seem unfair? More fair or less fair compared with others?



“Now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.”

LUKE 15:32